Dear Parents and Carers,

‘Hola a todos’

As mentioned in previous newsletters, as of 2015, all Victorian Government schools are mandated to provide a Language Education Program for Preps. By 2020 it is expected that all classes are provided with a Language Education.

Over the past 12 months, I have taken the time to gather opinions from the members of the school community and local schools about the type of language that we should offer at Sunshine Heights Primary School. The Department of Education’s expectations are very specific in terms of what classifies as a language program.

In making a final decision on behalf of the whole school community, there are a number of key factors that have influenced my decision. This has included the importance of accessing a quality teacher and providing an engaging learning experience for the students.

I wanted to thank everyone for sharing their thoughts and suggestions via the Parent Language Education Survey, phone calls and discussions in the yard.

As a result of the consultation process, the language education program that will be offered to the students of Sunshine Heights Primary School from 2015 will be 'Spanish'.

Although I am hoping that we can offer the program to more than one year level next year, at this particular stage, the program will only be offered to students in Prep until we are provided with more clarity in regards to funding for 2015.

I’m really excited about the language that will be provided to the students! The process in choosing just one language was difficult as it incorporated a number of points of views and suggestions.

Thanks to one of our parents here are some facts about the ‘Spanish’ language.

- It has the 2nd most number of native speakers in the world
- 405 million people speak Spanish as a first language (6.15% of world population)
- 500 million people speak Spanish as a 1st or 2nd language combined
- It is one of the six official languages of the United Nations
- The language is spoken in Spain, Mexico, United States, Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, Uruguay, Venezuela, Equatorial Guinea, Western Sahara
- The language is spoken in Europe, North America and South America
- It is the 5th most spoken language in Europe i.e. 15% of people speak Spanish fluently in Europe.

The next step now will be for us to start the process of employing a Spanish teacher.

Mil gracias to everyone and I’m looking forward to the Language program offering new and exciting educational experiences for the students!
IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE - EMA

As of January 2015 the current government will not be providing parents with EMA. This will mean all families will have to pay for their child’s book pack at the start of the school year.

If you require any further information please contact the office.

GRADE 6 FRIDAY FOOD STALL

As part of our Graduation fundraising initiative, the Grade 6 students will be cooking up some terrifically tasty treats to sell each Friday at recess.

Please check the newsletter each week to see what has been planned as we will list all the ingredients in the food. Purchasing the items is entirely voluntary and if you have any concerns whatsoever, we strongly encourage you to not allow your child to buy anything from the stall.

Thank you,
Grade 6 teachers and students

This Week: Choc Fudge Brownies

Only $1.00 each

We will be selling them in the old canteen at recess.

The ingredients are: White Mill Packet from Aldi Sugar, Choc Chips, Veg Fat, Coco Powder, wheat, flour, Tapioca starch, Emulsifier, egg & butter.

If you have any allergies to these products we advise you not to buy them.

Big Reminders

Father’s Day Breakfast!

The Fathers’ Day breakfast is on Friday September the 5th starting at 8:00am in the PD Centre/Multipurpose Room!

As part of the Fathers’ Day Breakfast celebrations we will also be having a special Fathers’ Day Breakfast raffle thanks to ‘Masters’ who have kindly donated a Red Centre 4 Burner BBQ with hood and cabinet, and BBQ accessories!

Tickets are currently being sold at the office and will be sold at the Fathers’ Day Breakfast for $2 each or 10 tickets for $10. We will also be selling tickets at the Bush Dance. All money raised from the raffle will go towards new bike racks for the school! The winner will be announced at the Bush Dance!

Reminder that the Fundraising team have also organised Fathers’ Day gift stall for the students on Thursday 4th of September!

Trees! Trees! Tress!

The Sunny Bees Team are hoping to have as many volunteers as possible join them from 9:00am to 11:00am on the following dates:

- Friday 29th of August
- Friday September 5th and/or
- Friday September 12th.

If you have any tools that could assist with making the tree planting experience more enjoyable then please feel free to bring them along! The more helpers that we have over the next four weeks, the quicker and easier it will be for the trees to start enjoying life as a ‘free’ tree! If you are able to join the Sunny Bees team drop by the office at 9am on one of the Fridays and they can direct you to the location of the Sunny Bee team.

Bush Dance Wednesday 10th of September 2014 6:00pm

Hoping to have all families come along and enjoy this wonderful event. Due to safety reasons, a decision about whether the event will be moved inside or cancelled will be made during the week leading up to the event.

Alex Artavilla
Principal
STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Presentation at Friday Assembly

Prep:
A Khalid Abdi
B Bella Prenga
C Matina Ezekiela

One:
A Salman Mussa
B Edith Melzer-Franzke

Two
1/2A Katie Vo
2A Jason Musaka

Three:
A Sumeya Mahamed
B Joshus Tran

Four:
A Jordan Suriyabandara
B Hanife Hasanoglu

Five:
A Vinith Murugamoorthy
B Caitlin Tumibay-Hayes

Six:
A Sansel Sanoglu
B Jade Taylor

Sport: Fiona Vuong
Art: Ellie Evgeniadis
ICT: Danawit Moges

Congratulations Everyone
Great Achievement!
Sport News

Dear Parents

Sunshine Heights Primary School is proud to announce that because of your child’s outstanding ability in sport, on Wednesday the 17th of September the school will be organising a whole School Sports Day here at the school.

Students will be participating in events such as long jump, 100 meter sprint, relay and many more fun athletics and speciality events.

We are sure that it will be a day full of fun and outstanding memories for students, with awards given to the best performing students in all events. Parents are invited to come and support and cheer on all our wonderful students and enjoy a nice day out.

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SUNSHINE HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Family Bush Dance

Wednesday
10 September 6pm

Learn some dance moves with Bushwhaaizee
cake stall

Please come and support our stall, by baking a treat, manning the stall for a shift, or eating some cake!

Baked goodies accepted on the day include whole cakes, cupcakes, slices and brownies, and biscuits (sweet or savoury).

- Please label cakes with the list of ingredients, being especially mindful of allergies and intolerances.
- Ensure cakes are packaged or covered and transported in clean containers.
- Only cooked goods are accepted and no cream or recipes with uncooked eggs are allowed.

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