

13 June 2014

Principal's Report

Thank you parents

Thank you to all parents and guardians for your work with the school in helping students to focus on their studies and be prepared for their classes. No success can occur without you working with the school to achieve the best outcomes for students.

Student Success



Meleika Gesa-Fatafehi has recently returned from a week long program in Sydney where she was one of 50 young Indigenous students from throughout Australia. The National Indigenous Youth Leadership Academy National Gathering provided students with the opportunity to meet other inspiring Indigenous young

people, identify social issues that they are passionate about and develop national campaigns to address national social issues. Well done Meleika.

Rugby League

Congratulations to the students in the 9's Rugby League teams who last week achieved the great result of first and second in the "round-robin" competition conducted by the NRL. All boys worked well together and the outcome was a great credit to each team member and their coaches. Congratulations to both teams and coaches Mr Bhullar, Mr Parravicini and Mr Magoffin.

Rewards Day

Term two has been a very successful term with many students achieving their goals. In recognition of this, the rewards day for students for this semester involves two choices. Students can attend the challenge program held at the Kangaroo Point cliffs with students kayaking, abseiling and rock climbing. Other students may choose to attend the movie option. Congratulations to the students who have been nominated by their teachers and invited to attend. Special thanks to the year coordinators for planning and arranging this day to reward those students who have demonstrated our three "Rs" of "respect, responsibility and readiness" and committed themselves to their studies and success.

Thanks YMCA and Chaplaincy volunteers

A huge thank you to YMCA and the businesses that support the Breakfast Club at our school. Each Wednesday morning students are able to access a healthy breakfast from the hall kitchen. This work is very much appreciated. Further volunteers meet with students each Wednesday afternoon to mentor them through the YMCA run Mentoring program. After a beautiful healthy lunch students undertake scheduled activities to develop teamwork and resilience. Both the programs are valued in our school. Thank you to the YMCA staff and your dedicated volunteers.



Reporting and Parent Teacher interviews

Academic reports for semester one will be posted in the final week of term and parents are invited to discuss their student's progress at the parent teacher evening on 22 July between 3.00 pm and 7.00 pm in the school library. No appointment is necessary.

Term three

School resumes for all students on Monday 14 July. Please note that there is no student free day to commence term three. I trust all students and families have a wonderful mid-year holiday.

Mrs Diane Hicks, Principal

Junior Secondary 2015 Open Day

In order to give the Primary School students an experience of High School, Sunnybank SHS will hold an Open Day on 29 July 2014. This day is designed for the current year 5, 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, LOTE and Health and Physical Education faculties and is designed to give the Primary School students an experience of High School in preparation for their transition in 2015. Students found our first Open Day to be an enjoyable and invaluable experience and they commented that they now feel more confident and prepared to make the transition to High School.

A further Open Day will be held on 10 September. Your child is encouraged to attend either of our Open Days and we look forward to meeting them in the near future. To secure your child's place at Sunnybank SHS, please make contact with the school office on 3323 8111 for an enrolment interview.

LOTE Japanese

At the end of last term, the year 11 Japanese class enjoyed making and tasting delicious fried noodles, "Yakisoba", as part of their cultural experience study with Mrs Takahashi.



Homeless Connect Set-up Day

On Tuesday 27 May the student leaders from years 8, 9 and 10 went to the Homeless Connect set-up day. The day was a huge success with a lot achieved.



For five hours we worked with volunteers from Carindale Salvation Army (who organised all donations from all over Brisbane), volunteers from QUT, Brisbane Boys Grammar School and other Brisbane City Council agencies. Although we were not attending the day itself, we unpacked four semi-trailers worth of food, clothing, bedding, shoes, toiletries and everything else you can imagine. We helped fold clothes and make stacks on tables ready for the people to come in for the next day. The pallets and boxes never seemed to end.



At the end of day Miss Kalamafoni had her heart set on finishing one more huge box of clothes before we left. We worked hard to finish off this task and help out and finish our last pallet of

clothing. When we arrived the tables were empty and when we left there were high piles on each table in the huge space and food was spread all throughout the room. It was a great day and on the train home we were all very tired.



It was nice to know that we helped set up a very big day for the benefit of homeless people. Our efforts made a difference!

Josh Hockey, Year 9

Book Reviews by Year 8 Students

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone

Harry Potter's parents died at the hands of the evil wizard, Voldemort. When Harry's parents died he then lived with his aunt and uncle. Harry received a letter from Hogwarts and was invited to go to the secret school called Hogwarts for witchcraft and wizardry training. Harry and his friends, Ron and Hermoine, had a mission to search for the philosopher's stone. While doing this, they had many interesting and thrilling adventures.



By Jeric Mortera

Parvana

Have you ever been controlled by a military group? A young girl named Parvana is risking her life for her family in direct opposition to The Taliban who now have control over the capital city, Kabul. The Taliban have imposed extremely strict laws on girls and women. After her father is taken to prison, Parvana is forced to take responsibility for her whole family in order to survive. She dresses as a boy to make a living in the streets of the hazardous, unpredictable city. Parvana is a captivating and emotional story of trust, bravery and courage.

By Osman Legese

Science News

The Science department has had a very exciting term with monumental success in the titration competition. This is an analytical chemistry competition which involves students performing a chemical reaction and carefully measuring quantities to calculate the concentration of an acid. Sunnybank entered two teams, each with three students, and off we went on a Saturday morning to the chemistry building at the University of Queensland.

The six students were Valery Cheng, Josephine Choy, Grace Ngiam, Khanh Nguyen, Weijin Liu and Hoda Muhmed. Ninety teams (270 students) were present to compete including well known private schools and large state schools. Our teams really

demonstrated their outstanding skills and abilities and when the final concentrations were announced we knew we were close. The top ten teams were counted down and when the announcer paused for the top three, and our names had not been called, we were tense - then, second... Sunnybank SHS. Valerie, Josephine and Grace were second out of 90 teams, only beaten by All Hallows. We were so excited and proud of them, a spectacular effort. We are off to compete in the State finals at the end of the year. All the titration students have worked so hard practising after school and during their breaks. They are a credit to the school. Remember to set your sights high and work towards them, you never know how far you will go.



We have had some interesting visitors to the school with Engineers Without Borders sending final year engineering students out to lead our year 10 students through some real life engineering activities complete with simulated money and financing problems.

The year 10 students have been on excursion to the Mt Coot-tha botanical gardens and the planetarium. The star show was spectacular and aligned nicely with the space unit studied first term. The botanical gardens hosted the aboriginal food tour complete with food tasting which was very informative and exciting.



This term the school was also lucky enough to host the full day Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering seminar for high school teachers. Many of our science staff benefited from a day of in-service and enjoyed meeting teachers from other schools.

Many students have just done the Big Science Competition exam and the RACI Chem Quiz. We look forward to some great results coming back in September.

Ms Aldridge, HOD Science

ECOMAN

Sunnybank students were given the opportunity to participate in "ECOMAN", a simulated business program that was sponsored by QPEC. This program was offered to year 12

students studying either Accounting and/or BOM, with a total of 14 students in attendance. The program was based at NAB in Mount Gravatt and ran for three days.

The students were formed into three competing companies: Coffeelicious, Grand Elect and MJ Jap with each student taking a position such as Managing Director, Chief Financial Officer, Production Manager, Human Resources Manager and Marketing Manager. The students were responsible for the growth and profitability of their companies. Each company had to obtain their own supplies, manufacture and then market their product whilst engaging in industrial relations, environmental issues and changing government regulations. This boosted their knowledge about the business world and gave them an insight to what it's like to manage a company. At the end of the program they had the privilege to present their annual results and their company outlook to their shareholders, which gave them a real insight into running and participating in an AGM.



The ECOMAN program helped the students to understand the basic roles of managerial positions and the first steps to running a business. It was basically three days in training to become an actual director of a company. The students enjoyed the experience and encourage next year's students to take up this opportunity and be even better.

Chen-telle Mahanga

Home Economics

Sunnybank High School is the only school in the Queensland that offers a Certificate II in Health Support Services. This certificate offers students the unique opportunity to prepare for working in the industry of health services where there is currently a skills shortage. Part of this certificate looks at skills in the industrial kitchen, where students are able to prepare meals suitable for the health industry: aged care, hospitals, child care and respite care.

In 2014 we have the pleasure of teaching two classes of Health in year 11. Students have been busy this term in the kitchen as well as commencing field work in local businesses. Students have been very well received at the QEII hospital each week, where they work to prepare and serve meals for the patients in the hospital. The students have shown enormous improvement in a short amount of time in the kitchen with their food production skills. Students have prepared a selection of meals throughout the term and presented them suitable for distribution.



Well done year 11s; it has been a very busy and successful term!

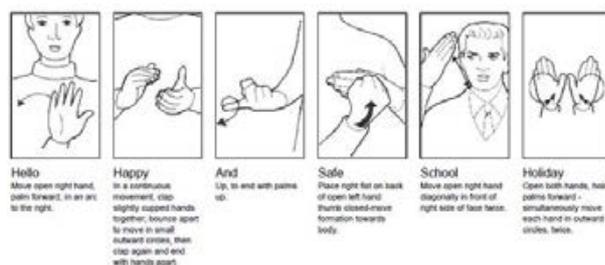
**Ms Garbutt,
Home Economics Teacher**

Pre-service Teacher

Hello, students and staff of Sunnybank State High School,

Recently, you may have noticed me, a profoundly deaf signing pre-service teacher accompanied by two hearing interpreters during the five weeks of my first-time Geography teaching practical. I communicate in **Australian Sign Language (Auslan)** with Deaf people and written English with hearing people. Auslan is an official language for Deaf signing Australians. I am Mr Phua and my professional Auslan interpreters from Griffith University act as my ears and voice as they assist me to communicate in class.

I had the pleasure of working with years 9 and 10 Geography students under Mrs Cox's supervision. I was delighted to impart some basic Auslan signs to many hearing students and a few staff. Have fun learning some common Auslan signs!



I wish all of you a happy and safe school holidays!!!

**Cheers,
Mr Phua (Pre-service Geography teacher)**

Become involved in a fantastic new project!

To commemorate the centenary of World War I, we're planning interactive displays in the library every term from July 2014 to November 2018. Our first display, focusing on the causes of the war and first few months will be on display in the library from 18 July. There'll be life-sized models of soldiers to pose with for photographs (thanks to Michelle Chang and the Creative and Practical Arts



department for constructing and painting these), information on what Australia, Queensland, Brisbane and Sunnybank were like in 1914, and much more. An open day is being planned for a Saturday in August/September, so watch this space for more details.

The theme for term four is the Turkish involvement, including why the Dardanelles Strait was so important, and the Suez Canal. If you'd like to be involved in the planning and preparation of our term four display, our next meeting will be Thursday 24 July from 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm in room 608 in the library.

Ms Cobb, Teacher/Librarian

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.

Please consider donating to the school office, your student's recently outgrown uniform. Having a supply of second hand uniforms available for emergency situations, helps out students who, from time to time, may require some item of the uniform for a short term or daily loan. Items of uniform that are in our "clothing pool" are carefully washed and maintained by our student services staff who discretely lend items for a day or longer if needed. These items are then returned, washed and stored in readiness for the next student who might need to borrow for a short time.

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.

Indian Classical Dance Classes

Lalitha Kalalaya School of Bharathanatyam, a well-known dance school in Brisbane, is planning to start a dance class at Sunnybank High School from the beginning of term three. Bharathanatyam is one of India's oldest and most dynamic classical dance forms with a history of more than two thousand years. It is the dance form that unites expression, music and rhythm.



Interested students and staff can contact Padmalakshmi on 0420 860 078 for more information, or visit www.lalithakalalaya.com

Film Workshop

Skate Competition

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.



Blue Light Dance Party

Mount Gravatt Blue Light will be holding the next Blue Light Dance Party at 7.00 pm on Friday 4 July 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 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.

WEP Student Exchange

World Education Program (WEP) Australia is now accepting applications from students who wish to participate in 2014 summer or 2015 semester and year exchange programs. Students can choose to study and live life with a carefully selected host family in more than 25 countries.

Exchange students return to Australia with maturity, confidence, and in many cases, proficiency in another language. If learning another language is not for your child, excellent programs to the USA, Canada and Ireland are also available.

Apply Early and Save \$500

Early Bird Specials are available for programs commencing in August 2015! WEP is offering students in years 9 to 11 a \$500 discount off the 2014/15 program fee towards a semester or year program to any of the following countries departing in July to September 2015: Brazil, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, The Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Norway, Thailand or the USA.

Find out More!

Request an information pack online or attend one of WEP's information sessions with your parents. Visit www.wep.org.au, phone 03 9598 4733 / 1300 884 733 (cost of a local call) or email info@wep.org.au to find out more.

Important Dates

Advance Notice of Important Dates

June 20	African Parent Information Evening 4.30 pm – 7.00 pm (Please phone Mrs Goldman 3323 8185 for information)
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
July 14 – 18	NAIDOC Week
July 15	School Track Carnival
July 22	Parent Teacher Evening 3.00 pm to 7.00 pm in the Library

Advance Notice of Important Dates

June 11-19	Exam Block
June 19-20	Yr 11 QCS Practice