

# NEWSLETTER

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2019 Thursday 10 October

## KEY REMINDERS

**Curriculum/Student Free Days remaining for 2019**  
**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November**  
**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November**  
Reminder that students do not come to school on these days.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Year 2 Sleepover**  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October

**Year 3/4 Sunnystones Camp**  
6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> November

**Peruvian Fiesta Day**  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November

**End of Year Festive Concert/Art Show**  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December

**2020 Prep transition program**  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November  
9:15am to 11am

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November  
9:15am to 11am

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November  
9:15am to 11am

**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.'*



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PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Just a reminder to families that there are two more Curriculum/Student Free Days for 2019. This includes**

- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November

Please note that Big Child Care will be operating for both days from 6:45am to 6:30pm. For bookings and information, please contact Big Child Care on 0432 802 045 and [sunshineheights@bigchildcare.com](mailto:sunshineheights@bigchildcare.com).

## Welcome back everyone!

Daylight savings ensured that we all eased into the first few days as we tried to gain back that one hour of lost sleep.

My holidays were pretty low key as the whole family were sick for the entire two weeks! I did manage to head home to see my parents in Cobram.

To begin the newsletter this week I just wanted to give everyone an update regarding Mr Damnic who is still recovering from his injury and will not be returning for the remainder of the year. To cover Mr Damnic while he is absent, I'd like to introduce and welcome Anthony McAspurn who will be with us for the remainder of the year.

Last term as part of Multimedia classes, students in Years 5/6 entered the Sunshine Film Festival. I'm excited to let everyone know that 4 of the entries have made the finals which will be screened at Village Cinemas as part of the Sunshine Film Festival on 31<sup>st</sup> October. It would be great to have as many families from Sunshine Heights support the students and Festival. You can purchase tickets at [www.sunshinefilmfestival.com.au](http://www.sunshinefilmfestival.com.au)

All the best to the students involved!

## Acting Principal Laverton Prep-12

Over the past few years I've had the opportunity to take on acting opportunities both at Flemington PS and at the regional office. I did enjoy these experiences as they gave me the chance to visit other settings and apply actions that have worked for us as a school. I also learned a lot which I was able to bring back to Sunshine Heights PS.

During the holidays I was contacted by the region to see if I would be able to help out at Laverton P-12 from 28<sup>th</sup> October until the end of Term 4 as Acting Principal.

As I see this as a great opportunity and experience, I decided to accept the short term role. Another reason for accepting the role is that I have a huge amount of confidence in the culture we have created at Sunshine Heights PS, and confidence in the staff which allows me to take on these opportunities.

While I am away, Jacinta Goldie will be the Acting Principal and Sonia Papadopoulos will take on the role of Acting Assistant Principal.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

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### Key events for Term 4

There are some exciting major events occurring in Term 4, which includes the Peruvian Fiesta, which is scheduled for 20th November. A notice will be going home over in the next week so that students and parents can order a special lunch for the day.

The Year 2 students have their Sleepover on Friday, which is always a special event.

Preparations for the Art Show/Festive concert are also underway. This event will be held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December. The weather has proven to be a challenge over previous years. The only options that we have in regards to having the concert on a wet night include:

- Moving the performance offsite to another venue. This would be a challenge for a number of families, which may impact on the number of students involved. We may be able to use the Sunshine College Gym from 2020 – which is located across the road.
- Performances to occur in the Year 5/6 classroom. Which has proven to be a challenge as the space is too small for the amount of families that come and watch.
- Rescheduling to another night. Which is a challenge as it is a very busy time of year and we hire the sound system and stage.
- Organising a Marquee. Which is very expensive.

At this stage, for everyone's safety, if the forecast is not looking good then we may be required to cancel the event. Students will be able to perform to each other during the day (note that in 2020 we may be able to move the performance across the road to Sunshine College).

We will keep everyone up to date with this. However if any parents have some spare time we would love to explore other options.

### Reminder re Curriculum Days 2020

The following Curriculum Days (days when students do not attend school) for 2020 have been confirmed and include:

- Tuesday 28 January 2020 is the first day back for teachers (with no students attending)
- Wednesday 29 January will be the second 'Curriculum Day' of the year
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November
- One yet to be allocated – we will inform parents of this date early next term.

The purpose and focus of first two days (28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> January) will include:

- Reconnecting staff
- Revisiting our priorities and focus for the year
- Setting up classroom environments
- Finalising team planning and revisiting learning expectations for reading, writing and mathematics

### Starting dates for 2020 will include:

- First day of school for students in Years 1 – 6: Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020
- First day of school Preps: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020 (no school for Preps on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> Feb)
- Parent Teacher meetings Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb – this includes Prep – 6 families

Finally, as we are coming to the end of the 2019 school year, and are in the process of planning for 2020, please contact the school asap if your family will no longer be attending Sunshine Heights Primary School in 2020. This includes students that are currently in Prep to Year 5.

Thanks again for your support.

Have a great term.

Alex Artavilla  
Principal