Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we thought we would send home a paper copy to showcase the new look of our newsletter! Hope you like it and it makes things easier to read! Next week it will be delivered via Tizbiz.

I have to begin the newsletter by once again thanking everyone for supporting the ‘Buy a book for our library’ fundraising event. We officially added $4,757.88 of new books to the library! This includes the 233 books bought for our library on the parent teacher evening, plus $792.98 of books from the profits that the Younger Suns library will be offering to the school.

Also a number of parents have been asking me about how things are going with my relationship with the preps. Look, I think things have progressed, although there was one occasion last week when I was sitting by myself on the couch in my office thinking and a prep walked past, popped his head in my office and cheekily said ‘is this your bedroom!’.

My bedroom! How could he think it was my bedroom! Was he trying to imply that I do nothing and just laze about! I swear my eyes were open, and I just sat down for a few seconds – it was more like a bounce then a sit! I know, I know, it’s mustn’t have been a good look for a prep to see me sitting by myself on a couch while their teacher have them busy in the classroom working hard! I had to chase him down the passageway to tell him that I usually don’t sit by myself on the couch and that I just needed a bit of time out! It’s how I like to think! Anyway how could it be my bedroom when there is no bed in the room! I don’t know what’s worse! The fact that I was trying to justify myself to a 5-year-old, or the fact that I’m now too afraid to sit on the couch in my office by myself ever again just in case a prep walks past, or the fact that I’m being judged by preps again, or the fact that I’m even telling you about this! Apart from this, things are actually going well. After last time, luckily for me he wasn’t from Miss Langer’s room!

Thank you to the families that have been able to support our rubbish free lunch adventure. I have a noticed a few containers in the yard at
the end of the day which is a good, and not so good thing! I hope your child hasn’t lost too many! It is something that we discussed as a staff. The teachers will be spending sometime before recess and lunchtime reminding the students about placing their containers in their class ‘green tub’ when they have finished eating while outside. We will also be focusing on supporting the students with making decisions about whether they would need to take their container and/or lunchbox outside at all, as some of their food items could be taken directly out of their container before going outside. It would be fantastic if parents could support their children at home with these tips as well! Being friendly to the environment and encouraging healthy eating will take time which is why we all need to continue working together and being persistent.

To be honest, I have my own challenge with lunch and snack containers! I love using containers. However, over the course of each term the numbers that were available to use at home seem to dwindle over the weeks. I have no idea what happens! I’m sure the fridge at school eats them! My wife even bought me a lunch box to help control our houses largest expense! I haven’t had a lunch box since Prep! It’s a very new age container that could be mistaken for a mini ‘esky’. Hopefully none of the Preps know what a mini ‘esky’ looks like or they would start to assume I also drink on the job! The new fancy lunchbox was a success for a short period of time. My wife then found the cheapest reusable containers in Australia that I’m sure she purchased from someone’s car boot on the side of the road outside a small country town 6 hours from the city! I think they cost 20 cents for a pack of 40. Initially they were a great idea. Unfortunately to refer to them as reusable was questionable as no matter how careful you were, each time you took off the lid a part of the container would crack until you virtually had an occupational health and safety risk.

Finally, I just wanted to highlight some of the key events that will be happening over the next few weeks or near future, as well as information.

- On Monday a permission notice went home for Harmony Day. We are also seeking parent helpers for the day next week. We need at least two helpers per class.
- On Wednesday 8th of March we are having a ‘Troll Hair Craft Making Day’! We need as many parents as possible to come along to help us make as many ‘Troll Hair Do’s’ as possible for our Harmony Day trip! The craft items will be provided.

Hope everyone had a great week!

**Alex Artavilla**
Principal
Sunshine Heights PS
Thursday 9th February 2017

Classroom Helpers!

If you are interested in being a classroom helper, in the coming days teachers will be placing a timetable of when they would appreciate your help. Just add your name to a time slot or speak to your classroom teacher.

Interschool Sport Draw for Summer Sport 2017

Friday the 24th of February home against Ardeer South
Friday the 3rd of March away against Sunshine Harvester – Travelling by Bus
Friday the 10th of March home against Sunshine North
Friday the 17th of March away against Albion North – Travelling by Bus
Friday the 24th of March home against Our Lady’s

Book Packs

Reminder that book packs ($160.00) are now due to be paid, these can be paid via QKR, EFTPOS or at the office. Your earliest attention would be greatly appreciated. Thank you

Fundraising

Pop Up Book Store $4,757.88

Instrumental Lessons at School

Did you know that Music:

- Develops mind hand & eye co-ordination
- Enhances listening skills
- Improves self esteem
- Is fun!

Lessons starting from $14.00
5% discount to parents wishing to enrol more than 1 child.

Enrolment forms are available from the School Office or contact Genesis Music School Direct on 0421 426 674