Principal’s Report

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of the term, there are just a couple of points that I want to highlight, as it has been busy!

- **Whole School photos** are scheduled for Thursday 19th of April, which is in the first week of Term Two. Notices will be going home today. The company is encouraging families to order photos online. Please collect an envelope from the office if you prefer to pay by cash.

A notice has been sent home with the newsletter today that includes:
- Information about how to order photo packages online. This notice includes the school code that you need to enter.
- Packages available includes family/sibling package.

- **Ride2School Day** – yes, in the busyness of the term it is also Ride2School Day tomorrow! Don't forget to lock up bikes along the front fence. If you live far from the school, you can park a block away and walk.

**Happy Harmony Day!**

Thank you so much to everyone for making our Harmony Day trip to the city such a memorable experience. The positive feedback from students, staff and parents has been amazing.

Yesterday was not only a day for us to celebrate our diversity and the diversity of our nation, but it was also a day to recognise the superhero in all of us. I was so proud to see students working together as a team to perform to the city of Melbourne! This is what made the day so special. Dancing and singing isn’t something that all students and staff feel comfortable with, let alone performing in front of an audience! To see everyone try their best with smiles on their faces was my favourite part of the day. Another highlight was receiving a phone call at 9:30am from a lady travelling to work on the train to share with us how much our students (Year 5 and 6s on train) made her day!

We wanted to make a difference yesterday. We wanted everyone to know that they are superheroes. Most importantly, we wanted to showcase our amazing school community. A place where we are respectful, brave and have high expectations of others and ourselves. I’m proud to say that we did it!

As a community, let’s continue to celebrate the superhero in all of us and be proud of who we are – all of us! Students, staff and parents!

I’m also excited that we have created a sprinkle of Harmony in the yard every day with the introduction of the new special edition orange polo tops.
What’s our plan for next year? Hmm? Well, one of the students suggested while travelling back on the bus that we should sing and dance from a boat on the Yarra River – the whole school! Umm. Boats. Children. Water. Me feeling seasick. Geez!

For photos of the day please see our Instagram page which you can access via the website.

If you have photos to share you can add them via #sunshineheightspsHarmonyDay

Happy Harmony Day every day!

School Council – election of office bearers

Last night we also had the final meeting of the 2017 council, and the election of office bearers for the new council group. I’d like to thank and welcome the following office bearers for 2018, and look forward to working with them to continue making our school a great place for the students to learn and play.

School Council President: Kylie Barker
School Council Vice President: Gordon McKenzie

Convenors of subcommittees include:

- **Policy**: Sarah Weston
- **Canteen**: Lisa McCarthy
- **Buildings and Grounds**: Gordon McKenzie
- **Out of Hours School Care**: Michael Dimkopoulos
- **Finance**: Kylie Barker

Members of the school community are more than welcome to join a subcommittee. Please email the school at sunshine.heights.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au if you are interested in joining a subcommittee.

Email your name, contact phone number and preferred subcommittee and we will pass it onto the appropriate Convener.

Final week of Term One Big Reminders:

- Last day of Term One is **Thursday** 29th of March. School finishes at 2:30pm. It is also a casual dress day!
- First day of Term Two is Monday 16th of April
- Whole school assembly to draw the winners of the Easter Egg Raffle Wednesday 28th March at 9:15am in the gym! Everyone welcome!
- Final assembly of the term at 1:30pm in the gym.
- School photos Thursday 19th of April
- Earth Day Friday 20th of April

Hope everyone had a great week!

Alex Artavilla
Principal
Sunshine Heights PS

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**The Uplift Annual Easter Raffle**

Don’t forget to purchase your Easter Raffle Tickets on QKR. Raffle drawn Wednesday 28th March. Money raised will be used to set up a Buddy System in the playground.

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**Dates and Venues for interschool sport:**

Friday the 23rd of March away against – Christ the King PS - Travelling by Bus