Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you Mr Borszczow!

I need to begin the newsletter this week by thanking and farewelling our Art teacher Vic Borszczow who has resigned for personal reasons from the Department of Education. Vic is the longest serving member of Sunshine Heights Primary School and has been at the school for many, many years. It has been an absolute pleasure working with Vic and he will be sadly missed by the students, staff, parents, former students, former staff and former parents! Vic is one of the most passionate teachers that I have ever worked with and had high expectations for himself and the students which always led to amazing pieces of art work. From the long, late hours during the lead up to the Art show to make sure everything was perfectly displayed to respect the work of the students, to excitedly sharing pieces created by students daily, Vic’s motivation was to bring out the best in every student. The footprint that he leaves behind is evident from the number of former students that return for a visit to the school and ask if they can say hello to Mr Borszczow. On behalf of the whole school community, I just wanted to say a big thank you to Vic and wish him all best. Vic hopes to drop in later in the year for a visit to give us all the opportunity to thank him for the many years that he has given to the school.

We have this week advertised for a new Art teacher to work with the students in the junior school to begin with us at the start of Term 2. Please let any inspiring Art teachers that you may know that would be perfect for our school to apply for the position.

Always take the weather with you!

For the families that are new to the school, something that I seem to be very good at is organising future school events on days where the weather seems to enjoy making things very
challenging. Whether it’s wild winds, rain, big dark clouds moving ahead or scorching heat, I have the ability to make the 7 day forecast an interesting experience for everyone. Our Harmony Day event was no exception as the 7-day forecast went from a perfect day, to likely showers, to showers, to likely thunderstorms, to thunderstorms, to heavy rain. I get that predicting the weather must be difficult for a forecaster especially in Melbourne, but seriously what is the point of trying to make a prediction 7 days in advance when it goes from one extreme to another. If I was the boss of the Melbourne weather forecasters, I’d tell my staff to be more honest with their predictions. Surely making a guess about Melbourne’s weather 7 days out is like trying to predict what you are going to eat for a snack in 4 weeks’ times! They need permission to tell it like it is.

‘Okay Melbourne residents in 7 days’ time the weather is likely to be…well…anything…seriously keep a jumper in the car, wear a pair of tracksuit pants with shorts underneath, it might be best to wear thin socks but keep another pair in your pocket just in case it gets chilly, and maybe carry an umbrella whenever you move too far from a veranda. Probably keep all this in mind until around 6am on the day that you are actually interested in knowing what the weather will be like. Even then have a blanket handy.’

How easy would this be to organise your life!

Anyway, I have been busy trying to find a new location for our Harmony Event and hopefully will let everyone know by the time you read this newsletter. It has proved a challenge to convince a location to take us on at such short notice. However, keep an eye on ‘Tiqbiz’ for updated information.

Final week of the term events!

There are still so many more things happening during the last week of term. This includes:

- **The Easter Raffle!** On Monday next week students are encouraged to come to school ‘dressed to express’! We are hoping that each student would bring a ‘Easter’ related donation on the day as well (this could be an Easter Egg, chocolate bunnies and other delicious Easter treats!). To reduce the amount of cash that comes into the school we have trialled the idea of having raffle tickets available online via QKR only. Tickets are $2 and sales close on Tuesday 28th of March.

Would love to hear any feedback regarding using QKR only from parents. Otherwise thank you for supporting the event. Winners announced at a special assembly on Thursday 30th of March 2.30pm. Everyone welcome to come along!

- **Final Day of Term One:** 31st of March. On this day school finishes at 2:30pm. Final assembly of the term 1:30pm.

**Key events so far for Term Two for your diary…**

- **Earth Day Friday 21st of April.** On this day we are heading back to our adopted area of Kororoit Creek to added a further 500 plants and scrubs to the area. This will take our total to over 1,500! Notice coming home next week.
- **Whole School Photos have been organised for Thursday 27th of April.** Lock in your child’s haircut appointment!
- **Twilight School Day Thursday 18th of May 2017 1:00pm to 7:15pm.** Notices coming home soon!

Hope everyone had a great week!

**Alex Artavilla**
**Principal**
**Sunshine Heights PS**
Thursday 23rd March 2017

**School Banking Information Session.**

School Banking is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youth saver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2017 are:
- Cyber Handball
- Colour Change Markers
- 3D Chalk Set
- Tablet Case
- Smiley Emoj Keyring
- Vichy Handball
- Pencil + Tech Case
- Epic Earphones

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $50 per individual deposit).

School banking day is Wednesday. Each week you need to take your bank book to your class.

We will be holding a School Banking Information Session at:

**Times:** 12pm to 4pm  
**Date:** Friday 24 March 2017  
**Location:** Commonwealth Bank,  
Sunshine Plaza, Hampshire Road, Sunshine

Please join us and find out more about the School Banking program and how your child can get involved.

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youth saver account for your child you can visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youth saver account. A School Banking representative will be available at the Information Session to show you how you can do this. In order to verify yourself and your child, you will need your driver’s licence and your child’s birth certificate, but if you don’t have these with you on the day, you can complete verification online at home.

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**Student of the week:**

Will be awarded at assembly

**PREP**
- A Ella Colgrave
- B Madeleine Whelan
- C Elliott Barker

**ONE**
- A Arbi Azi
- B Paris Hoang
- C Safiya Qani
- D Otis Mackay

**TWO**
- A Susitina Masoe
- B TBA
- C TBA

**THREE**
- A TBA
- B Levi Pateras
- 3/4A Jibril Dib

**FOUR**
- A Huseyın Sanoglu
- B Shiyani Susitharan

**FIVE**
- A Maria Fello-Hasini
- B Katie Vo

**SIX**
- A Nho Ngo
- B Rohghayeh Seyed Abudi

**Multimedia:** Rohghayeh Seyed Abudi  
**Art:** Lewis Zito-Ryan

**Sport:**  
**Spanish:** Jacob Camilleri

**Science:** Sophie Le

*Congratulations Everyone*  
*Great Achievement!*
Thursday 23rd March 2017

**Book Packs**

Reminder that book packs ($160.00) are now due to be paid, these can be paid via QKR, EFTPOS or at the office. Your earliest attention would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

**Fundraising**

**Pop Up Book Store**  $4,757.88

**Interschool Sport Draw for Summer Sport 2017**

Friday the 24th of March home against Our Lady's

We have been notified by the Brimbank Council that parking areas around schools are being patrolled on a regular basis and infringements will be issued to anyone that illegally parks.

**Instrumental Lessons at School**

*Did you know that Music:*
- Develops mind hand & eye co-ordination
- Enhances listening skills
- Improves self esteem
- Is fun!

Lessons starting from $14.00
5% discount to parents wishing to enrol more than 1 child.

Enrolment forms are available from the School Office or contact Genesis Music School Direct on 0421 426 674

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