Dear parents of students in Prep,

Welcome back to Term 2! The students have started the term with enthusiasm and are happy to be back with their friends. We are so proud of our students’ achievement so far as they are developing into confident and independent learners who are brave and take risks with their learning!

This term our Unit of Work is ‘Honouring our School History’. Can you believe that Sunshine Heights is turning 60 next term?! Throughout the unit, students will think about their own family background and history as they explore the community of Sunshine and the idea that every family has a story about why they are part of Sunshine Heights Primary School. Encourage your child to talk about what they have been learning and share your knowledge with them. To support us with this unit, we would love to see some baby photos of your child. These can be given to your child’s teacher who will photocopy the photo and send it back. Students will explore and compare what school life was like then and now.

It would be great to have parents, grandparents or family members who attended Sunshine Heights Primary School to be a guest speaker. Please see your child’s teacher if you are interested. We would love to hear your story!

Students will create work that will be displayed at the Learning Exhibition which will take place next term.

**What we expect students to learn in Reading:**

Students will continue to develop letter/sound relationships and build on word knowledge. Students will begin to use a variety of strategies to help them understand new texts and read ‘tricky words’. These include:

- going on a picture walk and thinking about the story
- using the title and front cover information
- making predictions before, during and after reading
- make connections with personal experiences
- knowing how to read high frequency words and reading them automatically
- getting their mouth ready by looking at the initial sound in words

This Term, Students will be involved in Reading Conferences with the teacher. They will read and discuss their book with the teacher and receive a Reading Goal they are required to practise at school and at home with you. Over the term, you can ask them what their reading goal is and what they need to practise to become a better reader.

In the next couple of weeks, teachers will be conducting the Fountas and Pinell Reading Assessment. This will give us another picture of where your child is at with their reading and comprehension.

Our new High Frequency Words for this term are.. **was, it, my, we, in, he, they, went, of, said**

Students are encouraged to find these in their ‘Just Right’ books and other print around them and practise reading and writing them automatically.
What we expect students to learn in Writing:
Students will continue to write about a variety of ideas, events and information that is important to them. They will explore a range of authors and understand that good writers can be their mentors and show them all kinds of new possibilities for their own writing. They will experiment with different ideas other authors use and be encouraged to use them in their writing.
To help them spell words, students will build on a range of strategies such as:
- say the word slowly to hear a sound and write a letter that represents it
- use the word wall and words around the room
- use the High Frequency Words they know

What we expect students to learn in Mathematics:
Students will continue to develop their understanding of numbers to 10. They will read, write and use words and numerals for numbers 0-9 and match names/numerals to collections less than 10. Students will identify, classify, continue and create patterns with objects and drawings. They will also explore pattern in number, counting on and counting back, ordering numbers and finding numbers that come before or after a given number. Students will explore and learn to sort, describe and name 2D and 3D objects in the environment.

Important Dates:
- Monday 25th April, Public Holiday
- Friday 6th May, Mother’s Day Breakfast
- Thursday 19th May, Twilight School 1pm-7.00pm
- Monday 13th June, Public Holiday
- Friday 17th June, Student Reports sent home
- Wednesday 22nd June, Parent/Teacher meeting
- Friday 24th June, End of Term 2 - 2.30pm dismissal (Casual Dress Day)

Specialist Timetable:

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Thank you for your continued support and partnership!

Prep Teachers,
Ashlee (Prep D), Jenna (Prep C), Sally (Prep B) and Jenny (Prep A)