

1 August 2014

Principal's Report

Sports Carnival results

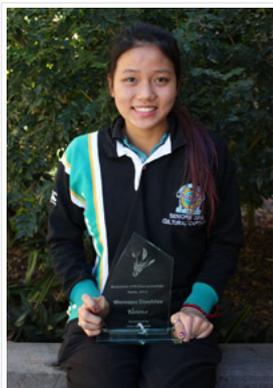
Well done Balcara for your success in our Track and Field carnivals in 2014. Congratulations to our age champions:



U/13 Girls – Joyce Gale, *U/13 Boys* – Osman Legese
U/14 Girls – Farhia Mwechiwa, *U/14 Boys* – Jowel Okeny
U/15 Girls – Diana Lasu, *U/15 Boys* – Zayne Maui
U/16 Girls – Emily Meline, *U/16 Boys* – Brandon Roberts
Open Girls – Teneika Hobson, *Open Boys* – Joseph Muller

Congratulations to our track and field team who competed at the district carnival this week. Overall the boys' team were ranked the top team and contributed to Sunnybank winning the percentage trophy and second overall on raw scores. Great outcome.

Well done to Grace Ngiam who has recently added to her impressive results in Badminton. Grace has recently achieved the women's Under 19 doubles championship. Well done Grace.



Awards Assembly

The Principal's Awards assembly was held last week. It was a pleasure to share the recognition of student successes with parents who attended the morning tea that followed this assembly. Thanks to the parents who made the time to join us in celebrating with their student.

Year 12 Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre Applications

QTAC applications can now be made commencing 5 August and will close 30 September. Students are encouraged to include six nominated courses of study. Changes can be made after 30 September but will incur a cost. Students should ensure they have discussed their preferences with the Guidance Officer, Ms Sardie, and also make the most of the tertiary expos and open days that university and TAFE colleges are offering over the next couple of months.

Our school has a strong partnership with Griffith University called Griffith Connect. This year Griffith University is again facilitating support for financially disadvantaged students who wish to nominate Griffith University as one of their QTAC preferences. To access this support, please discuss your applications for tertiary studies and this program with our Guidance Officer. Thank you to Griffith University for your continued support of our students.

International visitors

This week we welcomed a study group tour from CT College in Hong Kong. The students are with us for four weeks during which time they will attend classes with their buddies, join in sport and undertake some excursions in our local south east Queensland.



Mrs Diane Hicks, Principal

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 Tuesday 29 July. 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 Languages, Performing Arts and Health and Physical Education faculties and was designed to give the Primary School students an experience of High School in preparation for the year 6 and 7 students transition in 2015. The day began with a welcome by the Principal, Mrs Hicks, and the Deputy Principal, Mr Becker. This was followed by a Japanese culture and calligraphy activity conducted by Sunnybank's Japanese language teacher, Mrs Chen. The students then moved to the Hall where they engaged in a variety of Health and Physical Education activities with Health and Physical Education student teacher, Miss Johansen. 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 Lockington taught the students how to use various musical instruments while Ms Kalamafoni taught them how to interact using drama techniques.



It was an enjoyable and invaluable experience for the students who now feel more confident and prepared to make the transition to High School. Our final Open Day will be held on 10 September. Your child is encouraged to attend this Open Day 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.

**Thank you,
Ms Finney (Year 7 Transition Coordinator)**

SETP Interviews: Year 10 Students

It is compulsory that all Queensland year 10 students complete a Senior Education and Training Plan (SETP). In completing the SETP, each student will have identified their goals, career aspirations and preferred pathway to achieve their goals. The process enables students to identify their strengths, areas to improve and factors which may impact them during their senior years. Studies teachers and students have been working hard to complete the documentation in preparation for parent input and participation.

SETP interviews with each student and their parent/s will be held in the week of 11-15 August. Parents should have received information to nominate their preferred interview time.

Appointments are currently being confirmed with parents. If you have not received information from your child, please contact Julie Drury on 3323 8111. The interview enables the school and home to work together to support the student. It also provides further opportunity for parents to confirm their child's subject selections for 2015. SETPs are a mandated requirement for all year 10 students and parent involvement is essential. We look forward to meeting with all year 10 students and their parents in August.

Subject Selection for 2015

Throughout the next few weeks, all year 8, 9 and 10 students will select their subjects for 2015. **Subject Selection Information Evening is Tuesday 5 August, 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm** (your child has a more detailed letter for you). Parents and students will have the opportunity to talk with staff across all subject areas. It is essential that students, supported by parents, make well-informed decisions regarding their subject selection. Students entering year 9 or 10 remain in their chosen subjects for a year, whilst students entering year 11 remain in their subjects for two years.

All students will be required to complete their subject selections on-line. **Subject Selection on-line opens Tuesday 5 August and closes 8.00 am Monday 11 August.** Please support your child through this process and ensure they have made good decisions.

Abbey Museum Excursion

Recently the year 8 History students visited the Abbey Museum, on Bribie Island, as part of their study of the Middle Ages in semester one. The visit began with a medieval knight display with Sir Matt and Lady Edith. Sir Matt was extremely entertaining and informative as he took us on the journey of a boy wishing to become a knight. Sir Matt has an amazing collection of artefacts and was kind enough to allow the students to dress in his armour. Sir Matt and Lady Edith also instructed the students in the use of a bow and arrow, and with Sir Matt as the target, the students fired at will!



The second session of the day involved the year 8s splitting up into two groups where students had the opportunity to tour the recreated Medieval Chapel, followed by a viewing session of the Abbey Museum.

The tour of the recreated Medieval Chapel had a wonderful display of stained glass windows. The Abbey's education officer explained the significance of the images portrayed as well as the very complex process which goes into making a stained glass window. Students had the opportunity to view the magnificent collection of artefacts housed in the Abbey Museum and learnt about the ancient art of manuscript making. It was an enjoyable and educational experience which was well received by the students.

Ms Lucock, History Teacher

Creative and Practical Arts

New Zealand Instrumental Music visit from Cashmere High

Last Friday 25 July, 63 Music students and seven teachers from Cashmere High School came to Sunnybank to showcase their Orchestra, Chamber Choir, Jazz Ensemble with Soloist and Girls Barbershop Chorus. Our audience, consisting of Classroom Music students, Instrumental Music students and our year 8s, enjoyed a very professional concert. This is hopefully the start of an ongoing collaboration between our two schools, with a planned Music and Sports tour from Sunnybank to New Zealand in June 2015.



Cashmere High School is a Co-educational Secondary School of 1800 students, sitting beneath the Cashmere Hills in Christchurch, New Zealand. Cashmere has a strong focus on Music and the Performing Arts. Every second year the Music and Drama departments produce a fully staged musical with orchestra or band. Recent productions have included: *Guys and Dolls*, *Back to the 80s*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Wizard of Oz* and *Cabaret*, etc. In the intervening years the Music department embarks on a music tour, with every second tour taking them outside of New Zealand. This year Cashmere spent six days in Sydney, two days in the Blue Mountains and seven days in Brisbane which included the visit to Sunnybank SHS. It was a pleasure to meet with our NZ counterparts and to enjoy conversation over morning tea.

Ms Niland, HOD Creative and Practical Arts

Creative Generations

Creative Generations State Schools on Stage.....10th Anniversary Celebrationswhen can I see it?.....**Channel 10 – 6 December at 2.00 pm.....**

Creative Generations Company, this is your half hour call..... all members in the CGen Company!

What a wonderful opportunity our Sunnybank students had to participate and view the performances of this fantastic event. Anna and Chen-telle were lucky to perform on the centre stage for the Saturday performances!



Congratulations to Anna Bektasovski, Khristia Li, Chen-telle Mahanga, Philip Philip and Jiraporn Wongwai who paved the way for future performers from our school by their commitment and dedication to six months of rehearsals during school time and on week-ends (with other choristers) and excellent behaviour both on and off the stage. They sang their hearts out, gave one hundred percent in the movements and choralography and were completely impressed by the sheer scope and magnitude of this huge event. 2014 was the tenth year of this fantastic showcase of creative talent from 1800 students from state prep, primary and secondary schools (115 schools in fact) across various locations all over Queensland. It is an invaluable opportunity for teachers and students to work with industry professionals from the performing arts industry.

My thanks go to the hard working students and parents and families of these performers who make this CGen opportunity so fulfilling. Particular thanks go to Mrs Li who helped transport the students to the massed choir rehearsals during school time and Mrs Mahanga who was our 'support staff' on the performance days of Friday 18 July and Saturday 19 July. Thanks also go to Ms Niland who accompanied the audience members to the schools preview and to Administration for attending the performances and supporting this event.

I look forward to 2015 when hopefully some more students will catch the CGen bug and consider this "the best experience I have ever had!"

Charmaine Matthews, CGen Coordinating Teacher

Home Economics

Year 9 High Tea

Mr Becker recently got into the swing of festivities at the year 9 High Tea functions at the end of semester one. Year 9s finished the term on a high, with excellent results and customer satisfaction with their venture. All food and beverage was prepared by students, for invited guests to enjoy. Well done year 9! You make our job a pleasure.

Mrs Drury and Mrs Garbutt



Congratulations

Congratulations to Health Certificate and Hospitality Certificate students who have been working after hours to clock up industry experience for their respective certificates. On the last day of term two, four year 11 students, Chammie Kamara, Emily Horn, Saadia Ahmed Khalif and Gulistan Alizada set off to South Bank after school to set up for the CGU "End of Financial Year" staff party.



Clients were so impressed with the quality of food the students produced and their friendly, confident service, they have been given return business for further functions. This type of real industry experience is a wonderful opportunity for students to work with customers in a safe, supportive environment. Students will be working again this week, capturing the spectacular view at sunset from the rooftop at Southbank Parklands. Well done students! Your 'can do' attitude makes my job a joy!

Mrs Garbutt

Science Expo

The Science Expo will be on Friday 22 August from 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm in the school hall. It is an enjoyable afternoon of Science entertainment including displays of student work, competitions and a science show. There is a lucky door prize drawn at the end of the afternoon and refreshments are available.

The Expo is proudly sponsored by Sunnybank Kmart, Hoyts and Brisbane Planetarium.



Resource Centre

Reminders

Submissions for this year's anthology are now being accepted. Hand your short story or poem to your teacher or Ms Cobb in the library for your chance to be a published author.

September 13: Open Day to commemorate the beginning of World War I. Come and see the exhibit and artwork on display.



Recruiting Students for the Australian Navy Cadets

Young Queenslander of the Year 2009, Mr Chiu-Hing Chan has established an Australian Navy Cadet unit in West Brisbane, recruiting secondary school students between 12 to 17 years of age to undertake navy orientated activities such as sailing, boating, flying and camping.

The naval cadet unit is located at Centenary State High School in the western suburbs of Brisbane, where it is holding an orientation day on Sunday 10 August for students interested to join. Youths will have an opportunity to obtain their boat licence and sailing certificates, visit naval ships and establishments, and opportunity to undertake pilot flight training and marine engineering. The Australian Navy Cadets is a youth organisation that is sponsored and supported by the Royal Australian Navy. It provides youth activities and training within a military environment to encourage better citizens and leaders in the community.

Uniforms and equipment are provided for free to cadets. Cadets parade every Sunday, where full day parade occurs on the first week of the month from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm and for all other weeks, parade is from 9.00 am to 12.30 pm. Cadets are required to pay a levy of \$10 per attendance. Student recruits will have the opportunity to be promoted through the ranks, including being selected for officer training for the rank of midshipman.

For more information, please contact Chiu-Hing Chan (Commanding Officer) on 0411763641 (cchan@acgcb.org.au) or Captain Bob Humes (Steering Committee Chairman) on 0409498211.

Blue Light Dance Party

Mount Gravatt Blue Light will be holding the next Blue Light Dance Party at 7.00 pm on Friday 1 August 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 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.

Macgregor Cricket Club

Sign on day (under 6 – 17)

When:

16-17 August from 9.00 am to 12 noon

Where:

Macgregor Clubhouse,
Top oval off Granadilla Street, Macgregor

Contact:

Steve Griffin (Club Registrar)
0401 295 010, registrar@macgregorcc.org.au
www.macgregorcc.org.au

Important Dates

Advance Notice of Important Dates	
August 5	Subject Selection Evening 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm
August 6-8	Year 8 & 11 Camp
August 7	Maths Competition
August 11,12,14,15	SETP Interviews Year 10
August 13	RNA Public Holiday
August 22	Science Expo – School Hall 3.00 pm – 5.00 pm
August 26	P&C Meeting 7.00 pm Library
August 26-28	Regional Track & Field Carnival
September 2&3	QCS Test