



SUNNYBANK STATE HIGH NEWSLETTER

*Many Ways
to Excellence*

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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Today is Teacher Aides' day. These wonderful staff support teaching and learning in our school by working closely with teachers, developing and obtaining resources, setting up and operating equipment, undertaking administrative duties, supervising students and participating in teaching activities under the direction of a teacher. Today we celebrate the support provided to students and teachers by our great teacher aides. Many thanks.

Well done to our OP eligible students who sat their Qld Core Skills test this week. Students were generously provided with breakfast by the P&C and lunch by the University of Southern Queensland on Tuesday. Students applied themselves very well and we all look forward to hearing of their success early in 2014. Thank you to all staff who supported students in their preparation for these two days of tests.

Congratulations to our District Champion Year 9 Soccer team and coach, Mr Christie. Great effort boys. Well done also to the students in our Rugby League Open team on reaching the quarter finals. The boys played well and worked hard and we are proud of their efforts. Thanks to Mr Bhullar for his dedication and coaching of the team. Well done also to Joseph Muller, Dual Chol, Mulu Tesfay and Terri-Ann Cain who have made it through to the State level of competition in their respective track and field events. Thanks to Mr Alexeenko for his work in preparing our students for the recent district and regional competitions.

Best wishes to the Creative and Practical Arts department for the staging of their Arts Evening next Wednesday evening. This will be a culmination of the Music, Art, Drama, Film and New Media, Graphics, Industrial Technology and Building and Construction programs in our school. Student skills have been demonstrated in having art works displayed in the Creative Generation Excellence Awards and the Art Waves exhibition. Recently our year 10 Drama students supported the Robertson State School fete with their clowning routines. Great work students.



Clowning at the Robertson School Fete



Thank you to the businesses that supported our year 10 students in their work experience this week. Students learn a lot about themselves and their interests through undertaking this program and it supports them to choose appropriate subjects for their future careers. Thanks also to teachers who arranged the program and those who visited the employers during this time.

As for all work environments, students are expected to be at school on time to commence the school day. **Students should be at school by 8.30 am in order to be ready to commence classes and attend roll mark.** Arriving at class after the commencement of roll mark and classes is not only very bad manners, it is also a significant disruption to other students and teachers when a student walks into the room after the commencement of the lesson. Students who arrive late for class are at a disadvantage as they miss information that is often essential for the understanding of the lesson. Higher rates of attendance results in higher achievement.

Thank you parents for your partnership with our school staff in the education of your students this term. It has been a very successful term in academic, sporting and cultural endeavours.

Holidays commence on Saturday 21 September and students return to school on Tuesday 8 October as Monday is a public holiday. Happy and safe holidays.

Diane Hicks, Principal

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

VISUAL ART

Year 11 and 12 Visual Art students have been creative and innovative this year. Several of our students' works were selected for display in the Artwaves exhibition held at the Logan Art Gallery in Woodridge. This is an annual exhibition of selected works from all high schools in the district (about 23 schools participated this year). Selected works were from Allesandra Fumagalli (yr 11), Mei Zhang (yr 12), Aliere Iduhorimbere (yr 12) Evie Russo (yr 11) and Forrest-Lee Akwai (yr 12, 2012). The Artwaves exhibition will be displayed from 4 October to 9 November and the opening night will be on Friday 11 October from 6 pm.



An artwork (six paintings) by Sarah Channer (yr 12) was also exhibited in the Creative Generations Excellence in Visual Art and Design Awards 2012 held at the Waterfront Place in the city on 31 August 2013. Congratulations to these students and also to those other students whose works weren't selected but were displayed in the office area of our school, in the Library and in the Hospitality's dining room.



We will also have an exhibition of students' work on 11 September at the 'Arts Seen' Arts Evening which will display the wonderful, artistic talents of Sunnybank State High School Arts students.

Michelle Chang, Visual Arts Teacher

RESOURCE CENTRE

Science Week was celebrated with shower curtains, slime and balloons. Ms Cobb dressed as a mad scientist and CO₂ while Mrs Stable created rubber eggs, slime, crystals and blew balloons up with the gas created by mixing bicarb soda and vinegar.



Renovations continue throughout the year. The most recent changes have been to the shelving with the installation of beech end panels and signage.

Worldbook online

Students can search for information for assignments. Worldbook Online also assists students in planning assignments and creating their bibliographies. Worldbook Online is available at school and also at home for students and parents. To access Worldbook Online from home, go to: www.worldbookonline.com. The username is **sshs**, and the password **ss4109**.

Overdrive

Overdrive is an ebook library. Students can now download the free app on their iphones, ipads or ipods (or androids), and computers. Once the app is downloaded, students can log into the school's Overdrive account using their student number on their student ID cards. They will then be able to select from a range of ebooks and audiobooks and download them to their device to read or listen to. This is a free service. See staff in the Resource Centre for assistance.

Turnitin

We now subscribe to Turnitin, a program which allows students to check their assignments to make sure they haven't copied too much information from other sources. This will help students ensure their assignments are their own original work, with reference to sources, and could lead to improved performance in subjects. Students can see their teacher for more information.

Ms Cobb, Teacher/Librarian

HPE NEWS

Running Club

Well done to all the students who have been participating in the Running Club. The Running Club runs every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 7 am. Students meet under block four. All students and staff are welcome. See the HPE staff for more information.



Regional Track and Field

Well done to all our athletes who competed for the school in the Regional Track and Field Carnival. All students performed and behaved really well with the following students making it to the State Track and Field Carnival:

Joseph Muller – 100m, 400m, long jump, high jump
Terri-Ann Cain – 100m, 200m
Dual Chol – 400m, triple jump
Mulu Tesfay – javelin

Metropolitan Rugby League Finals

Well done to the Open Rugby League team on making it to the quarter finals of the Metropolitan Rugby League Finals. This was a great effort and while it was disappointing to not go further, these students should be proud of their efforts to make it this far.

ARTS SEEN @ SUNNYBANK 2013

Presented by Creative and Practical Arts

Wednesday 11 September

5.00 pm – 7.00 pm

Sunnybank High School Hall

An array of work featuring:

*Building & Construction,
 Drama, Film, TV & New Media,
 Visual Arts, Graphics and*

Classroom and Instrumental Music Entertainment

Drinks and finger food will be provided.

Please RSVP via the tear off section on the information letter provided by the Arts teachers.



NEW TUCKSHOP MENU

From Monday 9 September

Monday

Spaghetti - small \$3.00, large \$4.50

Tuesday

Hamburgers (chicken or beef) - \$3.50

Wednesday

Rice with vegetables and chicken - small \$3.00, large \$4.50

Thursday

Fettuccini - small \$3.00, large \$4.50

Friday

Hot Dogs with cheese or cheese & bacon - \$3.00



YEAR 9 SOCCER

The year 9 Soccer team have had another successful year following on from their success in year 8. The boys took out the District competition. They were clearly the best team in this competition. In the Metropolitan finals the team came up against a very strong and well drilled team. Throughout the game the boys never stopped trying or complained though the other team clearly had the advantage. This was characterised by the team for the whole season. They are to be congratulated on their conduct and should all be proud of what they have achieved.

Mr Christie, Soccer Coach



SUNNYBANK FASHION AIDS CANCER PATIENTS

Students undertaking Certificate III in Fashion have been making two items for use by Brisbane hospitals. Specifically for patients who exit hospital following their breast cancer operations, the "drain bags" discretely allow patients to carry their drains in the bags that have been "made with love at Sunnybank State High School". These students and others from the textiles classes are also making little caps that are worn by new born babies and those who have undergone operations on their heads and require coverings.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Chess Club for school-aged children

Where: Sunnybank Hall, 121 Lister St, Sunnybank

When: 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm Wednesday nights

Chess Competition:

9.00 am – 12.30 pm Monday 30 September

Contact: Ross Lam: rosshclam@gmail.com



Mt Gravatt Blue Light Dance Party

The next Dance Parties are Friday 6 September and Friday 4 October, from 7.00 pm to 9.30 pm, at Mt Gravatt PCYC, 90 Klumpp Road, Upper Mt Gravatt, next to the Hibiscus Centre. For more information please contact Senior Constable Shane Stanley on 3323 8106.

Survey Participants Required:

1. University of Qld student is researching the school experiences of youth from various refugee backgrounds who graduated from high school in the past three years. Each participant will receive a \$20 Coles/Myer gift voucher. If you are interested, contact Hawra'a - h.alansari@uq.edu.au

2. Are you between 16-17 years old? We request your participation in a study investigating how adolescents learn associations between things. The study will be conducted before and after school at a time convenient to you, and you will receive a \$20 JB Hi-Fi or Dotti gift card for participating. Enquiries: cadrp@griffith.edu.au or 3735 3349.

(Please mention the "Learning Study" when you contact us.)

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. Spread the word and get as many people as possible to vote for our school.

Narelle Stable, QTMB School Representative

UNIFORM SHOP

Track tops now selling for \$60.00 (instead of \$85.00) - sizes XXS to XL

Old style pullovers - \$20.00, sizes 2XL to 3XL

Old style polo shirts - \$15.00, sizes 20/22/3XL/4XL

School ties

If you need to wash your school tie, please hand wash or place it in a protective bag and wash on a gentle cycle.

PACIFIC MOTORWAY ROAD WORKS

There will be major works on the Pacific Motorway (southbound) through Springwood over the weekends of 13 to 16 September and 20 to 23 September. Lanes will be reduced and Fitzgerald Avenue (Exit 20) on/off-ramps (southbound) and Watland Street (Exit 22) southbound off-ramp will be closed to all traffic. Motorists should expect significant delays and allow extra travel time. For traffic information phone 13 19 40 or visit www.131940.qld.gov.au

ADVANCE NOTICE OF IMPORTANT DATES	
September 11	• 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
October 18	Year 11 RYDA Program
October 21	Student Free Day
October 22	P&C Meeting 7.00 pm
October 23	Awards Evening
October 31	Sports Awards Evening