Principal’s Report

Flush?

I have to begin the newsletter this week by thanking the prep families and teachers for the amazing work that has gone into preparing the students for their first week of school. They have all been doing really well! For me, the best thing about having the preps on board is that they don’t even realise how funny they can be! Just the other day while I was heading back to my office, two prep girls were leaving their classroom and heading to the toilet. As soon as they were out of their classroom, one of the girls excitedly said to the other, ‘This is the second time that I have been to the toilet today!’

Not sure about anyone else, but I’m not the type of person that brags about how many visits I make. I just like to go – not interested in keeping count or letting my friends know. However, for these two preps, it was a very entertaining experience. Thinking that they had finished their passageway conversation, the other responded with, ‘Well (emphasise the word well), I’ve been to the toilet 3 times today! Yep. 3 times!’ (To further highlight this point or achievement, three fingers were also raised).

Not to be outdone, the first girl looked at her friend like it was impossible to go to the toilets at school 3 times a day. Now, I’m not an expert in reading prep minds, but I’m pretty sure from her facial expression that she was thinking – ‘as if you went to the toilet 3 times today – if that was true you would need to drink the water from everyone’s drink bottle in the whole school – and I know that you haven’t been in 5B today!’ The first girl then responded with, ‘Well. Actually. I’ve been to the toilet 4 times today!’

Feeling proud of herself and thinking that she had successfully been crowned the ‘Most Frequent Toilet Visitor in the World’, the other girl quickly responded with, ‘Maybe I’ve been 5 times today, if you count before the bell?’

I actually never thought that this was a competition! One day when I was in my early teens, a friend and I had a competition to see who could catch the most flies! My friend grew up on a farm so of course he won! But to me, this is a competition. Disgusting but a competition.

Anyway, concerned that we may have a passageway accident on our hands, I had to interrupt the girl’s conversation and remind them of where they were going so they could get back to class quickly. Giving me the ‘who are you look’; the girl who started the whole discussion turned to her friend and said, ‘before the bell doesn’t really count’.

Looking forward to overhearing many more interesting prep conversations and sharing them with everyone!
Parent Teacher meetings next week on Wednesday 21st February!

Looking forward to catching up with everyone at the Parent Teacher meetings next week on Wednesday 21st of February. Reminder this is for Year 1 to 6 students only. This is a great chance for you to meet your child’s teacher and to share information about your child with the teacher. It is a normal school day for the students however alternative supervision arrangements will be made so that teachers can be released to meet with parents from 1:00pm.

Don’t forget to book a time online. Notice was sent home with code on Monday this week. Contact the office if you need any support.

Also ‘The Younger Sun’ Pop Up Book Shop Fundraising Event from 1:00pm Wednesday 21st February!

On the afternoon/evening of the Parent Teacher meetings, the Younger Sun bookshop will be selling books for families to buy for the school library! Last year this very successful fundraising event added an extra 234 books to our library for the students to enjoy! This year we are aiming for 300 plus books! You can buy a book for our library on behalf of family and friends! The more the merrier! Pop Up shop to be located in the foyer once again.

Welcome Esma!

From the 19th of February to 29th March Esma Bala, who is the Assistant Principal of Albanvale Primary School, will be joining us as part of a Principal shadowing experience. During her time with us, Esma will become a part of the staff to learn more about the role and responsibilities of a Principal. To ensure that Esma has the chance to fully experience the role, she will be invited to join me in meetings with students, staff and parents. Esma is aware of the confidentiality aspect regarding these discussions. Looking forward to having Esma join us.

Hope everyone had a great week!

Alex Artavilla
Principal
Sunshine Heights PS

Dates and Venues for interschool sport:

Friday the 16th of February home against Our Lady’s PS
Friday the 23rd of February home against Ardeer South PS
Friday the 2nd of March away against Sunshine Harvester PS – Travelling by Bus
Friday the 9th of March home against Sirius College PS - Travelling by Bus
Friday the 16th of March away against Sunshine North PS - Travelling by Bus

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