

NEWSLETTER

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2019 Thursday 2 May

KEY REMINDERS

Mother's Day food indication form.

Twilight School forms (supervision and Paella food order – don't forget to order for families)

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mother's Day breakfast at the Sunshine Social: Friday 10th May 7:30am start

Naplan (Year 3 and 5 students only): 14th – 28th May

Twilight School Day: on this day school will start at 1:00pm and finish at 7:15pm. Thursday 23rd May

Whole School Photos: Wednesday 29th May

Casual Dress day: Friday 31st May

Principal
Alex Artavilla

School Council President
Gordon Mckenzie

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

'We are a child safe school and compliant with child safety standards. Child safety policies available on website.'



Dear Parents/Carers,

Mother's Day/Special Person in our lives Breakfast at the Sunshine Social Next week on Friday 10th of May 7:30am to 9am

Don't forget that next week on Friday 10th of May we have our annual Mother's Day/Special person in our lives breakfast at the Sunshine Social – 64 Glengala Road.

Thank you to the families that have returned their food indication forms so that we can let the Sunshine Social know how much food to prepare. Just some important information about the event:

- The Sunshine Social will open at 7:30am.
- Parents and/or grandparents need to be with their child/ren at all times.
- Students to be taken to school by their parents/grandparents so that they arrive between 8:45am – 8:55am.
- Cost of rolls \$3 each.
- You can also purchase a coffee.

For new families to the school, when you arrive at the Sunshine Social head inside order and pay for your rolls/coffee. Then find a place to sit and enjoy the morning and your meal with your child/ren. Our very own Mr Greg will be playing some tunes for us to enjoy.

The Mother's Day/Special person in our lives breakfast is a very popular event which is why I am looking forward to catching up with everyone. If the weather is a concern, rug up, bring umbrellas and enjoy a warm coffee and roll.

Reshaping our future...

As mentioned in the newsletter last term, we will be engaging parents, students and staff in revising our school values, mission and vision statements to refocus and revitalise our future aspirations. We will be using a number of platforms and forums to capture the thoughts and ideas of the whole school community.

To launch the process a Flexi buzz message was sent home to all families this week that included a link to a survey via Survey Monkey. I am hoping that as many parents take the opportunity to complete the survey that will focus on what everyone loves about Sunshine Heights Primary School.

Thanks in advance for completing the survey and I look forward to sharing with you some of the results that I hope will inspire and guide our thinking throughout the process.

The survey monkey includes 3 Questions.

Question 1: What are 3 words that you feel best describe Sunshine Heights Primary School?

Question 2: What are the things that you love most about Sunshine Heights Primary School?

Question 3: If you had to choose a theme song for Sunshine Heights Primary School, what would it be – include song title and artist?

I'm loving the songs that people are selecting for Question 3. At the time of writing this newsletter, the suggested songs have all been different. I'll put together a playlist to share

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with everyone later in the term.

Don't forget Twilight School is also fast approaching. Hopefully the grandparents are able to join us during the day as well.

Preparing for secondary school

For our Year 6 students, it is that time of the year where they begin to choose their secondary school destination for 2020. At this time of the year parents receive a letter and a Year 7 placement application form from the Department of Education. The forms are delivered to us and sent home with the students (you can also access forms on the Department's website). Parents with their child then complete a Year 7 placement application (note that if your child is going to a private school you need to contact the school in regards to their enrolment process). The Year 7 placement application is where parents/children nominate their secondary school preferences.

The application (if your preference is a government school) needs to be completed and returned to Mrs Forrest (Year 6-7 transition coordinator at Sunshine Heights PS) usually around mid-May (due date this year is Friday 17th May). We will then pass on preferences to selected schools. Year 7 placement is decided by secondary schools.

You will receive notification of your child's Year 7 placement around August (this year Wednesday 7 August 2019). Letter to be sent home with student.

Your child's new secondary school will then contact you later in the year to let you know about year 7 orientation.

My only tip for families that have students in Year 4 and 5 is to start thinking about your preferences early and/or visit schools (tours usually occur in Term 1 and early Term 2 of each year) so that you are prepared for the Year 7 application process.

Alex Artavilla
Principal

Twilight School Organisational Details Thursday 23rd of May 2019

To showcase and celebrate the learning experiences offered at Sunshine Heights Primary School, on Thursday 23rd of May 1:00pm – 7:15pm the students will have the opportunity to experience a 'Twilight' school day. On this day the students will arrive at school at 12:45pm for a 1:00pm start with school finishing at 7:15pm. Twilight School will give parents/carers/grandparents the opportunity to visit and enjoy their child's classrooms in action.

The school day times on our Twilight School Day will be as follows:

- 1:00 to 3:00pm Session 1 and 2
- 3:00 to 3:30pm RECESS
- 3:30 to 4:30pm Session 3
- 4:30 to 4:40pm Eating time
- 4:40 to 5:30pm OUTSIDE TIME (this may vary depending on the time that the sun will be setting)
- 5:30 to 7:15pm Session 4 and 5

At the end of the school day, parents will be asked to pick their child up from the classroom. No child will be allowed to walk home from school. Parents will also be asked to inform the class teacher in writing prior to the day of alternative picking up arrangements. We will be organising a pre-ordered meal arrangement for the students (to have for dinner at 4:30pm).

Parents/carers are encouraged to arrive at any time of the day for as long as they would like to stay. However, it will be important for parents to remember that it is a normal school day and that students will be expected to stay at school until the end of the day (unless they have after school sports/music session - the decision to attend the session is up to the parent/student – parents are encouraged to pick up their child from school at any time to attend the training session/lesson).

We also understand that organising supervision arrangements for your child/ren from 8:45am to 12:45pm may be a challenge. This is why we are providing lots of notice prior to the event to allow parents time to organise supervision arrangements. However, this may still not be possible. A notice will be sent home in week one term two to give parents the opportunity to inform us of how your child will be supervised prior to the event and whether you are having any challenges finding supervision for your child. 'Big Child Care' will only be providing before care on the morning of the Twilight School Day from 6:45am – 8:45am.

Other important information:

- Staff members will supervise school crossings used by students before school starts. Crossings supervision will commence at 12:30pm.
- Parents will be required to sign in at the school office prior to visiting their child's classroom.
- Students need to bring an afternoon snack and to wear school uniform.



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