Dear Parents and Carers of Sunshine Heights Primary School,

Welcome back everyone for Term Two!

Hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable two weeks. I ended up taking my family to Port Macdonnell which is a little town just over the border into South Australia. I’m not renowned for being a camper so luckily the family we travelled with were happy to hire a caravan from the local caravan park.

Port Macdonnell is a small, popular fishing town, famous for lobsters! Camping and fishing are probably not my two major strengths which is why my mind was preoccupied during the 6 hour drive west on how I would spend the 5 days. My wife, a keen camper, assured me that we would find heaps of things to do. However all I could think about was what we would eat and how far the toilets were from the caravan.

We arrived late in the evening thanks to my GPS that preferred to guide us through the back roads of Western Victoria. It made the drive very interesting as I had to contend with the following:

- Trying not to get hit by trucks on one lane roads
- Avoiding kangaroos hitch hiking on the side of the roads
- Seeing only one metre in front of me as the local farmers decided that it was a good evening to burn off
- Having to take detours on back roads through forest land late at night

Fortunately there were two excited girls in the back seat enjoying the adventure and singing along to the radio.

By the time we arrived at the caravan park it was 11:00pm. My brain needed another four hours to relax after working overtime in the car!

However, the whole experience over the next 5 days was brilliant! I came back feeling very relaxed and the girls had a great time! Although my youngest daughter’s obsession with the beach was tested as she couldn’t wait to put on her bathers on a 19 degree day to have a swim and build sand castles!

I highly recommend the trip to everyone as it is the friendliest town in the world and a great place to visit and relax! My only suggestion is that you use a Melway!

School Council – Thank you to Ian Corcoran

On behalf of the students, parents and staff, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank one of our parents and former School Council President Ian Corcoran for the work he has done for the school over the past 3 years. Ian has two children at the school Grainne in Year 2 and Hunter in Year 4.

Ian informed me recently that due to work commitments he is no longer able to continue as a member of the School Council. I have had the pleasure of working with Ian since I was appointed as Principal of Sunshine Heights Primary School and have greatly appreciated his support, time and dedication.
Ian joined School Council during a very difficult period for the school in 2010. He was a very active and well respected member of the group and was appointed School Council President in 2011. Sunshine Heights Primary School was very lucky to have a School Council President that was focused on working with staff, parents and the local community to provide all students with a high quality learning environment. As the Principal, I have greatly appreciated his support and belief in the decisions and directions of the school. Some of the many achievements during his time as School Council President include:

- Working with staff in enhancing student learning
- Overseeing the construction of the new gym/canteen/art and music room – BER Building
- Installation of speed humps to enhance safety around the school
- Development of a professionally organised School Council committee that is focused on the right work and the needs of all students. This includes meetings that are efficiently conducted and set high expectations on having respectful discussions.
- Commitment to the Future Search project in setting up a shared and purposeful vision for the school
- Setting high expectations in the way we all treat each other and work with each other across the school.
- Focussed on including and better understanding the needs of all members of the Sunshine Heights Community
- Promoting the school positively in the community
- Building an active school council that included the establishment of a number of sub committees. The work of these subcommittees have included such things as:
  - Eliminating safety risks for students in the yard
  - Enhancing OHS procedures and protocols
  - Enhancing the appearance of the yard
  - Out of Hours School Care contract renewal
  - Canteen contract

Ian volunteered a number of hours to the school over the past three years for the benefit of the students.

Even though he will no longer be a member of School Council, Ian still wants to play an active role in supporting the school.

Ian should feel very proud of the positive contribution he has made to the school. His wife Leanne continues to play an active role and volunteers her time as a member of the Out of Hours School Care subcommittee.

School Council 2013 – update

As a result of Ian Corcoran resigning from School Council, the 2013 members have elected Nick Hatzoglou as the new School Council President for Sunshine Heights Primary School. Nick has been an active member of the School Council for a number of years and has been the Vice President since 2011. Nick has 3 children at the school – current School Vice-Captain Max in Year 6, Leo in Year 4 and Alexander in Year 3.

I’d like to thank and welcome Nick to the position of School Council President and look forward to working with him, and continuing on with what we have achieved over the past few years. As with Ian, Nick is committed to volunteering his time for the benefit of all students. He has high expectations and has dedicated a lot of time in the community to working with a variety of cultural groups. I have greatly appreciated Nick’s support in the vision of the school.

Nick’s appointment as the School Council President, means that School Council will need to elect a Vice President prior to the next meeting. School Council will also need to co-opt a new member to fill the vacancy of Ian.

School Council – Election of Office Bearers

Community Member

On the 21st of March 2013, the 2013 School Council had their first meeting to elect new office bearers. Prior to this occurring, the committee is required to co-opt a Community Member.

The Community member is co-opted based on the skills and knowledge that they are able to bring to the meeting/group to support the school.

The School Council is proud to announce that our current Community member George Anastasiadis has accepted School Council’s invitation to continue in the role for a further two year term.
George has been a fantastic asset for our school as he has provided valuable support and advice about facilities of the school and maintenance issues. He has also been the Convenor of the Buildings and Grounds committee.

Sub Committees and Convenors

Thank you to the following Council members that have accepted the role of Convenor of the following School Council Sub Convenors. The Convenors play a valuable role in leading the work of School Council.

- Finance Convenor: Carol Maddern
- Out of Hours School Care Convenor: Tammie Bell
- Buildings and Grounds Convenor: George Anastasiadis
- Fundraising Convenor: Libby Montgomery
- Minutes Secretary (observer): Tina Heywood

The next school council meeting is scheduled for Thursday 16th May 6:15pm

Thanks,
Alex Artavilla
Principal

2013 Events Planner

Please note:

- Events planner will be updated regularly
- Changes may occur

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| Friday 24th May          |
| - Tuesday 23rd April Preps Botanical Garden Excursion |
| - Thursday 25th April Anzac Day – Public Holiday  |
| - Friday 26th April Regional Cross Country |
| - Thursday 9th May Mother’s Day Stall |
| - Friday 10th May Mother’s Day Stall and Breakfast 8.00am Start |
| - Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th May NAPLAN |
| - Tuesday 21st May Open Morning 9.00am – 11.00am |
| - Thursday 23rd May 3/4 Werribee Zoo Excursion |
| - Thursday 23rd May Open Evening ‘Who are We…?’Come and See ‘and Imagine if…?’ |
| - Friday 24th May Student Free Day – Report Writing Day |
| - Tuesday 28th May Year 2 Excursion to State Library |
| - Monday 10th June Public Holiday Queens Birthday |
| - Friday 28th June End of Term Two – Casual Dress Day Dismissal 2.30pm |

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## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Presentations on Friday 15th March Assembly

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Mother’s Day Breakfast

All mothers and guardians are welcome to attend this event.

Held on: Friday the 10th of May
Time: 8.00am
Where: The Gym

A gold coin donation will be appreciated.

Looking forward to seeing all our school mums for breakfast!

HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY

Celebrating Education Week
19th – 24th May

Open Morning
Tuesday 21st of May 9:00am to 11:00am 2013

The students of Sunshine Heights Primary School would like to invite our kindergarten friends and parents to come and visit us during our ‘Open Morning’ to learn more about our fantastic school. This will be a great opportunity to meet the staff of the school and to see classes in action! For interested parents the Principal will be conducting a tour of the school starting at 9:30am from the office.

Open Evening
Thursday 23rd of May 6:00pm to 8:00pm 2013

During our ‘Open Evening’ we would like to invite our kindergarten friends and parents to our: ‘Who we are...Come and see!’ - Gallery of Learning Exhibition

As part of the ‘Open Evening’ the students and staff would like to present a ‘Gallery of Learning’, as the passageways come alive to showcase what the students have learnt as part of their term one unit of work. The Exhibition of Learning is based around the title, ‘Who we are...Come and See’. Come along and learn more about who we are at Sunshine Heights Primary School.

During the ‘Open Evening’ we are also looking forward to our ‘Imagine If...’ project. This promises to be an exciting event as for this one evening the teachers will become the parents, the parents will become the students and the students will become the...teacher! Come and join us as we celebrate learning and our students’ achievements. This is also a great way to meet and talk with families at the school. There will also be a tour of the school with the Principal, starting at the office at 6:30pm.

Hope you and your child are able to join us! Please contact the school on 8311 7100 if you require further information.