Thursday 23rd November

We welcome our 2018 Preps for their second transition day.

Principal’s Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our 2018 Prep students!
This week we welcomed our 2018 Prep students for their first transition program. It’s amazing to see so many brothers and sisters joining us in 2018! Currently we are organising for three Prep grades in 2018 and a total of 400 students due to us reaching our enrolment capacity.

School Captains 2018
We have also started the process for the selection of school captains for 2018. 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.

Annual Implementation Day
On Wednesday 22nd of November 10 staff members will be released from their class role for the full day to work together to finalise the details of our 2018 learning plan. This is referred to as our Annual Implementation Plan. This plan outlines the key actions we will be taking as a school to enhance student learning, engagement and wellbeing.

Crazy time of year!
The leadership team have also been busy preparing for 2018. This has included interviewing teachers, developing budgets, finalising our learning plan and setting goals and targets for the next 12 months.

However, it’s not just school’s that are busy as it seems that at this time of the year the whole world goes into crazy mode with the festive season upon us! Personally, it is an extra challenging time of the year with the added events of my wedding anniversary and my wife’s birthday in early December!

Growing up, the end of May was the crazy month in my family with 4 birthdays in a fortnight! This included my birthday, my brother and sister’s birthday, and my mum’s birthday. Ok, maybe it wasn’t such a busy time for me as I didn’t really need to do much…although, once I took on the challenge of buying my mum a present. I know what you are thinking, ‘once’. Yes, ‘once’. You see, I haven’t trained myself to be one of those people that prepares themselves more than 6 months in advance when it comes to buying gifts for family and friends. Which is why December becomes so hectic! I’m more of an ‘oops, I need a gift for ‘so and so’ in two days and I have no idea what to get!
So you'll either find me out late on Thursday night at a shopping centre or wandering the aisles of Coles to 'hopefully' find something special – which never seems to work out!

So anyway, during my late teens, the day before my mum’s birthday, I actually realised that people other than my own mum could buy presents for her on her birthday! Desperate to fulfil this obligation, the only thing open on a late Friday evening in Cobram was the local Retrovision store! Wandering in feeling pleased with myself, the first thing that caught my eye was the new and improved ‘Relaxo Foot Spa’. Not just any ‘Foot Spa’ but a two jet powered bubble of joy! How could I go wrong! Before the 14 boxes were sold, I grabbed one headed to the counter, kindly asked for it to be wrapped in their finest birthday paper, and then left for home looking forward to mums reaction the following day.

What an invention! A spa for your feet! The hardest working part of your body gets the chance to spend time on their own to recharge for the next day of stomping around! What better way to spend an evening then having your feet plonked in a small tub of warm bubbling water while watching some late night TV!

Who could possible not appreciate such a fine gift! Well, my mum. Supposedly, her reason for not fully appreciating my last minute purchase was that she has ‘hot feet’. Yes, hot feet. No, she’s not a ‘hot coals Olympic runner’. She just has hot feet. I’m not even sure if that is a thing! Imagine calling up your boss at work to say you can’t come in because you have ‘hot feet’!

So that is the reason why I have only ever bought my mum a birthday present ‘once’. It’s now a bit of a family joke.

Anyway, the reason that I wanted to mention the busyness of this time of the year is that as there is so much happening, we will continue to send out reminders via Flexibuzz. If you need support with using the ‘app’ please contact the office.

Hope everyone has a nice weekend.

Alex Artavilla
Principal
Sunshine Heights Primary School
Thursday 16th November 2017

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