

22 November 2013

Principal's Report

Farewell and best wishes year 12, 2013

Last week, our year 12s enjoyed their school Formal and we were able to celebrate the completion of their schooling at their Graduation assembly on Friday. We wish them every success in their future and know that they will continue to learn about themselves, connect with others and make a difference in our world. Best wishes year 12s.



International Student Graduates

Congratulations to the International Student Program Graduates who last week completed their studies with us. We wish you best wishes for your future and thank you for your wonderful input into our school. Students graduating last week include: Joe Janglek and May Thasod from Thailand, Emmu Lu and Macko Wang from Mainland China, Jay Lee from South Korea, Miho Suzuki from Japan, and Sarah Tran and Sammy Luong from Vietnam.



Remembrance Day

We were privileged to be part of the local Sunnybank Branch of the RSL commemoration of Remembrance Day last week. Our students lead the ceremony and represented our school well.



Beginning Secondary School 2014

The year 7 into 8 Orientation Day is planned for Wednesday 27 November. All year 8, 2014 students are advised to attend as this will support the transition into their secondary environment and position them well to begin the year with confidence.

Parent Representation Requested

You can support your young person in many ways in our school. I am keen to have parent representation in the group of staff who are supporting our positive school program. This group meets over a cup of coffee at 7.30 am each fortnight on a Friday and the meeting is finished by 8.30 am at the latest. If you could only make it to a meeting once a month, this would bring parent ideas and perception to this very important program and would be much appreciated. Parents who might be interested in this means of supporting the school are invited to telephone me on 3323 8111 for more information.

Our Parents' and Citizens' Association is always keen to welcome parents to their meetings each month.

This is our final newsletter for the year so as the school year draws to a close I ask that parents support us to ensure all students remain on task with attendance, assessment and exams right up until the final day for their year group.

Specific details of end of year and beginning of year issues have been included in a letter posted home to all families this week. If you do not receive this, please contact the school office.

In 2013, it has been a privilege to work with you and your young person as well as the very talented and committed staff in this school. I wish you all happy and safe holidays.

School commences for all students on Tuesday 28 January, 2014.

You can help.

In response to the recent natural disaster in the Philippines, local State MP for Sunnybank, Mark Stewart, has arranged for a local shipping container to be filled with things such as non-perishable food items, crates of water, cooking utensils, clothes and first-aid items. Sunnybank High will be collecting items to be taken to Mark Stewart's office over the next week. So items can be brought to the school and we will take them to his office on Wednesday 27 November. Alternatively, donations can be pre-packaged for shipping and delivered to his office at Suite 4, 309 Mains Road, Sunnybank.

With tens of thousands of people in need of basic necessities such as food, clothing and clean drinking water, any donation would certainly be appreciated. Please contact Mark Stewart's office (3219 6974) if you require any further information.

Diane Hicks, Principal

Thanks from Kyabra Limited Hours Child Care Centre

From little acorns big trees grow!!!

In January 2013, all Government funding to Kyabra's Limited Hours Child Care Centre ceased.

The Centre caters to over 60 families that come from many different cultures and socio-economic circumstances.

A visit to the Centre will see Sunnybank SHS students on work experience, as well as Trainees studying their Certificate III in Children's Services, engaging with children whilst being supervised and supported by qualified staff.

The process of finding a sponsor to keep the centre open beyond 31 December 2013 began with a telephone call from radio station 4BC to Sunnybank High School in late August enquiring about Election Day stalls. As a result of the generosity of Mrs Hicks who granted our centre space for a stall and Mrs Pedler who has been a support for over a decade, Kyabra Limited Hours Child Care Centre now has a sponsor. From that first telephone call 4BC organised a breakfast show at the centre which attracted attention from the local community.

The mother of one of the Sunnybank High School Trainees suggested we apply to the Sunnybank Community and Sports Club for support. Our parent committee, headed by Libby Horwood, developed a proposal that was presented to Mr Michael Callaghan from the club. He visited the centre and took the proposal to his Board.

And here we are with a two year sponsorship thanks to the Sunnybank Community Sports Club!! And it all started with one telephone call from 4BC to Sunnybank High School.

"Our cup runneth over" with gratitude to everyone involved.

Pat Milley

Director - Kyabra Limited Hours Child Care Centre



LOTE Chinese

Valery Cheng (year 11) won a Certificate of Merit in the Chinese Writing Contest organised by the Confucius Institute, University of Queensland. Grace Ngiam was happy to receive, on behalf of her brother David Ngiam who finished year 12 last year, the Encouragement Award he won in the "2012 Confucius Institute Cup International Composition Competition for Chinese Learners" awarded by the HANBAN (Department of Chinese Language in China).



Year 11 students of Chinese said good bye and wished those leaving the Composite Senior Chinese class the best of luck at a farewell class party.



Current and past students of Chinese were farewelled by their Chinese teacher at a Yum Cha party after their graduation on 15 November.



Year 11 International Students

I'm Beatrice and I come from Italy. My time in Australia has almost gone and I'm doing an analysis about how I've spent my time here. I can only say that this was (and still is) the best experience in all my life. I came here knowing nobody and now I'm leaving this beautiful place with another family and plenty of new friends who I hope I'll see again one day. I have to say that it wasn't easy at the beginning but I've had great support from my host family and my new friends. I've found a beautiful family with whom I spent most of my time doing a lot of activities. An example of this is camping during the school holidays. I can speak with them about everything and if I need something I know that they will always help me to find a solution. I can absolutely say that now I've got two families in two opposite parts of the world. I strongly recommend this experience to everybody because I have had the opportunity to improve my English while visiting a beautiful part of the world and to know such beautiful people will remain in my memories forever.

Beatrice Selmi



Beatrice and host family.

I've been in Australia for almost one year as a short-term international student. Since I arrived, I have made friends with many people from different backgrounds and also faced a lot of problems. The biggest problem is always language but teachers and classmates supported me a lot even though I couldn't understand or speak English.

This school is a multicultural school and it was new to me to meet people from many different races. I hope this connection will last even after I leave Sunnybank High.

Australian school life is much different from Japanese school life. I was confused about having to do assignments because we don't have them in Japanese schools. At first, it was difficult and complicated for me to make a speech, write a report and write an article. However, I gradually got used to it. In my school life, I enjoyed experiments in Chemistry class (because we don't do them in Japan) and I learned a lot about Queensland during Social and Community Studies. Studying abroad in Sunnybank State High School gave me the most valuable experience in my life. Thank you my teachers, friends and people who have supported me.

Risa Kimura



Beatrice, Khanh Nguyen (2014 International Student Captain) and Risa.

Year 8 Japanese



The year 8 Japanese class celebrating Halloween.



The class enjoyed Japanese food when they made "Hamuyaki".

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.

Opening hours for the beginning of 2014:

20 January to 7 February – 8.15 am to 2.30 pm
Closed Monday 27 January, Australia Day Holiday

Uniform Shop

Closed Friday 13 December 2013 for stocktaking.

Opening hours for the beginning of 2014:

20 to 24 January – 8.00 am to 2.30 pm
28 Jan to 7 Feb – 8.00 am to 1.00 pm
Closed Monday 27 January, Australia Day Holiday

Second-hand uniforms will only be accepted if they are washed, ironed and neatly presented with name and address attached.

50th Anniversary Books 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.



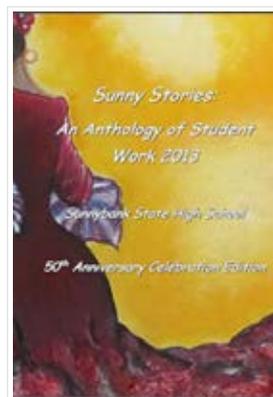
Memorabilia

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



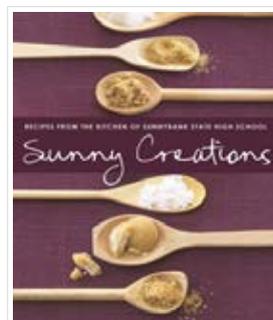
Sunny Stories 2013

An anthology of student work in 2013 - \$10



Sunny Creations Cookbook

A collection of recipes that have been tried and tested over many years in our very own school kitchen - \$15



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

Health News: Physical Activity

Did you know that if you're between 12 and 18 years old, you need to be doing at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity every day to keep healthy? And you shouldn't spend more than two hours a day surfing the net, watching TV or playing video games? (Unless, of course, it's educational.)

Walking, skateboarding, playing sport and heaps of other activities are not only good for you, they give you a chance to spend time with friends and make new ones. So get active, enjoy life and have fun!

- Choose a range of activities you like or think you might like to try.
- Be active with your friends. You are more likely to keep active if it's fun and you have people to enjoy it with.
- Walk more: to school, to visit friends, to shops or other places in your neighbourhood.
- Try to limit time spent watching TV, videos or DVD's, surfing the net or playing computer games, especially during the day and on weekends.
- Take your dog or a neighbour's dog for a walk.
- Try new challenges – skate, ride, surf, cycle or snorkel.
- Be active family members – in the yard and on family outings.
- Encourage and support younger brothers and sister to be active.
- Try a new sport or go back to one you have played before.
- Take a class to learn a new skill such as yoga, kick boxing, dancing or diving.
- Check out the activities at your local recreation centre, clubs or youth centre.
- Put on some music and dance.

Being active is good for you in so many ways. It can provide a huge range of fun experiences, make you feel good, improve your health and is a great way to relax and enjoy the company of your friends.

It's a great way to have fun with friends and make new ones.

It's an opportunity for new skills and challenges.

It can boost your confidence.

It can improve your fitness.

It can make your bones and muscles stronger.

It can improve your posture.

It can help you maintain a healthy weight.

It improves the health of your heart.

It can help you relax.

It reduces stress.

It can help you maintain healthy growth and development.

More info: www.healthyactive.gov.au

Maggie Kerr

School Based Youth Health Nurse

Are your kids MAD for the Arts?

This summer, Artslink Queensland and Brisbane Powerhouse will present *MAD Camp: The Summer Edition*. This multi-arts day camp will inspire young people aged 13 to 18 to think creatively, develop their own artistic practice and build performance skills. Students will sing, dance, act, learn stand-up comedy and construct a set for the Visy Theatre stage where they will perform in the end-of-camp showcase!



Dates: Monday 13 January 2014 to Thursday 16 January 2014 from 8.30am – 4.30pm daily.

Cost: \$275

Bookings and more information through Artslink Queensland

Web: <http://artslinkqld.com.au/youth-and-education/mad-camp/>

Phone: (07) 3254 9535

Fireworks Fiesta 2013

Sunnybank Primary School

Tuesday 10 December, 4 pm to 8 pm

This year our Fireworks Fiesta will be bigger than ever! There will be some great rides, side show alley games to play and prizes to win!

Buy a ticket in our Multidraw Raffle for your chance to win some awesome prizes. Our popular Christmas Market is back with new stalls selling lots of great gifts for Christmas. There are interactive fun activities to make and take home e.g. tie dye a t-shirt or make green slime! Come and watch the energetic Japanese Taiko Drummers perform and have your photo taken with Star Wars Troops. Grab some dinner from the hot food stalls and finally end your evening watching the spectacular fireworks display on the oval.

Kuraby Farmers Markets

Every Saturday
6am - 12noon

Free parking. Free entry.
Local, fresh, farm
direct produce, arts
& crafts, gourmet
food stalls and live
entertainment!

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1342 Beenleigh
Road, Kuraby
Located next to the
Kuraby Train Station

www.kurabymarkets.com.au

Mt Gravatt Blue Light Dance Party

The next Dance Party is Friday 6 December, 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.

Important Dates

ADVANCE NOTICE OF IMPORTANT DATES	
November 19-26	Year 11 Exams
November 26	P&C Meeting 7.00 pm
November 27	Year 7 Orientation Day
November 29	Last day for Year 10 and 11 students Positive Rewards Trip
December 13	Last day for Year 8 and 9 students
January 27, 2014	Australia Day Public Holiday
January 28, 2014	School commences at 8.45 am