

# Newsletter

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017

**Principal:** Alex Artavilla  
**School Council President:** Kylie Barker

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

**Uniform Shop Hours:**  
Tuesday & Thursday  
8.45am - 9.15am / 3.00pm - 3.30pm

## Key reminders:

- Curriculum Day 2<sup>nd</sup> June  
No Students attend School.
- Public Holiday 12<sup>th</sup> June
- Parent Teacher Interviews  
28<sup>th</sup> June

## Dates to remember 2017:

### Term 2

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**  
Curriculum Day – No Student  
at School

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June**  
The History Box Incursion

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June**  
Parent Teacher Interviews

**Term 3**  
Dates to remember

### Term 4

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November**  
Curriculum Day – No Student  
at School

**Don't forget if you  
have a sibling to be  
enrolled for next year,  
can you please hand in  
your enrolment as  
soon as possible to  
help with planning**

  
**Sunshine Heights**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter will be available  
online & will be Tiquized  
each week.

## Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

To begin the newsletter this week I just wanted to welcome and introduce two new staff members that have recently joined us for 2017. Welcome Aasta De Kort, who has replaced Vic Borszczow as the Prep to 2 Arts teacher. Vic has recently retired from the Department of Education. Also, welcome to Daniela Cami who has replaced Emma Smerke as the teacher of 1D. Unfortunately for personal reasons Emma has had to resign from her position at the school.

I'd like to wish both Emma and Vic all the best for the future, and thank them for their contribution to Sunshine Heights Primary School.

### **You spin me round round baby round round like a record (or something like this!)**

One minute there was nothing and the next every single person under the age of 12 years old across the country (and possible around the world, and maybe on the moon) has a 'Fidget Spinner'! Where! What! How!

Honestly, two weeks ago I was wandering around the yard at recess, when two students came up to me to share, 'what I now know as a Fidget Spinner'. At the time, I actually thought it was something that fell from the bottom of a car that the students found on the road on their way to school! I couldn't understand why they were so excited about it! When I asked them what they liked about it, they said because you can spin it. Cool, I thought, spinning is always fun, as long as someone isn't having trouble starting their car because they are missing it.

I had a try of the spinning thing and quite enjoyed it.

The next day, I saw another student with this spinning thing. Thinking that we might have a 'stealing spinning things from cars problem at our school', I approached the child to ask where they had got their spinning thing from, they said from the shops. At that particular moment two more students walked past me happily spinning their spinning things and laughing. As I walked over to approach these students, I bumped into another student spinning his spinner!

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This was when I thought I was having a spinning things nightmare! While trying to pitch myself awake, I see a group of five boys sitting on the basketball court have a spinning thing spin competition! I couldn't hide from these spinning things! Where had they come from! Why hadn't anyone warned me! How many cars are stranded in their driveway because they were missing these spinning things!

After realising that pinching myself caused some considerable pain, I decided that this wasn't a dream and that our school had been overtaken by spinning monsters! Was it a new TV show? Did Taylor Swift or Justin Bieber change their names to Taylor Spin or Justin Spinner!

When I found out that these mystery spinners were called 'Fidget Spinners', I actually thought it was a joke. When I explored it even further I discovered that there was a 'behavioural' purpose behind the device, which has become one of the fastest growing children collectable items that I have seen for a long time!

Even though they are driving many parents and teachers from around the country crazy, I do see many benefits in the device for particular students.

This I why I wanted to let parents know that if the spinners are too distracting for a student or class that students will be asked to keep them in their bag or to keep at home. Please note that your child's teacher will speak to you if they feel that the spinner is beneficial for your child to use during class time. Use of spinners will be at the discretion of the teachers.

Please also note that the Department of Education and Training (DET) reminds parents, students and staff that private property brought to school is not insured and that DET accepts no responsibility for loss or damage. This can include mobile phones, electronic games, calculators, toys, musical instruments, sporting equipment, and cars parked on school premises. Parents, staff and students are discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

Thank you for your understanding, please feel free to contact the school if you have any queries.

Hope everyone has had a great week.

Alex Artavilla  
Principal

## 2017 Book Packs

**We still have a number of outstanding Book Pack payments. If you need assistance, please come and see the office. Your earliest attention would be greatly appreciated. Thank you**

## Fundraising

Pop Up Book Store	\$4,757.88
Easter Raffle	\$ 928.00
Mother's Day	\$ 815.60

## Interschool Sport Draw for Winter Sport 2017

Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> of May away against Sunshine North – Travelling by Bus

Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June home against Albion North

Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of June away against Our Lady's – Travelling by Bus

Save the Date...

Parent Teacher Interviews 28<sup>th</sup> June.

Please note 1B & 1C's interviews will likely occur on the 15<sup>th</sup> June. TBA soon.

Information to book online will be sent home soon.

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**Student of the week:**  
Will be awarded at assembly

**PREP**

A TBA  
B Mikail Aydin  
C Aahana Gupta

**ONE**

A Amir-Ali Azizi  
B Hanin Abdelfattah  
C Luc Nguyen  
D Shanae Stephens

**TWO**

A Ashleen Hossain  
B Rihanna Hua Le  
C Malik Omar

**THREE**

A Matina Ezekiel  
B Teowaina Re Rito-Tawhi  
3/4A Aaron Hoang

**FOUR**

A Selena Mehmet  
B Tausi Tausi

**FIVE**

A Jason Musaka  
B Ethan Pateras

**SIX**

A Grainne Corcoran-Taylor  
B DJ Newman

Multimedia: Malale Tutakhil  
Art: Arethya-Lee Talagi-Monomai  
Sport: Pauletta-Jo Te Rito  
Spanish: Amen Binyam  
Science: Angelie Le

**Congratulations Everyone  
Great Achievement**

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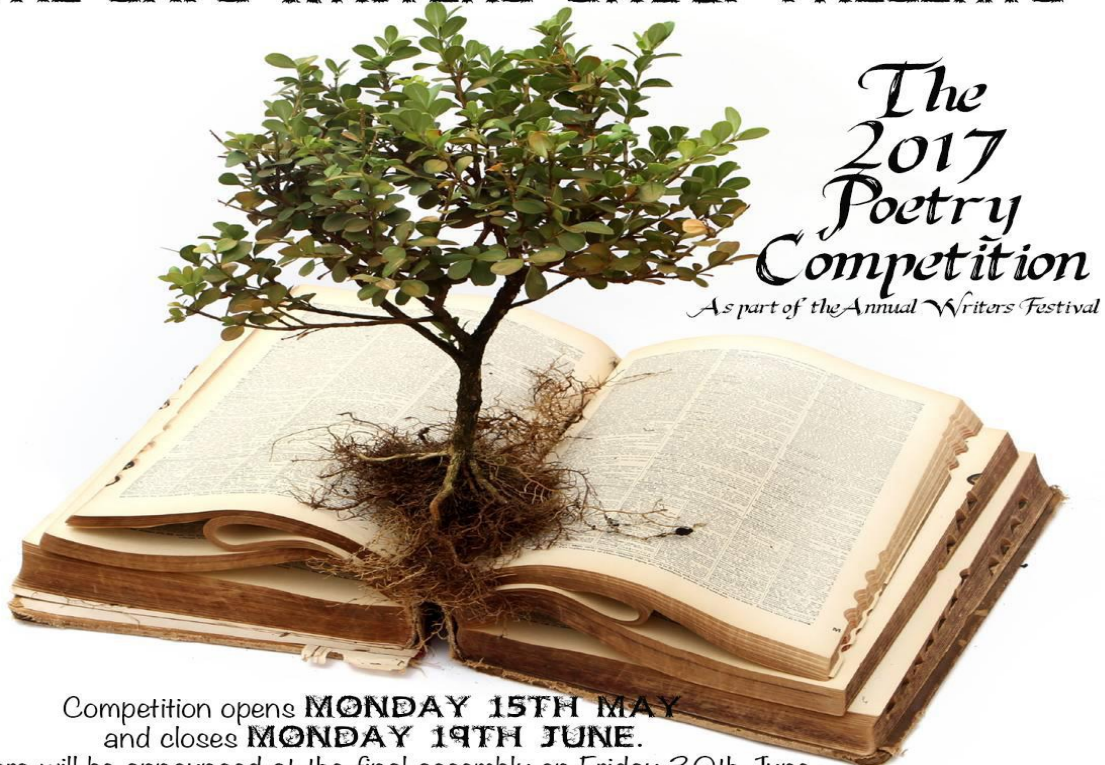


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## THE SHPS WRITERS GROUP PRESENTS



### The 2017 Poetry Competition

*As part of the Annual Writers Festival*

Competition opens **MONDAY 15TH MAY**  
and closes **MONDAY 19TH JUNE.**

Winners will be announced at the final assembly on Friday 30th June.

The 2017 Writers Group is very excited to announce the opening of our Annual Writing Competition as part of the 2017 Writers Festival. This year's competition will focus on POETRY. As our 'theme' for the 2017 Writers Festival is Seeds, we welcome students from all year levels to enter poetry of any style, based on the idea of seeds.

This could be a poem about growth, about planting seeds of ideas, about trees and plants, about personal growth or anything that plays around with the idea of seeds.

There will be 4 competition categories – PREP, Grade 1 and 2, Grade 3 and 4 and Grade 5 and 6.

All winning and shortlisted entries will be permanently published on a wall in the school to celebrate the amazing writing of our community, our young writers and our creativity.

The 2017 Writing Competition **OPENS** on Monday 15th May 2017 and **CLOSES** on Monday 19th June 2017. A box will be placed at the office for submissions. All poems must be clearly labelled with the full student name and grade.

Winners and shortlisted writers will be announced at the final assembly for Term 2. All students who enter will receive a certificate to acknowledge and celebrate them being a brave writer.

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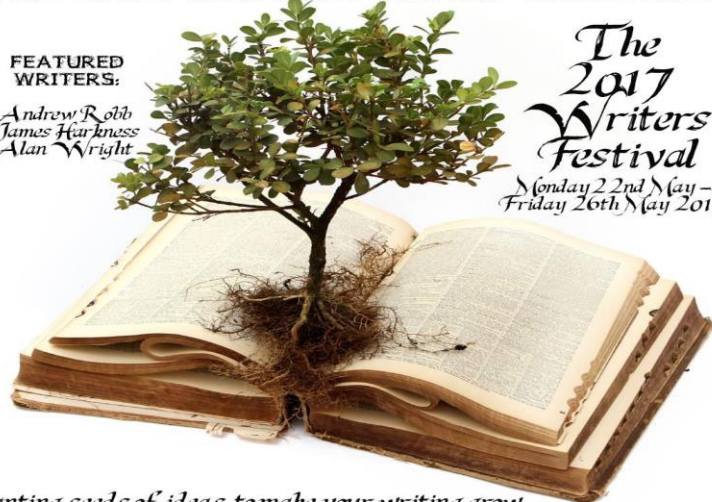
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## THE SHPS WRITERS GROUP PRESENTS

### FEATURED WRITERS:

Andrew Robb  
James Harkness  
Alan Wright



*The  
2017  
Writers  
Festival*  
Monday 22nd May –  
Friday 26th May 2017

*Planting seeds of ideas to make your writing grow.*

The 2017 Writers Group is excited to release the program for the annual **2017 Writers Festival**. This year's festival will run from Monday 22nd May until Friday 26th May 2017 and will include a guest writer panel and workshops, lunch time writing experiences and our annual Writing Competition. The full program details are below. **Day & Time**

Monday 22nd May 2017  
Lunchtime 1:40PM-2:15PM

Tuesday 23rd May 2017  
Lunchtime: 1:40PM-2:15PM

Wednesday 24th May 2017  
11:30-12:30:PM

Wednesday 24th May 2017  
12:45PM-1:30PM

Wednesday 24th May 2017  
Lunchtime 1:40PM-2:15PM

Thursday 25th May 2017  
Lunchtime 1:40PM-2:15PM

Friday 26th May 2017  
Lunchtime 1:40PM-2:15PM

Monday 15th May to Monday 18th June 2017

### Activity

**Push Pin Poetry** – Come join the Writers Group for a creative session where you'll contribute your ideas to a collaborative poem.

**Writing Scavenger Hunt** – Come join the Writers Group as we hunt for treasures hidden around the school and write about our adventures and discoveries.

**Guest Writers Panel** – Students will be joined by guest writers: Andrew Robb, Alan Wright and James Harkness to engage in an open question time about what it means to be a writer.

P-6 Writers Panel @ 11:30AM-12:15PM

**Guest Writers Workshops** – Students will be split into year levels P-2, 3-4 and 5-6. Each group and their teachers will participate in a writing experience with one of the guest writers.

**Paint Chip Poetry** – Come join the Writers Group as we turn everyday paint chips from Bunnings into incredibly descriptive poems

**Roll-a-Dice Stories** – Come join the Writers Group as we let chance take its toll on our stories, rolling dice like mad to create interesting stories

**Growing Seeds** – Come join the Writers Group as we plant tiny seeds in cups and start writing about the growth of the seed in mini books that you can take home

### Location

**Hallway near the Office**

**Around the School.  
Meet at the New Canteen**

**Library**

**Various Locations**

**Art Room**

**Art Room**

**Art Room**

**Poetry Competition** – open to all students



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