Dear Parents and Carers,

I have to begin the newsletter with some sad but exciting news as our amazing front office staff member Marie Pinneri was this week informed that she has been successful in being appointed as the Business Manager for Keilor Primary School. Although it is an amazing opportunity for Marie, it will be very sad to see her leave as she has been part of the Sunshine Heights Primary School community for over 9 years. I can’t thank Marie enough for the continued support that she has provided me since I commenced at Sunshine Heights. Her professionalism, hard work, care for the students and school, and sense of humour will be sadly missed.

Marie will be heading off for her new adventure on May 14th. This means that you can pass on your best wishes to her at the Mother’s Day breakfast on Friday 11th!

I also wanted to acknowledge the work that our Business Manager Tina Heywood puts into supporting the office team so that they have the opportunity to take on such leadership roles. Both Natasha Cavar and Marie Pinneri have worked closely with Tina over the past few years, which is why we should be proud of their recent appointments as Business Managers.

A new front desk office assistant will be commencing soon.

Mother’s Day breakfast Friday 11th of May 7:30am to 9:00am at the Sunshine Social

Reminder that next week on Friday 11th of May, we have the Mother’s Day/Special people in our lives breakfast, which will be held at the Sunshine Social. The breakfast will begin at 7:30am. Thank you for returning the food indication notice as this will give the Sunshine Social an idea of how much food to prepare so that there is no wastage.

As with the Mother’s Day breakfast, when you arrive head inside where you will first need to pay and order your Egg roll or Egg/Bacon roll. They will also be selling coffee. Once you have your roll head to a table to enjoy your morning breakfast with your children. Hopefully, the weather will be ok! Our Music/Performing Arts teacher Greg will also be providing the music entertainment!

Please also take the time to thank the Sunshine Social on behalf of the school community for supporting the event and opening up for breakfast.

Hope everyone can come along as we once again celebrate the many special people in our lives. Don’t forget to bring grandma and grandad!
Twilight School Thursday 24th May 1:00pm to 7:15pm

Also, our Twilight School event is fast approaching! Thank you to the families that have returned the supervision notice. We are still finalising dinner arrangements for the students. Don’t forget it is a normal school day where we are hoping parents/grandparents visit their child’s classroom some time during the afternoon/evening. Reminder that on this day all students must be collected from their classroom. No students will be allowed to walk home.

Going home this week with the newsletter is the organisation details for the night.

Canteen Flexibuzz Survey

Thank you so much to those families that were able to complete the Canteen Survey that was sent via Flexibuzz. The results of the survey will be shared with the team at True Soul Kitchen. For those that haven’t seen the survey, the purpose was to allow people to share ideas/suggestions, and to share things that everyone likes about the new service.

The responses from the survey were overwhelmingly positive about the fact that True Soul Kitchen is providing fresh and healthy food choices for the students.

A number of respondents asked whether it would be possible to allow orders to be placed on the same day. This is something that has already been discussed by the team at True Soul Kitchen. After sharing the initial results from the survey with True Soul Kitchen, although they prefer families to order online (to ensure limited food wastage), they decided to allow cash payment orders on the day for the rest of the term, which need to be taken by the children directly to the canteen by 9:00am. Ordering online the day before by 9:00pm using ‘quickcliq’ will continue. This means the process for ordering lunch items include:

1. Online using ‘quickcliq’. Orders need to be made by 9:00pm the day before.

2. Cash payments on the day. Orders to be taken directly to the canteen by the students by 9am. Money to be placed in brown paper bag. Don’t forget to include child’s name and grade.

Some parents have also been asking me how the new service has been going. They have settled in well and are continually looking for feedback. They would like to see more lunch orders being made daily, which is why they have allowed cash payments and same day cash orders. For them the focus is promoting healthy food options for children as opposed to making money. As this is the focus of their service and because they need to function within the Department’s Healthy Food guidelines, having lunch options that are less healthy is not an option. The team at True Soul Kitchen presented a well-detailed and clear business plan, which was exciting for us as a school community. As I’ve mentioned in the past, it is very rare to see a school canteen service operating in a primary school of less than 400 students nowadays. Schools have either no canteen or an online canteen service that delivers food to the school (we explored this option however, no online delivery service would travel to this area of Melbourne at this stage).

Don’t forget that you can order other lunch items like a Vietnamese Banh Mi or sandwiches or spring rolls etc. See menu on website.

See everyone Friday next week.

Alex Artavilla
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