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School Supervision Times:
8.45am - 9.00am - 3.15pm - 3.30pm

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Assembly at 2:30pm every
Friday in the school gym.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back everyone for another exciting year!

I hope everyone was able to enjoy time with family and friends over the school holiday break!

STUDENT FREE DAYS 2016

- Friday 3rd June
- Monday 31st October

DATES TO REMEMBER 2016

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- No Preps at School on Wednesdays for February ONLY
- Parent Teachers Meetings 24th February 2016
- Friday 5th February Interschool Sport – Away Christ the King Primary School Braybrook

Congratulations to our 2016 Prep students that have now enjoyed 3 days of primary school! Big thank you also to our senior students that have taken the time to catch up with our preps to show them around the school!

Welcome to our new families that have joined us in 2016! I hope you have had a fantastic experience at Sunshine Heights so far!

UNIFORM SHOP
Please note that as of next week the Uniform Shop will be returning to its regular hours. Please refer to opening times and days in the yellow box at the top of the newsletter.

I had a fairly low-key break spending time catching up with family and friends. Even managed to spend some time at the beach! It is a place that I'm starting to actually enjoy! For our new families, the beach and I have had a very rocky relationship. Lets just say that we kept our distance and only started to get to know each other a few years ago. It's nothing personal, it's just that I'm not a fan of the fact that when you go to the beach, that half the beach comes home with you!

Introducing our 2016 School Captains
Last year at our final assembly of the year we announced our 2016 School Captains.

A big thank you to all the students from Year 6 that expressed an interest in being a School Captain for 2016. It was a very difficult choice for the students and teachers!

Introducing our 2016 School Captains (from left to right):



Aleks Nikolic (Vice Captain), Ben Cao (Captain), Nhi Nguyen (Captain) and Meyron Kaleab (Vice Captain)

As with a number of our senior students, this group of four have been excellent role models and will further enhance the culture of the school. I'm looking forward to working with them closely over the next 12 months.

Introducing our new staff

We also have 4 new staff members that have joined us in 2016. We are really happy with how the new staff members have settled into the culture of the school and we look forward to working with them throughout 2016.

If you see them in the yard please take the time to introduce yourself. The new staff members include (from left to right):



- Elena Dierickx – Year 6 teacher
- Melissa Kemp – Year 5 teacher
- Jenna Darul – Prep teacher
- Ashlee Langer – Prep teacher

We also need to welcome back Julie Polini who will be taking Science and Sustainability, as she returns from her year of leave.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Having a positive working relationship between parents and teachers is essential in ensuring students are able to work at their full potential. On Wednesday 24th of February, we have scheduled Parent Teacher meetings from 1:00pm to 7:30pm. The purpose of these meetings is for parents to meet their child's teacher to share any information that they would like them to know. It is also an opportunity for the teacher to share with the parent how their child has settled into their grade. Information about Parent Teacher meetings will be sent home soon.

School Council Elections

Information regarding School Council elections has been sent home today with the newsletter. If you have any questions regarding School Council or School Council elections, please feel free to contact me at the school. The information notices sent home outline the election time line and information for parents about the role of School Council.

Works that occurred over the holidays

Over the school holidays we installed new carpet in three classrooms. These rooms were also freshly painted. Over the next school holidays at the end of the term we will install new carpet into three other rooms as part of our school maintenance plan.

School Policy documents

Some important documents that we encourage parents to read at the beginning of each year are now updated and available on the school website. This includes:

- Issues resolution policy
- Homework policy
- Student Engagement & Inclusion Policy

These policies are located in the 'Parent' section of the website.

Finally!

It has been another great start to the year!

Looking forward to catching up with everyone over the term! We have a number of exciting plans for 2016, which includes a whole school evening 50's or 60's party to celebrate the 60th birthday of the school!

Don't forget that we have assembly at 2:30pm every Friday in the school gym. All parents and families are invited to attend.

Have an amazing 2016!

Alex Artavilla
Principal

Message from the library

A big, big thank you from Brenda in the library to Kylie (Claire & Zachary's mum), Andrea (Amelie's mum) and Sharlene (Elizabeth's mum) for filling our new library bean bags with beans! Very much appreciated!

Camps, Sports and Excursions Funding - CSEF

Current Health Care Card Holders are entitled to claim CSEF Funding which is specifically used for Camps, Sports and Excursion. Forms can be collected from the office and need to be returned by no later than **Monday 22nd February**. If you have any queries please contact the office 8311 7100.

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