Dear Parents / Guardians

Key reminders:

- Twilight School Day Thursday 21st of May 1:00pm to 7:00pm – reminder to please return the Supervision and Food Order notice
- Visit the School Website to watch the 2015 Harmony Day video!

Enjoying the Cyber World!

Last week I had the opportunity to listen to Police Officer Constable Jo who visited the school to talk to our Year 5 and 6 students about enjoying the Cyber World safely. Constable Jo shared some great advice to the students about things to be mindful of especially when using social media sites. In the next few weeks a notice will be sent home to the parents of the students so that families can work together to support the children with using Cyber Smart Behaviors.

There are so many exciting things about the Cyber world that have huge benefits for the students. However, it also poses many challenges! After listening to Constable Jo, I realised that my daughters will be entering this world in the very near future! Not only was I sitting there thinking how we could support students with this in my role as Principal but I also started to think about the implications for me as a parent!

Surely it was easier being a parent when I was growing up when it seemed that the only piece of technology that caused any fuss was the television and how close you sat watching it before your eye sight was supposedly destroyed! I don’t think we watched one show without my mum or dad telling us to move back! It got to a point where we were nearly watching the TV from in the backyard!

Coincidently over the weekend, my daughters made me realise how quickly technology changes when my youngest one picked up one of my USB sticks and asked if she could put on some of this lipstick! Who would of thought that the new generation of technology users would confuse a USB stick for lipstick! Just because we have ‘The Cloud’ to store all our information nowadays, doesn’t mean that the younger generation have to make a joke of celebrated pieces of technology from the past! I still remember buying my first USB stick nearly 18 years ago! I think it cost me $70 for 28mg! Today I think you can buy a 64GB USB for $4! Ahhh the memories!

I think the biggest message I got from the Cyber Safety information session was that keeping informed as a parent of what our children use is imperative – which can be a huge challenge. Knowing the age restrictions and how others can access the site is important. There are so many changes to the social media scene and they are usually restricted to children over the age of 12. The reason for this is that some children don’t have the emotional capacity to manage sites that are based on having the ‘most users’ or ‘likes’!

There are some simple things that the students can do to make sure they enjoy the Cyber world such as:

- Using sites that are age appropriate
- Not sharing their passwords
- Changing their passwords regularly
- Only accepting friends that they really know well – the less the better!
- Making their site only accessible to their real friends
- Thinking carefully before they put anything into the Cyber world!
- Never try to sort out disagreements with friends over the Cyber world -
- work through things together face to face

It is virtually impossible to shield children away from the Cyber world as they can access it in so many places such as at a friend’s house or the local library. Making them Cyber Smart is the best approach as we want them to enjoy this world throughout their teenage years and beyond!

Keep a lookout for an information notice that will be going home to all parents in the next few weeks seeking expressions of interest to come along to a Parent Information session about how you can support your child with enjoying and benefiting from the Cyber World.

Hope everyone had a great week,
Alex Artavilla
Principal

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**PE NEWS**

Hi Parents, Guardians and Families,

Winter – Inter School Sports starts this Friday the 1st of May, our first game is against Ardeer South Primary School, at their ground – Ralph Street Sunshine.

A reminder that permission notices and money should have been given to your child’s teacher already. **Without a signed permission notice students cannot participate.**

So wish us luck for this term, as it seemed to work last term! Let’s hope we can keep up the hard work and good sportsmanship.

Kind Regards Rasha

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**UPLIFT COLLECTIVE FUNDRAISING NEWS**

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

| Easter Raffle | $1,155.20 |

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**Year 6 TRANSITION INFORMATION**

Our Year 6 students have received their Secondary School Application packs for 2016. Please read the information contained in the pack and return the completed **Application for Year 7 Placement by Friday 22nd May.**

**If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact the classroom teachers.**

Thank You,
Christine Forrest, Tanya Bolger and Sara Vaccari
NO JOB TOO BIG OR TOO SMALL: PAINTING, GARDENING, FIXING GIVE JOHN A CALL!

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

Congratulations Everyone
Great Achievement!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Presentation at Friday Assembly

Prep:
A Rihanna Hua Le
B Scarlett Loh
C Roukaya Mesto
D Marwa Sudi

One:
A Peter Shizas-Yiakoumi
B Khalid Abdi

Two
1/2A Mayen Wol
2A Selena Mehmet
2B Grace Li

Three:
A Mahamad Hassan
B Malale Tutakhil

Four:
A Riyan Mohamed
B Nho Ngo

Five:
A Desi Amiridis
B Tiffany Oldfield

Six:
A Ricky Nguyen
B Era Musaka

Multimedia: Kim Nguyen
Sport: Eh Doe Htoo shay
Spanish: Asel Koyu
Art: Phong Pham

NEWSLETTER
Literacy and Numeracy Tips of the Week

**Literacy Tip:** Talk about world events and encourage your child to look at the different side of the story to form their own opinions.

**Numeracy Tip:** Find numbers in the newspaper, in digits and words. Cut the numbers out and put them in order from the smallest to the largest number.

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
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’.