

Newsletter

Thursday 7th December 2017

Principal: Alex Artavilla

School Council President: Kylie Barker

School Supervision Times:

8.45am - 9.00am

3.15pm - 3.30pm

Uniform Shop Hours:

Tuesday & Thursday

8.45am - 9.15am / 3.00pm - 3.30pm



Newsletter will be available online & will be Flexi Buzzed each work

Parent Payments 2018

School Council has approved the Parent Payments for 2018. Parents Payments include all essential curriculum items that students require for learning in 2018. Notice being sent home next week with more details. Cost of Parent Payments for 2018 will be \$160.

Dates to remember 2017:

Term 4

Tuesday 12th

STEP UP DAY: Students informed of their class and teacher for 2018.

Thursday 14th December

Festive Concert / Art Show gates open from 5:00pm.

Wednesday 20th December

Year 6 Graduation Evening

Friday 22nd December

Last Day of Term 4

1:30pm Finish

Casual Dress Day

Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

Only one week to go until our Art Show/Festive Concert!

Art Show/Festive Concert – next week on Thursday! Notice sent home today with more information about the evening!

Parents of students in Years Prep to 2, please read section regarding the collection of students during the evening. Our goal for the students in Prep to 2 is to have parents collect students from the side of the stage straight after they have performed. I will explain more about this during the evening. Students in Years 3 to 6 will perform and return to the area in front of the stage.

Step Up Day on Tuesday 12th December!

Next week on Tuesday, students will find out their teacher and class for 2018. Students will spend half an hour with their new class and teacher. Next year we welcome four new classroom teachers to the school, which is exciting!

We also sadly farewell Melissa Kemp who has picked up an ongoing position closer to home. We are very sad to see Melissa leave as she has done an amazing job during her time at Sunshine Heights Primary School.

As you may know, Fleur Lacey will be taking maternity leave in 2018 to welcome her first child. We wish Fleur and her partner well and look forward to meeting the little one next year!

Sara Vaccari is also taking leave for 2018 to enjoy an exciting adventure.

Another sad departure and after 17 years at Sunshine Heights Primary School, Belinda Perera will be heading off for a new and exciting adventure closer to home in 2018. Belinda has played a huge role at the school during my time at Sunshine Heights and will be sadly missed by all!

Finally, Gail Liakoureas (our Maths Coach) will be taking further maternity leave in 2018. As Gail will be on leave, we have offered a member of staff the opportunity to take on the Leadership Coaching Role in 2018.

Congratulations to Seher Tan who will be working in an out of the classroom role full time next year to become our Teaching and Learning Coach in Mathematics. This will be an exciting leadership experience for Seher who will be working with teachers in the classroom and during planning. Well done Seher and I am looking forward to working with you.

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Students will be coming home on Tuesday with the name of their teacher and class for 2018. Please contact the school and speak to Sharon Noel if you have any questions. As I mentioned in a previous newsletter, establishing classes is a big challenge for teachers and they spend a great deal of time trying to get the best balance as possible.

New Canteen!

Yes you heard right! The School Council subcommittee led by parent Lisa McCarthy have been doing an amazing job over the past 12 months exploring canteen options for the school that is sustainable and meets the needs of the Department of Education guidelines and the school. They have explored every possible option! However, their persistence and hard work has paid off with the introduction of 'True Soul Kitchen' providing snacks and lunch for the students 5 days a week in 2018. The most exciting thing about having 'True Soul Kitchen' owner Caroline Tang provide the service from the gym canteen each day, is that she is passionate about showing young people that eating healthy is enjoyable. Caroline is looking forward to beginning the service. Here is some information from Caroline about her vision for the canteen.

VISION

To be a role model for school canteens around Australia for providing on-going healthy and delicious foods, in a sustainable way.

MISSION

To continually serve fresh, delicious and nutritious food to the school community, meeting the dietary needs of students, staff and families.

PURPOSE

To show students and families that eating healthy is not only good for the body and mind, but can also be delicious and affordable.

OUR OBJECTIVES

- *To serve and inform kids about delicious and nutritious food*
- *To ensure all food is additive and preservative free*
- *To adopt sustainable practices in the kitchen or canteen from the packaging we use to the food we source*
- *To promote healthy eating so that kids can appreciate healthy food in years to come*
- *To provide a self-sufficient and sustainable food service system to Primary school aged children that meets Healthy Eating Advisory Service guidelines*
- *To be a sustainable long-term business that is efficient*
- *To deliver great tasting food that has been prepared with love and attention in the school kitchen or canteen*

OUR WHY

To show young children that eating healthy is enjoyable, and to encourage healthy eating into their later years.

We are currently finalising the details of the menu and ordering process, which will be shared with families early in 2018.

Hoping that 'True Soul Kitchen' will commence operating from early in Term One 2018. Caroline has established the service based on the results of the recent Canteen survey. It is important to note that the food options that will be provided will be delicious but much different to the options provided by the previous canteen service.

The other exciting thing about 'True Soul Kitchen' is that Caroline will also be offering family home healthy dinner packs!

Yes it all sounds too good to be true, but if we all work together to support 'True Soul Kitchen' and their vision (which is aligned with our vision), we would have the best ever canteen service in the world for our students, families and staff!

To help launch our partnership with 'True Soul Kitchen', Caroline will be selling food items/snacks during the Art Show 'Festive Concert'. Caroline will also be offering families the opportunity to order family dinner packs that you can enjoy while listening to the amazing musician 'Louis'! There will also be a Coffee Van on site!

Once again, a big thank you to Lisa for all the time and effort that went into bringing 'True Soul Kitchen' to the school!

Alex Artavilla
Principal
Sunshine Heights Primary School

