

NEWSLETTER

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2019 Thursday 29 August

KEY REMINDERS

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

Year Prep CERES Excursion
Friday 30 August

Father's Day breakfast
@Sunshine Social
Friday 30 August 7:30am

Year 3/4 Botanical Excursion
Tuesday 10 September

Year 5/6 City Excursion
Monday 16 September

Year 2 Sleepover
Friday 11th October

Peruvian Fiesta Day
Wednesday 20th November

End of Year Festive Concert/Art Show
Thursday 12th December

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 1st November
- Monday 4th November

Please note that Big Child Care will be operating for both days from 6:30am to 6:00pm. For bookings and information, please contact Big Child Care on 86829400.

Father's Day/Special Person in our lives breakfast celebration

Don't forget that tomorrow we have the Father's Day/Special person in our lives breakfast celebration at the Sunshine Social starting from 7:30am. Mr Greg will be playing some tunes and we might even have a special challenge for everyone.

Just some key reminders about the breakfast:

Location: Sunshine Social – 64 Glengala Road, Sunshine West 3020.

Date: Friday August 30 2019

Time: 7:30am to 9:00am

Cost: \$3 per roll. Coffee will also be available to purchase during the morning. Don't forget to bring your 'keep cup'. Also, all students must be supervised by an adult.

Reminder that the students will need to be dropped off at school by their parents to get ready for the day by 9:00am. If you need to drop off your child earlier than 9:00am, the schoolyard will be supervised from 8:45am.

See everyone bright and early.

Well done to our campers!

I also need to begin the newsletter this week by congratulating the Year 5 and 6 students that headed off to camp last week. Lots of positive feedback about the camp and how the students enjoyed the experience. Big thank you to the staff that attended and to the parents/carers for supporting the students to prepare for the three-day adventure.

Speaking of our senior students, a couple of weeks ago students in Year 6 were notified of their secondary placements for 2020 (note: this relates to government schools only). I'm sharing this information for our families that have students in Year 4 and 5, as school tours for secondary schools usually commence in Term 1 of each year. My advice regarding this is to start thinking about your secondary school options by the end of the year so that you are prepared for the organised tours.

The first thing to explore regarding your secondary school placement, is to identify the school which is located in the zone of your residence (note: this is for government schools only). The reason for exploring your options early and being prepared is that families interested in attending a government school will need to submit their secondary school choice mid Term Two of each year. For families

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that have a student currently in Year 5, keep a look out early Term 1 2020 for school tours.

Hope this information helps!

Speaking of secondary schools, my daughter is currently at the mid-way point of Year 7, which is going well so far. As my daughter catches a train to school, my morning routine includes dropping her off at the station on my way to work. However, now that she is in secondary school, it seems that she also thinks she is 18 years old (or maybe I'm struggling to accept the fact that she is growing up). Anyway, the other day before heading off to bed my daughter told me (yes told me) that we need to go to the train station earlier as she is catching up with a friend at a café before school.

Firstly, I never went to a café until I was 26 years old.

Secondly, I would have preferred that the sentence commenced with – 'is it ok if...'

Thirdly, I thought students went to a milk bar before school not a 'café'.

Apart from secondary school making my daughter think that she has aged 10 years, she has settled in well. My only advice so far from the 6 months experience is that it will take a while for your child to settle into their new environment. That they may find a group that they connect with but as they continue their journey, they may connect more with others. The pressure of finding a friendship group from day one can be overwhelming for your child. They need to know and be assured that this can take time. My daughter is going through this experience at the moment, which has been a great learning experience for her. Even as adults a lot of our strong friendship groups do not all come from school, which I think is ok for students to know and understand.

Communication feedback update

Some of the feedback from the 'communication survey' included the possibility of aligning the communication processes used by the school. Yesterday the leadership team met with a company to explore this suggestion which would include using one 'application' for the following:

- Payments
- Permission form approvals
- Absent notifications
- Parent teacher interviews
- Messages

This one application that we are exploring would combine and no longer require the use of current 'applications' QKR, Flexi buzz and Passtab. A link would also be placed on the 'application' that would allow parents to access:

- Sunshine Social School lunch menu ordering site
- RHS uniform ordering site

We are currently learning more about this 'one application' and hope to implement it in the school for parents to use at the beginning of 2020.

Also thank you to the families that have had time to complete the school photo survey. We have had 47 responses so far. 28 of the 47 responses were positive about the photos, while 4 people were neutral. There was some good constructive feedback to provide the company. In terms of trying a different approach, 39 of the 47 responses were interested in the option (however, some would like to know what this would be before we took any action).

Finally, I just wanted to give everyone an update regarding PE teacher Leo Damnic who is still not well and hoping to return by the end of term.

Hope everyone had a great week.

Alex Artavilla
Principal

Sunshine Heights Primary School