

# NEWSLETTER

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2020 Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February

## Key reminders

Parent Teacher meetings for Prep to 6 parents are scheduled for Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February. A form will be sent home in the coming days to allow parents to book a time online.

## Dates to remember

- 4<sup>th</sup> Feb: Preps first day of school.
- Notice of School Council elections and calling for nominations form sent home. Nominations close 20<sup>th</sup> February 4pm.
- 26<sup>th</sup> Feb: Prep – 6 Parent Teacher meetings 1pm to 7:45pm.

**Principal**  
Alex Artavilla

## School Supervision Times

8.45am - 9.00am  
3.15pm - 3.30pm



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PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Welcome back everyone!

I hope everyone has had a nice start to the 2020 school year.

Big welcome to all our new Preps and families. The Prep teachers are very proud of how the students have settled into life at Sunshine Heights. Thanks also to Ted from our After School Care providers, Big Child Care for supporting our first day of school Ferris Wheel idea. Although I have a fear of heights, I love the sight of a Ferris Wheel from a distance.

I would also like to welcome our new staff members to the school and hope they have enjoyed their time so far at Sunshine Heights.

For new families, the newsletter is sent home as a hard copy every fortnight, and via Flexibuzz (which will soon be Xunos) every other week. Don't forget to register for XUNO.

## My holidays...

I had a fairly quiet holiday, which included a super relaxed Christmas lunch as both my daughters had the Chicken Pox at the exact same time! This meant that we were unable to travel. However, we made most of the experience and prepared a nice lunch without the busyness of the usual Christmas day.

My holidays were also a time that I could become acquainted with our new dog 'Max'. For new families to the school, having 'Max' wasn't my choice. I went to Sydney one weekend to see friends, and when I returned, 'Max' was sitting on our couch in my spot. I'm not a pet person, so having a dog was going to be huge challenge for me. My daughters and wife have been nagging me for a dog for over 8 years, but I stood firm on the fact that they smell, take lots of effort, and have large teeth that can cause severe harm.

Anyway, despite my thoughts around dogs, I now have a 3-year-old English Staffy that has literally taken over the house. Before Max, my family used the following arguments to try to persuade me:

'We'll keep him outside'

'You can take him for walks and to a coffee shop'

'When he does come inside we'll train him so that he doesn't sit on the couch'

'We'll take him for walks all the time and pick up his poo'

Well. Max has arrived and this is what is happening:

- Max lives inside and doesn't like going outside.
- Max takes up three spots on the couch and when you find a spot to sit, he wants to take that spot too.
- Max creates interesting smells every 30 minutes – and doesn't even say 'excuse me'.
- Max doesn't like walking with me. He loves to walk, but I am the only one in the family that needs to go with a partner. Even though when I say 'let's go for a walk' he gets super excited. As soon as we are about to head out the door alone, he plants his feet and heads back into the house hoping for an extra person.
- Max can't go to a café, because he is still learning how to 'socialise'.
- My daughters are suddenly too busy to do 'anything'.
- It now takes me roughly 15 minutes to walk to the fridge to get something to eat thanks to Max's enthusiasm. Before Max, I was accessing the fridge in less than 10 seconds.

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I am trying really hard to become a good dog owner, but it's been a huge effort. The smell of dog in the house is not even a thing anymore, which concerns me! I'm even allowing him to lick me after I have seen what and how he eats. I'm also still baffled by his obsession with sniffing places where other dogs have urinated.

Anyway, I will continue to work on our relationship, as things are a bit frosty between us at the moment. Any tips from the many dog lovers within the school community would be greatly appreciated.

Hope everyone had a nice break!

### **School Council Elections**

A notice will be going home with the newsletter today calling for nominations for School Council Elections. School Council play an important governance role and include members of staff and parents. If you would like to learn more about the role of School Council, please feel free to contact me at the school.

### **Parent Teacher meetings Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 1:00pm to 7:45pm**

Note for your diary. Parent teacher meetings for Term One have been scheduled for Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February. The purpose of these meetings is to strengthen the working partnership between parents/carers and teachers, and to also allow parents/carers to share information about their child. An information notice will be sent home shortly that will outline how parents can book a time for interviews online via XUNO. Parent Teacher meetings for Term One will also include Prep students.

### **Camps, Sports and Excursion Funding**

A notice is also going home for eligible families regarding the Camps, Sports and Excursion Funding program for 2020, which is open for processing. Please contact the office if you require further information.

### **I hope everyone has a fantastic year!**

Alex Artavilla  
Principal

### **Physical Education and Sports news**

Mr Damnic is currently on leave for 2020. Our Physical Education teacher for 2020 is Christine Forrest.

### ***YEAR 6 INTERSCHOOL SPORT***

This term our year 6 students will be involved in the Summer Interschool Sports program. The fixture and information about the program are all outlined on the permission note, which can be located on XUNO. It is important that all permission notes and payments are completed via XUNO by Wednesday 12th February. Good luck to all our teams!

### ***SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA 'BIG 4'***

Registration to trial for SSV 12 Years and Under Team Vic Boys Australian Football, Mixed Netball, Boys Football (Soccer), Boys Basketball and Girls Basketball is completed via an online process managed by School Sport Victoria. The Online Registration process at [www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic](http://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic) closes on March 1, 2020. Students and families must first consult with their PE teacher to ensure they have the skill level to trial and represent their school at a national championship level. It is imperative that teachers decide on a child's capability of representing their school at a state level trial. Registration for a Division trial incurs a NON-REFUNDABLE \$25 fee.

Confirmation to attend a trial will occur before the end of Term 1, 2020. Once registered, the parent will receive an email confirming payment and a form that will require the Principal's signature. For more information, please see me (Christine Forrest) to discuss your child's eligibility.