Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much to the families that were able to come along to the Father’s Day breakfast last week. It was also nice to hear so much positive feedback about the event. We are hoping to make this an annual event. It is something that we are also thinking about doing with our Mother’s Day event - the only challenge being that Mother’s Day is in the middle of winter!

My daughters are big fans of Father’s Day, as they seem to see it as an extra birthday celebration for me – maybe they think one-day cake will be served up. The lead up to this particular Father’s Day, reminded me of how my girls were growing up and the teenage years are fast approaching! Having joined Girl Guides a few years ago, the past two weeks have included making a gift for their dads or someone special. When picking up my youngest daughter from her Girl Guides session last week she was very excited to tell me about a gift she made for me. She was so excited that on our 3-minute trip home she wanted to tell me what it was but I convinced her to restrain herself and keep her gift a surprise for six more days! However, she insisted that she gives me a hint, which was that it was something I could wear. Thinking that I would be adding a new item to my wardrobe was very exciting, knowing that the addition took one hour to make and it was made by an unqualified 9 year old who has no patience or attention to detail, was a slight concern. Despite my initial worries, I was quite intrigued to see when and where I could show off my new outfit (especially now I’ve come to realise that my daughters secretly monitor how often I use the gifts they purchase me).

Although my daughter was very excited about what she had created, as we were pulling into the driveway she says, ‘you won’t wear it anyway’. Twang went the heartstring! Seriously, it was only once that my daughters gave me a gift that they found in my sock draw three years later still wrapped! Taking deep breaths, I had to respond with, ‘Of course I’ll wear it!’ What else could I say! ‘No, as if I would wear something that took the same amount of time to make as a paper aeroplane (well sort of!)’. I jokingly suggested that I would even pick her up from school one day wearing it! She nearly had a meltdown. Thinking that it was a meltdown inspired by joy, my daughter starts to tell me how

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**Key reminders:**

- Planning Week Next Week
- So You Think You’ve Got Talent Final – Wednesday 20th 11.30am
- Friday 22nd September Last Day of Term 3 - 2.30pm finish Footy Colours Day
- Monday 9th October First Day of Term 4

**Dates to remember 2017:**

**Term 3**
- Mondays and Tuesdays Footsteps Dance Program
- Friday 8th September
  Last Day of Swimming Program
- Wednesday the 13th September
  3/4 Camp Parent Information Session - at 3:30pm
- Thursday 21st September
  Celebrating Diversity Day
- Friday 22nd September
  Footy Colours Day
- Friday 22nd September
  Final Day of Term 3
  2.30pm finish

**Term 4**
- Monday 9th October
  First Day of Term 4
  9.00am start
- Monday 6th November
  Curriculum Day – No Student at School

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Don’t forget if you have a sibling to be enrolled for next year, can you please hand in your enrolment as soon as possible to help with planning
embarrassed she’d be if I did that and that I could only wear what she made in the house when there was no one else around but the family!

What! How! If you’re feeling confused, imagine how I was feeling thinking that my daughter made me something to wear that she thought I would never wear and when I said that I would wear it anywhere she puts restrictions and conditions on the use of ‘my’ new outfit! Anyway, it turns out that she made me a beautiful apron that was decorated with the things I love – which I have yet to wear!

**New Student Leadership plan**
As part of our school review process, we have been reflecting on ways that we provide student leadership opportunities for students that compliments the work that is already happening in the classroom. From 2018, we will be implementing a new student leadership approach that involves establishing working parties. The reason for this is that we are keen to give as many students as possible throughout a school year the chance to be involved in an authentic leadership experience. The way it would work is that we would seek out a representative from each grade to be part of a working party to discuss and take action on a particular issue that we may want to address or that has been raised.

There will be varying issues and varying timeframes for the functioning of each working party. We will be sharing more about the new approach in the coming weeks. We are excited about this concept as we were exploring ideas that looked beyond just having the same group of students that were part of a representative council for the entire year.

To launch the new Student Leadership approach, the students in Years 2-6 will have the opportunity to watch a live performance called ‘Mrs Ticklebottom and The Ghost of Plastic Past’ on Thursday 14th of September. The ½-hour children’s performance highlights the impact of plastics and waste on our environment. There will be no cost for students to attend the performance.

After watching this performance we will be seeking one volunteer from each Year 2 to 6 class to form a working party to develop actions that we can take as a school in our ‘war against waste’. Looking forward to trialing this approach next week.

Alex Artavilla
Principal

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**Footy Colours Day**  
**22nd September**

**How we at Sunshine Heights Primary School can help:**
- Donate a **gold coin** and come dressed in your footy colours (AFL, Soccer, NRL)
- Buy a delicious cupcake or muffin for $1 at recess- YUM!

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**Fundraising**

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**2017 Book Packs**

Book Pack Payments are now due.

Your earliest attention would be greatly appreciated. If you require assistance, please see the office.

Thank you

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**Wednesday the 13th September**

**3/4 Camp Parent Information Session- at 3:30pm**
Thursday 6th September 2017

Student of the week: Will be awarded at assembly

PREP
A -
B -
C Valma Lau Pola

ONE
A Kathy Le
B -
C TBA
D TBA

TWO
A TBA
B -
C Tanya Taylor

THREE
A Diyana Mohamad
B Amena Uthum
3/4A TBA

FOUR
A Jenny Tran
B -

FIVE
A Jacob Humphries
B Ethan Dukoski

SIX
A TBA
B TBA

Multimedia: Vitorah Toafa
Art: Alex Hart
Science: Amelia Brown
Sport: TBA
Spanish: -

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