Dear Parents and Carers,

**Our story...**

This term the students in all year levels have been focusing on a ‘History’ type unit of work. The learning from this unit of work will be showcased at a community event in late term three as we celebrate the 60th year of Sunshine Heights Primary School. It is one of my favourite units of work as the students learn more about the history of their family and the history of their community/state/country. An example of this includes the Year 3/4 students travelling around the community of Sunshine by bus learning about monuments and landmarks that exist in the area. These monuments shape and tell a story about the way in which the community has changed over time.

Growing up, I use to love to sit with my dad in the backyard after dinner on a summers evening listening to stories about his journey from Italy to Australia as a child. Fortunately for my mum and dad, their journey to the other side of the world was a choice to find work in a country that offered that opportunity. When I look at some of our families and students who make up our amazing school community, I can’t comprehend what it must have been like to leave a place you call home for fear of your safety.

The History unit of work for me is such a memorable learning journey as adults and young children tell the stories that we hear from people within and outside of our school community. Please catch up with your child’s teacher if you have a story to share or know of someone in the community. These stories not only shape our community, but also our state and country. It makes us realise how lucky we are.

**Twilight School Day**

**Thursday 19th of May**

Our Twilight School Day is fast approaching! A notice will be sent home over the next week for parents/carers to fill out indicating supervision arrangements for students on the morning of the Twilight School Day.

There a few things that I wanted to clarify in the newsletter this week in regards to supervision arrangements on the morning of the Twilight School Day.

Firstly, the purpose of the Twilight School Day is to give parents/families the opportunity to see the children in action during a normal school day. The reason for this is that some parents/families due to such things as work commitments are unable to visit their child in their classroom during the normal hours of school. It is also one of the most anticipated events for the students especially how they get the chance to show off their classroom to their parents/families.

In regards to supervision arrangements, one of the most exciting things about the day is that the students arrive at school in the afternoon rather than the morning! However, finding supervision arrangements on the morning of the Twilight School Day will be a challenge for some families. This is why we provide as much notice as possible of the supervision arrangements for students on the morning of the Twilight School Day.

Although we are hoping that all families are able to work out alternative supervision arrangements on the day so that the students can enjoy the Twilight School experience, this
is just not possible for some families. For those families, there are still a few weeks left to explore supervision options, however please let us know as the date gets closer whether you are having too much difficulty finding supervision arrangements. The Twilight School Day is not supposed to be a stressful experience and we do not want students to be left home alone.

Unfortunately the Before and After Program (World4Kids) will not be operating from 8:45am to 12:45pm. It will be operating from 6:30am to 8:45am. I know this may sound confusing however as the date gets closer and you require supervision from 8:45am to 12:45pm please contact the school.

The school will support all families that are struggling to find supervision for their child/ren on the morning of the Twilight School Day. This is because we understand that some families do not have a local family support network.

All in all Twilight School Day has proven to be a great celebration of learning at Sunshine Heights Primary School. The students and teachers are super proud to showcase their classroom and learning. It is one of our most supported school community events and an event where future families attend to learn more about the way we support the students as learners at Sunshine Heights.

I’m hoping that everyone is able to join us some time during the day and look forward to meeting grandparents and other family members!

One last important note about the day is that all students must be collected from their classroom at the end of the Twilight School Day. Please inform your child’s teacher if someone else will be collecting your child. More information about the day is attached to the newsletter.

Thank you...
Big congratulations once again to the students as we added a further 500 plants to our adopted area of Kororoit Creek! It was a great day and the weather was perfect!

Alex Artavilla
Principal

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**UPLIFT COLLECTIVE FUNDRAISING NEWS**

*Raising extra funds for kids, thanks to the work of our students!*

**2015 Fundraising**  
$4,633.00

**Easter Raffle 2016**  
$ 950.10

Please note that money raised in 2015 was to be used to contribute to the creation of an outdoor space for the students. This project has been delayed due to the works occurring in relation to the $421,000 Government Grant and will commence in Term 3.
STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Presentation at Friday Assembly

Prep:
A  Hanin Abdelfattah
B  Matthew Ranieri & Jonas Rosado
C  Johnallan Sanchez Sales
D  TBA

One:
A  Stella Weston Barbuto
B  Daisy McKenzie
C  Darlene Nguyen

Two:
A  Arethya-Lee Talagi-Monomai
B  Mia Nguyen
C  Jayden Lombardi

Three:
A  Selena Mehmet
B  Say Lay
3/4A  Rehab Babiker

Four:
A  TBA

Five:
A  Joshua Ricardo
B  Roghayeh Seyed Abudi

Six:
A  Tegan Parsons
B  Hung Tran

Multimedia:  Jay Smith Patterson
Sport:  TBA
Spanish:  Benjamin Nguyen
Art:  Anthony Tran
Science:  Selena Mehmet

Congratulations Everyone
Great Achievement!

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:** Support your child to make their own books with pictures and then ‘read’ the story to you.

**Numeracy Tip:** Use different numbers as the starting point for practising counting, for example start counting from 6 or 10. Ask your child to count forwards or backwards. Ask what number comes before or what number comes after.

**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*
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’.
The Uplift Collective proudly present
The 2016 Mother's Day Breakfast

take your loved one
Somewhere
over the
8am-9am
Friday 6th May 2016
in the gym
Gold Coin Donation

This year, the collective have designed some special t-shirts to celebrate how special and super our loved ones are. Families and friends can pre-order and pay for their t-shirt, choosing from 10 stellar designs, using the new app QKRI which can be downloaded easily on the app store or accessed via Tiqqix. All t-shirt orders must be in by Wednesday 27th April 2016 to ensure you are able to collect your tee on the day of the breakfast and right on time to wear on Mother’s Day.

The Uplift Collective will have a small stand set up with our infamous badges and some other trinkets to make the day even more special.

We hope you can join us somewhere over the rainbow as we celebrate the sunshine you bring to our lives.

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