

NEWSLETTER

Thursday 29th October 2020

KEY REMINDERS

All updates will be sent on Xuno.

Please send water bottles as students cannot drink straight from taps.

All students must have a sunsmart hat for Term 4.

Please return all school resources and borrowed devices as soon as possible.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 2nd November: Pupil Free Day - no students to attend

Tuesday 3rd November: Public holiday – school will be closed

Thursday 5th November
School photographs

Acting Principal
Jacinta Goldie

School Council President
Sarah Weston

School Supervision Times
8.40am - 9.00am
3.15pm - 3.30pm

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



SUNSHINE
HEIGHTS
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

Important reminders:

All students need to have a sunsmart hat and a water bottle (they cannot drink directly from the tap)

Just a reminder to families that we have one more Curriculum/Student Free Day and one Public Holidays for 2020:

- Monday 2nd November (Curriculum/Student free day – Big Child Care open)
- Tuesday 3rd November (Public holiday - school and Big Child Care closed)

Please note that Big Child Care will be operating **ONLY** on the pupil free day from 6:45am to 6:30pm. For bookings and information, please contact Big Child Care on 0432 802 045 or sunshineheights@bigchildcare.com.

Mrs Goldie's message

I can't believe that it has already been three weeks with students back onsite! Parents, you should be so proud of the way your children have settled back into school routines and connected with their friends and teachers. There have been some minor hiccups as students get back into the habit of co-operating and sharing their working space with so many other people. All grades are working diligently on learning and re-learning how to get along, how to resolve conflict, how to support each other and generally work as a thriving community. If your child is experiencing any issues, please remind them to seek support from a teacher – either in the classroom or out in the yard. If the issue continues, please feel free to contact me for further support. We want to ensure that every single student feels safe and happy at school every day.

School photos

We are pleased to announce that we are now able to allow Advanced Life photographers to come onsite for our annual school photographs. The date for this will be **Thursday 5th November**.

Details for ordering online have been placed on Xuno. Please rest assured that Advanced Life are working with the school to ensure that all necessary safety measures are effectively implemented. This includes using only outdoor spaces for our photographs. For this reason, we will be offering portraits and class photos, but not sibling photos. We apologise for any inconvenience. Please note, contrary to the information in the flier, traditional class photos will be taken.

School Student Dress Code (School Uniform)

Survey closing today


Our school's Dress Code is due to be reviewed this year. This gives us an opportunity to ensure that the dress code meets the expectations of our school community.

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline our school's requirements for student dress and appearance and to provide information about uniform purchase and support, dress code implementation and exemption processes.

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The Student Dress Code aims to:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- support our school's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities
- reduce student competition on the basis of clothing
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community.

The school council invites you and your child to provide input into the Dress Code by completing our survey
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SHPSdresscode>

A copy of our current Dress Code can be found on our website
<https://www.sunshineheightsps.vic.edu.au/assets/Documents/8cbc31cd92/Dress-Code-Policy.pdf>

Parent opinion survey We want our parents to tell us what they think!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst all parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, student engagement and experiences of remote and flexible learning. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year, the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from Monday 12th October to Friday 13th November. The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (Hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek.

Every year we use the survey results to inform our Annual Implementation Plan and set targets for the following year.

To access the survey click on the link below and use the school name:
Sunshine Heights Primary School

You will need a PIN code which, for security reasons, will be sent to all parents via **Xuno**.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY LINK
<https://www.orima.com.au/parent>

Enrolments for 2021

We are currently taking enrolments for new Prep students. If you have a child **due to start school** next year, please contact the office for an enrolment form. Forms can also be downloaded from the school's website. If your child will **not be returning to the school** in 2021 could you please let us know as soon as possible as we are starting to make preparations for the following year.

We have created a 2021 Prep Orientation website that contains important information relating to your child starting school, including important dates and meeting our teachers. Please read over each section to help you understand more about your child starting school.

Website link: <https://sunshineheightsps.wixsite.com/mysite>