Dear Parents/Carers,

**Twilight School Day is back...**

One of the most memorable school events that we have enjoyed over the past few years was the day we allowed the students to come to school after lunch and enjoy dinner together! Well! Guess what?

**We are doing it again!**

Yes! Twilight School Day is back by popular demand in 2014! Step aside Bruce Springsteen and White Night!

We are turning the school day upside down on Thursday 22nd of May where the students will start school at 1:00pm and finish at 7:15pm!

The best part about this event is that it will be a normal school day!

Why are we doing this?

Because we know the students will love it, and we want to give parents, carers and family members, the opportunity to watch their child, grandchild, nephew or niece in learning action!

Yes, everyone has 3 months to move things around in their diaries to keep the date free! Don’t forget to tell the grandparents!

Lots of organisational information that will answer all your questions will be sent home soon!

However, some organisational details are included with the newsletter this week to assist parents/carers with better understanding the event. If you have any questions/suggestions/comments, please feel free to contact the school!

We already have a number of very exciting events planned for 2014 such as our Harmony Day trip and Twilight School Day! Both of these events are a celebration of learning and our fantastic school community!

Hope everyone has a fantastic week.
Alex Artavilla
Principal
EMA REMINDER

The deadline to submit your EMA forms is Friday 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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<td>- Friday 4th April End of Term – Dismissal 2.15pm Casual Dress Day</td>
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| **TERM 2 - 2014**          |                |                     |
| 22nd April – 27th June    |                |                     |
| - Monday 28th April Parliament House Excursion Grade 5 & 6 |                |                     |
| - Thursday 1st May Whole School – School Photos |                |                     |
| - Thursday 22nd May Twilight School 1.00pm – 7.15pm |                |                     |

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Presentations at Friday Assembly

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CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE GREAT EFFORT!!
SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Every Day Counts – School Attendance

We all want our students to get a great education and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

Missing school can have a major impact on a child’s future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of year. By Year 10 they’ll have missed more than a year of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind and can affect their educational outcomes.

Coming to school ever day is vital, but if for any reason your child must miss school, there are things we can so together to ensure they don’t fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

From 1st of March 2014, new laws will mean that parents can be fined for not sending students to school without an acceptable reason.

If you are having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

SPORTS TERM 1

Interschool Sports Term 1 2014

DATES:  
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)

Sunny bubs

Playgroup

Every Friday 9 - 10:30am  
Sunshine Heights Primary,  
1-19 Matley Street, West Sunshine  
$10 a term

For more information, please contact Kyle at sunnybubsplaygroup@gmail.com
Twilight School Organisational Details
Thursday 22nd of May 2014

To showcase and celebrate the learning experiences offered at Sunshine Heights Primary School, on **Thursday 22nd of May 1:00pm – 7:15pm** the students will have the opportunity to experience a ‘Twilight’ school day. On this day the students will arrive at school at 12:45pm for a 1:00pm start with school finishing at 7:15pm.

Twilight School will give parents/carers/grandparents the opportunity to visit and enjoy their child’s classrooms in action. We will also use this event to invite our kindergarten friends and families!

The school day times on our Twilight School Day will be as follows:

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Students will be expected to arrive at class/school at 12:45pm. At the end of the school day parents will be asked to pick their child up from the classroom. No child will be allowed to walk home from school – this is the same policy that applies for school concert nights. Parents will also be asked to inform the class teacher in writing prior to the day of alternative picking up arrangements (e.g. uncle/friend picking up student).

We are currently looking at the idea of pre-ordered meal arrangements for the students. More information regarding food arrangements will be provided in the coming months.

Parents/carers are encouraged to arrive at any time of the day for as long as they would like to stay. However, it will be important for parents to remember that it is a normal school day and that students will be expected to stay at school until the end of the day (unless they have after school sports/music session - the decision to attend the session is up to the parent/student – parents are encouraged to pick up their child from school at any time to attend the training session/lesson).

We have contacted ‘World 4 Kids’ and before care will be provided on the morning of the Twilight School Day from 6:45am – 8:45am. We are providing parents with extensive notice to allow them the opportunity to make arrangements prior to the start of the school day. Parents are asked to contact the school closer to the date if they are unable to make arrangements for their child/ren.

More details regarding the day are currently being finalised with staff to ensure it is a successful school event and will be shared with families weeks prior to the event.

**Other important information:**

- Police will be contacted to support at school crossings if official school crossing personnel are unable to man crossings before school starts – between 12:30 – 1:10pm.
- Staff members will man all school crossings (not just the ones around the school boundary) used by students before school starts. Crossings supervision will commence at 12:30pm. It would also be good to have parent volunteers assist with school crossings.
- A map of the school crossings that will be manned between 12:30pm and 1:10pm will be provided to all families.
- Parents will be required to sign in at the school office prior to visiting their child’s classroom.

**Twilight School will prove to be an exciting day for the students and the whole school community!**

Please contact the school if you have any further questions regarding ‘Twilight School’.
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.

Want to Help but Can’t Make it on a Friday?
Keep up to date on current and future projects and contribute ideas to the work we’re doing. Contact us to join our email list and receive weekly updates.

Car Park
Mulching and still to plant one more native plant.

Veggie 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.
Lisa 0423 329 734 vinlisa@optusnet.com.au
or Liz 0423 206 932 liz_dalglesh@optusnet.com.au
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.