

NEWSLETTER

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2019 Thursday 25 July

KEY REMINDERS

Do you have a Prep starting school next year? Enrolments for 2020 are open. We are hoping all our current families enrol as soon as possible.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Year 5/6 Camp information session in library 7 August
3:15-3:45pm

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

Author Visit Grades P-2
Glenda Miller 14 August

Author Visit Grades 3-6
Felice Arena 15 August

Year 5/6 Camp Doxa
21 - 23 August

Year 3/4 Camp information session in library 4 September
3:15-3:45pm

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

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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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to the families that were able to complete the Camp and Excursions survey. The survey has now closed and the results will be collated by the School Council Policy subcommittee. We look forward to sharing some of the feedback with the school community and a draft of the Camps and Excursion policy.

In regards to our work on reshaping our school vision and mission, the leadership team will be meeting with consultant Muffy Hand on Monday next week to share where we are at and to help guide our next steps. At this stage, we have collected the thoughts and aspirations of our students, staff and parents. You can read the thoughts and aspirations of parents on our Vision wall outside the office. We will be adding the feedback from students and staff to our Vision wall in the next few days. Here is a sample of how the students and teachers responded to one of their questions.

(One of the staff questions and sample of responses)

What does being a teacher mean to you?

'Being a teacher to me is to inspire students to want to learn and follow their passions. It is to be honest, kind, respectful, understanding, supportive and compassionate to everyone in the school community (students, teachers and families). I value being someone who loves being part of the community and aim to be the best teacher for my students by nurturing that community connection.'

'Being a teacher means everything to me. It means learning alongside our students. It means being a guiding force in the lives of young people. It means connecting with the future generation. It means lending a hand to help raise creative, thoughtful, committed, driven and conscious students who are empowered to find their life's purpose and passion and contribute back to the world in positive ways to build a brighter future for EVERYONE. It means sharing my passions with the students and learning about theirs all at the same time. It means being able to HEAR young people, get to know them, work with them to understand the world they live in.'

(One of the student questions and sample of responses)

How would you like to be remembered by the community of SHPS when you move onto secondary school?

I would like to be remembered:

'As person that is open to new ideas'

'As someone that likes to be challenged'

'As someone that doesn't give up'

'As someone that listens to feedback, and is happy to give feedback'

'As someone that tried their best and didn't let things get in their way'

'As someone that has a cheeky nature and a sense of humour'

'As a curious and brave person'

'As a loyal, kind and compassionate person'

This is just a very small sample of the way the amazing people within our school community think and feel. For me as a Principal of the school, when I hear words and comments that students say like *'I want to be remembered as a curious and brave person'*, I think about what we can do even better as a school to support this. When I hear teachers say things like, *'being teacher to me is to inspire the students'*, I think about the culture and environment we need to continue to develop and shape to allow this to occur.

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Please take the time to visit the Vision wall as there are so many thoughtful comments made by parents, students and staff that will assist us in reshaping our aspirations.

After our meeting with consultant Muffy Hand I will share more information about the next steps in the work.

We received more positive feedback this week from the students from the results of the 2019 Department of Education's Attitudes to School survey. The survey is completed statewide by all students from Years 4 to 6. Our results in regards to how the students feel about our school has always been positive and well above state averages, as we have had a focused effort on maintaining a strong learning culture. The responses from the students that make you feel proud are ones that relate to how connected they are to the school. This included how proud the students are of our school, how much they like our school and how much they feel they belong.

This is just one sample of information that we collect as a staff to help inform us of the things we are doing well and the things we could do better.

Currently the staff are completing the statewide Staff Opinion survey.

Staff news update

As you may know our P.E. teacher Leo Damnic has had a difficult year so far with his health. He continues to recover and wanted to say hello to everyone. Leo is hoping to return as soon as possible, however while he is away a replacement teacher will be covering his classes. As Leo is continuing to recover, we have made the decision to postpone the running of the swimming program for 2019.

Sunshine Social Special school lunch menu

Don't forget that families can now order some lunch for the children from the Sunshine Social Special school lunch menu (menu can be accessed on our website in the parents corner). There have already been a few orders that have come through since the service was launched on Friday last week.

Key information about the process for ordering a lunch order from the Sunshine Social Special School Lunch menu:

- Families can only order from the Sunshine Social Special School Lunch menu, which is available on the QuickCliq site at quickcliq.com.au.
- To order food, families need to register with QuickCliq at quickcliq.com.au – an information notice will be going home with the newsletter and will also be Flexi buzzed and placed on our website.
- You do not need to register if you have already done this during the period when True Soul Kitchen were running a food service on our school site – you just need to log in to the system.
- Although families will need to access Sunshine Heights PS on QuickCliq to make an order, Sunshine Social are the administrators for QuickCliq not the school.

Finally, we have been informed by the school photo company that school photos will be arriving next week.

Hope you had a nice week.

Thanks again,
Alex Artavilla
Principal