

NEWSLETTER

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2019 Thursday 8 August

KEY REMINDERS

**Book Character
Dress Up Day
Friday 16
August!
Next week!**

DATES TO REMEMBER

**Boite Millennium Schools
Chorus** - school choir
8 August Melbourne Town
Hall

Author Visit Grades P-2
Glenda Millard 14 August

Author Visit Grades 3-6
Felice Arena 15 August

Book Week Dress Up Day
Friday 16th of August

Year 5/6 Camp Doxa
21 - 23 August

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

Principal
Alex Artavilla

School Council President
Gordon Mckenzie

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

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compliant with child safety
standards. Child safety policies
available on website.'*



SUNSHINE
HEIGHTS
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

Book week!

Yes, next week we are celebrating the amazing joy and wonder that books can bring to our lives and imagination. Thank you to Mrs Ransome (our inspiring librarian) for organising the week, which will include visits from guest authors and a dress up day to end the week.

Guest Authors include:

- Glenda Millard who has written picture books, short stories and novels for children and young adults. *The Naming of Tishkin Silk* was an Honour Book in the 2004 CBC Awards and shortlisted for the NSW Premier's Literary Awards. *Layla Queen of Hearts* was a winner in the 2007 Queensland Premier's Awards and was shortlisted in the CBC awards. *Kaito's Cloth* was also shortlisted in the 2007 Queensland Premier's Literary Awards.
- Felice Arena is best known for the bestselling and award-winning Specky Magee series, the action-packed bionic-hero series Andy Roid, Sporty Kids, and his acclaimed historical novels for middle-grade readers *The Boy and the Spy*, *Fearless Frederic* and *A Great Escape*.

The students will have the chance to meet the authors and learn about their writing journey and inspirations.

BOOK WEEK DRESS UP DAY

To end the week, on Friday 16 August, we are hoping students and staff could come to school dressed as their favourite book character. We will be having a parade in the morning at 9:15am in the gym. Note that there will be no assembly in the afternoon.

To add to the festivities, at home parents/families may also like to share with their child their favourite book. You might even want to take your child/ren to a bookshop or library.

Book week is always a great week, and books, reading, writing etc. are things that we love at Sunshine Heights PS.

Happy Book Week everyone!

Father's Day/Special Person in our lives breakfast

Don't forget that we are having a Father's Day breakfast/Special person in our lives breakfast on Friday 30th August. The event will once again be held at the Sunshine Social To celebrate the many special people in our lives, the 'Sunshine Social' will be cooking:

- Egg and Bacon rolls and
- Eggs rolls

They will also be selling coffee throughout the morning as well!

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Don't forget that the morning isn't just for dad, but it is also for mum, grandad and/or grandma. The more the merrier!

Details...

Location: Sunshine Social

Date: Friday August 30 2019

Time: 7:30am to 9:00am

Cost: \$3 per roll. Coffee will also be available to purchase

Communication Survey

Thank you to the families that have been able to complete the communication survey via Survey Monkey. The survey is now closed and we will be analysing the information received to identify what we are doing well and ways that we can strengthen communication practices. In the next few weeks, I will be sharing some of the feedback and suggestions received, and reasons for actions taken.

Some of the feedback that I will share includes suggestions around:

- Access to staff emails and whether this is possible. Keen to share our thinking around this.
- Whether classroom teachers could also use See-saw, which has been a key initiative implemented by the specialist team.

Reshaping the Vision of the school

We are also busy reviewing and reshaping the vision and values of the school. To guide our next steps we invited a consultant to work with us to review the feedback we have already received to help shape a future plan.

The recommendation from the consultant was to work with staff to draft a vision based on feedback received and future learning expectations/skills/behaviours of students. We are currently in the process of finding a time when staff can meet for an extended period to complete a draft, which would then be shared with the whole school community.

I'll keep the school community updated regarding the process.

Planning for 2020

Thank you to the families that have enrolled a sibling for 2020. This has assisted us with preparations in regards to staffing arrangements.

Finally a big congratulations once again to our Prep students as they celebrated their 100th day of school yesterday. You can check out some photos on our Instagram site. Thank you so much to the parents/families for supporting the celebrations and helping the students with their very clever outfits, and party food.

Hope everyone had a nice week.

Alex Artavilla

Principal

Sunshine Heights Primary School