

Newsletter

Thursday 20th April 2017

Principal: Alex Artavilla

School Council President: Kylie Barker

School Supervision Times:

8.45am - 9.00am

3.15pm - 3.30pm

Uniform Shop Hours:

Tuesday & Thursday

8.45am - 9.15am / 3.00pm - 3.30pm

Newsletter will be available
online & will be Tiquized
each week.

Key reminders:

- Whole School Photos 27th April
Notice on how to order was sent home at the end of last term.
Contact the office if you need another copy.
- Twilight Day 18th May 1.00pm - 7.15pm

Dates to remember 2017:

25th April – Anzac Day
Public Holiday

Term 2

Friday 21st April
Earth Day Tree Planting at
Kororoit Creek

Thursday 27th April
Whole School Photos

Thursday 18th May
Twilight School 1.00pm –
7.15pm

Friday 2nd June
Curriculum Day – No Student
at School

Term 3
Dates to remember

Term 4

Monday 6th November
Curriculum Day – No Student
at School

Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

A bear? Where?

Hope everyone was able to enjoy some time over the holidays to relax and take advantage of the beautiful weather! My holidays were mainly spent at home with my family. Although we did manage to head off to Castlemaine for a few days with friends over the Easter period. Yes, I was once again put through the camping experience, and have transitioned to staying in a cabin without the luxury of a toilet and shower. For the new families to the school, camping and I are learning to get along. My wife and daughters absolutely love it, while I am relatively new to the whole concept. Pretty much my only camping experience while growing up was on a 3-night trip to the bush on a Year 7 excursion where I stayed with friends in a ten-person tent and no mattress. The words 'never again' is all I can remember at the end of the first night. This was until I met my wife, and my kids arrived, who all absolutely love the idea of freezing at night, sharing showers and toilets with complete strangers, and trying to eat food with things that look like wasps but are supposedly harmless but can bite if aggravated but hang around you in the 100s etc. etc. etc.

Anyway, this year I agreed to upgrade my camping skills to spending time in a cabin without anything but a bed, small fridge, stovetop and broom closet/clothes cupboard. Ok, so there was a heater and couch, with four chairs and a table. Oh, all right there was a TV as well! However, you didn't hear me say bathroom or toilet!

It was one of those things that I happily agreed to do six months ago when my wife said that we should stay in a cabin with no toilet and no shower when we go away next so we can share a toilet and shower with 162 other people. Six months ago, it sounded like fun. It made me feel like I was starting to become a real camper! I know there are a number of hard-core campers in our school community that only take a tent, pan and toothbrush on their camping trips (other items needed are part of the adventure).



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For me, having access to a toilet that is one hundred metres away is hard-core. Especially when it's 2:37am and 3 degrees. I'm not sure if I can actually confirm this (my wife thinks I'm crazy) but I'm pretty sure I heard a 'bear' that somehow made its way to Castlemaine probably in search of some gold or something??? Or maybe it was one of those dreams that felt like reality. On the other hand, maybe it was just a bird breaking a branch in a tree. This is why I did not sleep too well on this particular camping experience. The fact that I couldn't just get up and quickly go to the toilet was psychologically proving to be a challenge, as I seemed to have woken up each night at 2:37am absolutely freezing thinking about the fact that there was a slight possibility that on my one hundred metre walk to the communal toilets in icy cold conditions that I could get eaten by a bear that was part of my dream each night! I know this sounds ridiculous but it was a good dream! At 2:37am in the morning with a numb brain and feeling very tired, I wasn't thinking about the fact that it is impossible for a bear to be in Castlemaine! When it is 2:37am and you are tired and freezing, bears panning for gold is a possibility!

Anyway, it was a nice break to relax and prepare for the next 11 weeks.

Heading into Term Two

Reminder that our **Earth Day celebration is this Friday 21st of April**, which will involve sending the whole school community to Kororoit Creek to add another 500 more plants/scrubs to our adopted area. Reminder that this is a local excursion experience, which parents have approved on the student enrolment forms. The location of our adopted area is located at the end of Sanders Avenue, Kororoit Creek Trail entrance. When you enter the Kororoit Creek trail from Sanders Avenue, follow the path right. Schedule of the day includes:

Prep students and their Year 6 buddy, and Year 5 students will be leaving the school at 9:30am, Year 1 and 2 students will be leaving the school at 10:30am and Year 3 and 4 students will be leaving the school at 11:55am

While planting at the creek the students will also take part in some workshops, which includes Wurundjeri elder Bill Nicholson who will be telling students stories about the creek and the history of Sunshine. We were hoping to have a whole school 'welcome to country' at the start of the day but due to time constraints, we needed to cancel this.

School Council News

The 'Buildings and Grounds' subcommittee have a big year ahead and thanks to one of our Prep dads who is a Landscape Architect we have lots of professional

guidance to ensure that we are able to design and create exciting outdoor learning and play spaces for the students. The plan that will be developed is based on feedback from students, staff and parents that formed the 'Grounds Masterplan'. You can view the plan and notes that have been created so far on the wall in Building A next to the staffroom. The next Buildings and Grounds meeting will be held on Thursday 4th of May in the staffroom. Please come along if you are interested in joining the subcommittee.

The 'Policy' subcommittee will also be meeting on Monday, 24 April 2017 at 6pm at the school. Please contact the office if you are interested in joining this group.

Also, as we have had a number of new members join school council over the past couple of years, we have organised a School Council training session on Tuesday May 2nd 6:00pm at Sunshine Heights Primary School. The training session will focus on such things as:

- The role and responsibilities of school council
- The role of the school council and the role of the principal, and the role of the school council president
- Effective meetings
- Effective sub committees

If you are not a member of school council and may be interested in joining the group in the future you may like to come along to this session to learn more about the role and responsibilities of school council. Contact the office if you are interested in attending the session.

Finally, there has been many conversations about the Canteen. A lot of the decisions and discussions regarding the Canteen have been based around Departmental Policies and Healthy Eating Advisory Service Guidelines. The subcommittee will be meeting later in the term. However, to give parents an insight into what has been happening in regards to the Canteen subcommittee, a summary of their discussions and actions has been sent home with the newsletter today.

Hope everyone has a great term and look forward to catching up with you before or after school, or at one of our events!

Alex Artavilla
Principal
Sunshine Heights PS

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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



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Save the Date...

Parent Teacher Interviews 28th June.

Please note 1B & 1C's interviews will likely occur on the 15th June. TBA soon.

Information to book online will be sent home soon.