

14 March 2014

Principal's Report

Congratulations to the students who recently represented our school in the Lions' Youth Speaks competition. Calvin Lewis, Dianne Ventura and Joseph Muller all took part in this competition with our local Sunnybank Lions Club. Though not ultimately winners, all students represented our school well and learnt more of their skills and commitment to our community. We are proud of them. Well done students.



This week we have welcomed visiting teachers from our local state schools. These staff have been observing secondary teaching practices and secondary school management processes in preparation for the move of year 7 students into the secondary sector in 2015. Our teaching staff have also begun to undertake visits to our local state schools to observe our skilled year 7 teachers and prepare for our new year 8 and year 7 students next year.

Monitoring Academic Achievement Performance

All students participated in our first monitoring lesson last Thursday. This lesson provided every student with the opportunity to meet in a very small group with others from their year level to assist them to reflect on their achievement from semester 2, 2013 and set their goals for academic success for this year. Specific targets were worked out and some personal strategies devised that will assist students to meet their goals. We work with each individual student to identify specific strategies that they can use to make a difference in their results. Please ask your student about this.

Year 12 Review Interviews

During the last few weeks every year 12 student has attended an interview where their QCS path has been tracked and checked to ensure they are on track to achieve this by the end of 2014. It is pleasing to see that students are generally well prepared for this meeting and understand their need to achieve at least a Sound level of achievement in their subjects to gain their 20 points. Congratulations year 12s – you are working well.

P&C

Please be advised that the school Annual General Meeting will be held in the school Library on Tuesday 25 March commencing at 7.00 pm. It is vital that parents and carers support this hardworking group of parents who support all students through the operation of the school canteen and uniform shop as well as offering parent perspectives to the school administration.



Lesley Hall (Uniform Shop Convenor), Catherine Pound (P&C President), Rusa Jankovic (Canteen Assistant) and Brenda Djurisc (Canteen Convenor)

Diane Hicks, Principal

Junior Secondary 2015 Information Day

As part of our planning for Junior Secondary in 2015, Sunnybank SHS recently conducted a professional development day for Primary School teachers who have shown an interest in transitioning into Junior Secondary School in 2015. The day was well received by the Primary School teachers who enjoyed their visits to various year 8 and 9 classrooms. They commented that they found the day both informative and interesting. Following on from this, in order to gain a better understanding of the year 7 classroom, some of our Secondary School teachers will visit our local Primary Schools. Such exchange of teachers will make the transition of year 7 students into Junior Secondary much more seamless and effective.



In order to give the Primary School students an experience of High School, Sunnybank SHS will hold Open Days, the first of which will be held on 25 March. These days are designed for the current year 6 and 7 students who are interested in enrolling at Sunnybank SHS in 2015. The day will be filled with activities spanning the Performing Arts and Technologies faculties and is designed to give the Primary School students an experience of High School in preparation for their transition in 2015. Three more Open Days will be held throughout the year, the next being on 20 May, another on 29 July and our final day will be held on 10 September. Your child is encouraged to attend any of our Open Days and we look forward to meeting them in the near future.

To inform parents of current year 6 and 7 students about the transition to High School, Sunnybank SHS will conduct a parent evening on 26 March commencing at 7 pm in the School Library to which you are all very welcome to attend. To secure your child's place at Sunnybank, please make contact with the school office on 3323 8111 for an enrolment interview.

Industrial Technology

Drum roll please!!!!

The year 11 ITU students are drumming up a storm with their Cajon drums! Students have designed and are in the process of manufacturing their very own Cajon street drums. Inspired by the music of many different cultures, the students are individualising their drums by transferring images onto the various playing surfaces! Students are looking forward to showing off both their drums and their drumming talent by performing on assembly and in the amphitheatre at the end of the term!

Jacob Elms, ITD/Graphics Teacher



Graphics Update

The year 12 Graphics students are currently busy designing custom packaging solutions for a range of products that are both innovative and sustainable. The year 11s are working through designing logos for various organisations and later in the term will start work on designing and producing promotional material for a holiday destination. The M02 graphics room is also looking and feeling fresh with new air conditioners and brand new computers running the 2104 AutoDesk suite on wide screen monitors.

James Elcock, Graphics/ITD Teacher

GRIP Leadership Conference

On a normal Friday 28 February, whilst most other students at Sunnybank State High were studying in the library, playing in the sun or learning in classes, the 2014 student leaders were attending a seminar with 700 other student leaders from schools all around Queensland. This was the annual GRIP Leadership Conference. Touring nationally all around Australia from Darwin to Melbourne, Perth to Brisbane, the purpose of this conference is to teach students like ourselves to maximise our abilities as leaders - by interacting with others, gaining confidence to share our experiences and finding out new ways to be the best leaders we can in our respective schools.

We all chose the seminars we were to attend based on the relation to our positions and by the end of the day there was not one face that didn't show that we all had a fun time. On behalf of the student leadership group, I would like to thank our year co-ordinator, Mr Elcock, for organising the trip to the GRIP Conference. The other leaders and I look forward to using what we learnt to make the most of our time as Sunnybank State High student leaders of 2014.

Jaiden Savage, Student Leader

2014 Next Step Survey

The Queensland Government is conducting its annual statewide survey of all students who completed year 12 in 2013. The *Next Step* survey is a brief, confidential survey that gains a comprehensive picture of the employment, study and life choices made by Queensland school completers in the year after they finish year 12.

Between March and June, all our students who completed year 12 last year can expect to receive instructions to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician's Office to complete the survey. Please encourage them to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate. Thank you for your support of the *Next Step* survey in 2014.

For more information, visit www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep/ or telephone toll free on 1800 068 587.

LOTE Chinese

Year 8 students of Chinese are so happy with the well-wishing scripts they have prepared for the Chinese New Year that they are now busily engaged with another project of decorating the Chinese classroom with writing about themselves. They take great pride in making use of the Chinese characters and sentence patterns they have learnt in class to write about their birthdate, age, family and pets as well as their likes and dislikes, in Chinese.



Reading, Listening, Speaking and Writing are the four skills students of Chinese are acquiring in order to be communicative in the Chinese language. They are also encouraged to take part in various cultural activities to enhance their understanding of the Chinese tradition and culture.

Ms Cheung, Teacher of Chinese

Homework Club

'T' is for tutoring on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Homework club has started again and is in the library from 3 pm to 4 pm. This is a great opportunity for middle school students to receive help with any of their subjects, absolutely free of charge. It is not meant to be only for students who are having trouble. If you want to move from a B to A, from a C to B or a D to C come along and get help to do that. All subjects and all grades are welcome.

This year we have been lucky enough to secure the help of external tutors on Tuesday through a government grant. This does depend on student attendance so if you are thinking you might come along, grab some friends and your books, and come in next Tuesday. Our dedicated Sunnybank staff continue to offer Thursday tutoring as well. There is no need to be worried about not understanding a subject or not being able to get help with assignments or homework. Enjoy life and come and get help from our tutors on Tuesday and Thursday in the library from 3 pm to 4 pm.

Ms Aldridge

Newsletter Advertising

Sunnybank State High School would love to show support to our parent community and the businesses they own by allowing them to advertise/sponsor our new eNewsletter. For more information, please contact Schoolzine - 1300 795 503.

Uniform Shop

Due to unforeseen circumstances, certain sizes of polo shirts are not available (sizes 8, 10, 12, 14 and 16). They are on order, but won't be here until April or May, as milling the material takes three months.

If you have school sport shorts at home, that you have grown out of, could you please donate to the school.

**Thank you,
Lesley Hall, Uniform Shop Convenor**

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.

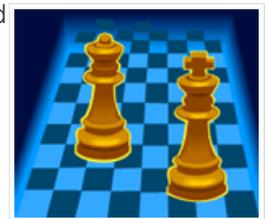
You will need a spare private bedroom with wardrobe, student desk and lamp and to provide nutritious meals and snacks each day. Also, you will need a Commission for Children and Young People check (Blue Card) and will receive financial reimbursement (\$245 per week).

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

Chess Competition

A Queensland Junior rated chess competition for school students will be held from 9 am to 12:45 pm on Saturday 12 April in the Auditorium of Sunnybank State High School, Turton Street, Sunnybank. There is a Beginners Division and an Advanced Division.

- *Competition format:* Seven round tournament (students continue playing no matter if they win or lose)
- *Prizes:*
 - Advanced Division: 1st place - \$50, 2nd place - \$30; Two Rating Divisions - chess books
 - Beginners Division: Excellent chess books as encouragement award and for 1st and 2nd place
- *Entry fee:*
 - Advanced Division: \$20
 - Beginners Division: \$15
- *Registration:* www.sunnybankchess.weebly.com



Entries close 11 am Friday 11 April.

The Smith Family – Saver Plus

Is your child at school or starting next year? Would you like \$500 to help pay for uniforms, books, excursions or a laptop? Saver Plus can match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to \$500!

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, have a child at school or study yourself and have some regular income (you or your partner).

To find out more, contact Amanda Karo - phone 3115 6202 / 0417 436 183, email amanda.karo@thesmithfamily.com.au

Important Dates

Advance Notice of Important Dates	
March 21	Harmony Day activities
March 25	Year 6 and 7 Open Day P&C AGM 7.00 pm Library
March 26	Year 6 and 7 Parent Evening 7.00 pm in the School Library
March 28	School Cross Country
April 2-4	Boot Camp
April 5	School Holidays Commence
April 19	Good Friday
April 21	Easter Monday
April 22	Term 2 Commences