

NEWSLETTER

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2019 Wednesday 24 April

KEY REMINDERS

Thank you to the families that have paid the 2019 Parent Payments (essential items for students) of \$160.

Return Twilight school and Mother's Day notices.

DATES TO REMEMBER

ANZAC Day public holiday:
Thursday 25th April

Whole School Tree Planting Day at Kororoit Creek: Friday 26th April.

Mother's Day breakfast at the Sunshine Social: Friday 10th May 7:30am start

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

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

Whole School Photos:
Wednesday 29th May

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,

Welcome back! Hope you were able to enjoy a bit of a break over the past two weeks. We have a jam-packed term so please contact the office if you need any information. Don't forget to also keep an eye on the newsletter, Flexi Buzz and our Instagram site as we will be using these platforms to share information and celebrate the term.

Don't forget that there is no school tomorrow as it is a public holiday for ANZAC Day. This morning we held a short ceremony that was led by our student leaders to remember our ANZACS that have died or been injured in wars. The students did a great job and we all need to be super proud of how respectful they were during the ceremony.

Kororoit Creek trip on Friday

On Friday to celebrate Earth Day (which was on Monday), the whole school will be heading to Kororoit Creek to add a further 500 plants and scrubs to our adopted area.

As with our planting experiences in previous years, we will be sending students to the creek at varying times throughout the day.

- Prep students and their buddy class – 4A, 4B and 3/4A will be leaving the school at 9:30am – Sharon
- Year 1, 2, 5/6A and 6A students will be leaving the school at 10:30am (students to have their snack before heading off)
- Year 3A, 3B, 3C, 5A and 5B students will be leaving the school at 11:40am

NOTES:

- If it is raining, the event will be postponed. Forecast is currently on the cooler side.
- No need to send any extra or special snacks for the students. They will eat at school prior or after their visit
- They may want to bring drink bottle
- Parents and families are able to walk with their child's class or meet the students at the creek. The more the merrier! The location of our adopted area is located at the end of Sanders Avenue, Kororoit Creek Trail entrance. When you enter the Kororoit Creek trail from Sanders Avenue, follow the path right.

Don't forget that this is a local excursion, which parents have signed on enrolment forms.


Mother's Day/Special Person in our lives Breakfast at the Sunshine Social Friday 10th of May 7:30am to 9am

To celebrate the many special people in our lives, we are inviting families to come along to the Sunshine Social (64 Glengala Road, Sunshine West) for breakfast and a coffee on Friday 10th of May 7:30am to 9am. The 'Sunshine Social' will be cooking:

- Egg and Bacon rolls
- Eggs rolls


Rolls will cost \$3 each. They will also be selling coffee throughout the morning as well. To assist the Sunshine Social in preparing for the morning, a notice will be going home this week so that families can indicate how many rolls they will purchase on the day. This is a goodwill food *indication form to give the Sunshine Social an idea of how much food to order and prepare.* Note that you will need to pay for your breakfast on the day at the Sunshine Social.

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Notices sent home today...

As mentioned, we do have a few special events occurring this term. With the newsletter today, the following notices were sent home:

- Mother's Day/Special person in our lives breakfast – details and food indication form.
- Twilight School Day – Paella food order form and information
- Twilight School Supervision indication form

Finally, with our Earth Day celebration on Friday, as a staff we wanted to continue an environmental focus by working with the students to reduce the amount of waste/rubbish that students bring to school each day. Many students have been bringing healthy rubbish free lunches to school, which has been fantastic. Not only does this ensure that no rubbish makes its way to our waterways, but it also reduces the amount of rubbish that heads to wastelands – currently as a school we send about 30 large bins of waste each week. Imagine if we could dramatically reduce this! Classes will be working together to share rubbish free lunch ideas and healthy food options that students can share suggestions with their families. This work is not supposed to cause stress at home so please speak to your child's teacher if you have any concerns/questions/ideas.

Having 400 students ranging from 5 to 13 year olds, means that it can be a challenge ensuring that no rubbish is found on the ground. We continually talk to the students about using the bins so that our rubbish does not make it to the waterways and harms our environment and sea creatures. We have lots of student's that use the bins and lots that unintentionally allow their rubbish to fall to the floor. We don't want to punish students by making them pick up rubbish, so we have developed a collective responsibility plan where we all share the responsibility of keeping our school clean, tidy and environmentally friendly.

Once a week a class from Year 3 to 6 will take up the responsibility of ensuring our school is clean, tidy and environmentally friendly each day. The class will seek three different volunteers each day to roam the yard with a bucket and tongs. To commence our new approach, 3A have been doing a fantastic job so far. Next week 3B, have the opportunity to continue their great work.

Thank you in advance for supporting the students and staff with this work and I look forward to celebrating our achievements over the coming months.

Have a great term everyone!

Alex Artavilla
Principal
Sunshine Heights Primary School

Twilight School Organisational Details

Thursday 23rd of May 2019

To showcase and celebrate the learning experiences offered at Sunshine Heights Primary School, on Thursday 23rd 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. We will be organising a pre-ordered meal arrangement for the students (to have for dinner at 4:30pm).

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.