Dear Parents / Guardians

Reminders:

- Students in Years 3 and 5 will be completing the NAPLAN test on May 12th, 13th and 14th
- Sibling Photo Catch Up Day Tuesday 19th of May
- Twilight School Day May 21st 1:00pm – 7:00pm
- Student Free Day Friday 5th of June 2015
- Parent/Teacher interviews Tuesday 23rd of June 2015

Mothers’ Day Breakfast tomorrow morning in the PD Centre (where we have the Parent information sessions). Doors open at 8:00am! Hope to see you there!

I just wanted to begin the newsletter this week by reminding everyone of the Twilight School event that we have scheduled for Thursday 21st of May!

Reminder that on this day school starts at 1:00pm and finishes at 7:00pm. The purpose of the event is to allow the parents the opportunity to see their child in action during a normal school day! Thank you to the families that have returned both the supervision notice and the food order form!

Included in the past few newsletters has been more information about organisational arrangements of the day. Please take the time to read this information and contact the school if you have any questions. It looks set to be another exciting day!

Rain, hail or shine, we have managed to gather together to celebrate so many successful community events such as; The Mexican Fiesta, Open Evenings, Bush Dance, Harmony Day trips and The Learning Exhibition Night.

This has been due to the fact that we are all so committed to making our school a place where the students are our number one priority.

Personally, I love the fact that the students enjoy the simple things we do to showcase how well they work together and get along – which is why we enjoy putting in the extra effort to make events like the Twilight School Day and Mothers’ Day breakfast such special occasions!

To realise how much the students enjoy those simple things in life, you just need to stroll around the front of the school and watch the students playing with the fallen leaves that have gathered on the front lawn during this time of year! It reminds me of some of my fondest memories growing up that were offered by the changing ‘seasons’. This included ‘skating on ice covered ovals with my sneakers in the depths of winter in the early mornings’ or ‘trying to train for soccer inside a blanket of fog during the cool evenings’ or ‘stomping in a puddle with the side of my foot to direct a splash of water towards my friends’.

Even last week while working quietly in my office two of our Prep students reminded me once again of how much we need to enjoy the simple things in life!

Here I was working on my computer when I thought I heard someone at the door. As I looked up there were two heads peering from around the corner that quickly vanished then burst into fits of laughter! Thinking they were just passing by on their way back from the toilet, I continued on with my work before I heard giggling from the door.

Assuming that I had visitors dropping by, I looked up to call them in when I noticed the same two heads once again peering from around the corner then suddenly disappearing with uncontrollable laughter!
This lasted a few more times as these two Prep girls had themselves in hysterics trying to spy on me in my office without being caught!

I had to laugh at this because if it wasn’t for the teacher of these students worrying about why the girls had taken so long, these two students could have entertained themselves (and me) for hours!

While I’m sharing some of my highlights from last week, another memorable experience occurred while I was wandering around the yard during the lunchtime break and having the pleasure of listening to one of our Year 3 students Mohamed sharing a tune that he had learnt on his harmonica! It was just brilliant to see how excited he was to share something that he has been learning for the past two years.

Hope you are able to join us for the Twilight School event and/or the Mothers’ Day breakfast!

Hope everyone had a great week,

Alex Artavilla
Principal

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PE NEWS

Hi Parents, Guardians and Families,

Last week was our first game against Ardeer South Primary School, as always Sunshine Heights gave it their all and walked away with smiles on their faces and great results.

This week on Friday the 8th of May we have a home game against Sunshine Primary School if this crazy Melbourne weather holds up it will be a fun day of sports.

The scores were:
- Newcombe: Sunshine Heights 2 Ardeer South 1
- T ball: Sunshine Heights 6 Ardeer South 21
- Football: Sunshine Heights 78 Ardeer South 21
- Netball: Sunshine Heights Mixed 2 Ardeer South 7
- Netball: Sunshine Heights Girls 5 Ardeer South 5

For now Adios .....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
STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Presentation at Friday Assembly

Prep:
A  Vivian Tran
B  -
C  Emin Bal
D  Amal Adam

One:
A  Teresa Nguyen
B  Judy Dib

Two
1/2A  Carla Prelorenzo
2A  Edin Pepic
2B  Lana Schulz

Three:
A  Ciara Lombardi
B  Krimzyn Monomai

Four:
A  Erin Saffarese
B  Abdullahi Hassan

Five:
A  Jordan Suriyabandara
B  Jay Smith-Patterson

Six:
A  Milana Markovic-Matovic
B  Francisca Do Rosario

Multimedia:  Alexander Hatzoglou 5A
Sport:  Eric Lam 1B
Spanish:  Nhu Tran 3A
Art:  Cassandra Davidson 6A

Congratulations Everyone
Great Achievement!

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
**Literacy and Numeracy Tips of the Week**

**Literacy Tip:** Show a genuine interest in your child’s reading and writing and encourage them to view a variety of different text types (picture story books, novels, non-fiction texts, newspapers, electronic texts, etc.)

**Numeracy Tip:** Encouraging children to think about money, saving money and considering how they spend money are important skills for all children to develop.

**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)
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’.
School Banking is shooting for the stars.

At the beginning of 2015, the School Banking program launched students on a mission to save by making regular deposits into their Youthsaver account. In just one term, over 958,000 School Banking deposits were made around Australia. It’s a fantastic result that’s seen thousands of Australian children begin their savings mission.

Rewarding good savings behaviour with two new items
To help keep students on track with their savings mission in Term 2, we’ve released two new awesome reward items from our Outer Space Savers range. Students just need to make 10 School Banking deposits to be able to redeem a reward item.

Invisible Ink Martian Pen  Intergalactic Rocket

You could win a 5 nights’ family trip to California’s Disneyland
Don’t forget, students who consistently display stellar savings behaviour by making 25 or more School Banking deposits in 2015 will automatically go into the draw at the end of the year to win a family trip to California’s Disneyland.

For more information visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Things to know before you go: Conditions apply. Promotion starts 8:00am AEDT 21/1/15 and ends 11:59pm AEST 18/10/15. Entries open to all Youthsaver account holders aged 5 – 13 years who participate in CommBank’s School Banking program. Entries under 18 must have parent/guardian consent. The draw will take place at 10:30am AEST on 10/10/15 at the Promoter’s office. The first valid entry drawn will win a family trip to California’s Disneyland valued at $22,145. The winner’s name will be published in the public notices section of the Australian on 24/1/16. Promoter is Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 121 198 959, of Level 2, 11 Market Street, Sydney NSW 2000. Full terms and conditions available at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking.