

NEWSLETTER

Thursday 12th November 2020

KEY REMINDERS

- * All updates will be sent on Xuno.
- * Please send water bottles as students cannot drink straight from taps.
- * All students must have a sunsmart hat for Term 4.
- * Please return all school resources and borrowed devices as soon as possible.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 7th December
Start of 'Connections Week'
Wednesday 9th December
Pupil free day
Thursday 10th December
Virtual Spanish Dining Experience 6pm
Friday 11th December
Festive Concert – students only (during the day)
Friday 11th December
Student reports sent home on Xuno
Tuesday 15th December
Grade 6 Graduation
Friday 18th December
Last day of Term 4 – 1:30pm dismissal

Principal
David Cocks

School Council President
Sarah Weston

School Supervision Times
8.40am - 9.00am
3.15pm - 3.30pm

'We are a child safe school and compliant with child safety standards. Child safety policies available on website.'



**SUNSHINE
HEIGHTS**
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

Important reminders:

Pupil free day – Wednesday 9th December

Big Child Care will operate on this day, please contact Big Child Care on 0432 802 045 or sunshineheights@bigchildcare.com.

All students need to have a sunsmart hat and a water bottle.

David's Message


After what has been a crazy few weeks involving flights from the US, quarantine in Sydney and a final 'all clear' of two negative COVID tests, I have finally arrived at Sunshine Heights. It has been so lovely to meet and connect with the students, with our amazing teachers and staff, and to be able to say a quick 'hello!' at the gates to some of our parents. Behind my mask I have been constantly smiling at how expressive, friendly and excited our community have been in welcoming me. To those of you I haven't been able to connect with yet, I am looking forward to hearing all about you and how we can collaborate as we continue to make our school an amazing place.

We have some special moments coming up for our school as we draw towards a close for 2020. We will be sharing a fond farewell with our year 6 students, and will make sure that their final memories of Sunshine Heights are special after the challenges of 2020. We will also inevitably say goodbye to a few other students across the school who will move on as their families move home (or country); we wish each of them well for the future and know that the school and our community will hold a special place in their hearts. Although Alex Artavilla left the school earlier this year, we have a special opportunity to say a fond virtual farewell on Thursday at the Virtual Spanish Community Dinner. Alex means so much to the entire school community, so it is great to have this opportunity to say '¡Hasta leugo!', until we meet again.

Our specialist team have been creatively producing a very exciting line up for the Connection Festival next week. I know you will have read the information that has been sent out and be eagerly anticipating each of the events. I can't wait to see the unique costumes on Monday or see the creativity of our community on Friday.

Finally, I wanted to say a huge thank you to Jacinta Goldie and the leadership team for their incredible work during this term. After starting off remotely and making a rapid switch to face-to-face learning, Jacinta and the team have worked tirelessly to ensure our children, staff and families have felt safe, connected and happy. I know that, as a community, we have moved through a hugely challenging time, but also that this means we know how lucky we are to be so deeply connected to each other. This sort of culture is only possible because each of our parents and carers, our staff members and our students have done such an amazing job this year – thank you, and I look forward to meeting each of you in the next few weeks.
Best wishes,


David Cocks
Principal

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We have created a 2021 Prep Orientation website that contains important information relating to your child starting school, including important dates and meeting our teachers. Please read over each section to help you understand more about your child starting school.

Website link: <https://sunshineheightsps.wixsite.com/mysite>

The Connection Festival will be a weeklong festivity filled with events to bring our community together, even if we are apart.

Monday 7th December to Friday 11th 2020

Schedule

Monday 7th December 2020

DRESS UP DAY & INFLATABLE OBSTACLE COURSE

Come dressed to express the uniqueness and wonder in you. and let off some steam on the inflatable obstacle course!

Tuesday 8th December 2020

2020 NOTES TIME CAPSULE

Students and families will write notes about their 2020. These will be put in a time capsule and buried at the end of the week.

Wednesday 9th December 2020

2020 DIGITAL STORIES FILM SCREENING

Get out the popcorn and settle in for a special film screening of the Grade 5 students' creative digital stories capturing 2020! Videos will be accessible via Seesaw from 6PM

Thursday 10th December 2020

VIRTUAL SPANISH COMMUNITY DINNER

Our community will come together on Webex from 6-6:45PM for a special Spanish dinner and Spanish culinary talk by the Spanish Consulate

GOODBYE. HELLO

Join us after the Spanish community dinner from 6:45-7:15PM on Webex as we farewell Alex Artavilla and welcome David Cocks

Friday 11th December 2020

VIRTUAL FESTIVE CONCERT, ART SHOW & DISCO

Watch our creativity come to life as we dance, showcase our whole school Visual Arts memory boxes and PARTY!

All week.

CARDBOARD COMMUNITY, COLLABORATIVE GAMES & VALUES

All week, students will be creating a cardboard community in Art and classes, and families will be invited to contribute their own creations as we reimagine, reconnect and reawaken our community. PE classes will be focused on collaborative games and team building and classrooms will be celebrating our values and aspiration!