Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back!

Hope everyone was able to find time to enjoy the beautiful weather in Melbourne over the past two weeks!

I have to begin the newsletter this week with some exciting news as two of our staff members welcomed little ones into the world. Yes, Fleur Lacey welcomed her daughter Harriette and Pierre Douvartzides welcomed his daughter Anastasia! Everyone is doing really well! Mr D is enjoying the week at home with his family and daughter.

We still have two more little bubs to welcome in the coming weeks as classroom teacher Jamie Sturzo and education support staff member Sara Badr (wife of Khalad Karim) work through the final stages of their amazing journey.

Yes, it’s very busy at Sunshine Heights! The past couple of years has seen many marriages and new baby arrivals!

It has been amazing to watch the life journey of staff members. The arrival of a little one is always a happy occasion. However, there have also been sad and challenging moments for many during my time at Sunshine Heights PS. This is why I am so appreciative of the whole school community that I work with, and the team culture that we have created which is built around understanding, respect and high expectations.

For the families that have a student in 1A, Jamie has scheduled her maternity leave to commence on the 18th of June. We are required to advertise this position to appoint someone in the role for the remainder of the 2018 school year. We will do everything possible to ensure that there is a smooth transition.

Reminder Earth Day Trip to Kororoit Creek is tomorrow!

To celebrate Earth Day in 2018 we will once again be sending the whole school community to Kororoit Creek to add another 500 more plants/scrubs to our adopted area. Hope you are able to join us for the day. You can walk with your child’s class and/or meet us at the creek. Schedule of the day is outlined below.

9:30am: Students in Prep, Year 4 and 3/4A (buddy classes) will be leaving the school and returning by 11:00am.
10:40am: Students in Year 1, Year 3 and Year 6 will be leaving the school and returning by 12:10pm. Year 1s, 3s and 6s to have recess break at 10am to 10:30am.
11:40am: Students in Year 2 and 5 will be leaving the school and returning by 1:10pm.

Estimated time that the day will conclude 1:00pm.

The location of our adopted area is located at the end of Sanders Avenue, Kororoit Creek Trail entrance. When you enter the Kororoit Creek trail from Sanders Avenue, follow the path right.

‘Mother’s Day/Special people in our life’ breakfast Friday 11th of May

To once again celebrate the special people in our life, we have scheduled the ‘Mother’s Day/Special people in our life’ breakfast at the Sunshine Social. It was so nice to see mums, grandparents, auntie and uncles at the Father’s Day breakfast last year.

A food order notice will be going home in the coming days. The purpose of the food order expression of interest notice is to give the Sunshine Social an idea of how much food to prepare. You will need to order your food and pay on the day directly to the Sunshine Social.

Having the event at Sunshine Social also means that all staff can enjoy the event with families.

‘Twilight School Day 24th of May 2018’

Don’t forget to celebrate Education Week and to showcase what a normal school day looks like at Sunshine Heights Primary School, we have scheduled our Twilight School Day for Thursday 24th of May. For our new families, our Twilight School Day is a normal school day except school starts at 1:00pm and finishes at 7:15pm! Yes, lunch becomes dinner and recess becomes lunch! Parents, grandparents are encouraged to drop in at any time during the day to see their child in action during a normal school day!

School Photos

Don’t forget that if you forget to order photos, that you can still order them online without a fee by the 23rd of April. You need to visit the ‘advance life’ website and enter the code: 937 Z9R NG7

Key events for Term 2

With so much happening in Term 2, we have updated the key events section of the newsletter. Please add these important dates to your diary/calendar/phone.

During the term, we also have the School Council Buildings and Grounds subcommittee meeting to plan out the next stage of the Grounds Masterplan which will focus on the front of the school.

Also, if you would like to become a member of a School Council subcommittee, you can email the school at: sunshine.heights.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Include the subcommittee you would like to join and your contact details. Subcommittees include:
- Buildings and Grounds
- Canteen
- World4Kids
- Policy

Finally, I am looking forward to working with everyone over the next 11 weeks!

Hope to catch up with you at one of our events!

Have amazing term!

Alex Artavilla
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