

8th November 2013

Principal's Report

Farewell Year 12 of 2013

Best wishes to our year 12 class of 2013 as you complete your final exams and assessments. We wish you continued success and happiness as you prepare to leave our school at the end of next week. You have worked hard to achieve your goals during your formal years of schooling at Sunnybank High and we know you are well prepared to continue to make the most of the opportunities that come your way. Continue to learn about yourself, connect with our community and make a difference in our world as you have done during your years of schooling here. I know our key values of respect, responsibility and readiness will stand you in good stead in every aspect of your lives. We look forward to you keeping in touch with your school and sharing your further successes with us.

Special congratulations and best wishes to the International Student Program graduates who will also complete their studies with us next week. We wish you every success for your future and thank you for your wonderful input into our school.

Students graduating this week include Joe Janglek and May Thasod from Thailand, Emma Lu and Macko Wang from Mainland China, Jay Lee from South Korea, Miho Suzuki, from Japan, and Sarah Tran and Sammy Luong from Vietnam.

Year 11 students will move into their exam block on Tuesday 19 November and the year 10s are also doing their final pieces of assessment in classes at this time.

Year 11 and 10 students are expected to remain at school until their final day on 29 November. During classes, in the last couple of days, exam papers will be reviewed and work revisited. Please note that the school does not have capacity to extend school holidays and it is a QSA requirement that students remain at school up to and including the final day as stated by Education Queensland and QSA in order to receive credit for their full course of study.

Return of materials to Sunnyschool is encouraged as soon as the students are finished using the texts for study. If you are in a position to donate your year 12 student's second hand uniform to the school it will be much appreciated. On occasions, it is necessary to provide students with a spare uniform during the usual course of a school day. Clean uniforms can be left at Student Services.

Orientation Day for year 7 into 8 students is 27 November. Parents who have not booked their interview for enrolment are urged to do so as a matter of urgency.

Tuckshop Day

Last Friday we recognised the work that our tuckshop convenors contribute to our school each day. They make sure there is healthy food for all and we say a big "Thank you" to Brenda and Rosa. Great work ladies.



Diane Hicks, Principal

QATSI Foundation Breakfast 2013

The school recently celebrated the achievements of many students at our awards ceremony. Last week the QATSI Foundation acknowledged all year 12 students from across the State who will successfully receive a QCE at the end of this year. This year, the school recognises Sim-E Fatafehi for his achievement.

The event was held at the State Library with a number of distinguished guests, past recipients and parliamentarians who spoke of the importance of education for young people in Australia. 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. Sunnybank State High School community, staff and students congratulate Sim-E on receiving this scholarship. Well Done.



Fashion At Sunnybank

This year our Senior students have been busily working towards both their Certificate I in Textiles, Clothing and Footwear as well as their Certificate II in Applied Fashion Design. In their last project students had a wonderful time creating a "Fashion Range" of garments and products which could be sold commercially. Their results were quite simply stunning.



Business and Computer Education

Students in all Business and Computer classes are busily working towards completing this year's work, including getting assignments submitted on time and finalising competencies. The year 12s will soon be finishing high school, therefore, Mrs Bambic, Mrs Moodley, Mr Magoffin, Mr Clarke and Ms Stable would like to take this opportunity to wish all of the year 12s the best for the future.

Printing Balances and USB Devices

It is timely to remind students that it is their responsibility to make sure that they maintain a printing balance so that they can print class and assessment work when it is required. Additional payments may be made at the finance counter before school or during first break. The student will be given a code which they enter into PaperCut in order to add this extra amount to their printing balance. When printing, students should remember to select the option to print on both sides of the page. This will save a few cents each time and is an environmentally friendly choice.

Many students use memory sticks (USBs) to transfer work from home to school or to back-up work. These devices are useful and reliable but work still needs to be named and saved appropriately in the student's H: drive at school. It is also useful to make an effort to label the device with their name in case it is left behind in a computer.

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.

At the assembly on 28 October, certificates were awarded to Darren Liang, who achieved one of only 30 credit awards that were issued, Victor Ball, Yasin Heidary, Emma Lu, An Luong, Sarah Tran and Macko Wang.

Professional Development

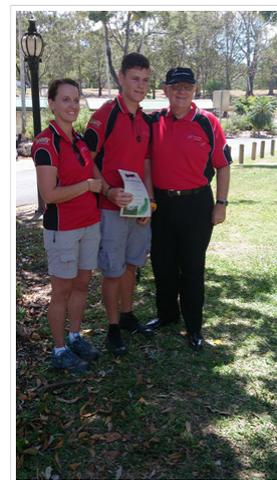
Mr Magoffin and Ms Stable attended the annual Queensland Society of Information Technology Educators (QSITE) conference held at Sippy Downs on the Sunshine Coast, during the September holidays. This was a worthwhile professional development opportunity.

Ms N Stable

HOD – Business and Computer Education

Kokoda Track Achievement

During the September school holidays, Liam Timmermans walked the infamous Kokoda Track in PNG as part of the Kokoda Youth Group. He walked 96 km and paid respects to past Diggers along the way. On day five, Liam gave an oral presentation at Brigade Hill battle site and, best of all, met the last Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel who helped our soldiers. After a 7.5 hour walk, Mount Bellamy (the highest point on the track at 2,168 metres above sea level) was reached on day six. It took Liam nine days to complete the track and he then enjoyed two days in New Isurava village. What an amazing achievement! If you think you might like to give this a go next year, please contact kokodachallenge.com/youthprogram for more information.

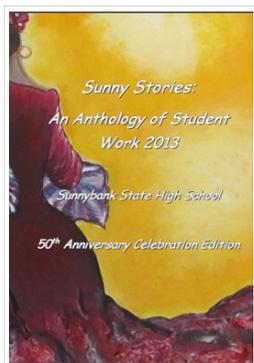


Liam Timmermans is being awarded with his Dog Tags for completing the 96 km Gold Coast Challenge and also for completing the Kokoda Track in PNG.

Resource Centre

Sunny Stories 2013

Sunnybank State High School has published an anthology of student short stories and poems to celebrate fifty successful years of providing excellent educational opportunities to students in Queensland. Students from across the year levels submitted short stories and poems for consideration in the anthology. Students, whose works were selected for publication, can now add the publishing credit to their resumes. This will show prospective employers that, not only are the students talented writers, but they show the drive and dedication it takes to complete a project to an excellent standard.



Australian Poet, Jean Kent, once again judged the entries, choosing a winner and a highly commended in each category. The winning and commended writers were announced on assembly on 4 November and each received a copy of the anthology for 2013 and 2012. The winners also received a unique calico bag.

Ms Kent's comments regarding the stories and poems published in the anthology are below:

Reading 'Sunny Stories 2013' has been a moving experience. The world depicted in these stories and poems is a complex, difficult one, beset by problems such as misunderstandings between people of different cultures, depression and bullying, and the writers have not shied away from showing these things honestly. I was impressed by the engagement of the students with the realities of their lives, and also by the sensitivity and intelligence in their responses.

Good writing goes beyond simple reporting of what is happening in our world. It steps back from the drama and explores possibilities of greater understanding. It also uses language so that the act of reading is satisfying and enjoyable, as well as illuminating. These qualities are what made the winning and commended entries stand out for me.

The poem that I am highly commending is 'Broken Society', by Ieuan Harris. Although the content of the poem is disturbing, the rap rhythm gives the words energy and makes the message easier to accept and to remember. It is effectively succinct, and says just enough and just the right things, to hit a nerve.

The winning poem is also admirable for its ability to strike home in very few words. 'Marionette', by Mei Zhang, shows how powerful writing can be when it steps back a little from its subject. The puppet woman is a shocking image, and although it is not a new idea, in this poem it is still convincing. I was impressed by the confident construction of the poem, and the good use of rhyme. Striking phrases such as, 'Strings of guilt conduct her porcelain limbs,' also continue the puppet imagery in a

surprising and satisfying way. A short, but strong poem, 'Marionette' has haunting emotional impact.

The two stories that impressed me the most added humour to their narratives of difficult situations. They were also well constructed and their characters lifted from the page to feel like real people I wanted to know about.

'Misunderstandings', by Hubeldin Legese, is the story I'm highly commending. Its description of a Lebanese boy's struggle to fit in at an Australian school begins with drama and conflict, but goes on to thoughtful exploration of the emotional complexities and cultural subtleties of the situation. There is admirable verve in the writing, as well as impressive clarity and directness.

The winning story, 'Pinky Promise', by Dianne Ventura, is also about misunderstandings between cultures. The friendship between a Chinese girl and an Australian – each one quite exotic to the other – is wonderfully convincing and the tone of the writing is immediately appealing. The narrative unfolds in a very natural and well-paced way, and the use of humour is especially good. With its lively description, thoughtful handling of different points of view and confident use of language, this is an impressively polished and engaging story.

Congratulations to the winners! And thank you, too, to all the writers included in this anthology. I have enjoyed reading your work and wish you well with your writing in the future.

Jean Kent

Poetry

WINNER: Mei Zhang, 'Marionette'



HIGHLY COMMENDED: Ieuan Harris, 'Broken Society'



Story

WINNER: Dianne Ventura, 'Pinky Promise'



HIGHLY COMMENDED: Hubeldin Legese, 'Misunderstandings'



The anthology cover is by Sarah Channer, year 12.
Anthologies are on sale for \$10 each from the Finance office.



50th Anniversary Book and Memorabilia for Sale

50th Anniversary Golden Jubilee Book

The book details Sunnybank High's history as well as staff and student photos, and 'new faces' and events for each year. The cost is \$65.



Memorabilia



Pencil, ruler, sharpener and eraser set - \$4
Coffee mug - \$10
Wine glass - \$10
Pen - \$2.50

All items can be purchased from the Finance office.

Measles Health Alert

Queensland Health is concerned about the number of measles outbreaks in Queensland this year. Measles is a highly infectious disease that begins with symptoms such as fever, tiredness, cough, runny nose and/or red inflamed eyes. Measles can lead to complications such as middle ear infections, pneumonia (lung infection) and encephalitis (inflammation of the brain).

Measles can spread very easily. Vaccination is the only way to prevent measles. Queensland Health encourages anyone who has not had two measles-containing vaccinations, or who is not sure about their vaccination status, to get vaccinated as soon as possible. The measles vaccine is free from your local doctor for anyone born from 1966 onwards.

If parents think their child might have measles, they are advised to keep them away from school and make an appointment with a doctor or phone 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84) to organise medical assessment.

More information is available from
http://access.health.qld.gov.au/hid/InfectionsandParasites/ViralInfections/measles_fs.asp

Student Resource Scheme

The Sunnybank SHS Resource Scheme ensures all students have the necessary resources for their education. As well as financial savings, this scheme saves the need to shop for and

find books and other required resources. The P & C Committee agreed and endorsed the fee of \$385 which includes a Technology charge of \$45 which will contribute to maintaining our IT resources to a very high standard.

The Resource Scheme for 2014 will be enclosed with the student report or can be collected from the School office and there will be a 5% discount if there are three or more students in the family or payment is made by 21 February 2014. Please return the completed agreement form before 31 January 2014 and if you wish to pay by Centrepay, internet banking or supply your credit card details please complete the payment form at the same time.

For financial hardship special arrangements can be made, please contact the Business Services Manager on 3323 8110; all discussions will be confidential.

Margaret Richter
Business Services Manager

Sunnytext

All textbooks must be returned to Sunnytext before students finish school at the end of the year. The books need to be cleaned, ready to be issued in 2014. Any books lost or damaged, need to be paid for at the Finance Office.

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

Beenleigh Gold Coast Line News

On Monday 20 January, new timetables will be introduced on the Gold Coast and Beenleigh lines to improve the efficiency of the City network. At the same time, your local bus network will be restructured to provide a better integrated public transport network.

Moon Lee Tae Kwon Do

Build confidence by learning self-defence at the Sunnybank High School Hall, Gager Street, Sunnybank, on Mondays and

Wednesdays from 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm. For more information, phone 0432 184 995 or visit www.moonlee.com.au

Important Dates

Advance Notice of Important Dates	
November 6-12	Year 12 Exams
November 12	Immunisations Year 10 Boys & Year 8
November 13	Senior Formal
November 15	Year 12 Graduation
November 19-26	Year 11 Exams
November 26	P&C Meeting 7.00 pm
November 29	Last day for Year 10 and 11 students Positive Rewards Trip
December 13	Last day for Year 8 and 9 students