

29 August 2014

## Principal's Report

Our **Opti-MINDS team** is the Regional Winner in the Open Social Science category this year. The team of To-Nu Nguyen, Anna Le, Anne Le, Amy Le, Cindy Bui, Noelene Jardine and Coordinator Narelle Cripps are now preparing for the state finals that will be held at the University of Qld in October. An outstanding effort.



**Science week**, last week, was a huge success and culminated with our annual Science Expo. Congratulations to all staff and students who were involved. Students from our local state schools submitted their projects and participated in the many experiments and challenges running on Friday afternoon.

**Thank you** to parents who have made the time to meet with year 10 Studies teachers and complete their student's Student Education and Training Plan. Every year 10 student must complete this plan prior to them continuing on to year 11. The Plan sets in place students' goals for their future and careers and assists in clarifying the selection of subjects that will assist them to achieve their personal best and successful after school pathways. The subject selection process is almost complete and is supporting the development of the school timetable for 2015.

**Congratulations** to the five students who have their work selected for inclusion in the annual Logan Artwaves exhibition. Our Art department has been successful in having student work exhibited every year for over ten years. Each year a maximum of five pieces can be selected from each school. This record is a wonderful reflection of the quality of the teaching that is provided. Well done to both teachers and staff.

Last week, **To-Nu Nguyen** was the winner of the PCYC/ Brisbane City Council Mt Gravatt Library Fascinate Young Writer's senior student short story competition. Outstanding work To-Nu.



**Congratulations** to our two teams who reached the finals of the Karawatha District winter sports season. Our year 10 rugby league team and year 9 girls' volleyball have done a great job. Well done students and thanks to the coaches of each team - Mr Bhullar, Mr Arnot and Zabi Abdullahi.



**Exams and assessment.** Most students will have assessment and exams due in the next couple of weeks. We wish you all well and remind you of the tutoring that is available in our school Library each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon when volunteers and teachers remain after school to assist you. Some curriculum departments also provide other tutoring before school and at lunch breaks. Thank you to all who are involved in this valuable activity for our students.

**Best wishes to our OP eligible students** sitting their Qld Core Skills test next Tuesday and Wednesday. We know that you are well prepared through the programs you have undertaken at the school and that you are working well together and will do your personal best.

**Mrs Diane Hicks, Principal**

## QCS Test

On Tuesday 2 and Wednesday 3 September, our year 12 OP students will sit the QCS Test. It involves approximately eight hours of testing held over two days. It is a major culmination of years of preparation and hard work. As a school, we support our year 12 QCS students in many ways in the final days including a final QCS Immersion Day on Friday 29 August; our Junior Leaders serving breakfast on both days; and small things such as being quiet around the test area. Thank you to the parents and families for your continued support at home. We wish our senior students all the very best as they embark on this significant milestone.

Congratulations and best wishes QCS students!

**Ms Tania Williams, Deputy Principal**

## Junior Secondary Open Day

### For year 5, 6 and 7 students on Wednesday 10 September

In order to give the Primary School students an experience of High School, Sunnybank SHS will hold an Open Day on Wednesday 10 September 2014. This day is designed for the current year 5, 6 and 7 students who are interested in enrolling at Sunnybank SHS. The day will be filled with activities spanning the Health and Physical Education, Technologies and Performing Arts Faculties and is designed to give the Primary School students an experience of High School in preparation for the year 6 and 7 student's transition in 2015. It will be an enjoyable and invaluable experience for the students, enabling them to feel more confident and prepared to make the transition to High School.

The day will begin at 8.45 am and conclude at 2.45 pm. Morning tea will be provided however students are to bring their own lunch. Please make your own arrangements for drop off and pick up of your child.

Your child is encouraged to attend our remaining 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.

## Creative and Practical Arts

### Artwaves Exhibition

Our Visual Art students have been creative and innovative this year. Several of our students' works were selected for display in the Artwaves Exhibition which will be held at the Logan Art Gallery in Woodridge from September to October. This is an annual exhibition of selected works from all High Schools in the District (about 23 schools participated this year). Selected works were from Jessica Chai (year 10), Mehdi Mohssini (year 12), Natalia Rukuata-Wilkinson (year 12), Akhil Thomas (year 12) and Dylan May (year 12).



The Artwaves Exhibition will be displayed from 19 September to 25 October 2014 and the opening night will be Friday 19 September from 6.00 pm at the Logan Art Gallery, corner of Wembley Road and Jacaranda Avenue, Woodridge. Year 10, 11 and 12 Visual Art students will attend the exhibition during term four this year. Congratulations to all of these students who have worked diligently all year and now their hard work has paid off. They will also receive an Artwaves Certificate.

**Mrs Chang and Ms Rozells, Art Teachers**

### Music News

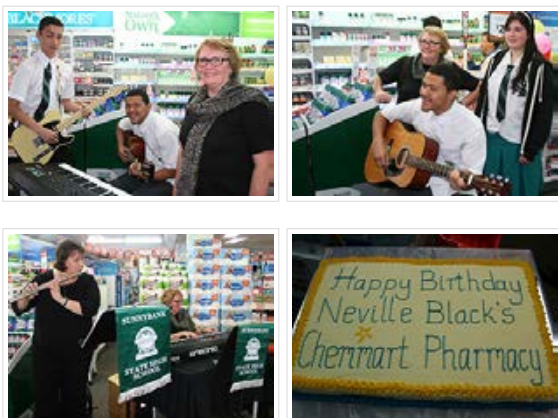
Well a lot has happened since Creative Generations in July..... Just to remind you, it will be shown on **Channel 10 on 6 December at 2.00 pm.....** Don't miss it ..... You'll be sorry if you don't see it!

On 11 August, selected schools were asked to sing with Vocal Manoeuvres and our hosts Queensland Pops Orchestra in their Broadway Spectacular Show at the Queensland Performing Arts Complex at South Bank. There were two shows, a matinee and evening performance, on Saturday 16 August. So, there were only a few rehearsals to learn the music and Anna Maria Bektasovski (year 10) and I had a great time singing the Broadway show tunes with ninety voices and a large orchestra in the beautiful Concert Hall at QPAC. It was a wonderful experience for the students who availed themselves of this opportunity and along with Creative Generation 2014 will be a lasting memory.

### Chem Mart turns 40..... what a milestone! .....what a great day!!!.....

It was a wonderful experience for music students to answer the call from the community to provide music for the 40th Birthday celebrations of Chem Mart Pharmacy at Oasis Shopping Centre in Turton Street, Sunnybank. Even though it was a cold, rainy day outside, the atmosphere was warm and the applause readily available for the performers who performed inside the pharmacy. Pharmacy staff and organisers of the days event were so appreciative of the performances from Miss Lowe, Anna Maria Bektasovski, Torren Ramos-Martin, Morris Hill, myself and photographer Ms Niland that we were presented with lovely thank you gifts throughout the day (from 10.45 am to 1.30 pm). We were supplied with drinks and delicious food and of course a piece of cake from the massive birthday cake! It was great to see so many supporters of this event, from parents, school students, Lions Club (sausage sizzle), Red Cross (handicrafts and jam stall), pharmacy clients and local and state members of parliament. Thanks to Kamal and Marj for inviting us to be part of this great community event and

share in the festivities! They gave us many compliments but the greatest of all was that through our music, we really brought a festive atmosphere to these celebrations and certainly made it a special occasion!



### Date Claimers!

- Arts Seen – 11 September from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm at the Hall with art exhibitions, music and drama performances plus food and beverages.
- World War 1 Commemoration Exhibition – 13 September from 9.00 am to 4.00 pm in the library with World War 1 artefacts, artworks and musical performances (from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm).

Stay tuned for more exciting music news!!!

### Charmaine Matthews, Music Teacher

### Arts Seen @ Sunnybank 2014

Presented by The Creative and Practical Arts Faculty.....

On **Thursday 11 September**, the Creative and Practical Arts faculty will be holding our annual Arts Evening, **Art Seen @ Sunnybank**, to showcase the creative talents of both our junior and senior Creative and Practical Arts students. The evening will begin at 6.00 pm and run until approximately 8.00 pm, with the evening culminating with our year 12 Drama students taking a bow after the performance of their final play "Aliwa", written by Dallas Winmar.

Light refreshments will be provided for your enjoyment by our year 11 Hospitality students, as you browse through the Industrial Technology and Design (ITD) displays, the Visual Arts exhibition, enjoy the Instrumental Music Band and classroom musical performances from our years 9 to 12s and view examples of the productions of our Film, TV and New Media students.

### Kelly Niland, HOD – Creative and Practical Arts

**ARTS Seen @ SUNNYBANK 2014**  
 THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 11  
 Presented by  
**CREATIVE AND PRACTICAL ARTS**  
 6pm start which includes;

**DRAMA**  
**MUSIC**  
**VISUAL ARTS**

An array of the work of our fantastic Industrial Design and Technology (I.T.D.), Drama, Art, Music and Media Students, will present for you a wonderful night of Creative and Practical Artistic Entertainment.

**"DRAMA, FTV & NM, I.T.D. VISUAL ARTS DISPLAYS, CLASSROOM AND INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT"**

Please RSVP via the tear off section on the information letter provided by the Arts Teachers  
**THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**  
**SUNNBANK SHS @ HALL**  
**6.00-8.00PM**  
 Drinks and finger food will be provided.

### LOTE Chinese

The Chinese Department welcomed the International students and teachers from Hong Kong with interesting activities to promote Chinese culture.

Students of Chinese in year 8 joined efforts with the visiting students from Hong Kong in making, cooking and eating Chinese dumplings and Hong Kong style Wanton. They had a great time learning Chinese food culture as well as the Chinese language to describe the ingredients and cooking method.



Mr Sik Chung Mak, the supervising teacher for the visiting students, was invited to give a demonstration on Lingnan style Chinese painting to students and staff of the school.



We wish to thank Mrs Hicks, Mrs Winterbotham, Ms Gibson, Ms Mathews and Ms Fernandez for their interest and support at the demonstration.

**Mrs Hazel Cheung, Teacher of Chinese**

## Science Expo

The Science Expo was held on Friday 22 August from 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm. Despite the rain, many primary school families and Sunnybank SHS students attended and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The theme this year was Feeding the World so, of course, food featured throughout the evening. Mrs Rostrum's chickens, sample herbs, the mentos-coke mix and the liquid nitrogen ice cream were all very popular. The display of primary school students' work was impressive with even more entries this year.



Thanks goes to our year 11 and 12 students, who did a great job helping to run the evening, to the primary teachers for developing their students' projects, to the science teachers for their presentations and to Ms Kerri Grulke, the scientific assistant, for her many hours of prep work in the lab.

The science expo was proudly sponsored by the Brisbane Planetarium, Kmart Sunnybank, Big W Calamvale and Sunnybank Hoyts.



## Food facts from the Science Expo

Try these 10 questions. Answers are at the bottom of the newsletter.

1. What food was once used as currency?
2. What is the strangest thing added to cheese to increase the flavour?
3. Why is ranch dressing white?
4. What kills seven million people each year?
5. What colour were the first carrots?
6. What is the most commonly purchased food?
7. What food does not go bad?
8. Which contains more sugar – strawberries or lemons?
9. What is the most expensive coffee?
10. What food name does not rhyme with any other word?
11. What food has the highest protein-to-calorie ratio?
12. What is a cluster of bananas called?

**Ms Aldridge, HOD Science**

## International Students Program

On Friday 22 August, we celebrated the last school day for the GT College Study Tour students from Hong Kong with the presentation of certificates, BBQ farewell lunch and a farewell cake. Their buddies were also there to celebrate with them.

Thanks must go to Ms Erin Garbutt for organising the BBQ - teaching and providing hands on experience to our visitors in preparing and cooking an Aussie style BBQ complete with bread rolls, sausages, salads and meat patties. The teachers from the tour commented that it was a very enjoyable day. For some students it was the first time they have ever cut an onion!



During the celebration Mrs Hicks was presented with two Chinese paintings by Mr Mak, one of the chaperones from the GT Study Tour group.



The group left Brisbane on the morning of Sunday 24 August.

**Phil Fernandez, Coordinator**

## Griffith Business Ambassadors Program

On 23 July 2014, six Sunnybank State High School students (five year 11s and one year 10) attended the Griffith Business Ambassadors Program at the Nathan campus. This day enabled us to gain an insight into university life as well as an opportunity to meet students from other schools.

The day began at 9.45 am when we had to register. We were welcomed by the university staff and then experienced our first lecture, given by Professor Kate Shacklock, on Staff Selection. This was followed by morning tea and we then interacted with students from other schools in a group activity.

At 12.45 pm we had lunch, which was provided by Griffith University, and the day closed with a presentation by students.

This experience at Griffith University was definitely an eye-opener. It is where I hope to be in a few years' time. Overall the day was, without a doubt, a day that will never be forgotten.

**Tisiola Mahanga, Year 10**



At assembly on 11 August the following students were presented with certificates for participating in the Griffith Business Ambassadors Program:

NAJIBA ABBASSI  
 HARIS BAIG  
 TISIOLA MAHANGA  
 LEXI MICKSI  
 RUTH OSSA  
 BISMELLAH SHARIFI

Our thanks go to Griffith University for providing this opportunity for our students. In addition, on 29 August, another seven of our students will graduate from the Griffith Business School Outreach Program.

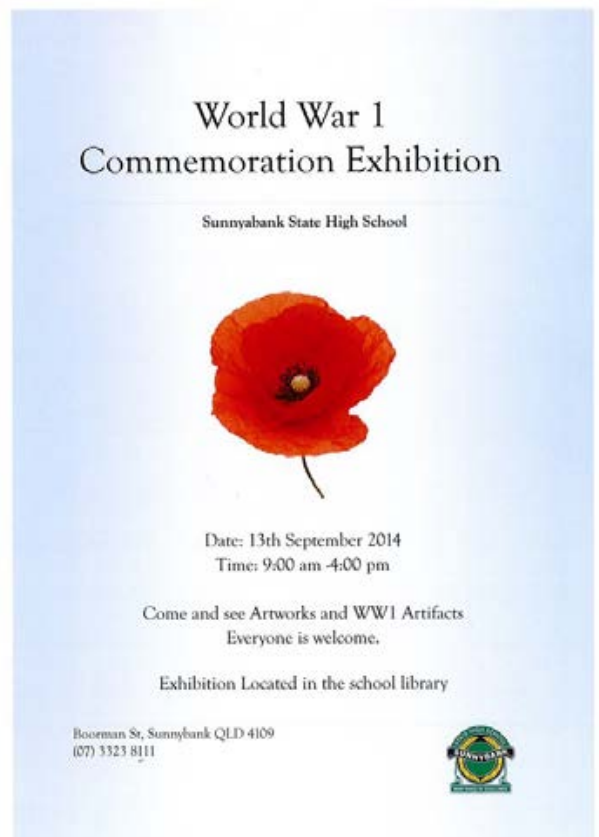
**Narelle Stable,  
 HOD – Humanities and Business**

## Resource Centre

### Sunny Stories: An Anthology of Student Work

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.

## World War I Commemoration Exhibition



## Blue Light Dance Party

Mount Gravatt Blue Light will be holding the next Blue Light Dance Party at 7.00 pm on Friday 5 September 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.

## Mt Gravatt PCYC 10 Year Anniversary



**IT ALL STARTS HERE.**

**Mt Gravatt**  
PH: 07 3420 4655

**PCYC**

**10 Year Anniversary**  
13th September 2014 - 10.00am - 2.00pm

Come along and celebrate  
**PCYC Mt Gravatt's 10th Year Anniversary!**  
There will be loads of fun activities, performances,  
music, community stalls and food.

**Music, Rock Climbing Wall, Skate Activities, Live Music,  
Dance, Martial Arts Displays, Community Stalls, Police Car,  
Photo Booth, Food, Face Painting, Art Activities**

**PCYC Mt Gravatt** 90 Klumpp Road, Mt Gravatt, QLD 4122  
Contact: Jeanette McGhee | E: jeanette.mcghee@pcyc.org.au  
P: 3420 4655 | W: pcyc.org.au/mtgravatt

**AU MUSIC PRODUCTIONS**

## Sunnybank Little Athletics

### Sign-on for the 2014/2015 season

**Where:** Sunnybank High School Oval,  
Gager St, Sunnybank

**When:** Saturday 30th August 2014

- 12.00 pm for sign-on and information

- Orientation from 1.30 pm for athletes and families

**Who:** Children aged from 3 - 16 years of age



Further enquiries and contact details:

**Website:** [www.sunnybanklittleathletics.org.au](http://www.sunnybanklittleathletics.org.au)

**General:** [enquiries@sunnybanklittleathletics.org.au](mailto:enquiries@sunnybanklittleathletics.org.au)

**Phone:** Isabel Green (Centre Manager) 0412 022 028 /  
3345 5081

## FUTSAL

### 5-A-Side Indoor Soccer

Competitions and programs for boys and girls aged four years and up, and social men's, women's and mixed teams. Summer competitions are starting soon.

To sign on or for more information, visit [www.australianfutsal.com](http://www.australianfutsal.com) or phone 0487 000 232 / 0403 546 871.

## Food Facts Answers

1. Chocolate (of course).
2. Maggots. Casu Marzu is a cheese found in Sardinia that is purposely infected with maggots.
3. It contains titanium oxide which is used to make it appear whiter. The same ingredient is used in sunscreen and paint for the same effect.
4. Seventy million people suffer from food poisoning every year with about seven million of these cases being fatal. Careful food storage, temperature control and preparation could save these lives.
5. Purple. Carrots were purple until the 17th century.
6. Fresh bread.
7. Honey – 3000 year old honey has been found that is still edible.
8. Surprisingly lemons – the tart taste is due to the acid content.
9. The most expensive coffee in the world, Kopi Luwak, is made from partially digested beans in civet faeces. (A civet is a cat like mammal.) It sells for between \$120 and \$600 per 500 grams.
10. Orange.
11. Turkey, fish and cheese.
12. A cluster of bananas is called a 'hand'. Along that theme, a single banana is called a 'finger'.

## Important Dates

Advance Notice of Important Dates	
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
September 20	School holidays commence
October 6	Labour Day public holiday
October 7	Term 4 commences