MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thank you to all the parents who came along to the Meet the Teacher night. I trust you were able to share information about your child/ren and took the opportunity to get to know your child’s teacher for 2016. This is the first part of our reporting to parents program. In June we will have Parent/Teacher Interviews as well as a formal report and in December you will receive your child’s final report for the year. If at any time you wish to discuss your child’s progress you can make an appointment with the teacher.

PREP TRANSITION SURVEY

Feedback is vitally important to us to ensure we give you and your family the best experience when starting school. Our Prep families have been given a survey which should only take 5 minutes to fill in. We appreciate your comments and hope to use these to improve our Transition Program in 2017. Please return the survey by Friday 11 March.

COME AND TRY SCHOOL MORNING

Do you have or do you know of any children due to start school next year? If so encourage them to register for our Come and Try School morning on Friday 4 March. As well as giving children a “Taste” of Primary School, parents will have the opportunity to hear all about starting school and the enrolment process. A range of staff will be on hand to answer any questions you may have.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Thank you to those parents and staff who nominated for School Council this year. Congratulations to the following candidates who have been successful:

- Felicity Gates
- Sonia Fellowes
- Anna Pedulla
- Elzette Bester
- Leah Kotynski
- Donna O’Brien

Our first meeting to elect office bearers will be Monday 7 March at 6:30pm.

SUNSHINE PRIMARY SCHOOL SAYS ‘BULLYING, NO WAY!’ ON THE NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION.

On Friday 18 March, our school will be taking a stand together on the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. The National Day is an annual event for Australian schools where school communities across the nation stand as one against bullying and violence. Sunshine Primary School is dedicated to creating safe and supportive school environments, free from bullying, harassment and violence. Together, we can send clear messages to young people that bullying and violence, in or outside the classroom, are not okay at any time. We will keep you informed about our plans and activities to celebrate the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence on Friday 18 March. Please note the date in your diaries.

Lyn Read
BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS UPDATE

2015 was such a busy year and it just seemed to fly by. A number of smaller jobs got completed including grounds maintenance and repainting. We resurfaced the hallways and stairs which has improved safety and the look of the hall. Rob completed and installed the pencils lining the entrance pathway and the VU Day was also a great success. With the relocation of the portable and moving all our students into the main building, a number of health and safety jobs have been identified, and as such Rob (our grounds person) has been tasked with these as priority; putting a few new projects on the backburner. We had our Memorial Pavers fundraiser last year - with a small level of interest we extended the purchase of pavers until the end of the year (I'm sure if you're still interested and haven’t put your order in you could see the office ASAP). The B&G team have needed to slightly rethink how to use these pavers and you should see the project started in the coming months. We thank you for your understanding on how we prioritise the works around the school and that sometimes projects need to be shuffled around. As always if you have any suggestions, see anything that needs working on or would like to be involved please see a school council member or the office.

Rebecca Pattinson
(on behalf of the Buildings & Grounds sub committee)

FUNDRAISING

A big thank you to all the families who are helping raise funds for our school through the Chocolate Drive. I would also like to thank those families who have sold 3 or more boxes. What an extraordinary effort!! All monies and any unsold chocolates are due by Wednesday 16 March 2016.

If you are experiencing difficulty selling the chocolates please don’t hesitate to return them to the office. We have a number of families who have expressed interest in helping to sell the chocolates.

There is a limited number of plain navy school hats for sale at the office for $5.00 each.

CURRICULUM DAYS

Friday 22 April
Monday 31 October
There is NO SCHOOL for students on these days.

HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

Students in Years Three, Four, Five and Six have been preparing for participation in the annual house cross country to be held along Kororoit Creek on Friday 18 March from 9:30 to 10:45am. During their physical education lessons, the students have been participating in a 5 minute run/walk test. During each session their performance is recorded and acknowledged as they strive to achieve a personal best score and their running goal. The focus has been on personal improvement and goal setting, not racing other students. Many students have completed over one thousand metres within the 5 minute time limit.

On the day of the cross country students will need to wear shoes and clothing appropriate for participating in a long run. If it is a particularly hot day students are advised to have a water bottle to carry or have access to at the end of the race.

Students who are, or are turning 10, 11, 12 or 13 have the opportunity to be selected to represent Sunshine Primary School in the District Cross Country Championships early in Term Two.

Parents are welcome to attend the event as spectators or helpers.

DISTANCE RUN ON THE DAY
8/9 YEAR OLDS—1000 METRES 10/11 YEAR OLDS—2000 METRES 12/13 YEAR OLDS—3000 METRES

Ray McCredden — Sports Teacher
Happy Birthday

February
Sanjay, Rakshiga, Katie, Lian, Willow, Jaskaran, Sarah.

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Week ending Friday 19 & 26 February
Prep L
Vandan & Koby
Truong & Angelina
Prep/1 E
Anushka & Long
Lucas & Adam
1/2 M
Thien & Paityn
Ruby & Leah
1/2 P
Kajal & Adi
Thuan & Rowan
3/4 K
Anna & Zen
Otis & Rylee
3/4 L
Kirra & Jett
Helen & Bilaal
5/6 K
Eleni & Owen
Nihit & Lian
5/6 O
Theresa & Jade
Emily & Daniel

Music Awards
Poppy - 1/2 P
Hamish - 3/4 L
Anne - 3/4 K
William - Prep/1 E

Art Awards
William - Prep/1 E
Kiera - 5/6 O

Sports Awards
Seth, Anthony, Emo, Michael, Helen, Phu, Thi-Ana, Aliza, Kenny.

Reward Tokens

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Is Your Child Interested in learning how to play Keyboard?
Half hour lessons are now available at SPS during school hours
(9:30am – 1:00pm)
Reasonable rates charged.
Further information available at the office.

Special Lunch
When: Thursday 17 March
Orders close Friday 11 March
The order form has been distributed please check with your child.

Special Treat Day
Hot Cross Buns
Tuesday 22 March
Hot cross buns will be sold over the counter at recess.

Primary School Wear
Shop address
58 Westwood Drive, Deer Park
Phone: 9363 8458
Order online at www.psw.com.au

Before & After School Care Program
For Bookings and cancellations please ring
Maryanne on 0423 795 361

School Dental Service:
Ph: 8398 4100 — No. 2 Geelong Road, Footscray

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Our commitment to the school community is to provide quality products delivered through service excellence. PSW is growing and as a result we have outgrown our current Deer Park Retail Outlet, at 58 West Wood Drive, Ravenhall 3061.

The last day of trading at our current Deer Park Store will be Sat 5 March 2016.

From Tues 15 March your school uniform will be located at our new Deer Park Retail Outlet at: Unit 2, 51-53 West Wood Drive, Ravenhall 3061.

During this transition period uniform will not be available for sale at any outlet or online. We therefore encourage parents to purchase any new uniform items needed before the closing of the current store.
VARIETY CLUB

Some of the activities we have been doing in Variety club so far this year.

Celebrating Chinese New Year, the ‘Year of the Monkey’.

‘Teddy Bears Picnic’.

“We had a ‘Teddy bears picnic’ and we made fairy bread for our picnic. We used M & M’s and icing to decorate the teddy bear biscuits. I was holding my teddy up.”
By Rowan.

“It was so good to have a photo with my teddy”.
By Tomas.