Principal’s Report

Reminder that school finishes at 2:30pm tomorrow!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you once again to everyone for your support over the past 11 weeks! It has been a big term and the students look ready to rest and recharge for the next 6 months of the school year!

Thank you also to the parents that were able to join us on Tuesday this week for Parent Teacher meetings. Don’t forget that if you have any more questions or would like to find out more about your child that you can organise another time to catch up with your child’s teacher early next term.

Next term is looking to be another busy time with many events planned! This includes:

- ‘Footsteps Dance Program’! Students will commence learning their dance routine on the first day of term three! Parents will get the chance to see the students perform their dance at the End of Year Festive Concert/Art Show in December! Students in Year 5 and 6 will be participating on Thursday.

- ‘Athletics’ for students In Years 4, 5 and 6. These sessions will be held every Thursday from 2:15pm to 3:15pm where the students will be learning the skills and technique of a variety of athletics activities.

- National Schools Tree Planting Day Friday 24th of July to launch our partnership with Melbourne Water and Brimbank Council in adopting an area of Kororiot Creek.

- We are hoping to have as many parents join us to assist in planting over 500 plants! Our tree-planting day will start at 10:00am as our Year 5/6 student’s work with their Year Prep buddies to kick things off! Our Year 2s will head over at 10:30am followed by our Year 3/4 students at 11:30am. Meet us at the creek or join us for the walk!

- Year 1 and 2 students are heading off to the Sunnystones Country Retreat for the 2015 Camp on Wednesday 14th to Friday 16th of October.

- Intensive Swimming Program from Monday 7th September to Friday 11th of September

- Wednesday 12th August Whole School Sports Day

- Thursday 27th August Interschool Athletics Day

Just some other exciting news:

- We have also added fresh seasonal fruit to the Canteen Menu! Students can buy a piece of fruit for 60 cents!

- We are also looking at having a Ride2School Day!

School Council News...

School Council is a group of staff and parents (plus one member of the community) that work together and meet twice a term. To support School Council with their role and responsibilities a number of sub committees have been created that meet to share recommendations and ideas at School Council meetings.
At our most recent meeting we discussed the idea of sharing some of the things that the sub committees will be focusing on over the next 12 months just in case some parents would like to support the group or share their expertise.

Focus for the Buildings and Grounds sub-committee over the next 6 - 12 months include:

- Enhancing the entrance of the school. This is to not only to beautify the front of the school but to also bring the entrance gate further from the road (which is a safety aspect).
- Enhancing the Prep line up area by adding synthetic turf (like the one outside the oval)
- Designing and developing a long term plan for the enhancement of the school that looks beyond the playgrounds that we see in parks and schools today to ones that combine the natural environment and allow the children to enhance their ability to climb, balance and connect with their senses.

Continuing with repairing and painting another section of the school. This would occur in 2016. Areas of priority include the windows at the front of the school facing Mailey St. and the Year 3 line up area.

Focus for the Canteen sub-committee over the next 6 - 12 months include:

- Review the recommendations from the Canteen survey that was completed by families.

Please contact the office if you are interested in joining a sub-committee. The sub committees meeting dates and times are below:

- Buildings and Grounds – the second Thursday of each month at 9:10am
- Finance – the second Friday of each month at 7:40am
- Out of Hours School Care – the first Wednesday of each month at 5:20pm
- Canteen – please contact the office
- Hope everyone is able to spend some family time together over the next two weeks! Over my holidays I’m heading to Cobram for a few days to learn how to make fresh sausages! It’s a bit of a family tradition that I’m keen to learn about rather than just enjoy!

It’s amazing to think that when I was growing up my brothers and I pretty much ate four Italian sausages a day for 3 months! Nowadays, I feel guilty for eating two in the same week! Anyway, making fresh pasta and sausages is something that I want to learn more about and my mum has offered to provide a ‘Master class’ session! Look forward to sharing with you my Master Chef experience!

Don’t forget that over the next two weeks that if the words ‘I’m bored’ leave your child’s mouth that you can respond with, ‘That’s good! I can’t wait to see what you’ll do with your imagination!’ If you do need an idea for the break head over to the new park at the Royal Children’s Hospital!

Thank you to Carol Maddern

I also wanted to take this opportunity to thank one of our parents Carol Maddern who has been an active member of the school for a number of years. Due to personal reasons Carol has had to resign from her role on School Council. Carol has had a major positive influence on the way in which the School Council operates and will be sadly missed for her enthusiasm, professionalism and dedication to the school. Since becoming a member of School Council and a former School Council President, Carol was committed to focussing on the needs of every child. I have enjoyed working with Carol and know that she will continue to find ways to support the school. School Council is now seeking to co-opt a new member to fill the position vacated by Carol. If you are interested in joining School Council or would like to know more about the role please contact me at the school.

Thanks again for another amazing term!

See everyone back on Monday 13th of July for the start of Term Three!

Also, for the students that attend instrumental session, due to the parent teacher interview day you will have a catch up session during the first week of Term Three!

I think that is it!

Hope you can join us for final assembly of the term at 1:40pm in the Gym

Have a safe holiday!

Alex Artavilla
Principal
Literacy and Numeracy Tips of the Week

**Literacy Tip:** Look for rhyme, rhythm or repetition in books.

**Numeracy Tip:** Cut a piece of string for your child, any length. Use the string to measure the objects in your house, to find out what is longer or shorter than your string.

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)
PE NEWS

Hi Parents and Guardians

Congratulations!!!! To the Sunshine Heights Football team for winning the District Football final. They are now moving onto playing in a new district hopefully we can continue our undefeated streak.

I hope everyone enjoys the holidays and comes back to school ready for new fun challenges and experiences.

Happy holidays.....Rasha.

SCHOOL BANKING – SHOW BAGS!

Why not pop into one of the following Commonwealth Branches to open up a School banking account during the school holidays?

- Altona Gate
- Werribee Plaza (Pacific Werribee)
- Wyndham Village

Open up a Youth saver account, make a small deposit, bank at school the first week back in term 3 on Wednesday) and your child will receive a super show bag at the branch!

Our school will also go in a draw to win a $100 Coles Myer voucher.

What a fantastic way to encourage your child to save – we run school banking every week and it helps raise important funds for our school.

Accounts must be opened between Saturday 27th June – Saturday 11th July and bank at School Banking the following week.

Instrumental Lessons at School

Did you know that Music:

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

Lessons starting from $14.00

5% Discount to Parents wishing to enrol more than 1 child.
Book Fair

A huge thankyou to everyone who came to Book Fair this year. With your help we raised over $1000-00 to spend on new books for the Library.

Very special thanks to Donna (Jesminder’s mum), who came to help sell books to some very enthusiastic buyers on Wednesday and Thursday morning and who joined in the dress up fun on Friday morning.

The costumes were FANTASTIC! I just love how everyone joins in the spirit of the theme every year.

Next year’s Book Fair has been booked for early July….not sure of the theme just yet; I’m already looking forward to it though.

Thanks again everyone

Brenda Ransome
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