DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 4

Tuesday 9th December
Grade 6 Orientation Day

Wednesday 10th December
School Council 6.00pm

Thursday 11th December
The Festive Concert/Art Show
Gates open from 6.00pm

Tuesday 16th December
Grade 6 Graduation
5.00pm Students Dinner
6.45pm Doors Open for Parents
7.00pm Graduation Ceremony

Grade 3/4 Buckingham Reserve
Christmas Party

Wednesday 17th December
Step Up Day

Friday 19th December
Last Day of Term 4 ...

1.30pm Dismissal

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

REMINDER LAST DAY OF TERM FRIDAY
19TH DECEMBER DISMISSAL AT 1.30PM

Dear Parents and Carers,

Art Show Festive Concert is next week!
December 11th 6:30pm

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As I mentioned in previous newsletters, as a staff we are looking at ways of enhancing the voice of students so that they are able to take greater responsibility for their learning and their actions. The new outdoor space that is covered in synthetic grass was inspired by a group of Year 6 students as part of their Term One unit of work ‘Australia: It’s your vote’. The essential learnings of the unit were for students to investigate and understand the people, processes and responsibilities of governments at different levels, and how parliament works. It also included understanding how they could use democratic processes in the classroom and during school activities.

A major aspect of the unit of work was for the students to take action using their new learnings. For this particular unit, the teachers presented a challenge to the students. The students were broken into groups of four. The challenge was to create and/or present an idea that would enhance the climate of school. They were then required to share their idea with their peers. Their peers were then required to vote for the best idea. The winning group who are pictured below (Lamisa, Fatime, Thien Thu and Chloe are the inspiration for our new space!)

Our ‘Before and After School Care’ providers have kindly offered to donate the huge stage, sound system and fireworks to conclude the evening! Yes! Fireworks!

Our new outdoor learning space

For the parents that have been able to drop into school over the past few weeks you would have noticed the new outdoor learning space that has been created outside the library! This project has finally been completed and will be enjoyed by the students in the next few days!

Important Dates for 2015...

Year One to Six start Friday
30th January

Prep students to start
Monday 2nd February

Student Free Days for
2015...

Wednesday 28th January
Thursday 29th January
Friday 5th June

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West Sunshine 3020
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F: 9311 8343
E: sunshine.heights.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
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Twitter: @4744SHPS
Big thank you to the year 5/6 teachers who expect the students to show greater responsibility which will prove beneficial for the students as they move into the secondary stage of school!

Planning week – Next Week

As with every term, during the second last week teachers are released from their classroom for a full day to work with their team to prepare the learning plan for Term One 2015.

Preparing for 2015

On the 17th of December students will be informed of their new grade and teacher and will have the chance to spend half an hour with their new class.

Year 6 Footprint Planting project

Big thank you to Lisa, the mum of Lewis in Year One, for giving up her time to help the Year 6 students prepare a new garden bed outside the Year 1 and 2 classrooms! The area looks fantastic! Lisa not only collected all the items needed, she was also kind enough to share valuable information about the plants and gardening tips! Thanks Lisa and Stella for your time!

Hope everyone had a great week!
Alex Artavilla
Principal
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STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Presentation at Friday Assembly
Prep:
A  Sophie Le
B  Hillary Phung
C  Amen Binyam
One:
A  Belinda Vu
B  -
Two:
1/2A  Thien An Nguyen
2A  Yasin Ali
Three:
A  Phong Pham
B  Daniel Stone
Four:
A  Azra Pepic
B  Meyron Kaleab
Five:
A  Vinith Murugamoorthy
B  Jaiden Nguyen
Six:
A  Fatime Musaka
B  Leanne Phung

Sport: Charlyne Bui
Art: Steven Vu
ICT: Nguyen Nguyen

Congratulations Everyone
Great Achievement!

FUNDRAISING NEWS
Easter Raffle  $1,135.00
Mothers’ Day Stall  $ 578.26
Fathers’ Day Stall  $ 793.95
TOTAL  $1,713.26

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Planning for 2015

**Students leaving Sunshine Heights PS in 2015**

Effective planning for 2015 is reliant on ensuring that we have accurate projected student enrolment numbers.

To support us with finalising our plans and employing the correct number of staff for 2015, **if you know that your child will NOT be attending Sunshine Heights Primary School next year could you please complete the tear off slip below and return it to the office as soon as possible.** We do understand that family circumstances will change from time to time and as such children need to move schools.

(Note we do not need notification from our current year 6 students).

Please detach and return to office

**Plans for 2015**

My child/ren .................................................................................................................. of Year ........................................................ will not be returning to Sunshine Heights Primary School in 2014.

At this stage I anticipate they will be attending: .................................................... Primary School.

Signed: ........................................       Date: ........................................

Print Name: ........................................................................................................
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More information coming soon!
As a self-funded student group, the Uplift Collective are continually fundraising to enable them to provide positive experiences, activities and spaces for the students at SHPS. This raffle is our biggest fundraising effort to date with 27 prizes up for grabs.

**PRIZES include:** Basketball ring, fast set pool, boogie boards, Bobble Art voucher, drawing kits, book vouchers, books and audio books, AMF bowling family pass AND MORE.

Tickets are $2.00 EACH or 6 for $10.00.

Please see Miss Francine Sculli or the Uplift Collective members to purchase tickets. Tickets will be sold at the Art Show & Festive Concert.

Winners will be drawn in the last week of Term 4.
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