

NEWSLETTER

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2018 Thursday 22nd November

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 the school in 2019 please inform the office.

DATES TO REMEMBER

School Festive Concert & Art show
Thursday 13th December

Grade 6 Graduation
Tuesday 18th December

Last Day of Term 4
Friday 21st December
Dismissal time
1:30pm.

Principal
Alex Artavilla

School Council President
Kylie Barker

School Supervision Times
8.45am - 9.00am
3.15pm - 3.30pm



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our 2019 Prep students!

On Wednesday, the 2019 Prep students attended their final transition session. It was terrific to see so many of the brothers and sisters of current students joining us next year and it was also with great excitement that we welcomed those families new to the Sunshine Heights Primary School community! The staffroom was abuzz with parents and carers making new connections whilst their children were engaged in a variety of activities in the library. As has become a tradition at the final transition session, children then had the opportunity to bounce and slide in the jumping castle (kindly donated by Big Childcare – formerly World4Kids), before being presented with a 'Welcome to Sunshine Heights PS' gift of a Dr Seuss book to enjoy over the holiday period.

Currently we are organising for three Prep grades in 2019 and a total of 400 students due to us reaching our enrolment capacity.

Chickenpox Update

Thank you to everyone for your understanding, patience and swift response when contacted by the office during our recent chickenpox outbreak. We had believed the infectious period had subsided with only one new case reported this week – that is, until today where there have been another two confirmed cases. Please continue to monitor this situation with your own family. I would particularly like to thank our office staff for their diligence and care during this time.

2019 Planning

The busy time of the year is certainly upon us and although staff are immersed in completing a multitude of tasks, the priority of providing high quality teaching & learning remains the focus until the very end of the school year! Preparations and planning for a new school year is always a time consuming process and requires a great deal of thought and discussion. Planning for 2019 is currently on track with grade structures, class lists and staffing beginning to take shape. Students will be involved in a 'Step-Up' session during the final week of term where they will meet their 2019 teacher and spend some time in their new classroom.

Festive Concert & Art Show

I am extremely excited for the fast approaching Festive Concert and Art Show on Thursday 13th December! I have been told by students, parents and teachers that this is certainly a highlight of the school year and something not to miss. Our wonderful teachers are busy with preparations and organisation of this whole school event and a variety of fundraising activities have been organised and approved by School Council. These include a 'silent auction', art catalogue and CD sales! Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks.

Policy Committee

The Policy Committee have decided to review our school banking policy to ensure it meets our school community's expectations, as some concerns have been raised about the Commonwealth Bank's school banking program "Dollarmites".

The Policy committee encourages you to do your own research about school banking and the Policy group is available to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you to those who have already given feedback. If you would like to express your views and haven't done so already please complete the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/schoolbanking> before Sunday, 25 November.

Early Arrivals

Unfortunately, over the past week there have been children dropped off very early at school of a morning. This creates a real safety concern as teachers are not on yard duty until 8:45am each day. If for any reason you need to drop your child off early, please contact the staff at Big Childcare where you can be assured that your child will be supervised until teachers are on duty.

Daily Exhibition of Learning

The Daily Exhibition of Learning is one of the many features of SHPS that attracts such positive feedback from the wider community and also visiting teachers / leaders to the school. On my walk today I have noticed some amazing work being placed outside classrooms for you to enjoy. When talking with your child about their work, we encourage the conversations to be about the learning and thinking behind it rather than about the completion of a task. Please remember that you are invited in between 3:00 – 3:10pm.

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