

28 March 2014

Principal's Report

Last week we celebrated Harmony week with activities happening in our newly covered amphitheatre. Cultural groups enjoyed showcasing their dancing and singing talents and students made the most of the opportunity to enjoy a barbecue and indicated their birth place on maps of the world provided for each year level. These maps were then displayed at Southbank Plaza during the wider community Harmony Day activities. Thanks to the staff who supported students through the week and coordinated the activities.



Discipline Audit

Last week we had a visit from one of the Education Queensland auditors currently undertaking the school Discipline Audits in schools throughout Queensland. The audit is aimed at assessing clear and consistent discipline procedures in schools. Our report was the best that the auditor had done to date. This was a very pleasing outcome and we are very proud of this result. The auditor noted how the focus on schoolwide positive behaviour and our pedagogical framework worked exceptionally well together. Thank you to all the staff and teams that are working on these two focus areas which are significantly improving student results and the school teaching and learning environment.

Athletics Success

Congratulations to Joseph Muller and Terri-Ann Cain for their success in national athletic competitions recently. Joseph, one of our school leaders, has been offered a place in the 2014 Youth Olympic Games team to represent Australia in long jump at Nanjing, China, in August. He is one of only eight track and field athletes representing Australia in track and field at the Youth Olympics. Terri-Ann competed in a meet in Sydney and was placed 11th in Australia in the 100 metres event for her age group. We are very proud of both these students. Great work Joseph and Terri-Ann.



Leukaemia Foundation – funky hair day and 'shave for a cure'

Each year our student council and staff support the Leukaemia foundation "shave for a cure". On Friday, students and staff enjoyed the "funky hair" day and on Monday during assembly, four brave staff members had their hair shaved by equally brave staff.



Thanks to Mr Elcock, Mr Elms, Mr Hamilton and Ms Winterbotham for your commitment to this cause and to Ms Parolin for all the organisation and enthusiasm in bringing this worthwhile cause into our school.





ANZAC Day Friday 25 April

I encourage you and your student to join with the student leaders, staff and other members of our local community to commemorate this special day in our history. We encourage our student citizenship through the activities and values that promote students to know themselves, connect with others and make a difference in our world. These principles are reinforced through the values of respect, responsibility and readiness. Every one of these concepts is evident in the ANZAC spirit. The march commences on the corner of Turton Street and Station Road at 7.45 am. All students will need to be in formal school uniform. Our student leaders and other students will be among those who lead the community ceremony held at the back of our school oval and the RSL facilities. Our school ANZAC commemoration assembly will be held at the school on Thursday morning and some students will also be attending the ceremony in ANZAC square.

Parents and Citizens Association

Thank you to Catherine Pound (President), Phil Day (Vice President) and Annette Seib (Correspondence Secretary) for accepting the positions as the executive of the school P&C for 2015. The position of Treasurer is still available. If you are interested in this position and have the necessary skills, please contact the school. All positions are supported with clear guidelines provided by the state wide P&C association and school staff if necessary. The next P&C meeting is 7.00 pm on Tuesday 22 April in the Library. The meetings are held in the school Library so secondary students are welcome to come and do homework and study and younger students are welcome to come and either do homework or quietly read a book or watch a video.

Parent Teacher Evening

Progress reports for term 1 will be posted early next week. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend the parent teacher evening to discuss their student's progress with classroom teachers on Tuesday 29 April in the Library between 3.00 pm and 7.00 pm. No appointment is necessary. All reports will indicate the teachers wish to meet with you as we believe a strong partnership with you is important to strengthen your student's results.

Enrolments for 2015 are now being undertaken

Enrolments for students entering years 7 and 8, 2015 have now commenced. Please contact the school to make an enrolment appointment with a member of administration. We invite all prospective parents to visit our school and see how we can work with you to help your child achieve their dreams.



Year 6 and 7 students from nearby schools enjoyed a high school experience day on Tuesday. Students enjoyed lessons of Chinese calligraphy, chemistry experiments, cooking and industrial technology. More experience days are scheduled for terms 2, 3 and 4. Please contact the school for details of these days.

Diane Hicks, Principal

Home Economics

Block 3 has been a hive of activity as students busy themselves around the block, completing various practical assignments as the term draws to a close...

Home Ec staff have been very happy with the 'can do' attitude of the students in trying out new tasks during the term.

Grades 9s have focused on biscuit making, packaging and design. Their assessment piece was to create a biscuit barrel, complete with logo, brand and manufacturing information to give as a gift at Easter time. Needless to say, after all of those cookies, our shorts are all a little tighter!

Grade 8s have been heads down, thimbles on, in the textiles room and complete with oven mitts in the kitchen.

Year 9 Textiles have been busy hand crafting with felt to create monster hand puppets, owl ornaments and bunny baskets.



Year 10 Food students have focused on "Culinary Skills in an Industrial Kitchen". Some beautiful meals have been prepared and consumed throughout the last nine weeks. Students have refined their skills with knives, making all of those contestants on the cooking shows look like novices!

The senior students have settled into all of their new subjects. Many of our students have already commenced their paid traineeships with employers in the region. Our students have presented well to their interviews for these positions and shown confidence in these interview panels, which has secured those

places in the workforce. Our students continue to achieve excellent results in their traineeships and be recognised in the community as students of Sunnybank High School.

We are all looking forward to another exciting term just around the corner.

Home Economics Department

LOTE Japanese

Students had the opportunity to have their name written in Japanese Calligraphy during a workshop during lunch break.



The year 9 Japanese class enjoyed a Japanese lunch at school.



Year 10 students enjoyed a Japanese food excursion in Sunny Breeze Japanese restaurant.



Alfany Chen,
Teacher of Japanese

Black, Bold & Beautiful Indigenous Women's Luncheon

The luncheon, a celebration of International Women's Day, was held on Monday 10 March at the Hilton Hotel. It aims to promote unity, enjoyment of each other's company and Women's Business of the modern era. There were many guest speakers as well as activities and prize giveaways.



Thirteen students from Runcorn and Sunnybank State High Schools had the privilege of attending this prestigious event. The day was marked with speeches and talks from Professor Graclyn Smallwood, Liz Davenport (top award fashion designer and author) and The Hon. Tracy Davis (Minister for Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services).

At the end of the day, all students said they had an amazing experience and felt lifted to achieve more in their lives and education.

Darran Miah,
Youth/Indigenous Support Worker

Science Department News

I have the pleasure of announcing we have three University of Queensland Science Ambassadors this year - Yusuf Abdullahi, Vu Bao Gia Nguyen and Meleika Gesa-Fatafehi. Congratulations to these remarkable young people who have the very important job of being our link with the University of Queensland, keeping the student body up to date with news of competitions, courses and scholarships and representing the school at university functions. I hope they enjoy the year.



Year 8s have had a great start to the year, making observations of the lifecycle of superworms, *Zophobas morio*. These amazing little creatures hatch from eggs and grow into worm like creatures with legs at the front of the body. Under the right conditions they pupate into a form which looks more like an alien creature, and then emerge as beetles, which change colour and then lay more eggs. Students have also made and experimented with rotocopters for their first piece of assessment. If you enjoy making things and would like to represent the school, join the Aurecon bridge building team. A team of three year 8 or 9 students will use supplied materials to make a balsa wood bridge and take it to judging at St Laurence's College on 7 August. Details are at www.aurecongroup.com/buildingbridges.

See Ms Aldridge if you are interested.





Year 10 students have been experimenting with wind driven generators provided by the Australian Academy of Technological Science and Engineering. The academy presented a conference at Sunnybank High School on Friday 21 March with staff from surrounding private and state schools and four of our Science teachers attending. Attendees enjoyed refining their physics skills and increasing their repertoire of hands on learning activities. Congratulations and our thanks to the catering students and Mrs Garbutt who did a spectacular job of catering the event.



The Spark Engineering Camp is on again this year from 30 June to 5 July for year 10, 11 and 12 students. This is an absolutely free of charge opportunity for students facing barriers to experience university life and see what engineering has to offer. Students participate in engineering and personal development activities. In previous years students have climbed the Story Bridge for free! To find out more head to: www.sparkengineeringcamp.ymb.com.au/about.html#TheSparkExperience or see Ms Aldridge. Apply now. We want Sunnybank SHS students getting the most of their education which means grab every opportunity and have a go at this. You never know - you may get hooked on engineering!

**Ms Aldridge,
HOD Science**

Music Events

What a busy start to the 2014 year for everyone! The students have been busy refining skills and developing their performance technique through a variety of events.

Welcome Week

Welcome Week is an initiative in 2014 to help ease the transition back to school and welcome our new students to Sunnybank! The week focussed on various activities and performances arranged in first and second breaks. These included - key ring making, film clips, chalk art drawings, dodgeball matches (staff vs students) and music performances. Thanks to the staff involved - Mr Elms, Ms Niland, Ms Kalamafoni, Ms Rozells and the year co-ordinators. As well as selected year 12 Music students - Chentelle, Lio, Jeremy and the year 11 Music students - Philip and Mykka, for their musical performances. Thanks also to the students for allowing the teachers to win at dodgeball!

Valentine's Day Serenaders

Yes, love was in the air! (With the help of the Year 12s) The Music students launched into this fundraising activity with great enthusiasm, preparing a selection of songs from "Angel" performed by Jeremy and Rose-Ann (guitar and voice); "How Deep Is Your Love" performed by Lucas on guitar; "Give Love a Try", "Little Things" and "I Don't Want to Talk About It" performed by Lio, Chentelle, Mary and Isaac on guitar and vocals. Performers entertained staff and students throughout the day with staff wearing red on 14 February. These performances certainly brought a great vibe to the school atmosphere along with Ms Rozells' chalk art. Everyone loved it!



Students collected money at lunch times raising \$134.95 which has been donated to Heart Kids. Thanks to Lio, Khristia, Jiraporn and Rose-Ann for giving up their time to gain staff and student support. Special thanks to Ms Rozells and selected year 10 Music students, Serena, Millie, Helen, Anna and Chonticha who displayed their very creative paper folding skills by making all song recipients a memento of the occasion - a lovely red heart and/or flowers. Well done to all - it certainly was a very successful combined effort!

2014 Induction Ceremony

The 2014 Induction Ceremony was enhanced by the beautiful piano performances from Yuriko (year 11 Music student) and Jeremy (year 12 Music student). We were all very proud of their efforts, particularly with our special guests on stage who also enjoyed the performances. Hopefully, we will hear more from these two talented performers over the forthcoming year.

Thursday Live

Thursday Live lunch hour concerts are held in the air-conditioned, lovely environment of the Library. Each week the year 11 Music and Music Studies students are rostered on to perform either as soloists or in an ensemble. Congratulations to Philip, Mykka, Songkran, Carlo, Ethan, Tim, Chris, Hamerua and Yuriko who have bravely performed to an appreciative audience. We will hear more from the remainder of the class in the forthcoming weeks. In term two, Thursday Live concerts will move to the Ampitheatre. So watch the space and come along to support these emerging artists!



Harmony Week

Harmony Week saw the Year 10 Music class perform with African drums, gong, guitar and tamborine in a performance where students improvised rhythms to create an atmospheric work. For many students in this class, it was the first time they have ever performed in front of an audience. Congratulations on your premiere performance!

Creative Generations State Schools on Stage

For the first time, Sunnybank has students who are soaking up the fabulous atmosphere of the rehearsals for this event. Congratulations to Khristia, Jiraporn, Chentelle, Mary, Philip and Anna who are bravely travelling the performing path! This is an opportunity to work with industry professionals and 1500 students from across Queensland, accessing a budget worth millions of dollars to stage the event which will be held in the Brisbane Exhibition and Convention Centre on 18 and 19 July AND participate in the televised event when it airs on Channel 10 in November! Tickets are on sale through Ticketek.

Stay tuned for more exciting music news! Enjoy the well-earned Easter Break.

**Miss Matthews,
Music Teacher**

Year 7 Transition into Junior Secondary School 2015

In order to give the Primary School students an experience of High School, Sunnybank SHS held an Open Day on 25 March. This day was designed for the current year 5, 6 and 7 students who are interested in enrolling at Sunnybank SHS. The day was filled with activities spanning the Science, Languages and Technology faculties and was designed to give the Primary School students an experience of High School in preparation for 2015.

The day began with a welcome by the Principal, Mrs Hicks, and the Deputy Principal, Mr Becker. This was followed by a Chinese Culture and Calligraphy activity conducted by Sunnybank's Chinese language teacher Mrs Cheung. The students then moved to the Science Lab where they conducted a variety of experiments with Science teacher, Miss Viney. It was then time for morning tea and the year 5, 6 and 7 students were able to meet and mix with current year 8 students. After the break, Mrs Garbutt taught the students how to make pizzas while Mr Elms taught them how to make paper planes. It was an enjoyable and invaluable experience for the students who now feel more confident and prepared to make the transition to High School.



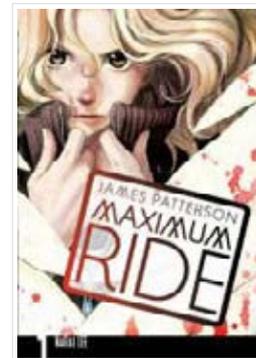
Three more Open Days will be held throughout the year, the next being on 20 May, another on 29 July and our final day will be held on 10 September. Your child is encouraged to attend

any of our Open Days and we look forward to meeting them in the near future. To secure your child's place at Sunnybank, please make contact with the school office on 3323 8111 for an enrolment interview.

**Ms Finney,
Yr 7 Transition Coordinator**

Book Review – Maximum Ride (Book 1) By Tamera Tanoa (Year 8)

A thrilling book based on a girl named Max who was born with bird DNA and has the ability to fly. Erasers (wolves) attack Max and her friends and take her sister for experiments. Max's friends also have the ability to fly and because of this, they can never live a normal life. Everyone calls them mutant freaks. Max and her friends journey to the school where Angel is held, to rescue her. Find out what happens next.....



(Maximum Ride is found in the Graphic novel trolley in the Library)

QATSIF Scholarships

On the Wednesday 12 March, Meleika Gesa-Fatafehi, Tilli Riley-Georgetown and Ethan Knight attended a breakfast to welcome our students and the other 805 scholarship recipients. The breakfast was held at Kuril Dhagun, The Talking Circle at the State Library of Queensland, acknowledging Sunnybank students who were successful in obtaining a two year scholarship for round five.



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.

Well done to all recipients and Sunnybank State High School community, staff and students congratulate these students on receiving this scholarship. Well done.

QCS Test 2014

Opportunity for a Paid Position

The QCS Test is scheduled for Tuesday 2 September and Wednesday 3 September 2014. Preparation lessons and activities are well underway and will continue until the test.

All OP eligible students in year 12 are required to sit the QCS Test and participate in preparation for it if they wish to be awarded an OP. Non OP students may choose to sit the test or not. Those who have opted to sit the test are currently participating in QCS Test preparation.

To maintain accountability, security and proper conduct of the test, the Queensland Studies Authority (QSA) appoints members of the community to carry out duties on their behalf. Consequently, members of the Sunnybank SHS community are invited to apply for the positions of chief community representative (two positions available). These are paid positions.

If you are interested in nominating for these positions, please contact Tania Williams, Deputy Principal and Chief Supervisor for the test, by email at twill455@eq.edu.au or by phone on 3323 8111 for application forms. All paperwork must be completed by Friday 16 May.

Within the next month, further detail of the role and duties of community representatives including application forms will be on the QSA website www.qsa.gov.edu.au (follow the links to Senior Secondary > Secondary QCS Test > Administration).

**Tania Williams,
Deputy Principal**

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.

New Out-of-control Party Laws....a must read for all parents



New laws have now come into effect which will impact anyone who organises or is involved in a party or event that is, or is likely to become, out-of-control. Police now have greater powers to deal with unruly parties and events, and the power to prosecute irresponsible party organisers, gatecrashers and persons involved in out-of-control parties.

A person who organises a party that spirals out of control can now face a year in jail or a \$12,100 fine, as well as police costs, if they did not take reasonable steps to avoid the party getting out-of-control. If the person who organised the out-of-control party is a child, and their parent or guardian gave them permission to organise the party, their parent or guardian could also be committing an offence and be responsible for costs.

Information on the new out-of-control party laws is now available on the Queensland Police Service Party Safe website, www.police.qld.gov.au/party, together with some great

information for party hosts, parents and guests on organising and enjoying a safe, lawful and enjoyable party.

**Senior Constable Shane Stanley,
School Based Police Officer**

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

Free Seniors Health Expo

The Expo is hosted by Macgregor Lions Club, on Wednesday 7 May from 9.30 am to 1.00 pm at Sunnybank Hills Primary School, Symons Road, Sunnybank Hills. Topics covered are Diabetes Type 2, Alzheimer's disease, stroke and palliative care. There will be interactive displays. For registrations, phone 3344 2622.

Mt Gravatt Blue Light Dance Party

Mount Gravatt Blue Light is holding the next Blue Light Dance Party at 7.00 pm on Friday 4 April, at Mt Gravatt PCYC, 90 Klumpp Road, Upper Mt Gravatt (next to the Hibiscus Centre). The dance is for children aged between 7 and 14 years of age. The dance finishes at 9.30 pm and cost of entry is \$7. Lucky door prizes to be won. The dance is fully supervised by police officers and current blue card holders.

Important Dates

<i>Advance Notice of Important Dates</i>	
<i>April 2-4</i>	<i>Boot Camp</i>
<i>April 5</i>	<i>School Holidays Commence</i>
<i>April 18</i>	<i>Good Friday</i>
<i>April 21</i>	<i>Easter Monday</i>
<i>April 22</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Term 2 Commences</i>• <i>P&C Meeting 7.00 pm Library</i>
<i>April 24</i>	<i>Anzac Service Whole School</i>
<i>April 25</i>	<i>ANZAC Day – Public Holiday</i>
<i>April 29</i>	<i>Parent/Teacher Evening – 3.00 pm – 7.00 pm Library</i>