This means that if we were to continue with the camps, the price of both camps would need to increase significantly. This is something that we would like to avoid. There are a variety of reasons as to why students are not able to attend the camps. The two major factors include:

- Family choice
- Cost

When organising overnight camps for the students, teams consider the price as a major factor. Due to increased bus costs and costs of camps (due to insurance etc.) it makes it very difficult to:

- a) Reduce the cost of the camp
- b) Find a suitable location/camp that is below $150 per person
- c) Ensuring that students are able to experience a different camp location each year

As a staff we want to ensure that students in Year 3 – 6 have the opportunity to enjoy the overnight camp experience. This means that we need to revisit/review how our overnight camp program functions or what they look like.

Some suggestions that have already been raised to ensure that students are still able to enjoy an overnight type camp experience include:

- Having a Year 3-6 or Year 4-6 camp combined? This may be something that we explore for this year if we are unable to increase the number of students attending.
- Changing the format from an overnight camp to a three-day ‘city’ experience. This may be something we consider for our Year 5/6 students this year.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Important information regarding overnight school camps/excursions

Providing opportunities for students to attend an overnight camp/excursion is a major highlight for students in Years 2 to 6. To prepare the students for these experiences, in Year 2, the students have the chance to enjoy a sleepover at the school.

The purpose of the overnight camps and excursions that are offered at Sunshine Heights Primary School include:

- Building and maintaining positive relationships
- Providing opportunities that are challenging and enjoyable
- Exposing students to an alternative learning experience
- Enhancing students social, emotional and worldly development

In 2014 we have booked the two following overnight camps/excursions. This includes:

- Year 3 and 4, three day excursion to Doxa (Malmsbury) for a cost of $140 per student
- Year 5 and 6, three day excursion to Phillip Island for a cost of $250 per student

We are currently in the process of seeking payment for the 3/4 excursion and seeking expressions of interest for the 5/6 excursions.

Unfortunately, for both Camps / excursions, there are currently not enough students that have confirmed their attendance.
Library Update!

It is exciting to see the transformation of the library, which was partially open for students to use to borrow fiction books this week! We are waiting on extra shelving to arrive for our non-fiction books. Thank you to the students for their patience!

Term Newsletter

To support families with better understanding what the students will be learning about in class, teams have sent home Year Level information newsletters that outlines key events and essential learnings. Please note that parents can now access the term newsletter for the specialist programs on our website. If you have any questions regarding term newsletters please speak to your child’s teacher or to Francine Sculli for the specialist team.

Specialist program portfolios

Thank you very much to the families that have returned the Arts and Physical Education portfolios and added comments. If you still have these portfolios at home, please return them to your child’s teacher asap. Please also note that due to unforeseen circumstances the ‘Information Communication and Technology’ portfolios will not be sent home this term.

Languages Education Program 2015

I am currently finalising a discussion paper to share with staff regarding a Language Education program at Sunshine Heights Primary School. The discussion paper is based on the information I have gathered from parents, staff, students and the local primary and secondary schools. I am aiming to share this discussion paper with the whole school community over the next two weeks. Based on the conversations I have had with local schools that offer a variety of languages, it seems that the most important factor to consider when deciding on a Language Education program is the availability of a high quality teacher/instructor. My goal is to ensure that the program we provide for the students engages and supports their development.

Hope everyone has a great week!

From the surveys received by our families the top 3 languages that were suggested include Mandarin, Italian and Spanish.

Alex Artavilla
Principal
COHEALTH- Dental Services

School Newsletter Information

Cohealth Community Centre can provide quality dental care to children from birth to age 17. Emergency and general care is provided.

For 0-12 years olds
- The service is free for all children

For 13-17 year olds
- You are eligible to use this service if you
  - are a holder or a dependant of someone with a concession card
  - you are eligible for the Child Dental Health Benefits Schedule.

For eligible children it is free

The Child Dental Benefits Schedule means you are eligible to have free dental care at Western Region Health Centre
- No out of pocket cost
- No $1000 limit

Treatment is provided at;

2 Geelong Road, Footscray (Corner of Geelong and Ballarat Roads)

To make an appointment call 8398 4100

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,
Grade 6 teachers and students

This Week:  Jelly

Ingredients: Jelly Crystals and Water

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

Thank you for supporting us!
Grade 6 Team

PE NEWS

Congratulations Johann

All of Sunshine Heights Primary School extends its warmest congratulations to Johann Stickland for his excellent showing at the recent Australian Schools Swimming Championships. Johann had a great week at the Australian School Sports Swimming Championships. He made all of the finals he was entered in, swimming personal bests in his 7 individual swims, including personal bests in the finals. He won a Bronze in the 50 metre Breaststroke on Day 4 with 2 bronze medals in the 11 boys 200 metre Individual Medley relay and the 4x50 metre freestyle relays on day 6 of the event. I’m sure that we will be hearing a lot more about Johann’s fantastic efforts in the future. Incredibly well done and keep up the hard work!!

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.
STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Presentation at Friday Assembly
Prep:
A Vanessa Nguyen
B Takashi Head
C Teresa Nguyen
One:
A Phuc Nguyen
B Youssef Mesto
Two
1/2A Sihaam Mahamed
2A Leo Suprihartono
Three:
A Anh Nguyen
B Elijah Meunier
Four:
A Dechak Salathin
B Aleksander Nikolic
Five:
A Phoenix Pham
B Eze Nnadiekw
Six:
A Jason Khong
B Amy Do
Sport: Kowsar Ali
Art: Anthony Gambardella
ICT: -

Congratulations Everyone
Great Achievement!

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NO JOB TO BIG OR TO SMALL:
PAINTING, GARDENING, FIXING
GIVE JOHN A CALL!

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Did you know that Music:
- Develops mind, hand & eye coordination
- Enhances listening skills
- Improves self esteem
- Is fun!

Lessons starting from $14.05% 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!

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