Dear Parents/Carers,

Hope everyone has had a great start to the year!

It’s exciting to be back at Sunshine Heights and I’m looking forward to catching up with everyone over the year! Welcome to all the new families and the 2017 Prep students! It has been great to hear the positive feedback from parents, staff and students about how the year has commenced.

The funny thing about returning after being away for 6 months is that for the first few days back I felt like I had started a new job at a new school. Simple things such as having a cup of coffee in the once familiar staffroom proved a challenge. I think I had to open 6 drawers to find a mug and a further 5 drawers to find a spoon!

As I’ve mentioned many times before, working in a school and having the chance to experience the life of a Prep student is one of the many highlights! An exciting journey ahead for both the students and parents!

**Setting up a new four-year plan!**

2017 is a big year for the school as we review our journey over the past 4 years to set up a new 4 year School Strategic Plan. This plan outlines the key actions that the school will take over the next four years to enhance student achievement, engagement and wellbeing. Keep a look out for information about the process we will be taking to develop this plan, as we will be seeking feedback from our parents and students.

- **EFTPOS NOW AVAILABLE!**
- **QKR & TiQBIZ APPS**
- **Assembly at 2:30pm every Friday in the school gym.**

**DATES TO REMEMBER 2017**

- **Reminder**
- **Bookpack Payments are now due.**
- **Student Free Days**
  - Friday 2nd June
  - Monday 6th November
  - Monday 13th March
  - Labour Day No School

**TERM 1**

- **Preps do not attend school on Wednesdays for February and the 1st of March.**
  - Friday 17th February
  - Parent Teacher Interviews
  - Wednesday 22nd February
  - Banking Lady at Assembly & accounts can be opened after.
  - Friday 17th March
  - Ride to school day
  - Tuesday 21st March
  - Harmony Day
  - Friday 31st March
  - End of Term 2.30pm Finish

**Key reminders:**

- For those families already using Tiqbiz, reminder to change your box selection if your child has moved into a new level. If you haven’t already done so, please register for Tiqbiz, which is a free ‘app’ that allows us to share, celebrate, remind and communicate with our parent community. Contact office if you require further information.

**Please note that the following notices were sent home with the newsletter today:**

- Information regarding Term One Parent Teacher meetings. This includes details of how to book a time to meet with your child’s teacher online.
- Notice of school council elections and call for nominations.

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**NEWSLETTER**

Thursday 9th February 2017

Principal: Alex Artavilla
School Council President: Kylie Barker

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

Uniform Shop Hours:
Tuesday & Thursday 8.45am - 9.15am / 3.00pm - 3.30pm

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The worst thing is that I didn’t try to lock the location of the spoon and mug into my long-term memory for later in the day instead I tortured myself into playing the same game for two days!

However, the biggest challenge that I am facing is the fact that a number of the Preps have absolutely no idea who I am. Not having the chance to meet a number of our new Preps and families at the end of last year, I thought I should take the time to introduce myself to some of the students during the week at recess. The first group I walked up to and said hello to looked at me like I had wasted 10 seconds of their life. One of the Preps from the same group eventually asked me who I was and what I was doing. Feeling that I had made some progress I decided to explain my role at the school. It took 7 seconds before they all became bored of what I was trying to say and decided to move to play in another space of the school. I’m even sure one of them said that they’d need to tell Miss Langer about me! Still a lot of work to do on my behalf!

The Newsletter will be available online & will be TiQBized each week.
Future events!
As mentioned in a recent Tqibiz message we are also in the process of organising our 2017 Harmony Day experience! Harmony Day this year will be held on Tuesday 21st of March. We will be heading back to the city and using the ‘Trolls’ movie as our inspiration! Yes, we are hoping that in 2017 to showcase our amazing school community, that everyone could dress up as colourful ‘Trolls’! If a ‘Trolls’ outfit is too challenging just lots of bright colours or orange! For our new 2017 families more information about the event will be communicated in the coming weeks. All in all it is a day where we take the whole school community to the city to perform a flash mob (dance and song) for 40 minutes. Please check out our YouTube page that can be accessed on the school website for previous Harmony Day celebrations. If you are unfamiliar with the ‘Trolls’ movie, probably the most significant feature is the hairstyle. After chatting to my daughters about the idea of having the whole school dressed up as Trolls for Harmony Day in 2017, my eldest daughter said “dad you should grow your hair.” I said I’ve tried to grow my hair for many years but unfortunately my hair growing days are well in the past. Being a positive believer, my daughter told that my hair doesn’t grow because I wash it too much! If only this was the case!

We are also once again participating in the Ride2School Day on March 17th! We would love as many students as possible to ride, scoot or walk to school each day! Not only is it great exercise, but it also helps to reduce the amount of traffic around the school in the mornings and afternoon. If you live too far to walk, ride, or scoot, you may want to park a couple of blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the distance. I know a number of families are already doing this which is fantastic!

There are so many more things happening which we will share in future newsletters! Otherwise, looking forward to catching up with everyone and meeting our new families!

Hope everyone had a great week!

Alex Artavilla
Principal
Sunshine Heights PS

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
**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**  
Presentation at Friday 10th June  
Assembly

Prep:
A Alex Antoski  
B TBA  
C Abhiraj Singh

One:
A Charolette Urankar  
B Drake Wehi  
C Jonas Rosado  
D Alvin Hossain

Two:
2A Vivian Tran  
2B Jade Duvcevski  
2C Gabby Seeley

Three:
A Amir Gjinaj  
B Ziad Tutakhil  
3/4A Sophie Le

Four:
A Thomas Patterson  
B Alex Hart

Five:
A Ivy Zhang  
B Nivetha Ranjithkumar

Six:
A Salma El Mejdaoui  
B Waaka Mailo-Swaysland

Multimedia: N/A  
Art: Grace Li  
Sport: TBA  
Spanish: Hayri Guner  
Science: Dylan Smith

Congratulations Everyone  
Great Achievement!

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**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 Tuesday 28th February. If you have any queries please contact the office 8311 7100.

Reminder that book packs ($160.00) are now due to be paid, these can be paid via QKR, EFTPOS or at the office. Your earliest attention would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you

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**If you would like to purchase the 2016 School Magazine, it is available at the office for $20.**
DID YOU KNOW...? ¿SABÍAS...?

- Español is the 2nd most spoken language in the world with approximately 405 million speakers.
  1st Mandarin. Over 955 million speakers.
  2nd Spanish.
  3rd English. Over 360 million speakers.

- Español is spoken in América del Sur (South America) and España (Spain), but also in Estados Unidos (United States), Filipinas (Philippines) and Sahara Occidental as a second language. Here are all name of Spanish Speaking countries:

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KEEP CALM AND LEARN SPANISH

BUSCAR Y COLOREAR AMÉRICA DEL SUR Y ESPAÑA:

Look for and colour in South America and Spain
Hello everyone!
Welcome back! I hope you all had an enjoyable break with your families!
Get ready for an exciting year of School Banking. This year’s theme is Future Savers and we’ll be joining the new-look Dollarmites in a city of the future. This journey will help your students develop good saving habits and lifelong money skills.

Sunshine Heights
School banking information session.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youth saver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2017 are:
- Cyber Handball
- Colour Change Markers
- 3D Chalk Set
- Tablet Case
- Smiley Emoji Keyring
- Volt Handball
- Pencil + Tech Case
- Epic Earphones

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

School banking Day is Wednesday!

We will be attending assembly on Friday 17th February and will remain after assembly has finished to help anyone who would like to open an account for the child/ren or you can visit commbank.com.au/school banking and click on the link to open a Youth saver account. We can help you with this on the Friday as well, you will need to verify yourself and your child, you will need your driver’s licence and your child’s birth certificate, if you do not have these with you on the day you are able to complete this step online.