

# NEWSLETTER

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2019 Thursday 9 May

## KEY REMINDERS

**Mother's Day / Special Person in our lives breakfast tomorrow 7:30am at the Sunshine Social - \$3 per roll.**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Naplan (Year 3 and 5 students only):**  
14 – 28 May

**Twilight School Day:** on this day school will start at 1:00pm and finish at 7:15pm.  
Thursday 23 May

**Whole School Photos:**  
Wednesday 29 May

**Casual Dress day:**  
Friday 31 May

**Parent Teacher meetings 1pm to 8pm:**  
Thursday 27 June

**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/Carers,

Ok, I hope everyone is keeping on top of what we have going on over the next few weeks. Tomorrow we have the Mother's Day / Special person in our lives breakfast at the Sunshine Social. Thank you to the families that have returned the food indication form. Don't forget that it was not an order form but an indication of how much food the Sunshine Social needs to prepare.

The weather for Friday morning is on the chilly side but it will be a great way to celebrate to the many special people in our lives. Don't forget event commences at 7:30am, rolls are \$3 each and students will need to head to school to get ready for the day by 8:55am.

## The Election Day fundraising event 18 May 8am to 2pm

Thank you to the families that have offered to bake a cake or treat, and/or volunteer time to help on the day. As many of you know, I'm a big fan of a sausage sizzle and have no problem enjoying one with sauce at any time of the day. This is why it is exciting to know that our Election Day fundraising event will be serving up some 'snags' for those early voters.

I think my passion for a sausage and sauce started during my junior soccer days when you had to run around in the early hours of the morning in freezing weather. As soon as the game finished you were absolutely starving, cold and in need of some energy. Waiting on the sidelines for us at the end of each game was a BBQ, slices of bread, cooked warm sausages and a big bottle of Heinz sauce.

I also enjoy the election campaign (a big 'The West Wing' TV series fan). For me it's like a sporting season. It's not that I am big into politics; I'm just intrigued with how political parties function and how they deliver their messages. Of course, policies around education is important for me, but for some reason I'm fascinated with the whole process – especially how the election night unfolds.

Anyway, even if you have voted early or have things on the 18 May, I hope you are able to find time to drop into the school grab a sausage, cake, treat or coffee, enjoy the election experience, and support the fundraising team for giving up their Saturday morning to raise extra funds for the school. I have to pass on a big thank you to Coopers mum Andrea for overseeing the organisation of the event, and all the parents and students that have offered to volunteer some time and/or to bake a cake or treat.

Andrea and School Council have been doing a lot of work over the past 6 months with re-establishing a fundraising team and events, which has focused around revising, and drafting clear processes and policies.

Hope you can join us on the day.

## Reshaping our future...

Thank you so much to everyone for taking the time to complete the 'Reshaping our future' survey. It has been so nice to hear about the things families love about our school. On the Twilight School night, the responses to the questions will be displayed in the passageway outside the office. Please take the time to read about what others love about our school and how others describe our school in three words. You may also like to add more responses.

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We will also use the Twilight School school evening to seek further feedback from families as part of the next stage in the process.

### **Year 4 to 6 Attitude to School survey**

As a school, throughout the year we continually monitor and look for ways of improving student engagement, wellbeing, and quality instruction. A key part of this includes conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school. The Attitudes to School Survey is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. We will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience. Students from Year 4 to 6 at our school will participate in the survey over the next few weeks.

### **Twilight School Organisational Details**

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> of May 2019

Don't forget to showcase and celebrate the learning experiences offered at Sunshine Heights Primary School, on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> of May 1:00pm – 7:15pm the students will have the opportunity to experience a 'Twilight' school day. On this day the students will arrive at school at 12:45pm for a 1:00pm start with school finishing at 7:15pm. Twilight School will give parents/carers/grandparents the opportunity to visit and enjoy their child's classrooms in action.

The school day times on our Twilight School Day will be as follows:

- 1:00 to 3:00pm Session 1 and 2
- 3:00 to 3:30pm RECESS
- 3:30 to 4:30pm Session 3
- 4:30 to 4:40pm Eating time
- 4:40 to 5:30pm OUTSIDE TIME (this may vary depending on the time that the sun will be setting)
- 5:30 to 7:15pm Session 4 and 5

At the end of the school day, parents will be asked to pick their child up from the classroom. No child will be allowed to walk home from school. Parents will also be asked to inform the class teacher in writing prior to the day of alternative picking up arrangements.

Parents/carers are encouraged to arrive at any time of the day for as long as they would like to stay. However, it will be important for parents to remember that it is a normal school day and that students will be expected to stay at school until the end of the day (unless they have after school sports/music session - the decision to attend the session is up to the parent/student – parents are encouraged to pick up their child from school at any time to attend the training session/lesson).

We also understand that organising supervision arrangements for your child/ren from 8:45am to 12:45pm may be a challenge. This is why we are providing lots of notice prior to the event to allow parents time to organise supervision arrangements. However, this may still not be possible. A notice was sent home in week one term two to give parents the opportunity to inform us of how your child will be supervised prior to the event and whether you are having any challenges finding supervision for your child. 'Big Child Care' will only be providing before care on the morning of the Twilight School Day from 6:45am – 8:45am.

Other important information:

- Staff members will supervise school crossings used by students before school starts. Crossings supervision will commence at 12:30pm.
- Parents will be required to sign in at the school office prior to visiting their child's classroom.
- Students need to bring an afternoon snack and to wear school uniform.

Finally, thank you to the families that have already enrolled their child for Prep in 2020. This assists us with planning for the coming year.

Alex Artavilla  
**Principal**