



SUNNYBANK STATE HIGH NEWSLETTER

*Many Ways
to Excellence*

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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Congratulations to the school track and field team who were placed second overall and won the percentage trophy in the recent track and field carnivals. The boys' team were overall winners and the girls come in second place. Well done to all the team and the staff who have trained each student. Best wishes to the students who will represent our district in the upcoming regional competition.



Year 10 Student Education and Training Plans (SETP)

Thank you to the parents of our year 10 students who have made their appointment times for their student's SET plan. Attending the interview and signing off on your students' subject selections for 2014 will enable the timetable and staffing to occur. Most of the interviews should have occurred on or by Thursday 15 August. If you have a student in year 10 and have not yet arranged your interview time, please contact the school as soon as possible regarding this. Details of the arrangements have been sent home with your student.

Science Week

Next week is Science Week which will culminate in our annual Science Expo. Student work, including the projects from our local state schools, will be on display. Students will be enjoying a range of fantastic activities throughout the week. Please join us at the Science Expo and Showcase on Friday 16 August from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm.

Farewell to our Niigata Japanese friends

For twelve days, we have hosted fourteen students and their supervisors. During this time the students have undertaken intensive English language lessons as well as learnt about the unique Australian culture. Many friendships have been forged and ideas shared. Sincere thanks to the families who have opened their homes as homestay parents and cared so well for the students.

Thank you to our breakfast club sponsors who continue to support our students through the breakfast club. Volunteers are invited to assist in serving breakfast one morning a week or once a month. While we have been interviewing for the position of Chaplain, there has been no breakfast club but within a couple of weeks a new Chaplain will be appointed and the breakfast club will resume. Please contact the school on 3323 8111 if you are able to volunteer.



Schoolkids Bonus

The Schoolkids Bonus is a payment to help lighten the load of educational costs. Each year eligible families and students will receive up to \$410 for primary students and \$820 for secondary students. The first half was paid in January and the second half, paid in July, is designed to help with on-going mid-year expenses. For more information, visit the website www.australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus

Exhibition Public Holiday

The holiday for our school is the public holiday on Wednesday 14 August. There is no school on this day.

Canteen Specials: Tuesday 13 August - spaghetti; vegetable rolls. Thursday 15 August - chicken, gravy and mashed potatoes. Tuesday 20 August - sausage and bacon carbonara; vegetable rolls. Thursday 22 August - rice and vegetables.

Diane Hicks,
Principal



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UNIFORM SHOP: Monday - Wednesday - Friday 8.00am - 11.00am

PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION: Meet every 3rd Tuesday at 7pm in the Administration Building

AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR CULINARY CHALLENGE

On Saturday 27 July, Martina, Darina, Fe' Ao and Agie travelled to Southbank Institute of TAFE to compete in the Australian Junior Culinary Challenge.

This is an Australia wide competition, open to all year 10 students. Students compete with schools in their region. Each school was able to field two teams and produce two meals following strict guidelines about ingredients, method, weight and time.



Our students competed against schools in our region including Chisolm, Calvary, Runcorn, Rochedale, Marsden, Groves and Southside. This competition had all of the stress you would see on a Masterchef elimination or pressure test. Both Sunnybank teams received a silver medal for their outstanding efforts. Once again, our students have demonstrated that we can mix it with the best. They say it takes a village to raise a child and our school is very much like that village. The support the students had from Administration, Home Ec staff, all staff members and students alike gave them the support they needed to achieve their personal best.

A hearty congratulations to these students for a superb job, well done.

Erin Garbutt, Home Ec Teacher

LOTE CHINESE

Our students of Chinese have again achieved successes in various academic and cultural activities.

Meleika Gesa-Fatafehi (year 10) won a bronze award in the 2013 Language Perfect World Championship. She answered 3,260 questions during the competition, earning 1,115 points. This placed her in the top 10% of 225,000 competitions from around the world.

Our students of Chinese took part in the 2013 Queensland Chinese Character and Culture Festival organised by the Chinese Teacher's Association. For the Chinese Character Creative Art Competition, students were to design and paint pictures on the theme of Chinese character and culture in the most artistic and innovative way.



Our students won four of the six Credit awards, all the Distinction and High Distinction awards in the High School category. Credit awards winners are: Agnes Lee (year 9), Winnie Cai, Marcus Huang and Lisa Guan (year 12). Distinction awards winners are: Sandra Varghese (year 8), Jessica Chai (year 9), Aisha Diliya (year 11) and Fan Feng (year 12). Winners of the two High Distinction awards are Valery Cheng and Josephine Ko Choy (year 11).

Valery Cheng (year 11) received a Credit award in the Script Calligraphy Competition, while Angel Bai (year 11) and Marcus Huang (year 12) got Distinction awards. Patrick Pei (year 11) received a Credit award in the Tongue Twister Read Aloud Competition. The winning artwork and awards are on display in the windows of the Chinese classroom of this school as well as the Queensland Taiwan Centre.

Past student of Chinese, David Ngiam, has won an award for the Confucius Internationship Cup Chinese Writing Competition and has been awarded 3000 credit points, equivalent to 300 Ren Min Bi (Chinese dollars) to be used for on line purchases and services.

Congratulations to our students of Chinese. Well Done!

Mrs Hazel Cheung, LOTE Teacher (Chinese)

MATHEMATICS

Last term, a team of four year 9 students competed in the *Have Sum Fun On Line* (HSFOL) competition. This is a problem-solving competition with NAPLAN-type items for each of years 3 to 10 conducted by the Mathematical Association of Western Australia (MAWA) and endorsed by the Australian Association of Mathematics Teachers (AAMT). This popular competition for teams of four has been running very successfully Australia-wide for six years, with very positive feedback from both teachers and students. The competition consists of three rounds of ten questions over three consecutive weeks. Student teams log on each set week and have one hour to complete each round of questions. Completion time is important as both speed and accuracy are taken into account when finalising weekly results.

Our team, consisting of Agnes Lee, Millie Shan, Helen An and Mulan Gesa-Fatafehi, finished ninth out of 89 teams across Australia competing in the year 9 division. This placed them in the top 10% with only a 2.2 point difference between first place and the Sunnybank team.

Congratulations to the girls on such an excellent effort!



Last Thursday 1 August, approximately 50 Sunnybank High students entered this year's 36th annual Australian Mathematics Competition, sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank. This competition, which started in Australia in 1978, was the original and is now the largest of its kind in the world. More than 40 countries participate in the AMC each year and it is recognised as an international benchmark for mathematical performance. We look forward to informing you of some great results later in the year.



Maths tutoring in room 703

This term the Mathematics department will continue to offer tutoring for students who may need some extra practice in a particular topic or understanding of assignment requirements.

Monday, Tuesday, Friday: 11.15 am – 11.55 am (first break)

Wednesday: 7.45 am – 8.30 am

Ms Schloss, HOD Mathematics



Students of Chinese - Award Winners

NAIDOC WEEK

From 7 to 12 July, Australia celebrated NAIDOC, which stands for National Aboriginal and Islander Day of Celebrations. Originally it was only a day but now we celebrate the achievements of our Indigenous peoples for a whole week. Sunnybank State High School was proud to participate. At Sunnybank we have students from all over the world but it is important to recognise the original people of Australia who have been here for over 40,000 years. At school we investigated Indigenous issues, poetry and films and highlighted the contribution of Aboriginal people in sport, art and Australian culture in general. As part of our celebrations we had an interschool, intercultural touch football day where students from a wide variety of ethnic backgrounds came together at T.J. Doyle Memorial Park and had a great day of friendship and unity. We played on teams with and against students from Runcorn and Nyanda and had a fantastic day.



We began the day with a flag raising ceremony at school before going to the event. Once we arrived, Aboriginal Elder Uncle Sam Watson welcomed us all to country and gave us all a short lesson on Aboriginal history in Queensland. We played games all day and Gallang Place put on a barbeque for everyone with so much food it was hard to keep playing. At the end of the day we recognised the winning teams, including the Sunnybank team that won the whole competition, but we also recognised people who helped to make the day a success. Notable mentions go to Jordan Bani-Burke who buddied up with Ms Sardie, our school counsellor, as our unofficial MCs all day and Terri Cain who helped to keep everyone pumped even when they were starting to fatigue. We all had a fantastic day and hope that next year can be even bigger and better. Thanks to everyone who helped to make the whole week a wonderful celebration for all of our students.

Gil Hatcher, Youth Support

HOMEWORK CLUB Year 8 and 9 students

Homework club is on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday every week from 3 pm to 4 pm, in the Library. Students are welcome to come along to get help with homework, assignments or any task they are having trouble with.

STUDY PLAN TERM 3

As you probably all know, term 3 is one of the toughest for students. There is a HUGE amount of assessment, particularly for years 11 and 12, not to mention the QCS test in September. The best plan of attack for term 3 is to BE PREPARED!

- Make sure that you access the School Web page and check your assessment dates on the Assessment Calendar.
- Write the dates into your Semester 2 Planner on pages 14 and 15 of your diary.
- Read over the School Assessment Policy on pages 8 and 9 of your diary to avoid any mishaps.

and remember...

We learn...10% of what we read, 20% of what we hear, 30% of what we see, 50% of what we see and hear, 70% of what is discussed with others, 80% of what is experienced personally and 95% of what we teach others. So if you really want to do well on your exams, teach your family what you are learning at school. They will enjoy hearing about what you are studying and you will do much better in your exams!

SUNNYBANK STARS

The last Wednesday of term two saw a talented group of Sunnybank primary students complete their ten weeks of science extension work. The students worked hard all term including starting their projects for the Science expo.



They all gained valuable experience in designing experiments and became competent at using many pieces of laboratory equipment. We are looking forward to seeing them again at the Science expo next week.
Ms Aldridge, AVHOD Science

YEAR SEVEN EXTENSION DAY

A group of year seven students from Sunnybank State School and Watson Road State School did an Art workshop at Sunnybank High on Tuesday 23 July. They experimented with a transfer method, monoprinting and watercolour.



The students had a great afternoon and left Sunnybank with two pieces of finished artworks.
Mrs Chang, Art Teacher

STEVE HERRICK COMES BACK TO SUNNYBANK HIGH!

On Thursday 18 July, Steven Herrick, past student of Sunnybank State High and well-known author and poet, visited our school for a poetry workshop and performance with our year 10 students. Everyone was thoroughly entertained by his hilarious, passionate and engaging performance. He made up poems on the spot about Ethan and Lexi (much to the amusement of the audience) and helped us to realise that poetry is not boring at all! If you want to read more from Steven Herrick, please see Ms Cobb in the Library. We have some of his books available to borrow.

NATIONAL HEALTHY BONES WEEK 19-25 August

Dairy Australia is calling on all Australians to do the 'Milkshake' for National Healthy Bones Week in August. The milkshake theme encourages everybody to team up dairy foods and exercise for optimal bone health. **Everybody shake - get your body moving for strong bones. Everybody milkshake - give your bones a calcium boost with a milkshake or other delicious dairy food.** Just three serves of dairy foods every day will provide most people with the calcium they need to build and maintain strong bones. A serve of dairy food is equal to one cup (250 ml) milk, one tub (200 g) yogurt or two slices (40 g) cheese.

More information: www.healthybones.com.au

Maggie Kerr, School Based Youth Health Nurse

ADVANCE NOTICE OF IMPORTANT DATES	
August 14	RNA Show Day Holiday
August 16	Sunnybank High Science Expo
August 20	Year 10 Immunisations Boostrix
August 21	Met Finals Round 1
August 27	P&C Meeting 7.00 pm
August 27-29	Regional Track & Field Carnival
August 28	Met Finals Round 2
September 2-6	Yr 10 Work Experience Week
September 3&4	Qld Core Skills Test