Dear Parents/Carers,

**Parent Teacher Interviews Wednesday 26th of February starting at 1:00pm.**

Reminder to everyone that Parent Teacher interviews are scheduled for Wednesday 26th of February (next week). The first interviews will be held at 1:00pm in your child’s classroom. To release the teachers from the class and to fit all meetings into the scheduled time, after lunch on the day of the interviews the students will gather in the Multipurpose Room or Library for a ‘Movie’. The students will be supervised by the leadership team and specialist staff.

At the end of the school day at 3:15pm the students in 3-6 will be released from the Multipurpose Room. The students in Year and 2 will be released from the library.

The purpose of the Parent teacher meeting next week is to allow parents and teacher to build a positive working relationship for the benefit of the students. Parents should use this opportunity to share information about their child and to also learn more about how their child has settled into the 2014 school year. Notices informing parents of the time of the interview will be sent home Friday. Please contact your child’s teacher if your time is unsuitable or you can no longer make your appointment.

I'm looking forward to seeing all parents/carers come along for the evening!

**Making difficult conversation with your child about their day at school...**

Over the past week I’ve had the opportunity to speak to a number of parents before and after school about how their child has settled into their new class. It has been great to hear so much positive feedback, which is a credit to the support the students are receiving at home and the work that the teachers are doing in the class.

My youngest daughter started her Primary school life last week, so I’m once again enjoying the experience of being a parent of a new student! As I’ve mentioned in previous newsletters, my youngest daughter can talk without a breath for up to 10 hours a day! The only time that she isn’t talking is when she is sleeping or having a drink! Something that I like to mention each year to the new Prep parents is that their child will come home tired from school and probably won’t want to talk about school unless they want to delay going to bed or delay having a bath! I experienced this with my eldest daughter who when asked about her day (from her over excited parents!), would just grunt and say ‘good’. ‘Good’ means nothing to me, but I bit my tongue, gave her something to eat and waited until she was ready to share (this sometimes took a week!).
So you can imagine how keen I was to find out about my youngest daughters first day of school! I pictured us sitting around for hours while she told me about what she did in class and what she did at recess and lunch and what she loved about the day and what she can’t wait to do tomorrow, and what new people she met etc... I even left work earlier than usual so that we wouldn’t be up all night listening to her first day of school stories. Being part of the education profession I also love to hear about what other schools do! I even thought that I might need to record our conversation because sometimes her mouth can’t keep up with what she wants to share!

So after my youngest daughters first day of Prep the other day I rushed home, ran inside, threw my things down, was greeted with hugs, had a quick shower to freshen up and then jumped on the couch where my little one was waiting for me watching TV. I suggested that we turn off the TV so I could hear about her first day of school! As soon as the TV was off I asked my first question.

‘So what was the best thing about your first day of school?’
My daughter replied with, ‘Good’.
‘No, no’ I said. ‘What was the best thing about your day?’
She said, ‘It was good.’

At this point I was thinking that there is no way that someone who likes to make conversation with me as soon as my eyes open up each morning could describe 7 hours of her day as good. So I tried again.
‘No, what was the best thing about the day?’
This time she replies with, ‘Oh, good’.

You see adding the ‘oh’ to the ‘good’ doesn’t do much for me but I didn’t want to raise this with a 5 year old so I gave her a kiss, got off the couch and decided to take on the advice that I have shared with so many parents! I still can’t understand how this could be! My wife said she was really tired. I said that tired has never stopped her from talking!

Anyway, as soon as it was her bedtime and I was feeling really tired, the first chapter of her day started! I was torn between allowing her to delay going to sleep or not hearing about her day! I decided to hear about her day, which as I suspected was more than just ‘good’!

Hope everyone has had a great start to the year! Please take the time to catch up with your child’s teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

School Uniform Policy

Included with the newsletter this week is the school uniform policy. Please take the time to read the policy and contact the school if you have any questions. The purpose of the policy is to ensure all members of the school community have a clear understanding of the uniform that is worn at Sunshine Heights Primary School. Please also note that it is essential that all items of clothing be clearly marked with the student’s name. Thank you for your support with this!

Information for all families from the Department of Education:

Student Accident Insurance

Neither the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) nor Sunshine Heights Primary School has insurance for injuries to students. Parents/guardians are responsible for paying the cost of any medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs e.g. ambulance.

Personal Goods Brought to School

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) reminds parents, students and staff that private property brought to school is not insured and that DEECD accepts no responsibility for loss or damage.

Hope everyone has a fantastic week.

Alex Artavilla
Principal
EMA REMINDER

The deadline to submit your EMA forms is 28th February; no late application will be accepted after this date. So please ensure that you have handed in your EMA form to the front office.

2014 Events Planner

Please note:

- Events planner will be updated regularly
- Changes may occur

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Presentations at Friday Assembly

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CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE GREAT EFFORT!!
SPORTS TERM 1

Interschool Sports Term 1 2014

DATES:

Friday the 21st of February home against Ardeer South

Friday the 28th of February away against Sunshine - Students to walk
(Situated in Hampshire Rd. Sunshine)

Friday the 7th of March away against Christ the King - Travelling by Bus
(Situated in Churchill Ave Braybrook)

Friday the 14th of March home against Sunshine North

Friday the 21st of March away against Our Lady’s – Travelling by Bus
(Situated in Monash St, Sunshine)

Friday the 4th of April away against Sunshine Harvester – Travelling by Bus
(Situated in Dukes Rd, Sunshine)

Instrumental Lessons at School

DID YOU KNOW THAT MUSIC:
Develops mind, hand & eye co-ordination
Enhances Listening Skills
Improves Self Esteem & Is Fun!

"...to help young people discover that learning is not a destination, but a journey, an incredibly wonderful journey to be devoured, savoured and cherished."

Peter Loel Boonshaft - Teaching Music with Purpose 2006

Enrolment forms are available from the School Office or contact Genesis Music School Direct on 0421 426 674
Our aim is to enhance the school grounds using sustainable plants and methods. Run by parents, we will help to reconnect the students with nature and become environmentally responsible.

WELCOME BACK
The SunnyBees are back in action for 2014, with lots of fun and exciting projects for students, parents and carers, and anyone who cares about our wonderful school’s environment.

GREEN GENES PROJECT
We will be planting our seedlings in the school garden.

- SHOWY PODOLEPIS
- CHOCOLATE LILY
- PUSSY TAILS

CAR PARK
Mulching and still to plant one more native plant.

VEGIE PATCH
The sunflowers and tomatoes are thriving.

PORTABLES
Now that the portables have been painted and done up we can plan a wonderful garden space to enhance our environment.

FRONT ENTRANCE
We are planning a garden bed to complement the roses planted by the Yr 6 students in 2012. If anyone has spare bulbs of plants like freesias to donate they would be great to plant as they spread like weeds and flower in the winter.

Fridays 9-10 am. Meet at the outside shed near the uniform shop, or if raining in Conference room A for a cuppa.
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