Principal’s Report

Reminder to families that there is no school for students on Monday June 9th as it is a Public Holiday!

Twitter!

It’s great to hear that more and more parents have connected with our Twitter world to receive up to date information and celebrations of our school! It would be great to have even more parents jumping on board as Twitter is a great way to share instant news! To check out our Twitter page all you need to do is visit the school’s website at: www.sunshineheightsps.vic.edu.au

When you arrive at the website, click on the white bird which is the ‘Twitter’ symbol. Our Twitter name is @4744SHPS (4744 is our school’s official department of education number). There are heaps of photos for everyone to enjoy. Over the past week snapshots of the inter school sports and lunch time activities have been included. Please feel free to contact me at school if you need any more information about becoming involved with the ‘Twitter’ world. It is important to note that the school uses Twitter solely for sharing information and celebrating events or moments. If you have any questions about your child or school events please speak to your child teacher or contact the office.

Busy, Busy, Busy!

As mentioned in a previous newsletter we have completed a number of works around the school to enhance the appearance of our surroundings and to make it a more student friendly environment. Last week repairs to the two small conference rooms opposite the Out of School Hours Care program was completed and looks fantastic!

The external appearances of the rooms are looking brand new! We have also installed 10 new air-conditioners/heaters to ensure that the students are able to learn and work together in a comfortable environment especially during the summer months! The air conditioners/heaters have been installed in all classrooms of the main building as well as the Art room, Music room, Canteen and the portable that is currently being used by the Year 5 students. Even though we have installed the air conditioners/heaters as a school we are focused on being energy smart. This is something that we will continue to discuss as a staff – how to use air conditioners/heaters efficiently.

Our next major project will be to refurbish and enhance the passageway of Building B (where the Year 3 – 6 classes are located) and the library. Our goal is to transform our school library into a modern multimedia centre/research centre where students are able to not only enjoy quality books to read, but they are also able to enjoy the latest technology for research, animation and films! This is something that I am personally very excited about as it ensures technology is being used purposefully to compliment and support our Mission and Vision. Our Multimedia/Research Centre will be developed over time as it is dependent on funds that we have available. I want it to be another space in the school that engages and inspires the students, and provides another option for amazing learning opportunities! It will be an area that develops over time!

Also we are finally ready to lay the tiles that our 2013 Year 6 students produced as part of their ‘footprint’ before they headed off to secondary school!
Keep a look out for the amazing messages our 2013 student left about their future aspirations!

I have to also mention the amazing work our ‘Sunny Bees’ parent team are doing at the moment near the single gate entrance that leads to the Out of Hours Care building. They have not only cleared the area, they have planted new plants and created an artistic path! Thankfully for the group, Friday mornings have provided beautiful weather! They have not only cleared the area, they have planted new plants and created an artistic path! Thankfully for the group, Friday mornings have provided beautiful weather!

Speaking of Friday mornings, a reminder that if you have a child that is not at school and you are interested in having them meet other pre-school students drop into the 'Sunny Bubs' playgroup! It is also a great chance to meet other parents. More information about both groups is in the newsletter each week.

Parent Teacher Meetings and School Reports

Parent Teacher meetings are fast approaching and will occur on the afternoon/evening of Tuesday June 24th. The purpose of this meeting is for a student’s teacher and parent to meet to share successes and areas that a student will be focusing on over the next 6 months. To support the conversation, parents will be provided with their child’s report in the week prior to the parent teacher meetings. This gives parents the opportunity to read their child’s report and to bring any comments and questions to the meeting. As a staff we are committed to ensuring parents have a clear understanding of where their child is at and what they need to focus on next. This is a formal meeting date; however I just wanted to remind parents that you are more than welcome to meet with your child’s teacher at any time of the year if you have any concerns/questions about your child’s social, emotional or academic development. The parent teacher meetings will start at 1:00pm and conclude at around 8:00pm. More information will be provided in the coming weeks when parents will have the opportunity to nominate times. It would be great if all our families attended the parent teacher meetings!

Welcome to Pierre!

I just wanted to take this opportunity to welcome our newest team member Pierre Douvartcides. Pierre has been working with us on a casual basis over the past 6 months in a variety of roles. Over the next 20 weeks Pierre will be providing an intervention and extension program for specific groups of students across the school in the area of mathematics. Pierre’s role will be to provide the teachers with an extra opportunity to support students that are working below the level and to provide extra support for students that are achieving more than 12 months above the level in mathematics.

Finally, over the past couple of the weeks teachers across the school have been released at certain times during the day to complete comprehensive one to one assessment tasks in reading, writing and mathematics to provide an extra form of evidence to compliment the work that is happening in the classrooms. This information is used by teachers to confirm where a child is at with their learning development and where they need to go next. It is an extremely valuable experience. This information will be used in the reporting process to parents and to guide conversations during parent teacher meetings.

Hope everyone has a great week!

Alex Artavilla
Principal
STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Presentation at Friday Assembly

Prep:
A  Michael Woodford  
B  Mayen Wol  
C  Ziad Tutakhil  

One:
A  Eh Wah Paw Shay  
B  Mary Onah  

Two
1/2A  Wiley Major-Kennedy  
2A  Nhu Tran  

Three:
A  Erin Saffarese  
B  Jibrill Abdi  

Four:
A  Krimit Patel  
B  Danny Le  

Five:
A  Dezmond Feilo-Hasini  
B  Lamin Dukury  

Six:
A  Hassan Babiker  
B  Lamiya Sattar  

Sport: Karina Chetty
ICT: Myer Tutakhil
Art: Vuk Sobot

Congratulations Everyone
Great Achievement!

FUNDRAISING NEWS

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Physical Education Report

**Intensive Swimming Program Information 2014**

Just a brief reminder that final payments for the intensive swimming program are due on Monday 16th June.

Enrolments for 2014 Intensive Swimming Program are now closed!

Hello everyone, Firstly thanks to the students in grade 5 and 6 that helped us reach our minimum target of 80 swimmers. My apologies to any child who was not able to participate, but due to swimming teacher constraints we needed to have numbers capped at either 80 or 100.

I have also included a few answers here to some frequently asked questions:

1. Students do not miss out on any new class work if they are part of the program. Teachers run an alternate curriculum.
2. We have chosen Sunshine Leisure Centre due to its proximity, excellent quality of swim teacher provided and terrific facilities.
3. We do a weekly program running over ten weeks so that a student that might become ill doesn’t miss out on too much of the swimming program.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to ask me and I will do my best to answer you and allay any concerns you may have.

**Interschool Fixtures Second Term 2014**

Interschool Sport fixture for Term 2. Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries regarding venues etc. Students for away games will leave at approximately 9.10 and will return to school at approximately 11.00 am.

Friday the 6th of June home against Christ the King PS  
Friday the 13th of June away against St Paul’s PS (Walking)  
Friday the 20th of June home against Our Lady’s PS

**Is your child going to Kindergarten in 2015?**

South Sunshine Kindergarten is in a quiet street, with an attractive playroom and a lovely natural garden setting.

With a warm, caring atmosphere, our kindergarten provides a learning link between the home environment and the formal years of school.

Enrol now! Places are still available in our three & four-year-old programs for 2015.
JUNE NEWS

It's been a busy term so far for the Sunnybees. We've finished planting the natives near the carpark, and are now finishing off the stepping stone path and garden near the small gate at the front of the school.

Introducing Warren the worm!

He is the mascot for our new compost system. Look out for the buckets in selected classrooms and the playground, and the bins near the veggie patch. Always check the signs to make sure you put the right things into the bins.

Compost is a soil conditioner - mulch and fertilizer wrapped up into one

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COMPOST

- All kitchen scraps (except meat, chicken and fish scraps)
- Paper and cut up cardboard, sweepings
- All plant material and garden waste (large plant material cut into small pieces)
- No plastic, metal or glass

Thank you for feeding our compost!

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Follow us:
www.pinterest.com/sunnybees/

what to plant in June:

Fennel, fig, parsnip, swede

Harvest:

Olive, turnip, cumquats

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Our aim is to enhance the school grounds using sustainable plants and methods. Run by parents, we will help to reconnect the students with nature and become environmentally responsible.

Fridays 9-10 am. Meet outside the uniform shop, or if raining in Conference room A for a cuppa.
Lisa 0423 329 734 vinlisa@optusnet.com.au
Did you know that Music:
- Develops mind, hand & eye coordination
- 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.
Keep saving to win a family underwater adventure holiday.

Plus make friends with the dolphins at Sea World.

The Dollarmites have found sunken treasure in the Lost City of Savings. For your chance to win a share of exciting prizes, simply make three or more deposits at school during Term 2 and you'll be automatically entered into the competition.

Major prize.

• Five nights’ accommodation at the Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast;
• VIP passes for two adults and three kids to Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World and Wet’n’Wild Gold Coast;
• A Dolphin Family Aqua Adventure; and
• A $3,000 travel gift card to get you there.

Runner up prizes.

130 Toys "R" Us Gift Cards to the value of $250 each to spend on your favourite toys. Plus, there will be a separate draw of $1,000 cash for one school in each state/territory.

To find out more, visit
commbank.com.au/deepseasavers

Things to know before you Can: NSW Permit No. LTPS/14/01689; VIC Permit No. 14/0549; ACT Permit No. TP14/00705; SA Permit No. T14/347. Competition opens 2/04/14 and closes 4/07/14. Prizes will be drawn on 15/07/14 at Commonwealth Bank, 3/11 Harbour St, Sydney NSW 2000 from 10.00am AEST. Winners’ names will be published in the public notice section of The Australia on 19/07/14. Student Prize valued at approximately $7,592.94 includes $3,000 Right Centre Gift Card, VIP Passes to Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World and Wet’n’Wild Gold Coast Australia for two adults and three children, a Sea World Resort ‘Dolphin Family Adventure’ and 5 nights’ accommodation at Sea World Resort & Water Park, Gold Coast Australia. 130 Runner Up Student Prizes of a $250 Toys "R" Us Gift Card each. Eight School Prizes of $1,000 cash each. Up to 24 School Banking Co-ordinated Prizes of a $250 Commonwealth Bank Debit Card each. The Promoter is Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124, 2/11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. Full terms and conditions at commbank.com.au/deepseasavers