Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone has had the chance to take advantage of this beautiful Spring weather and enjoy the sunshine we have experienced this week. It’s been an exciting week for me getting to know everyone and of course being involved in the Argentinian Fiesta yesterday was a highlight.

**Hola!**

The Argentinian Fiesta Day was an amazing event for the entire Sunshine Heights Primary School community. It was such a joy to see students, teachers and parents engaged in a variety of Argentinian activities including cooking, craft activities, singing, dancing, storytelling and soccer over the course of the day. There was certainly a real ‘buzz’ of excitement in the air as younger students participated alongside older students and everyone demonstrated great curiosity about Argentinian food and culture. The Argentinian BBQ at lunchtime was a real feature. Carlos served over 200 meals and gave us all an opportunity to taste some authentic Argentinian cuisine. My chorizo roll was delicious! A day such as this is not possible without an enormous amount of planning and organisation. A huge thank you is extended to Senorita Irene from all at Sunshine Heights Primary School!

Special thanks also to all of the staff that assisted in the lead up to the day or on the day itself. Whether it was facilitating activities such as making the incredible Gaucho hats, taking the soccer clinics or helping with the setting up and packing up, your efforts were appreciated. Senorita Irene has posted some photos of the day on ‘Flexibuzz’ for families that were unable to come along.

**Year Level and Specialist Newsletters**

Last week Year level teams sent home their Term newsletter, which outlines what the students will be learning about this term. A lot of time and effort goes into preparing these newsletters so please take the time to read them to learn more about the things that will be happening this term. Specialist newsletters can be found on the website.

**Year 5/6 Camp**

Next week students and teachers from Years 5 and 6 will be travelling to Bacchus Marsh for their camp at Lady Northcote. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to build their independence, interpersonal skills, resilience, as well as participate in a variety of outdoor education experiences that they may never have tried before. I have been to this camp many times over the years and the accommodation, facilities and food are excellent! The camp is conducted by the YMCA and their fully qualified staff will be assisting our own school staff to ensure our students have a wonderful experience. Have a great time at Lady Northcote Year 5/6 and we look forward to hearing about your adventures on your return to school.

**Chickenpox**

We have had several cases of chickenpox in the school. If you suspect that your child has chickenpox, we recommend that you take them to a doctor. According to the Department guidelines, children cannot return to school until all the blisters have dried. This is usually five days after the rash appears.

**Pupil Reports**

Teachers are already starting to prepare reports for the end of the year. Thank you to those families who have already thought about questions so that teachers can provide you with information about your child that is most important to you. If you haven’t already done so, could you please return this notice as soon as possible? Spare copies of the note are available outside the office. If you are having trouble filling out this notice, please see your child’s teacher or come to the office so that one of our school leaders can help you. Reports will be sent home on Friday, 14th December.

Sue Muir
Acting Principal

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Grade 3/4 Camp Information Session**
Monday 29th October 3:15-3:45

**Grade 5/6 Camp**
Wednesday 31st October – Friday 2nd November

No School
Monday 05th November

**Grade 3/4 Camp**
Wednesday 7th November – Friday 9th November

School Festive Concert & Art show
Thursday 13th December

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**KEY REMINDERS**

If you have not yet enrolled your child for 2019 please call at the office.

Also if you do not intend to return to school in 2019 please inform the office.

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**School Supervision Times**
8.45am - 9.00am
3:15pm - 3:30pm

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