

30 May 2014

## Principal's Report

### Congratulations

Congratulations to our students who participated in the Chemistry Titration competition last weekend at the University of Queensland. Under the guidance of their teacher Ms Aldridge, the teams produced an exceptional result. The girls' team comprised of Valery Cheng, Josephine Choy and Grace Ngiam, and were ranked second out of ninety teams in the competition. Congratulations also to Khanh Nguyen, Hoda Muhmed and Weijin Liu for their result. This is a fantastic demonstration of commitment to a goal. Well done students and Ms Aldridge.



### Student leadership

Six of our students, along with Youth Support Worker Darran Miah and Chappy Johnno, attended the World Vision Global Leadership conference. The activities for the day considered food stability in our world and the politics of trade. The activities provided the students with ideas and incentive to conduct the World Vision 40 Hour Famine later in the year.



### Exams and Assessment

All students will have exams and/or assessment during the next few weeks and should now have a copy of their exam timetable. To support year 11 and 12 students achieve their very best, there is an option for them to remain at home to study if they do not have an exam scheduled. If year 11 and 12 students are completely up to date with all items of assessment submitted, they may have their teachers sign their study week sheet, obtain permission from their parents and remain at home to study. Signed forms must be handed to Student Services and checked off prior to any student remaining home. Study rooms are available for those students whose parents wish them to remain at school to study and for the completion of assessment tasks. Students will be allocated to a specific study room. Details of the exam schedule will also be available on the school website and on student notices. Details regarding tutoring opportunities are available in this newsletter.

### Parents' and Citizens' Association

Last week we recognized the ongoing hard work of our P&C in the school. The P&C executive and school canteen and uniform shop conveners were invited to our school assembly and students acknowledged the wonderful work that they do each day.



*Rosanne Stothart (Bookkeeper), Beverly Few (Uniform Shop), Annette Seib (Secretary), Brenda Djuric and Rusa Jankovic (Canteen), Catherine Pound (President)*

### Uniform

There are plenty of warm jumpers in stock in the uniform shop. All students are required to wear the school jumper to and from school. It is not acceptable to wear a non uniform jumper. If you are having difficulty in purchasing the full school uniform,

please contact a member of the administration or our school business services manager to make arrangements to support you in having your student provided with the correct clothes for school.

## School Wide Positive Behaviour

Our school wide positive program is continuing to support students to understand how to respect themselves and others, accept the responsibility for their own behaviours and learning and demonstrate their readiness for learning and ultimately to take their place in our society. The lessons each week have a focus on one behaviour that highlights an aspect of these values. Over the last couple of weeks, some lessons have focused on keeping healthy and behaviours around hygiene. As we move into the winter season when colds and flu are common, this is important so students and staff remain illness free and don't miss valuable learning time. Every day at school counts.

## Cancer Council "Biggest Morning Tea"

This week our staff supported the Qld Cancer Council's initiative of "Australia's Biggest Morning Tea". One of our staff, Elena Parolin and her daughter Raquel provided the beautiful array of foods that were enjoyed by all. Staff contributed a donation on the day and were reminded that their contribution would go towards supporting research into the treatment of cancer. Great work staff.



**Mrs Diane Hicks, Principal**

## Industrial Technology and Design

### Drum performance!

Big smiles from the year 11 and 12 students following a successful performance with the Cajon drums constructed in their ITU class. Students are continuing the music theme this term with the design and construction of an MP3 docking station to play music. Well done year 11 and 12 and good luck this term!



**Jacob Elms, ITD Teacher**

## Graphics Update

The year 12 class have just finished a design task which involved designing and producing innovative packaging for a product of their choice. One of the standouts was William Stell's design, which was packaging for an LED torch that when opened became a holder for the torch to become a lantern. William produced a cardboard prototype and will now create a final, fully functional product using our 3D printer. It's not just our seniors who are making great designs. Tamera Tanoa in year 8 designed and 3D printed a snapback cap model, all in one lesson!! Others in the class are also in the process of getting their designs printed up. Who knows what our talented students will be able to produce by the time they finish their graphics rotation, let alone by the time they are in year 12?

**James Elcock, ITD Teacher**

## LOTE Chinese

On Friday 2 May, year 8 students of Chinese enjoyed a full day of cultural activities attending the Chinese Arts and Crafts workshop programme at Southbank Parklands.



They participated in Chinese folk diabolo games, martial art practice and a tea ceremony. They learnt the art of Chinese painting and had a great time performing as a team in the Taiwanese Lion Dance and in the percussion band with other schools. They tasted yummy vegetarian food, had good exposure to Chinese cultural activities and showed great interest in learning the Chinese characters on display at the venue. The day ended with our students enjoying the fascinating cultural performance including professional Southern Lion dance and acrobatic show.



The excursion would definitely enhance their understanding of Chinese culture and facilitate their learning of the Chinese language. Special thanks goes to Mrs Winterbotham, HOD of LOTE, and Ms Yan Chen for making the excursion a great success and a meaningful learning experience for the students of Chinese.

**Mrs Hazel Cheung, Teacher of Chinese**

## Mathematics

### Mangahigh Maths Challenge

From 17 March to 23 March, students from years 8, 9 and 10 were given the opportunity to participate in the Mangahigh Queensland Maths Challenge which was open to all primary and secondary schools in Queensland. Each maths activity that a student mastered earned a bronze, silver or gold medal,

all contributing varying points towards a school running total. Sunnybank finished fourth among the top 10 schools competing and first for state secondary schools. This gave us entry into Mangahigh's Hall of Fame, a \$250 voucher and certificates signed by Professor Marcus du Sautoy from Oxford University for our top participants.

Mangahigh is an online-games based maths teaching resource for years 2 to 10. It draws on casual games and social competition from the online world and combines it with the core mathematical concepts to provide students with the greatest sense of achievement. It is actively being used by over one million students each month in Australia, the United States and the United Kingdom. Teacher feedback from the Australian pilot of this resource included: (i) students were more engaged with Mangahigh compared to a "direct-teaching" lesson; (ii) noticeable improvement in students' attitude and interest in maths; (iii) helped improve maths content knowledge for their students; (iv) students' speed and accuracy improved over the period.



Ms Deb Palmer, one of the Australian representatives for Mangahigh, presented Mrs Hicks with a school certificate. Each eligible student was then presented with their certificate. The students were: Sarah YANG, Sara GORFU, Linh LE, Muneeb KHAN, Kainat ANIS, Ming KUO, Millie SHAN, Xi CHEN, Helen AN, Anne LE, Christina HU, Shuhkri ABDULLAHI, Josh HOCKEY, Thai Son NGUYEN and Harold SEBASTIAN.

Congratulations to all the students who participated in this competition. Look out for the next one to be held in September.

**Elena Parolin, Senior Maths Teacher**

### Maths Tutoring

The Mathematics department offers tutoring in all levels of Maths on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday in room 703 (Maths block upstairs) at first break. All students are welcome to come along and get help from an experienced mathematician. Please encourage your students to attend these extra sessions if they

require some extra practice in mathematics or help in understanding assignments.

### Date Claimer

On Thursday 7 August, the Australian Mathematics Competition for the Westpac Awards will be conducted. The AMC has run every year since 1978 and is now a significant international event. Students have been encouraged to enter the competition as students of all standards can progress and find a point of challenge. The Maths department has sponsored some students with their entry for this competition.

### General

Students and caregivers are reminded of the importance for their student to be prepared for learning. Textbooks are used regularly in Maths classes and for homework, so if your student does not have a text, they are jeopardising their chances of success in this subject. All students should have with them every day their textbook, notebook, writing equipment, calculator, ruler and planner. The department will supply any special equipment (e.g. protractors and compasses) as required but we do ask students to be PREPARED with the BASIC learning aids. Caregivers are asked to regularly check their student's planner, as this will allow you to monitor homework and also, should a teacher need to communicate with you, they may make a note in the planner.

### Calculators

All students MUST have a scientific calculator for their Mathematics classes. (Please note that the use of the calculator function on mobile phones is not an acceptable practice.) **Students will not be permitted to use their phones in class or under exam conditions.** Scientific calculators are available for sale from the school for \$22. To purchase a calculator students pay their money at the office and present the receipt at Block 7 staffroom to receive the calculator. Alternatively, calculators are available from major retailers.

**K. Schloss  
HOD – Mathematics**

### Uniform Shop

All sizes of polo shirts are now available at the Uniform shop.

**Prices:**  
Small sizes - \$40.00  
22+ sizes - \$44.00

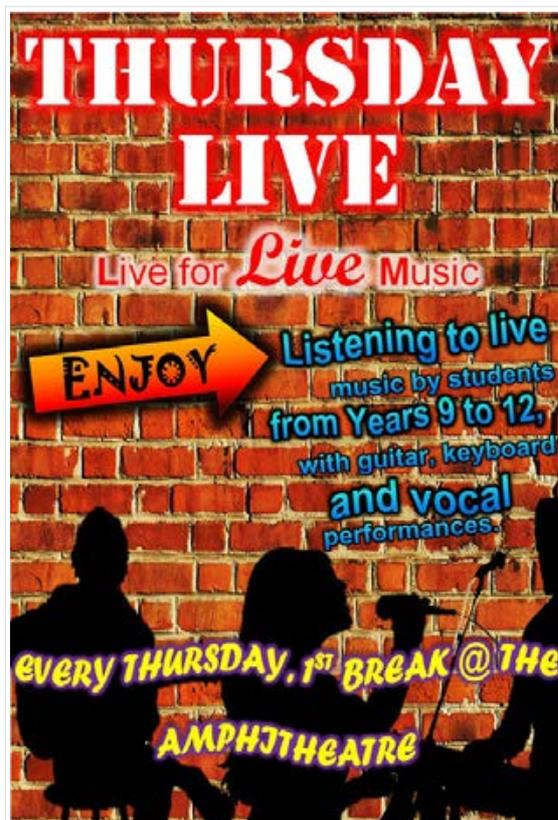
The Uniform shop is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8.00 am to 11.00 am.

### Tutoring

Sunnybank State High staff members regularly give up their time to support students outside of the classroom. Below is a summary of the regular tutoring available to students.

Subject	Time	Location	
Monday			

## Thursday Live



## 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.

## 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

## Blue Light Dance Party

Mount Gravatt Blue Light will be holding the next Blue Light Dance Party at 7.00 pm on Friday 6 June 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 old. The dance finishes at 9.30 pm and cost of entry is \$7. Lucky door prizes, including wireless Bluetooth speakers worth

Subject	Time	Location	
Maths	First Break	703	
Maths	Second Break	703	Let Ms Schloss know you are attending
<b>Tuesday</b>			
Maths	First Break	703	
11/12 English for ESL Learners	First Break	316	With Ms Jurgensen
Maths	Second Break	703	Let Ms Schloss know you are attending
Homework Club (T-Time) for Junior high students	3-4pm	Library	
Literacy for ESL students	3-4pm	109	Ms Gibson
<b>Wednesday</b>			
Maths	Second Break	703	Let Ms Schloss know you are attending
Maths and Science	Second Break	Meet Science staffroom	With Ms Bartels
11/12 English for ESL Learners	3-4pm	102	Ms Charles
12 English – English extension	3-4pm	110	Ms Winterbotham
<b>Thursday</b>			
Maths	Second Break	703	Let Ms Schloss know you are attending
Homework Club (T-Time) for Junior high students	3-4pm	Library	
11/12 Physics	After school	Physics Lab	Let Mr Hamilton know you are coming
<b>Friday</b>			
Maths	First Break	703	
Maths	Second Break	703	Let Ms Schloss know you are attending

Individual teachers also provide additional support for their students on a needs basis. Students should approach their teachers in times of need for extra assistance.

\$200, are to be won. The dance is fully supervised by police officers and current blue card holders. For more information, please contact Senior Constable Shane Stanley on 0427 644 702.

## Become a Foster Carer

Do you enjoy interacting with children and can give a child or young person a nurturing home? Care to join us? For more information, contact:



Mercy Community Services  
www.mercycs.org.au  
Logan and Southern Brisbane 3340 5600  
North Brisbane 3267 9070  
Goodna 3280 8000

## Chess Competition

A Queensland Junior rated chess competition for primary and high school students will be held from 9.00 am to 12.30 pm on Saturday 5 July in the Auditorium of Sunnybank State High School, Turton Street, Sunnybank. There is a Beginners Division and Advanced Division.



*Competition format:* seven round tournament (students play all rounds, irrespective of whether they win or lose)

*Divisions:*

- Beginners Division: excellent opportunity for primary school students who are new to chess to practise in a friendly and supportive environment
- Advanced Division: excellent opportunity for students to further their chess skills and interest, as well as to improve their Queensland Junior rating

*Prizes:*

- Beginners Division: excellent chess books/sets as encouragement awards (1st and 2nd place)
- Advanced Division: 1st place - \$50, 2nd place - \$30; two rating division prizes (under 750 QJ and 600 QJ) - \$30 each

*Entry fee:*

- \$15 to enter in Beginners Division; \$20 to enter in Advanced Division

*Registration:* www.sunnybankchess.weebly.com

*Contact:* visit the above website for further information, or contact Ross Lam on rosshclam@gmail.com

Entries close 4 July 2014.

## Moon Lee Tae Kwon Do

Learn Tae Kwon Do at the Sunnybank High School hall, Gager Street, Sunnybank, on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm. There are classes for children and adults. The instructors are Master Moon Lee



and Cassidy Kruger. For more information, phone 0432 184 995 or 1300 101 303.

## Student Exchange Information Evening

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is a not-for-profit organisation that is registered with all state and territory Departments of Education around Australia and with the Ministry of Education in NZ.

Students and families are invited to a FREE Information Evening in Beenleigh on Thursday 5 June. The session is being held at the Beenleigh Events Centre, corner Crete and Kent Streets, Beenleigh, and starts at 7.30 pm.

Students can find out more about our exchange programs to over 25 countries, listen to former exchange students sharing their experience and learn about our scholarships and discounts on offer in 2014.

"You come back a different person, with so much more confidence and you feel that you can conquer the world" - Jessica, Semester Program to Italy

Visit [www.studentexchange.org.au](http://www.studentexchange.org.au) or call 1300 135 331 for more information

## Kuraby Farmers Markets

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6am - 12noon

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## Important Dates

### Advance Notice of Important Dates

June 9	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
June 11-19	Exam Block
June 19-20	Yr 11 QCS Practice
June 24	P&C Meeting 7.00 pm Library Field Events Carnival – Nomination only
June 27	Rewards Trip - Riverlife
June 28	School holidays commence
July 14	Term 3 commences