



SUNNYBANK STATE HIGH NEWSLETTER

*Many Ways
to Excellence*

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

11 October 2013

Welcome back to the beginning of our final term for 2013. In this term we are continuing to aim for "many ways to excellence" ensuring that all students are fully engaged for the whole term, planning for next year as well as celebrating your student's successes and recognising the hard work of our staff.

Our Awards Evening is our opportunity to recognise the work of our top academic, cultural and sporting students and also thank students for their service to our school community. This year it is being held on Wednesday 23 October commencing at 7.30 pm and all parents are welcome to attend. Students who will be receiving awards will be informed of this very shortly and staff are currently considering the recipients of leadership and service awards.

Student Leadership

Our year 11 students have been busily writing their applications for the positions of Senior Leaders for 2014. The process for the selection of leaders requires students to write an application outlining their achievements and strengths and then present a speech to their full year 11 cohort. Students then vote for those they wish to undertake the leadership roles and then staff vote for students they believe best fit the positions. Following both the voting processes, students are interviewed by a panel of staff who combine all the selection information and the successful students are then offered their positions. The announcement of leaders for 2014 will be made on Awards Night. I believe it is a very fair and thorough process. Students from other year levels will also soon begin to consider their representatives for the 2014 Student Council. Thank you to all students who have accepted the challenge to become involved in their school student forums.

HIA Skills Recognition Awards

The Housing Industry Association Limited has recently acknowledged schools and students for their dedication and achievements in preparation of students for career opportunities in the building construction industry. Our school, and in particular one of our technology teachers, Mr Chris Ralph, has been a strong supporter of including students in the HIA trade skills opportunities. Sunnybank High has received a High Commendation for the Cubby House, displayed at the 2013 HIA Renovate and Build Expo. This follows on from our Outdoor Project for the Elaborate Dog House which was the winner of the 2012 expo. Well done Mr Ralph and construction students.



QATSI Foundation

Congratulations to the Indigenous students who have received a scholarship through the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation to support them in their studies next year. Please see more information later in this newsletter.

Student Citizenship

Well done year 11 and 12 students who have again supported the Red Cross Blood Bank through donating blood this week.

Facilities

During the September break there was continued work undertaken on our facilities. The exterior of the Art block was painted and air conditioning installed in the computer room of this block. At present we are awaiting the completion of the shade material and other construction details to cover the amphitheatre between the Art and Music blocks. This upgrade will create a more usable area with sun safety for our students. Thanks to staff for their work in enabling this to happen.

*Diane Hicks,
Principal*

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

CREATIVE ARTS

Clowning Morning

On Thursday 12 September, the year 10 Drama students presented their Clowning performances to the over sixty prep students from Sunnybank State School and Kyabra Childcare, parents, staff and helpers. The drama room was packed as the students and parents crowded in to get ready for a morning of clowning, laughter and screaming. The sound of the excited students was heard in block 7 as the students watched, cheered and took part in routines with our year 10 clowns.

This year's clowns were highly physical and energetic and the kids loved it. The audience became more and more excited with each snip of hair, tumble, trick and dance routine. Asma Rezaï and Luke Davis helped to add even more fun to the morning by making balloon animals for winners of our Balloon Animal raffle. The energy in the room was electric and the smiles endless. Many parents and staff noted how much fun their children had and how much they enjoyed the hard work of our Drama students. Well done to the students who performed and were a part of this morning, your hard work was appreciated by many happy children!

Robertson SS Clowning Workshops

On Wednesday 18 September, twelve students from the year 10 Drama class travelled with Miss Kalamafoni and Ms Niland to Robertson State School to run Clowning workshops for fifty-eight year 5 and year 6 students. These workshops were part of their formative assessment and required the students, in groups of two or three, to organise a five to eight minute workshop on various clowning skills for a group of twelve students.



The workshops were the final product of their studies in Drama throughout term 3 and followed on from our Clowning performances at Robertson SS fete in August and the Clowning performance morning the previous week.

The workshops focused on a range of skills including clowning characters, mime, movement, focus, timing, exaggeration, contrast and slapstick comedy. The students, though very nervous, were a hit! For one hour, the year 5s and 6s moved through the various workshops conducted by our Drama students. The noise and laughter from students, busy working within their groups, was fantastic, as were the smiles on our students' faces as they worked with the younger students and guided them towards developing clowning skills.

This was a valuable experience for the Robertson SS students who have only just recently worked on Drama in their classes. Likewise, this was an extremely rewarding experience for our Drama students who not only got to show their knowledge and talents to others but were able to appreciate the effort and energy required to teach others! The year 10 Drama students were a credit to our department and fantastic ambassadors for Sunnybank State High School. We look forward to working with our local primary school again this term!

USQ Shakespeare Workshop

On Thursday 19 September, the year 9 and year 10 Drama students took part in an introductory Shakespeare 90 minute workshop run by post graduate students from University of Southern Qld. For the year 10s, this was an introduction into their upcoming unit of study for term 4 and for year 9s, this was a chance to experience a taste of what they will explore when in year 10. The workshop focused on practically approaching Shakespeare and relying on physicality to enhance the script and meaning. The year 9 and year 10 students worked together in groups, demonstrating their many talents and supporting each other.

The workshop was loud, energetic and fun for all. This was a great introduction to Shakespeare and allowed students to think past the cliché, "Shakespeare is old and boring!" Many thanks to USQ for the opportunity and well done to our students on their participation and efforts throughout the workshop.

Ms Kalamafoni, Drama Teacher

SOCIAL SCIENCE DEPT

Welcome back students, parents and teachers to an exciting term 4. We are looking forward to an interesting and productive term with many activities organised to enhance the learning of students in Studies of Society and Environment, History and Geography. The first major activity is the trip to the Gold Coast for year 10 students as part of their Geography studies. This trip will take place on 1 November and will cost students \$10 to participate. A letter will be sent home later this week. It should be a great day for all participants. Year 9 Geography students will continue their Biome studies and will complete a Local Area Study as part of their assessment and class activities. In the last few weeks of term 3, Ms Finney was busy taking year 11 Legal Studies students to the Law Courts where they were addressed by Justice Leanne Clare and saw a variety of courts in action. From all accounts the day was most interesting and very informative. As well, Ms Finney took the year 11 Social and Community Studies group to the Law Courts as part of their preparation for a report. Best wishes to all year 12 students completing their high school studies this term. We will miss their enthusiasm and friendship as they prepare to leave Sunnybank SHS.



Susan Herron, HOD Social Science/Business

ART SEEN @ SUNNYBANK

On Wednesday 11 September, we held our annual Arts Evening, which this year saw the addition of the Industrial and Technical Arts spheres.



“Art Seen @ Sunnybank”, held in the school hall, was once again a celebration of the artistic creations of our students in all strands of the Creative and Practical Arts including Building and Construction, Drama, Film, Television and New Media, Graphics, Music and The Visual Arts. Food and drinks were served throughout the night, while our students, their parents/caregivers, family and friends enjoyed the endeavours created in our classes during 2013.

Congratulations to all involved for another celebration of success at Sunnybank High.

Kelly Niland,
HOD – Creative and Practical Arts



FUNDRAISING AT BUNNINGS

On Monday 23 September, the year coordinators ran a fundraising BBQ at Bunning’s Rocklea to support the work of SWPBS at Sunnybank SHS. Mr Magoffin (year 12 coordinator), Mr Elcock (year 11 coordinator) and Miss Kalamafoni (year 8 coordinator) began their holidays with four of our student leaders - Mei Zhang, Tim Cummings, Sarah Channer and Kane Davidson. The day was consistent and with a steady flow of tradesmen and parents coming in ready to work their wonders over the school holidays. It was a successful day with \$570 raised for the year coordinator team. Thanks to the staff and past students who came in to support us!



QATSI FOUNDATION

On 4 October, the QATSI Foundation announced that Terri-Ann Cain, Meleika Gesa-Fatafehi, Brendan Hamilton, Tyrone Hamilton, Curtis Jones and Shania Little were successful in obtaining a two year scholarship. The Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation, known as QATSIF, is an independent public trust established to provide young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders with a secure funding source for educational bursaries and scholarships.



QATSIF recognises the vital role that successful completion of schooling and the availability of opportunities through higher education have in building a foundation for employment and better quality of life. However, it is equally aware that senior education is a resource not easily accessed by many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Sunnybank State High School community, staff and students congratulate these students on receiving this scholarship. Well Done.

HOMESTAYS REQUIRED

Are you looking for the opportunity to share your home, our unique Queensland lifestyle, our variety of food and customs?



Consider becoming a Homestay provider for **Sunnybank High School’s International Student Program!**

We are looking for friendly and reliable providers who are able to offer a safe and caring family atmosphere, treat the student as a family member, speak English as their first language, encourage English conversation and be located within easy reach of the school.

You will need a spare private bedroom with wardrobe, student desk and lamp and to provide nutritious meals and snacks each day. Also, you will need a Commission for Children and Young People check (Blue Card) and will receive financial reimbursement (\$245 per week).

Please contact: **Catherine Pound 3323 8119,**
International Student Coordinator,
Cricos Provider Number: 00608A

ADVANCE NOTICE OF IMPORTANT DATES	
October 18	Year 11 RYDA Program
October 21	Student Free Day
October 22	P&C Meeting 7.00 pm
October 23	Awards Evening 7.30 pm
October 23-25	State Track and Field Carnival
October 25	World Teachers’ Day
November 12	Immunisations Year 10 Boys & Year 8