

# NEWSLETTER

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Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018

## KEY REMINDERS

Parent Teacher meetings are scheduled for Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> of June from 1:00pm. Book a time by visiting [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and entering the code: k8pbc

PA and 2C to use code: uh25h

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Public Holiday

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June

### Planning week for teachers

Week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> June

### Parent Teacher Interviews

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June

### Last Day Term Two

29<sup>th</sup> June – school finishes at 2:30pm.  
Casual Dress Day

### Year 5 and 6 Camp

October 31<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> November

### Year 3 and 4 Camp

7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> November

### Year 2 Sleepover

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October

Dear Parents and Carers,

I just want to begin the newsletter this week by thanking the students and staff for how everyone has worked together over the past three weeks to make sure things continued on as normal. It has been a busy but important period where teachers had the opportunity to work together as part of their term two professional practice day. Although teachers work together in their professional learning teams for three hours each week to review and refine the learning expectations for students, having a full day together to analyse and discuss student learning samples, anecdotal notes, and research, enhances the consistency across the school on how students learn best, and support teachers to continually deepen their knowledge. This can only benefit the students.

In regards to the assessments that are occurring, this information is used to confirm and support what the teachers have been noticing throughout the term. It gives them another snapshot of the type of strategies the students are using to understand, problem solve and create. Teachers will use this information to refine future student learning goals.

### 'Future Thinkers Exhibition'

During this three-week period, we also offered a team of teachers the opportunity to be released from their classroom role as part of a 'working party' to shape and refine a unit planner for term three. This is another way that we give staff genuine opportunities to take ownership of the learning direction of the school. It is also a leadership role as the members of the working party are responsible for leading the work with their team. From this day, the 'working party' created a unit of work for next term that centres around supporting the students to be 'future thinkers'. This learning will be showcased at the end of the term during a whole school 'future thinker's exhibition'. The purpose of this unit of work is to not only allow the students to apply the skills and behaviours of a reader, writer and mathematician, but it is also to enhance their knowledge of the design process. Our goal is to allow the students to take their thinking to a place they never knew existed to make the world we live in even better.

### School Council subcommittees

The majority of the work of school council occurs in subcommittee meetings that are scheduled two weeks prior to a council meeting, and occur at least once a term. Joining a school council subcommittee is a great way to learn about the role and responsibility of school council. You don't have to be a school council member to join a subcommittee. If you are interested in joining one of the following subcommittees, please email the school at: [sunshine.heights.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:sunshine.heights.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au) Subject heading: school council subcommittee. Please include contact phone number and reason for wishing to join the subcommittee.

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**Principal**  
Alex Artavilla

**School Council President**  
Kylie Barker

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



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# Writing Competition!

The subcommittees for 2018 include:

- Buildings and Grounds subcommittee. Meeting time is on a Thursdays 3:30pm. Focus of group in 2018 is implementing the Grounds Masterplan - front of school
- Policy subcommittee. Focus of group for 2018 'safe and responsible use of ICT' policy and 'student engagement and inclusion' policy.
- Out of Hours School Care (World4Kids) subcommittee. Focus 2018 'monitoring the implementation of the contract'.
- Canteen subcommittee. Focus for 2018 is monitoring and supporting the current canteen providers.

### What I have been up to lately...

Just in case you may be wondering where I have been, on Wednesday and Thursday this week, I took 4 members of staff to the Department of Education's Regional Leadership Day. During these two days, we had the chance to attend workshops that were focused on school improvement.

I was also invited to be part of a local primary school's review – to support them in establishing a new four-year plan. This is a three day process which continues on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of June.

Otherwise, I hope everyone has had a nice week.

Kind regards,

Alex Artavilla  
Principal  
Sunshine Heights Primary School

## COMPETITION DETAILS

### DATES

*The competition opens on Monday 30th April 2018 and closes on Thursday 28th June 2018 . An entry box will be placed at the office. No entries will be accepted after Thursday 28th June. Please make sure all entries are clearly labelled with the writer's name and grade.*

*Winning and shortlisted entries will be announced an assembly in Term 3.*

### THEME

This year's theme is OPEN. So let your imagination run wild and set your ideas free.

### MICROFICTION

This year's genre of writing is MICROFICTION. Microfiction is a style of writing that sees writers tell stories within very short word counts. For this competition, you have 200 words or less to write your story.

### PRIZES

All entrants will receive a certificate. Winning & shortlisted writers will be published in the school magazine!

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