



SUNNYBANK STATE HIGH NEWSLETTER

*Many Ways
to Excellence*

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

23 August 2013

Science week, last week, was a huge success and culminated with our annual Science Expo. Congratulations to all staff and students who were involved. Students from our local state schools submitted their posters and joined in the many experiments and activities running on Friday afternoon.



Thank you to parents who have made the time to meet with year 10 Studies teachers and complete their student's Student Education and Training Plan. Every year 10 student must complete this plan prior to them continuing on to year 11. The Plan sets in place students' goals for their future and careers and assists in clarifying the selection of subjects that will assist them to achieve their personal best and successful after school pathways. If you have not yet made a time to complete the plan please contact the school office. Staffing and final subject choices offered will require feedback from this process.

Congratulations to Sarah Channer for having her art work on display in the Creative Generation Excellence Awards in Visual Art Metropolitan Regional Exhibition at Waterfront Place, Eagle Street. The exhibition is open until 31 August. Well done Sarah.

On behalf of our whole school community, I **welcome John Filewood** to Sunnybank High as our new school Chaplain. John commenced work this week and brings his knowledge and skills from his work as a Chaplain in other schools and youth agencies. I am sure it will not take him long to get to know everyone and for him to settle into his role in our Student Services team.

Best wishes to our OP eligible students sitting their Qld Core Skills test on 3 and 4 September. We know that you are well prepared through the programs you have undertaken at the school and that you are working well together and will do your personal best.

Canteen Specials

Tuesday 27 August - spaghetti; vegetable rolls. Thursday 29 August - chicken, mashed potato and gravy. Tuesday 3 September - hokkien noodles with vegetables. Thursday 5 September - fettuccine.

Diane Hicks, Principal

ENROLLING NOW FOR 2014
Contact the school for an interview - 3323 8111

YEAR 9 JAPANESE

On Friday 16 August, the year 9 Japanese students travelled by bus to the city and enjoyed watching traditional Japanese dance and a demonstration of karate martial arts, part of the Japan Week Festival. This excursion was an essential part of learning about the culture of Japan.



The students also had the opportunity to visit the "Daiso Japan" shop. They had the opportunity to use their Japanese speaking skills while having a bit of fun shopping in a Japanese store.



I am very proud of our students who displayed excellent behaviour at all times!!

Mrs Takahashi
Teacher of Japanese

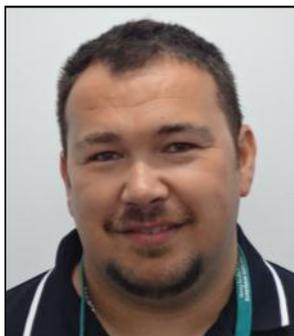
INTRODUCING OUR NEW SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

Hi, my name is John Filewood. I am the new School Chaplain at Sunnybank High. I am really excited to be here and grateful for the opportunity of being part of a great school.

I have been involved in youth work for over ten years and have a passion for our youth and for people in general. We are all different and bring something different into this great, but sometimes difficult world in which we live. I am looking forward to meeting everyone involved in the Sunnybank High community.

I will be at school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays for anything you would like to talk about. A Chaplain is available for spiritual and emotional support and willing to help with anything, big or small.

My office is upstairs in block four, next to the Drama room and my phone number is 3323 8184. Bless you all and have a great day.



BUSINESS AND COMPUTER EDUCATION

Professional development

On 27 July, Mrs Bambic, Mrs Moodley and Ms Stable attended the annual Business Educators' Association Queensland (BEAQ) weekend conference held at the Brisbane Convention Centre. On 26 July, Ms Finney also had the opportunity to attend sessions which were relevant to legal studies. We all agreed that this was a worthwhile conference. On 14 August, Ms Stable was honoured to be invited to represent Education Queensland at an ACARA consultation meeting in Sydney to consider revised assessment standards for the new national Economics and Business curriculum. Again, this was a very worthwhile experience.

BEAQ Accounting Competition

The annual year 12 accounting competition was held in August. This competition is designed to find the students throughout Queensland who excel in accounting. There were 40 multiple choice questions based on the following topics from the Accounting Syllabus: CS1 Core Studies 1, CS2 Core Studies 2, CS4 Budgeting, ES2 Cash and ES3 Accounts Receivable. Although the results are not available as yet, we would like to congratulate the whole accounting class for enthusiastically choosing to participate in this event.

Backing-up work

Recently we had a computer network problem which is, fortunately, a rare event. Our amazing network administrator, Mr Clarke, was able to quickly restore our system but some corruption occurred to staff files but teachers lost little, if any, work as the system had been backed-up. This is a timely reminder that we all need to back-up our computer work.

Many students use memory sticks (USBs) to back-up their work and to transfer work from home to school. These devices are extremely useful and reliable; however, sometimes students forget to remove them from the computer when they log off. Students should make a point of double checking that they have removed the USB and they should also label the device with their name.

Ms N Stable

HOD – Business and Computer Education

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.

WIN A \$20,000 STAFFROOM MAKEOVER!

Thanks to QT Mutual Bank we have the chance to win a \$20,000 staffroom makeover as part of their "Staffroom for Improvement" competition. The prize is a complete makeover of our school's main staffroom and even better is the chance for individual voters to win one of five \$1,000 QTMB bank accounts. The winning school will be the one with the most votes weighted against the number of students, so any school, small or large, has an equal chance to win. We need as much support from our local school community as possible.

Simply visit www.staffroomforimprovement.com.au to read the terms and conditions and register your interest today. The competition kicks off on 28 August so spread the word and get as many people as possible to vote for our school.

Narelle Stable, QTMB School Representative

SCIENCE NEWS

Science Expo 2013

This year, the Science expo took the format of a competition involving the best student experiment and an afternoon of fun, interactive displays, demonstrations and prizes. Years 10 and 11 Sunnybank State High students did a terrific job hosting the event which was opened by a speech from our principal, Mrs Diane Hicks. Our local primary schools were well represented during the afternoon with students and parents enjoying the activities.



Thanks go to the National Science Teachers' Association for the grant which made the afternoon possible. Students who won their individual categories will receive cash prizes of \$40 first place, \$30 second place and \$20 third place. Entries were of a very high standard and all participants should be proud of their work.



Bridge Building

Sunnybank State High school had two entries in the Thies Bridge Building competition. The girls worked hard after school to make their bridges from spaghetti and glue. This is no easy task as the bridges need to span 35 cm and weigh no more than 300 grams complete (with a hook which weighs about 70 g).



The girls showed great perseverance, trying many prototype designs, and eventually had success. The bridges were on display at the Thies Discovery Hub at the Brisbane exhibition.

Deirdre Aldridge, A/HOD Science

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Animal Rescue Volunteers Needed

National Animal Rescue Groups of Australia (NARGA) Inc is a not-for-profit group which assists animal rescuers throughout Australia. We are currently looking for volunteers to foster rescue pets until re-homed. This is an important part of animal rescue. These volunteers will become part of our National Foster Carer database giving many rescue groups more vital resources.



For information, please email narga.nfdc@gmail.com

Website: www.narga.org.au

'I Am Here' Theatre Performance

Presented by the Multicultural Development Association, 'I Am Here' is performed by six young Brisbane artists from African refugee backgrounds about their own stories of struggle, survival and new beginnings.

When: Sunday 1 September, 3 pm and 6 pm

Monday 2 September, 1 pm and 7 pm

Tuesday 3 September, 1 pm

Where: Qld Multicultural Centre

120 Main Street, Kangaroo Point

To book tickets: www.mdainc.org.au/iamhere

Phone 3391 4433

Indoor Soccer

Brisbane South Futsal Club will be holding sign-ons online at www.australianfutsal.com. (Click on register to play and select club.)

The new season starts in mid September for boys and girls from 5 years old to seniors.

Enquiries: mtgravattfutsal@australianfutsal.com

Phone Jade - 0419810370



Sunnybank Little/Junior Athletics

Sign-on for 2013/2014 season

Where: Sunnybank High School Oval,
Gager St, Sunnybank

When: 12.00 pm Saturday 24 August

Contact: Isabel Green 0412 022 028, 3345 5081

enquiries@sunnybanklittleathletics.org.au



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Parents wishing to receive the school eNewsletter please contact Bronwyn Webb - bwebb4@eq.edu.au and notify her along with your details.



| ADVANCE NOTICE OF IMPORTANT DATES | |
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| August 27 | P&C Meeting 7.00 pm |
| August 27-29 | Regional Track & Field Carnival |
| August 28 | Met Finals Round 2 |
| September 2-6 | Year 10 Work Experience Week |
| September 3&4 | Qld Core Skills Test |
| September 5&6 | Year 11 QCS Practice Test |
| September 11 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arts Evening - School Hall • Met Finals Round 3 |
| September 18 | Met Finals Round 4 |
| September 20 | Last day of term 3 |
| October 7 | Public Holiday |
| October 8 | First day of term 4 |