

15 August 2014

Principal's Report

Track and Field

Congratulations to the school track and field team who won the percentage trophy and were placed second overall in the recent track and field carnivals. Well done also to the boys' team who were overall winners. Well done to all the team and the staff who have trained each student.

Special congratulations to Abdul Turay, 13 year age champion with a new record in the 400 metres, Joseph Muller, 17 year age champion with a new record in the triple jump and Ronaldo Alfred, 18 years and open and a record in the triple jump. Forty-six members of our sixty-five strong team have been invited into the regional team. This indicates that each student is in the top four of their age groups. A great result. Well done.

Best wishes to Joseph as he travels to Nanjing, China, this week to compete for Australia in the World Youth Olympic Games. We wish you every success and safe travels.



Year 10 Student Education and Training plans (SETP)

Thank you to the parents of our year 10 students who have completed your student's SET plan. Attending the interview and signing off on your students' subject selections for 2015 will enable the timetable and staffing to occur. Most of the interviews have occurred this week. If you have a student in year 10 and have not yet arranged your interview time, please

contact the school as soon as possible regarding this. Details of the arrangements have been sent home with your student.



Griffith University Success

Congratulations to the seven students who are graduating from the Griffith Business School Outreach Program on 29 August:

- Laraib Baig** – Business Management – High Distinction
- Kristia Li** – Commerce – High Distinction
- Abdul Haidari** – Business Management – Distinction
- Angel Bai** – Commerce – Distinction
- Murtaza Rezayee** – Commerce – Credit
- Sheron Varghese** – Commerce – Credit
- Jing Yao** – Commerce – Credit

Thanks also to Mrs Moodley who has supported the students in their studies.

Congratulations to the six students who participated in the Griffith Business Ambassadors Program – Najiba Abbassi, Harris Baig, Tisiola Mahanga, Lexi Miski, Ruth Ossa and Bismillah Sharifi. This program provides high school students with an opportunity to have a university experience where they expand their understanding of the business world and develop real-life enterprise skills.

Science week

Next week is Science Week which will culminate in our annual Science Expo. Student work, including the projects from our local state schools, will be on display. Students will be enjoying a range of fantastic activities throughout the week.



Breakfast Club

Thank you to our breakfast club sponsors who continue to support our students through the breakfast club. Volunteers are invited to assist in serving breakfast one morning a week or once a month. Please contact the school on 3323 8111 if you are able to volunteer.



Schoolwide Positive Behaviour focus

Each week our students are reminded of our school wide values of respect, responsibility and readiness and a short lesson is presented during roll mark class. This week the focus is on showing respect when using technology. Please consider discussing this with your student to reinforce this value.

Next week the focus is on being positive by surrounding yourself with positive people and positive rather than negative stimulus such as very negative television programs, utube clips, music and movies. Doing this will help students be far more positive in their approach to their studies and help them to have an optimistic approach to life.

Kyabra Limited Hours Child Care Centre

Congratulations to Kyabra Limited Hours Child Care Centre on being named Metropolitan Region "Small Employer of the Year" at the 2014 Queensland Training Awards. Our school has been fortunate to have a long standing partnership with the Kyabra Child Care Centre where our Early Childhood Studies students are able to complete their practicum section of their certificate. This is a wonderful recognition of the quality of the care and operation of this centre and the recognition is truly deserved. Well done to all the team at Kyabra.

Diane Hicks, Principal

Queensland Training Awards - Congratulations

Sunnybank State High School would like to congratulate Kyabra Limited Hours Child Care Centre on recently being named "Small Employer of the Year" at the 2014 Queensland Training Awards (Metropolitan Region). The Queensland Training Awards, now in its 53rd year, are the state's highest

recognition of people and organisations who strive for success, best practice and innovation in training.



Sunnybank SHS has enjoyed a long and fruitful association with Kyabra Limited Hours Child Care Centre who has hosted 27 of our students as School Based Trainees over the last seven years. Additionally, over the past 17 years KLHCCC has provided practicum placements for over 200 students from our Early Childhood Classes who undertake the practical component of their Certificate II qualifications at the centre.

Sunnybank SHS staff and students wish Kyabra Limited Hours Child Care Centre the very best for the Queensland Training Awards State Finals to be held next month.

Ms Pedler, HOD Senior Schooling

International Student Program

GT Study Tour Group

On 27 July, the GT Study Tour Group from Hong Kong, a group of 20 students and two teachers, arrived at Sunnybank State High. They will be staying with us till 24 August. A warm welcome to all!

These students have been buddied with our students and are having a great time learning and enjoying this experience. Some of their activities included working with our Sunnybank SHS's Chaplaincy team and our Indigenous students, learning how to play the African drums. They had a ball. They have also learnt some Australian games like Handball and Scattergories and were introduced to koalas at Lone Pine Sanctuary. What a busy two weeks they have had!



The ISP team are very sure that teachers and students will continue to make their stay a memorable experience. Thank you to all students and staff.

Phil Fernandez, International Student Program

LOTE Chinese

Students of Chinese and students who love Chinese culture won a total of 19 awards in the 2014 Queensland Chinese Character and Culture Festival organised by the Queensland Mandarin Teachers Association.

For the Chinese Character Hanzi Creative Art competition:

Credit award winners are Jeric Mortera (year 8), Nicole Chen and Jiaming Yang (year 11), Grace Ngiam and Rex Huang (year 12). **Distinctions** were awarded to Zin Zhong (year 10), Valery Cheng and Jerry Huang (year 12). Winners of **High Distinction** awards are Jessica Chai and Rata Srimongkolkul (year 10), as well as Josephine Ko Choy (year 12). Jessica Chai's work received the highest number of votes from members of the public and she won the **Most Popular** award in the High School Category.



The following year 8 students have been **shortlisted for awards** in the Chinese Character Creative Art competition: Elvin Hea, Maram Muhmed, Muneeb Khan, Russie Webster, Kathleen Olomautu and Tamera Tanoa.

Winners for the Reading Aloud in Chinese competition are:

Patrick Pei (year 12) who won Distinction award and Anna Maria Bektasovski (year 10) who won **Credit** award in the "Non-Background Speakers" category.

For the Calligraphy Script Writing competition:

Students **shortlisted for awards** include Ricky Ho (year 10), Hebe Chiang and Sarah Zhang (year 11) and Valery Cheng (year 12). **Credit** award winners are Elvin Hea (year 8), Wayne Sun (year 11) and Jing Yao (year 12). **Distinction** award winners are Tamera Tanoa (year 8), Sylvia Ip and Angel Bai (year 12).



Congratulations and well done students of Chinese!

Ms Cheung, Teacher of Chinese

Year 8 and Year 11 Camp

On Wednesday 6 August, forty-seven students from year 8 and year 11 headed off to CYC Burleigh Heads for a three day camp. Even before the coach had arrived there was an excitement and buzz, which was further reinforced by past attendees of the camp waiting to wave us off in jealousy. Once again we were blessed with beautiful weather, blue skies and warmth. The blue skies and sunshine were the perfect backdrop to Tallebudgera Creek, Tallebudgera Beach and Burleigh Beach and Springbrook for the year 11s.

The year 8s spent the first two days surfing, stand up paddle boarding, canoeing and tubing (everyone's favourite). There were wipe-outs, capsized boats, death wobbles and getting air on the tube. Many laughs, giggles and smiles all round. The year 11s spent time also tubing and stand up paddle boarding but additionally taking part in a 12 km hike through Springbrook National Park. Well done to the students on undertaking this challenge, another beautiful backdrop and experience for all.



The last day saw our Beach Carnival - Turton vs. Gager vs. Boorman vs. Lister. It was great to see our year 11s lead our year 8s and all our students work hard with the teachers in teams having a great time. Great fun as always!

Thanks to Mr Magoffin, Miss Lucock, Mr Elcock and Miss Viney for getting into the fun and well done to our students for giving everything a go and embracing new things and people on camp.

Ms Kalamafoni, Year 8 Coordinator

Year 11 MP3 Docking Stations

Year 11 Industrial Tech students have been dropping some 'phat beats' throughout their ITU MP3 Docking Station project this term. Students have designed a portable MP3 Docking station and wired the circuitry!

Jacob Elms, Industrial Tech Teacher

Mathematics

The Australian Mathematics Competition for the Westpac Awards

Sponsored by the Westpac Banking Corporation, The Australian Mathematics Competition for the Westpac Awards is the original and largest of its kind in the world. It has been challenging students for over 30 years.

This year's competition, held on Thursday 31 July, posed intriguing problems which students from Mrs Parolin's year 10 Extension Maths class, Mr Hamilton's year 11 Maths C and Miss Schloss' 12 Maths C enjoyed solving. Unfortunately, the date of the competition clashed with the date for the year 8 camp so only one student from year 8 was able to complete the competition.

The following question is from the Junior (year 8) Division paper 2014:

Consecutive numbers are written on five separate cards, one on each card. If the sum of the smallest 3 numbers is 60, what is the sum of the largest 3 numbers?
(a) 62 (b) 63 (c) 64 (d) 65 (e) 66

An example of an early question from the Intermediate (year 9 and 10) paper:

Each May a farmer plants barley seed and then in October he harvests 12 times the weight of seed planted. From each harvest, he sells 50 tonnes and keeps the rest for seed for next year's crop. This year he has planted enough to harvest 120 tonnes. How many tonnes did he plant last year?
(a) 5 (b) 10 (c) 20 (d) 30 (e) 60

Congratulations to all participants.



ANSWERS to the sample questions: 1. (e) 2. (a)

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 clarification for assignment work.

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 Mathematics department for \$22. To purchase a calculator students pay their money at the office and present the receipt at block seven staffroom to receive the calculator. Alternatively, calculators are available from major retailers.

Ms Schloss, HOD Mathematics

Ruby Moon Performance

On Tuesday 5 August, Artslink presented Ruby Moon by Matt Cameron to our Drama students, year 8s and year 9 Extension English classes. The dark gothic performance is a cyclical story of loss and fear as Ruby Moon explores the relentlessness of grief as two parents continue to return to the same place with more questions than they have answers.



In the suburban quiet of Flaming Tree Grove, life appears to be picture perfect; until the day little Ruby sets off to visit her grandmother at the end of the cul-de-sac and is never seen again. Her parents fracture. Grief-stricken, they search for answers behind their neighbours' doors. Then a mysterious parcel arrives and Ruby's ghostly presence is felt again ... and again.

The mysterious performance allowed students to question what had happened to Ruby Moon as they were introduced to the many characters of the neighbours and watched the crumbling relationship of two parents.

Ms Kalamafoni, Drama Teacher

Steven Herrick Poetry Performance

Tuesday afternoon, 5 August, the year 10 students were treated to a performance by well-known poet and author Steven Herrick. The year 10s were thoroughly entertained by a rendition of many of Steven's poems, as well as a few made up on the spot (just ask Tisi or Jonathon)! He also gave hints about how to write poetry and shared that he invented a style of poetry where the title was the most important part of the poem: his poem "10 things your parents will never say to you" was a big hit.

In English this term, year 10 students will be writing and then performing their own original poetic composition. Hopefully Steven Herrick provided some inspiration on Tuesday afternoon.

Steven is the author of a number of novels and poetry anthologies including "The Simple Gift" and "Love, Ghosts and Nose Hair". Ask Ms Cobb in the Library, as many of his books are part of our collection.

Mrs Winterbotham, HOD English

Youth Support Worker Update

NAIDOC Touch Day

Wow! A great start to the term with a massive NAIDOC touch day involving over 60 young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. The day was a huge success with lots of prizes being handed out for sporting awards. The competition was strongly contested with Sunnybank SHS taking the overall victory. A big thank you to all those agencies that came along and contributed to making a super NAIDOC touch day. It was great to see so much support in the schools and the community.

Pro-active Program – Beyond Limits and PCYC

Another term and programs are under way. With a diverse and varied program the students are really benefiting and gaining skills that equip for learning in the classroom. High ropes and low ropes are on the menu this term and students are getting challenged both in class and in the outdoors. All those transferable skills, which increase resilience and “stick ability”, are of help when encountering problems.

Breakfast Club and ‘ISee Care’

With the demand ever growing we are asking for adult helpers to get involved with the breakfast clubs each week. If you have any spare time please contact the school Youth Support Worker or school Chaplin.



Case Management

The Youth Support Worker works with students each week connecting with their families and the community to overcome some of the issues that may be affecting personal development and learning. There have been many positive outcomes and when you see that transformation in a young person’s life and the journey that they embark upon, it is breathtaking.

Student Services and Room 219

What a great place for students to come and talk over concerns they may be experiencing, have one on one support and feel that they are safe and valued. The room has seen a lot of action these past few terms with guest speakers talking to students, running pro-active programs and even hosting our international students. A room for all.



Darran Miah, Youth / Indigenous Support Worker

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.

Homework Club

Homework club is on every Tuesday and Wednesday from 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm in the library. Come along and get help with homework, assignments or classwork. Teachers are in the library ready to help you get the most out of your time at school. If you have a problem area, come along and catch up. All free!



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.



WEP Student Exchange Program

Are you ready for a bit of excitement and culture in your life? Looking to push your boundaries in 2015? Why not participate in a semester or year-long student exchange program to one of over 20 countries, including popular destinations such as the USA, France, Argentina and Italy? Applications for January programs are still open but will close soon! Don't miss out on this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to do something out of the ordinary, with a WEP high school exchange!

WEP is offering students in years 9 to 12 (excluding year 12 students in VIC) a \$500 discount off the 2014/15 program fee towards a semester or year program to any of the following countries departing in July - September 2015: Brazil, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, The Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Norway, Thailand or the USA. Simply submit your full application online before 28 Nov 2014. For more information: visit www.wep.org.au, phone 1300 884 733 or email info@wep.org.au

WEP Australia is a not-for-profit student exchange organisation registered with the Education Departments in VIC, NSW and QLD.

Are you a parent of a child with type 1 diabetes?

Every day, thousands of Australian children suffer the effects of type 1 diabetes and families struggle with illness management and children's behavioural and emotional adjustment. Positive Parenting for Healthy Living is an adaptation of the successful Triple P- Positive Parenting Program offering practical ideas and support for parents of children with type 1 diabetes. This innovative group program is designed to help parents manage their child's illness, assist children in coping with their illness and emotions, and prevent and manage difficult child behaviour.



Over the next few months and for a limited time only, parents of 2-10 year old children with type 1 diabetes are able to access Positive Parenting for Healthy Living Triple P as part of a University of Queensland research project. Parents will be able to attend the program free of charge and will be asked to complete two sets of assessment measures (questionnaire and family observation) over a six month period, as part of the study.

Contact Aditi Lohan on (07) 3346 7689, email diabetes.healthyliving@uq.edu.au, or visit <https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/t1diabetes> for more information.

Student Exchange

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 at the Chermside Library, 375 Hamilton Rd, Chermside, on Thursday 21 August, starting at 7.30 pm. Students can find out more about our exchange programs to over 25 countries, listen to former exchange students share their experience and learn

about our scholarships and discounts on offer in 2014. Each year, we offer 12 scholarships to students (valued from \$2,500 up to the full price of the program).

For more information on our scholarships and early bird discounts visit www.studentexchange.org.au or call 1300 135 331.

Important Dates

Advance Notice of Important Dates	
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
August 29	Year 12 QCS Immersion Day - Revision
September 2&3	QCS Test
September 10	Junior Secondary Open Day
September 11	Art Seen @ Sunnybank 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm School Hall
September 13	World War I Commemoration Open Day Display in the Library
September 19	Last day of term 3