Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back everyone for term four! Hope the holidays went well! It was a very interesting two weeks weather wise with a few windy days here and there! The school escaped with very limited damage.

My family decided to pack up the car and head off on a bit of a road trip to Sydney to catch up with a friend. We even took the time to stop off in Canberra for a few nights, which proved to be a highlight of the experience. My daughter’s fascination with the recent election meant that we spent over three hours exploring Old Parliament House. Both daughters utilized the offering of a free-guided tour and playing the role of journalists in the media room!

Over the holidays we even managed to spend the morning at the very much talked about new park in Sunshine! It is an exciting addition to the Sunshine area and feedback from my daughters was that it is the best park ever. Luckily we got there very early to enjoy the activities on offer, as it seems to be a very popular destination for families in the western suburbs!

Congratulations to the whole school community!

During the last week of term three schools across the nation received the student’s results from the 2013 NAPLAN test. The NAPLAN test is completed by all Australian students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

Thanks to the work of all members of Sunshine Heights Primary School, the students in Year 3 and 5 did very well, which once again proves that we have amazing teachers! NAPLAN test results are one form of information that we use as a school to identify how the students are progressing with learning.

The NAPLAN data we have received is not the only information that we have collected in 2013 that we as a school community need to celebrate. We recently received results from the student’s survey, which is completed by all Year 5 and 6 students in Victoria. The student survey measures the student’s attitude towards school. The results from the survey once again highlights that Sunshine Heights Primary School has effective teachers, is a safe and supportive place to learn and play, and has students that feel connected to the school and each other.

We also received results from our staff opinion survey that we conducted voluntarily (due to the work bans). The staff opinion survey is completed by all staff in Victorian schools to capture how staff feel about their workplace. The results from this survey indicated that the staff opinion of the school and the way it functions is in the top 20% of all Victorian
schools. This is another amazing achievement and highlights that staff at Sunshine Heights Primary School are engaged, know their role and expectations, know and are committed to the direction of the school, and are focused on improving student learning. This is primarily due to the amazing support from the parent community, the work of the leadership team and team leaders, and the overall commitment of all staff.

I feel very privileged working with such a dedicated and inspiring group of people and wanted to share what we have all achieved together as a whole school community! The past three years has been an amazing journey, sustaining and enhancing this will be the primary focus of the leadership team and School Council over the next four years.

Most importantly the students should be congratulated for their commitment, attitudes, their positive outlook and their personality.

**Term Four...**

As mentioned in the last newsletter of term three we have another busy term! We will continue to keep everyone up to date with information via the newsletter.

Over the next couple of weeks the students will be working with their teachers to prepare and organize the ‘Spring Fiesta’ on the 25th of October 2013. Don’t forget to invite friends and family! We received some very exciting news about the Spring Fiesta in the last week of term three from the police department who informed us that the Police Band ‘Code One’ have kindly offered to perform on the night! So not only can you enjoy the student’s stalls but you can also bring along your dancing shoes to bop away to the latest pop and rock tunes!

**School Council Update**

On behalf of School Council, I’d like to thank and welcome our newest Parent member Kylie Baker who has offered to complete the term of office vacated by Lisa Arenas. Kylie has already volunteered her time to organise and oversee the functioning of the Sunny Bubs Play Group and has a daughter Claire in Prep B.

**Important Dates for 2014**

Just some notes for your 2014 diaries!

First day of school in 2014 for students in Grades 1 to 6 only will be Thursday 30th of January
First day of school in 2014 for the 2014 Prep students will be Monday 3rd of February

Student Free Days in 2014. On these days students do not come to school. These days are used by the staff to work together for a whole day on a specific area of focus that will support us in enhancing student learning.

- Wednesday 29th of January
- Monday 19th of May
- Monday 3rd of November

Reminder that the students do not come to school on these dates. Please also note that schools in Victoria may start the new school year on different dates and have different student free days. Also the World4Kids out of hour’s school program operates on the student free days.

Alex Artavilla
Principal
2013 Events Planner

Please note:

- Events planner will be updated regularly
- Changes may occur

**TERM 4**
7th October – 20th December

- **Friday 25th October** ‘Spring Fiesta’ 3.30pm – 8.30pm.
- Friday 8th November Grade 2 sleepover.
- Wednesday 13th November 9:15am – 11:00am 1st Prep Transition Day.
- Wednesday 20th November 9:15am – 11:00am 2nd Prep Transition Day.
- Wednesday 27th November 12.30pm – 6.30pm 3rd Prep Transition Teacher Interviews.
- Tuesday 10th December Year 6 Transition Day.
- Thursday 12th December Festive Concert & Art Show.
- Monday 16th December Reports sent home.
- Monday 16th December Parent Helper’s Morning Tea.
- Tuesday 17th December Grade 6 Graduation Night.
- Thursday 19th December Grade 6 Excursion, Geelong Adventure Park.
- Friday 20th December last day of term 1.30pm Dismissal, Casual Dress Day.

**FUNDRAISING NEWS**

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**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

Presentations on Friday at Assembly

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CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE GREAT EFFORT!!
The Grades 3 & 4 students have been using Poetry Creator in ICT this week to write their own poems

If I were in charge of the world
I'd say that you choose your pet
I’d cancel school
I’d cancel war

If I were in charge of the world
There'd be a chef in each house
Everything is free in shops
Raining toys

If I were in charge of the world
You wouldn't rob
You wouldn't toss rubbish around
You wouldn't do bad things
Or you'd be thrown in jail

If I were in charge of the world.

BEN

Students Entering SHPS

Planning for 2014 has commenced and we are now accepting enrolments for next year.

If you have a young child getting ready to start their school life or if you know of anyone that has please contact the School Office for an enrolment pack or to make an appointment for a School Tour.

Students leaving SHPS

A big part of our planning for the 2014 school year is reliant on accurate numbers. Hence we need your help, if you know that your child will NOT be attending Sunshine Heights Primary School next year we ask that you complete the tear off slip below and return it to the office at your earliest convenience. We do understand that family circumstances will change from time to time and as such children need to move schools. We will support parents' decisions in this regard. (Note we do not need notification from our current year 6 students – we know about them).

Please detach and return to office

Plans for 2014

My child .......................................................... of year ................................ will not be returning to Sunshine Heights Primary School in 2014. At this stage I anticipate they will be attending ............................................................

Primary School.

Signed: ............................................................ Date: ...........................................

Print Name: ...........................................................................................
Sunshine Heights Primary

Spring Fiesta

Friday
25 October
3.30-8.30pm

* Rides * Yummy Food * Fireworks * Music
* Class Stalls * Prizes * Games * Fun!
Path to the Gym  
Plant native shrubs around the grill, and think of some kind of fence to protect them from being trod on.

Spring fiesta Stall  
Make seed packs and small seedlings to sell. City West Water will be donating some prizes and seed packs to giveaway.

Lyn Burnham Garden  
Complete painting picket fence, even ground cover, make teepees, hang fabric from tree.

Planning  
Working out a list of jobs for the whole school grounds, and prioritising them.

Tools  
Cleaning and sorting out the tools we have, and making a list of what we need.

If anyone has spare large plastic pots that you no longer need they will come in handy when we have our weeding days.

Run every Friday 9-10, all parents welcome to turn up whenever they can...every bit helps. Meet at the tool shed, or if raining we will meet in the multipurpose room for planning.

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.