Last week our Harmony Day celebration highlighted once again what an amazing group of students we have at Sunshine Heights Primary School. As a staff we have very high expectations of how the students learn and play together. Most importantly, we want our students to have high expectations of themselves so they are able to continually challenge themselves and take risks! With this comes a strong sense of self-confidence. This is something that we are focused on as a school and greatly appreciate the support from home.

We all work really hard as parents, as teachers and as a staff, and to be able to enjoy an event where we can showcase our students to the community of Sunshine highlights the type of environment we are establishing at the school! Even though it was just one day, it was an important day as it recognised and allowed us to celebrate the culture of our school.

For me, being an ‘innovative’ school is more than just knocking down walls and placing 60 students in the one room in an open classroom environment, or buying the latest piece of technology. These approaches need to be questioned in terms of what works best to support the students to develop their skills as a learner. The environment and set up of our school is established so that teachers can connect with the students, so that students can learn in a place that allows them to focus and work with others, and that is based on current research. Personally, I believe that ‘innovation’ in schools is about getting right and putting in place the basic foundations of what makes a successful organisation.
This includes getting people on board with the vision; establishing the right culture; and allowing others to take a leading role. To me, these are the basic elements of an innovative school. This is the hard work, which is why I am proud to be part of a school community that values this. As a leadership team we continually discuss and review everything we do to ensure that we maintain and build on what we have achieved over the past few years. It’s not about trying to be too clever. It’s about what works best to support the students to learn and develop relationships with others.

As I’ve mentioned, true innovation is about creating a place where a group of people are able to work together collaboratively, are heading in the same direction, and are genuinely committed to the mission and vision of the school. The Harmony Day event demonstrated this as we had students, staff and so many, many parents willingly join in to make the day a success! At every stage of the day I had a parent come up to me to ask if they could help out in anyway. You would not believe how grateful I was for this support!

Having staff that look out for each other and the students, and parents that look out for the school makes taking 363 students on an excursion so much more enjoyable and relaxing (even though my focus all day was on ensuring that all 363 students made it home safely).

The sights and sounds of the students walking together in a sea of orange down Glengala Road was unbelievable! The massive orange flags, the bagpipes, the drumming extension group brought people from out of their homes to congratulate the students and to wave in appreciation of our message! We even had the service station attendant’s bopping away in their workshop while the students performed their dance on the corner of Glengala and Anderson Street!

The atmosphere actually brought tears to peoples’ eyes! This is something that everyone will be able to enjoy when the video of the day is completed.

However, the highlight of the day for me was having the opportunity to sit right in front of the Preps to enjoy listening to them belt out John Farnham’s classic song inside the Sunshine Market Place! And what a treat!

Let me just say that ‘You’re the Voice’ wasn’t the sort of song that you would find in the playlist of people between the ages of 4 – 12 years. But what I witnessed emphasized the attitude of our students as our youngest group gave it their best shot to try and add to the chorus of voices that rang though the entire Market Place!

Even though some of them couldn’t remember the words, they sang whatever it sounded like everyone else was singing! My favourite part was always the bit when John Farnham sings:

‘Ohhh, we’re all someone’s daughters, we’re someone’s son
How long, can we look at each other, down the barrel of a gun.
You’re the voice try and understand it, make a noise and make it clear’

There was one Prep boy who loved singing the part of ‘down the barrel of a gun’ so much that he gave it everything he had, that he seemed to be too puffed to continue on with the chorus! It took him a minute to recover!

All in all it was a brilliant day and a celebration of a place that works and plays together harmoniously, and includes over 45 different cultures!

**Highlights of Term Two**

I also wanted to take this opportunity to let everyone know of some of the major events that will be happening in Term Two:

- Whole School Photos – Thursday 23rd of April 2015
- Students in Years 3 and 5 will be completing the NAPLAN test on May 12th, 13th and 14th
- Twilight School Day May 21st 1:00pm – 7:00pm
- Student Free Day Friday 5th of June 2015
- Parent/Teacher interviews Tuesday 23rd of June 2015 starting at 1:00pm
- Mid-year reports will be going home
Hi Parents, Guardians and Families,

Well last week was our second last game of the term; all the teams did extremely well, with a better outcome this time around then the previous week. With the old aphorism 'we gave them a run for their money!' It’s quite scary to think that first term is almost over, with this being our last game for the term in summer sports. I would like to state that students have performed immaculately throughout the season and I cannot wait to see them continue their amazing performance in next terms sports.

The scores were:

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This week is our last game and it will be played at home against Sunshine North. Wish us luck!!

Also on a side note cross county will be in the first week back in term 2 on Friday the 17th of April some lucky students will be selected from grade 4’s to grade 6 to participate in the event. More information will be given in the first week back.

Kind regards Rasha
Twilight School Organisational Details
Thursday 21st of May 2015

To showcase and celebrate the learning experiences offered at Sunshine Heights Primary School, on Thursday 21st 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 weeks.

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).

We have contacted ‘World 4 Kids’ and before care will be provided on the morning of the Twilight School Day from 6:45am – 8:45am. We are providing parents with extensive notice to allow them the opportunity to make arrangements prior to the start of the school day. Parents are asked to contact the school closer to the date if they are unable to make arrangements for their child/ren.

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 volunteer’s 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 an exciting day for the students and the whole school community!

Please contact the school if you have any further questions regarding ‘Twilight School’.
Instrumental Lessons at School

Did you know that Music:

- Develops mind, hand & eye co ordination
- Enhances listening skills
- 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.
ONLINE & ENVELOPE ORDER INSTRUCTIONS FOR:
Sunshine Heights Primary School: 23 April 2015

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

SCHOOL PHOTOS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR SECURE ONLINE PURCHASE

4 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING

STEP 1: Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your 9 digit school code: 937 Z9R NG7
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 (5 days after photo day).

SIBLING/FAMILY PHOTOS
NO ENVELOPE REQUIRED IF ORDERING ONLINE

STEP 1: Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your 9 digit school code: 937 Z9R NG7

- Online orders will be closed 2 working days prior to the day of photography.
- You can find your online order close off date on the top right hand corner of your sibling order envelope, which is 21/04/15.
- Orders can also be placed with a cash or cheque payment by returning a sibling order envelope up until the day before photo day.
- You can collect a sibling order envelope from your school office.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ORDERING USING AN ENVELOPE

STEP 1: Complete the student details section on the front of the order envelope. Please use black or blue pen.
STEP 2: Complete the purchase details on the front of the envelope.
STEP 3: Select your payment method using one of the following options:
  - Credit Card – Online Only at www.advancedlife.com.au
  - Cash – Please enclose correct money – no change given.
  - Cheque – Make payable to Advancedlife with your name & address on back of cheque.
    o Allow 60 days for your cheque to be finalised.
    o A $25 fee will apply to any dishonoured cheque payment.
STEP 4: Return your completed sibling order envelope to school the day before photo day.