Welcome back to Term One in Health and Physical Education 2016

Year Level: PREP, Grade 1 and 2, Grades 3 and 4 & Grades 5 and 6.

Hello parents and Guardians,

Welcome to 2016 physical education, term one within physical education is full of new and exciting events for our students with some students getting induced to inter school sports. Where they travel to different school and compete in different sports such as soccer, basketball, bat tennis and many more. For our new preps students they are getting to experience their first P.E class ever! Term one is an exciting term for not just our students but also teachers as we get to know our new classes and students.

Thought out the year Sunshine Heights Primary school will proudly participate in many sporting events and I strongly encourage you as the parents or guardians to encourage your child to have a go at all the events. By encouraging your child to participate you’re not only showing school spirit which we hold in high regard at our school but you are allowing your child to make life long memories, that they will treasure for years to come.

Regards,
Radivoj ( Rasha ) Obucinski
Sports Coordinator and HPE Teacher.

What we expect the students to learn in PREP (Health and Physical Education):
Students this term will develop their understanding of safety as a primary focus in all sport. We will introduce a variety of modified games to reinforce to them the basic rules of competitive sports and how to enjoy yourself through trying your hardest and observing rules. I will continue to use Fundamental Motor Skill activities involving soft round balls to practise and develop their hand to eye coordination and improve their basic skills such as bouncing, throwing and catching. Students that have already developed these abilities will continue to be encouraged through strategic questioning to articulate their ideas to their peers and support their classmates learning. I will continue to work with those students to learn new skills and encourage taking on leadership and role modelling of good behaviour.

What we expect the students to learn in Grade 1 &2 (Health and Physical Education):
This term, in HPE students in grades 1 and 2 participate in obstacle course to improve full range body control and movement. They will so begin to do activities in small groups to help with their understanding of teamwork, concentrating and backing each
other up during games. Students will be participating in modified games that will support and extend their fundamental motor skills, hand to eye coordination and understanding of how to use basic strategies to improve performance. The modified games will be simplified variations of games such as AFL, Netball, Evasion/Invasion games, and soccer. The students will continue to focus on safety, following rules and understanding the boundaries and rules of court and field games. They will be encouraged to learn and develop simple strategies to help play against opponents. Trying their personal best and enjoying participation will still be the central focus this term.

**What we expect the students to learn in Grades 3 & 4 (Health and Physical Education):**

In grade 3 and 4 students will continue to learn the value and principles of developing strategies to aid performance during all facets of sport and learning in general. This term students will be introduced to the rules of our Winter sport major games such as Netball, AFL football, Tee Ball, and Newcombe (a variation of Volleyball). Students will develop their knowledge of stretching and how to warm up appropriately for each different sport. Human physiology will be discussed on in each session so that students can develop an understanding of which muscle groups are being used when stretching and playing sport, and how muscle development affects their performance. All activities will be preceded by a fundamental motor skill activity related to the sport being played and explored. The sessions always conclude with a Teaching Games for Understanding (Inquiry based) reflection by the students on what they have learned and how they could improve performance using strategies.

**What we expect the students to learn in Grades 5 & 6 (Health and Physical Education):**

During Term 1 Grade 5 and 6 students will be learning how to develop and incorporate the strategic skills that they have discussed during HPE sessions into major games AFL Football, Netball, Newcombe and Tee Ball. Students always begin each session with appropriate student led warm ups and stretches. This helps them tune in and focus when we follow up using a fundamental motor skill based activity related to the sport that they will be learning in that session. Students as always will be expected to participate to the best of their ability in the activities and games and answer structured inquiry based questions to help encourage and develop further exploration of successful strategies. Students will also play the games that are part of our winter interschool sport program to learn the rules and principles of each game. At this level students will be encouraged to participate in extracurricular sport. We will make try to make sure that all students have the basic skills to safely participate, develop successful strategies, enjoy and contribute to the sport they are participating in. Students will also be encouraged to maintain a healthy exercise regime and eating pattern.

**Important Dates:**

- **EVERY FRIDAY** – Interschool Sport, see the newsletter for the fixture (Summer Sports Starts Week one 5th of February to 18th of March)
- Cross country 15th of April
- **EVERY FRIDAY** -Winter inter school sports 29th of April to 17th of June
- Athletics 26th of August
Other information: If you haven’t already done so, please encourage your children to take up an organised extracurricular sport. See me if you need information regarding local sports clubs. Information regarding school sport can be found at the following link.

https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx