Dear Parents and Carers,

I just wanted to sincerely thank all staff that attended either the Grade 5/6 or Grade 3/4 camp over the past couple of weeks. Camps are an amazing opportunity for students to develop their independence and social skills, however, they require an incredible amount of planning and organisation. Teachers also give up time away from their own homes and families to take students on camp! I’m sure you would agree with me that we appreciate their commitment to providing students at Sunshine Heights P.S. with such a valuable and rewarding experience. It really has been wonderful to hear the students reflect on their camping experience and share their adventures with us all.

**Chickenpox**

Again, thank you to the community for alerting us if your child has been absent due to chickenpox. We have had a substantial number of new cases reported this week. I have remained in contact with the Health Department and they have assured me that we have done everything possible to minimise the spread and that it can actually take several weeks to clear. Please continue to notify the office if your child is diagnosed with chickenpox. It is also a timely reminder that immunisation certificates are required to be kept on file at school.

**SunSmart**

Just a reminder that all students require a school hat for Term 4. Unfortunately, there have been a number of students without a hat this week. School hats can be purchased online through RH Sport. If you need any assistance with this, please contact the office.

**Canteen**

The canteen is offering a special ‘Lunch Treat Day’ on Wednesday 21st November. Notes have already been sent home for the option of pre-ordering chicken nuggets or mini corn fritters (vegetarian option). Orders and the correct money should be placed in a paper bag with the child’s name, grade / room number and what they would like. These orders are due by Tuesday 20th November and can then be placed in the slot under the canteen bench inside the gym before 9am each day. Please note that no other lunch order options are available on this day.

**Report Questions**

As you know, your child will receive a student report at the end of this term. Notes were sent home asking parents to write 3 questions they would like to know about their child’s social, emotional and / or academic development. It is fine to ask similar questions to those you may have had in Term 2. Teachers are still waiting on responses from quite a few families and we ask that your questions be returned to your child’s teacher as soon as possible.

**Professional Practice Days**

It’s that time in the term where teachers are busy collating and analysing assessment data and moderating student work. In order to support this, teachers are using a Professional Practice Day. This means that you may find a CRT (relief teacher) in your child’s classroom even though their teacher is at school. Professional Practice Days were introduced this year as part of the Victorian Government Schools Agreement (2017). The agreement provides opportunities and support for teachers to be released from their scheduled duties to work collaboratively and focus on the improved delivery of high quality teaching and learning.

**School Captains 2019**

We have started the process for the selection of school captains for 2019. It is exciting to hear that so many students from our Year 5 group are keen to take on the role next year. This is a credit to our current leaders who are all doing an amazing job, and setting a great example for all the students at Sunshine Heights PS.

**Uniform Pop-Up Shop**

The uniform suppliers will be at school next Wednesday 21st November for the 2019 Prep Transition Program. Parents will have the opportunity to purchase school uniforms on this day. School hats will also be available for any current student to purchase between 8:30 – 9:00am in the school foyer. Hats will cost $12 each.

Sue Muir
Acting Principal