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Jeff Wilson
Principal Intern

Reminders:

- Student Free Day Friday 5th of June 2015 (no students come to school on this day)
- Public Holiday Monday 8th of June
- Book Week Dress Up Day Friday 19th of June ‘Kings, Queens and Castles’
- Parent/Teacher interviews Tuesday 23rd of June 2015 starting at 1:00pm

Arriving as a Principal Intern: Impressions of a New School

Let me introduce myself. I have been working in teaching for nearly twenty-seven years now. I have worked as a writer; a teacher from year prep up to year nine; a literacy coach and consultant; a music teacher and Indonesian teacher. Right now my usual work is head of the year 3/4 learning neighborhood at Point Cook College. My part of the school has 350 students and the school itself has a little over 1400 students. However, I have arrived at Sunshine Heights Primary School to prepare myself to become a principal.

I want to write a little about how it feels to be a new person in a community. These past two weeks have flown by, meeting hundreds of people for the first time and trying to capture in my mind what it is like to be a school principal.

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At Sunshine Heights staff believe in maintaining contact with the parent community. On the second morning at the school a parent approached me with hand out and asked, “Are you Mr. Jeff Wilson?” I shook hands and was very surprised that this parent already knew who I was. Turns out my name had been published in the newsletter. These first few days at the school taught me that staff; students and parents all have a strong belief in helping people feel welcome and included. The many people that looked after me in these first couple of days showed me that friendliness is part of how the school does business.
I have also been impressed by the openness and transparency of the staff at the school to continuously showcase student learning. It is so exciting to see that students have an audience to share their work with on a daily basis. The work viewing time at the end of each day is powerful and I truly believe this fosters the home school partnership.

I would like to thank the students and teachers of the school for inspiring me in my work. Likewise, I have had frequent opportunities to work with the teachers in their planning teams. What is most exciting for me is the intensity and dedication that the teachers have for their work, so that students can do their best learning. This is inspiring.

Finally, I would like to thank Alex Artavilla, who is dedicated to serving the Sunshine Heights Primary School Community with skill, friendliness and care. It is very evident from the day-to-day interactions in the community that he is striving to make a difference to the future of the students at this school.

Regards,
Jeff Wilson.

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**Camp, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)**

Yesterday a Notice went home regarding funding for Camps, Sports & Excursions. If you have a valid Health care card you are eligible for this funding.

Should you require any further information or have any questions please contact the office.
UPLIFT COLLECTIVE FUNDRAISING NEWS

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

Easter Raffle $1,155.2

Drumming News

Just for your information Miss Talia will be away for the next two weeks. We have been lucky enough to be able to find a replacement teacher Mr Ray Pereira who just so happens to be Miss Talia’s drumming teacher!

SAVE THE DATE

Book Fair is back again this year. It will be held in the Library from June 15th – 19th. Put your thinking caps on and come up with a costume on the theme of “Kings, Queens and Castles”. More details will follow over the next few weeks.

PE NEWS

Hi Parents and Guardians

Last week we played against Sunshine Harvester with both teams giving their best. We walked away with some great points going towards the ladder.

This week is our last home game for the term against Our Lady’s Primary School, so it may be your last chance for the term to come down to cheer us on.

Cross Country

Cross Country was held today for the students that made it to the next round at Brimbank Park. The whole school was behind them wishing them luck and thanking them for representing Sunshine Heights Primary School! Results next week.

Scores for 22nd of May

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Enjoy the rest of your week....Rasha.
**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)

**Sonja Papadopoulos - Literacy**
**Gail Liakoureas - Numeracy**
NO JOB TOO BIG OR TOO SMALL:
PAINTING, GARDENING, FIXING GIVE JOHN A CALL!

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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
The Uplift Collective’s
School4Schools Casual Dress Day
Monday 1st June 2015
in aid of the Aspendale Primary School’s Vanuatu Project

Imagine having everything you have worked for ripped away from you? Imagine having no shelter or food, or not being able to learn. This is what is currently happening in Vanuatu.

Cyclone Pam recently caused unimaginable destruction to Vanuatu, forcing schools to close. They are now re-opening, but are struggling to replace basic essential educational resources as they re-build.

Aspendale Primary School are organising a drive to support School4Schools who will provide vital aid direct to Vanuatu schools. And we want to support them, which is why we are holding a casual dress day.

Casual Clothes Day
On Monday 1st June 2015, we will hold a casual clothes day for a gold coin donation.

All money raised from the casual clothes day will be used to purchase items urgently needed for aid in Vanuatu like sleeping bags, tents, books and stationery. These items will be delivered to Aspendale Primary School who will send them in a shipping container alongside other donated items, scheduled to depart for Vanuatu on 4th June 2015.

The Ministry of Education, Vanuatu, will receive the goods and distribute the resources to as many schools as possible across the islands.

The items that are most urgently needed are - reading materials, books of all types, general stationery, furniture, tarps and tents.

If you have any of these items that you no longer need, and that are in good reusable condition, that you would like to donate, please bring these to the school and we will deliver them to Aspendale Primary School along with the items we purchase.