Our Harmony Day event was also a perfect way to celebrate all that we have achieved together over the past 9 weeks. This includes how well our Prep students and families, and new staff have settled into school. As a staff we have set very high expectations on what we want the students to achieve as learners in 2016. We are extremely proud of what the students are producing. A major focus has been on writing and it has been a joy to see the effort and quality that the students and staff are creating in their ‘Writers Notebooks’.

We also have many exciting things planned for Term Two, which includes two big community events! This includes:

- Earth Day on Friday 22nd of April.
- Twilight School Day on Thursday 19th of May.

For Earth Day 2016 we are sending the whole school to our adopted area of Kororoit Creek to add 500 new plants. It would be great to have as many families as possible join us for the day. More details of the day coming soon! This will include times that your child’s class will be heading over to the creek.

Thank you to Edith’s mum Libby and Georgia’s mum Jessica for assisting in the organisation of the day!

An extra big thank you to the parent/grandparent helpers, staff and families that came along to support the event! It was a great celebration of Australia, Victoria and the community of Sunshine.

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I have received so much positive feedback from people within and outside our school community. Harmony Day is a day for all Australians to embrace cultural diversity and share what we have in common, which is something our students do each day!
Our other big commitment is Twilight School. Twilight School is when we move the starting time for school to 1:00pm and the finishing time to 7:00pm. The purpose of this is so that parents/families can visit their child’s classroom in action during a normal school day!

Organisational information about the day has been included in the newsletter throughout Term One.

Other key events and dates for Term Two include:
- First day Term Two Monday 11\textsuperscript{th} of April
- Whole School photos Thursday 14\textsuperscript{th} of April (first week back). Envelopes to order photos were sent home with all students on Tuesday this week.
- The third ‘Curriculum Day’ Friday 3\textsuperscript{rd} of June. The final Curriculum Day of the year is on Monday 31\textsuperscript{st} of October. Reminder that no students come to school on these days.

**Introducing the 2016 School Council Office Bearers**
The first meeting for the 2016 School Council was held on Wednesday 16\textsuperscript{th} of March. The only agenda for this meeting was the election of office bearers. I would now like to introduce the 2016 office bearers and look forward to working with them and all members of School Council over the next 12 months.

- School Council President: Kylie Barker
- School Council Vice President: Luan Pham
- Finance sub-committee convenor: Carlos Rosado
- Buildings and Grounds sub-committee convenor: George Anastasiadis
- Out of Hours School Care (Before and After School Care) sub-committee convenor: Natasha Pasquier
- Canteen sub-committee convenor: Lisa McCarthy

It is important to note that you do not need to be a member of School Council to join a sub-committee. If you are interested in joining a sub-committee then please contact the school office and they will pass on your details to the convenor of the sub-committee.

**Holidays...**
Yes! Holidays! Where do I start? I actually started rehearsing and thinking about my school holidays with my two children over the weekend which sort of ended up with me having to find a quiet space to rest for an extended period of time. It started on the Saturday afternoon when my youngest daughter came bouncing into the lounge room in a pair of sports trunks and headband. When I asked her what she was up to she said that she wanted to wrestle me. I wasn’t too sure if she was serious until she started to do push-ups.

I had to seriously stop and think about whether I had mistakenly given her a box of chocolate for lunch! After three push-ups she grabbed the stop watch and just started sprinting up and down the passageway. My eldest daughter then thought that this was a cool way to spend a Saturday afternoon so she started sprinting up and down the passageway as well. On any other day I would have suggested that sprinting was best suited to the outdoors. But on this day, I was thinking about plans for the holiday. This is when idea number 1 came to my mind. ‘Hey girls, let’s have an indoor Olympics competition!’ I’m surprised you didn’t hear their screams of excitement! I know what you are thinking and yes my wife wasn’t home at this particular point...which is why she couldn’t participate in the best indoor Olympics event ever!

The first event was to see how fast you could sprint from one end of the passage to the other and back. Don’t ask me why but I gave it my best shot!

I’m surprised the fridge didn’t fall over as I flew past the kitchen!

Event number two, how fast can you run like a puppy dog from one end of the passageway and back. Definitely not my idea and one event that made me appreciate our four legged friends. Once again, for some unknown reason I gave it my all.

Event number three took us out to the trampoline! Sorry, I know it was the Indoor Olympics but my daughter’s suggestion for the next event to be to see how fast you could run like a cat meant that we needed to think more creatively. So the trampoline it was! The event was to see how many bottom to knee jumps you could do in a row without using your hands. As an inexperienced trampoline jumper I was very proud of my first attempt of 34! I say first attempt because my competitive nature wanted to break into the 40s, which I failed to do...twice.

This was when I started to realize that an ‘Indoor (with a few outdoor activities) Olympics event was not the best idea. After the third event, I felt like I had just run a marathon. I was physically exhausted! My daughters wanted more but I just couldn’t give anything! I had to pull in the reins and suggested the next event, which turned out to officially be the worst indoor Olympic event in the world.
I’m not sure what I was thinking but I needed to rest! This is why I convinced my daughters that we should have a competition to see who could tear up a piece of A4 paper into the most pieces in 20 seconds! Seriously, I was like a shredder, which was a very bad mistake especially when it came to having to count the pieces. All I wanted was a nap but I had what felt like 4000 pieces of paper all over the place in front of me. My daughters wouldn’t let me leave the table until I counted them. My head was thumping, my body was shaking. I couldn’t do it so I had to lie! I pretended I was speed counting and just made up a number! My daughters couldn’t believe that I possessed this magical talent!

After my 3 hour siesta, I learnt a valuable lesson! Know your limitations and maybe stick to Indoor Olympic events that don’t require any physical exertion!

Thank you so much for all your support once again! We are very lucky to have such an amazing school community!

Have a great school holiday! See everyone in Term Two!

Alex Artavilla
Principal

DRUMMING NEWS

Just letting everyone know that Talia Browne our drumming teacher is travelling overseas for the next 12 months. We have an excellent replacement for Talia. Her name is Simone Lang, she is the founder and director of Drummergirl. She has studied West African drumming and percussion in various places of the world for over 17 years. As a facilitator and instructor Simone is renowned for her charismatic approach. I’m sure she will fit in well as a member of our teaching staff. We are looking forward to welcoming Simone next term.

All the best to Talia who is set for an amazing experience.

Instrumental Lessons at School

Did you know that Music:

- Develops mind, hand & eye coordination
- Enhances listening skill
- Improves self esteem
- Is fun!

Lessons starting from $14.00
5% Discount to Parents wishing to enrol more than 1 child.

Enrolment forms are available from the School Office or contact Genesis Music School Direct on 0421 426 674.
**Literacy and Numeracy Tips of the Week**

**Literacy Tip:** Show a genuine interest in your child’s reading and writing and encourage them to view a variety of different text types (picture story books, novels, non-fiction texts, newspapers, electronic texts, etc.)

**Numeracy Tip:** Encouraging children to think about money, saving money and considering how they spend money are important skills for all children to develop.

**Useful Literacy and Numeracy Websites**

**Literacy Websites:**

3. [www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com)
4. [www.tumblebooks.com](http://www.tumblebooks.com)

**Numeracy Websites:**

4. [www.coolmath-games.com](http://www.coolmath-games.com)

Sonia Papadopoulos - Literacy
Gail Liakoureas - Numeracy
Twilight School Organisational Details
Thursday 19th of May 2016

To showcase and celebrate the learning experiences offered at Sunshine Heights Primary School, on Thursday 19th of May 1:00pm – 7:00pm the students will have the opportunity to experience a ‘Twilight’ school day. On this day the students will arrive at school at 12:45pm for a 1:00pm start with school finishing at 7:00pm.

Twilight School will give parents/carers/grandparents the opportunity to visit and enjoy their child’s classrooms in action. We will also use this event to invite our kindergarten friends and families!

The school day times on our Twilight School Day will be as follows:

1:00 – 3:00pm  Session 1 and 2
3:00 – 3:30pm  Recess
3:30 – 4:30pm  Session 3
4:30 – 4:40pm  Eating time
4:40 – 5:30pm  Outside time (this may vary depending on the time that the sun will be setting)
5:30 – 7:00pm  Session 4 and 5

Students will be expected to arrive at class/school at 12:45pm. At the end of the school day parents will be asked to pick their child up from the classroom. No child will be allowed to walk home from school – this is the same policy that applies for school concert nights. Parents will also be asked to inform the class teacher in writing prior to the day of alternative picking up arrangements (e.g. uncle/friend picking up student).

We are currently looking at the idea of pre-ordered meal arrangements for the students. More information regarding food arrangements will be provided in the coming months.

Parents/carers are encouraged to arrive at any time of the day for as long as they would like to stay. However, it will be important for parents to remember that it is a normal school day and that students will be expected to stay at school until the end of the day (unless they have after school sports/music session - the decision to attend the session is up to the parent/student – parents are encouraged to pick up their child from school at any time to attend the training session/lesson).

More details regarding the day are currently being finalised with staff to ensure it is a successful school event and will be shared with families weeks prior to the event.

Other important information:

- Police will be contacted to support at school crossings if official school crossing personnel are unable to man crossings before school starts – between 12:30 – 1:10pm.
- Staff members will man all school crossings (not just the ones around the school boundary) used by students before school starts. Crossings supervision will commence at 12:30pm. It would also be good to have parent volunteers assist with school crossings.
- A map of the school crossings that will be manned between 12:30pm and 1:10pm will be provided to all families.
- Parents will be required to sign in at the school office prior to visiting their child’s classroom.

Twilight School will prove to be another exciting day for the students and the whole school community!

Please contact the school if you have any further questions regarding ‘Twilight School’.
Dear parents and students,

Sunshine Heights Primary School PHOTO DAY IS 14/04/2016

School photo order envelopes have been or will be distributed to every student and it is important that the order instructions (below) are followed:

**ONLINE ORDERING**

Your child’s school photos are now available for secure online purchase, please note if you are ordering online, you do not need to return an envelope to the school.

**EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING**

- Step 1: Easy Access Link: Click on this link if you are using a supported device: [click here]
- Step 2: Enter your student’s details
- Step 3: Choose the package that best suits your needs (all orders will be returned to the school for collection)
- Step 4: Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page)

Please Note: Late fees will apply once orders are closed (1 day after photo day)

**FAMILY / SIBLING PHOTOS**

No envelope required if ordering online

- Go to [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) before photo day and enter your school code [577 259 NC7]
- Family/Sibling photo orders online close on 12/04/16
- Orders can be placed by returning an envelope up until photo day with cash or cheque enclosed

**ORDERING USING AN ENVELOPE**

Envelopes will be handed to each child. Please see the school office if you have not received one.

**EASY STEPS TO ORDER SCHOOL PHOTO ENVELOPE**

- Step 1: Student details: Complete the student details section on the front of the order envelope.
- Step 2: Process Details: Complete the purchase details on the front of the envelope.
- Step 3: Payment Method: Select your payment method.
- Cheque – Make payable to AdvancedLife Photography with your name & address on the back of cheque

Please allow 90 days for your cheque to be finalised – a $25 fee will apply to any dishonoured cheque payments

Please feel free to contact us via email or phone should you have any queries in regards to your child’s photo order.

info@advancedlife.com.au or 03 9452 1131

AdvancedLife team

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**Please vote for Albion Toy Library in the Leader Local Grants!**

Albion Toy Library Launching Fund - Leader Local Grants

OUR VISION: Make good quality toys accessible to ALL children in Albion and surrounding suburbs. Discount membership is available to volunteers or families with health care cards. Approved newly arrived families can borrow via member organisations for free.

We will also host toy library "playtimes" to build a sense of community between local families.

The $1,000 grant will be used to…purchase rolling shelves, racks, tubs to store toys. Easy-clean rolling storage will help us remain compact & flexible to suit our venue and relocate if necessary.

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Melbourne Language Picnic 2016
Sunday, April 10 from 11am to 2.30 pm
In the Pavillion at
Myuna Farm, 182 Kids Road, Doveton
‘Undercover event – rain, hail or shine!’

Multilingual fun for young and old!

Follow the Animal Words Trail

Meet Old MacDonald, Yellow Duck, Wonky Donkey and others in Rhythm and Song

Whack the Piñata for a sweet surprise

Browse in the Language Market for lanterns, origami, puzzles, games and more

Please note:
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