

12 September 2014

## Principal's Report

### Core Skills Test

Congratulations to our OP eligible students who sat their Qld Core Skills test last week. Students were generously provided with breakfast by the student leaders from our junior school. It was great to see the camaraderie amongst the group and students all applied themselves very well. We all look forward to hearing of their success early in 2015. Thank you to all staff who supported students in their preparation for these two days of tests.



### Rugby League

Well done to the students in our year 10 Rugby League team on reaching the finals. Two weeks ago they played off against Bremer and won 34/14 and this week unfortunately lost to Woodridge. Thanks to Mr Bhullar for his dedication and coaching of the team.



### Athletics

Well done also to Terri-Ann Cain, Joseph Muller, Dual Chol, and Abdul Turay for their progression to the State level of competition in their respective athletics events. Thanks to Mr Alexeenko for his work in preparing our students for the recent district and regional competitions.

### Congratulations to the Arts Department

It was an outstanding evening of showcasing student work from their department at the annual Arts Seen Evening. This was the

culmination of the music, art, drama and film and new media programs in our school. Student skills have been demonstrated through participation in Creative Generation on Stage, the Art Waves exhibition, drama performances and primary school visits. Great work staff and students.

### Commemoration of World War 1

Tomorrow (Saturday) our school will be open for members of the community to be part of our long term project recognising the 100th anniversary of World War 1. The small committee of school and community representatives have planned a four year long project to take students and interested members of the public through events that occurred over the duration of the war. Events being highlighted include the AR2 submarine campaign, service men and women from our local area and the role of Indigenous service personnel in the war. The displays in the library will change each term.

### Next Step

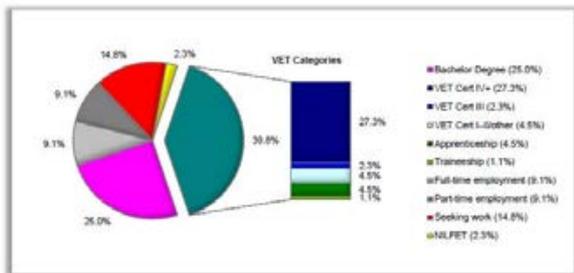
Each year the department tracks the destination of students who have graduated from year 12 and moved on to further education or employment.

### Summary of findings

In 2014, 64.8 per cent of young people who completed year 12 at Sunnybank State High School in 2013 continued in some recognised form of education and training in the year after they left school.

The most common study destination was VET Certificate IV+ (27.3 per cent) followed by Bachelor Degree (25.0 per cent). The combined VET study destinations accounted for 39.8 per cent of respondents, including 34.1 per cent in campus-based VET programs. 5.7 per cent commenced employment-based training, either as an apprentice (4.5 per cent) or trainee (1.1 per cent). In addition to the above study destinations, a further 4.5 per cent of respondents from this school deferred a tertiary offer in 2014 (deferrers are shown in Figure 1 in their current destination). 35.2 per cent did not enter post-school education or training, and were either employed (18.2 per cent), seeking work (14.8 per cent) or not in the labour force, education or training (2.3 per cent).

Figure 1: Main destination of Year 12 completers, Sunnybank State High School 2014



## Secure September

With Queensland's G20 summit and associated events just around the corner, it's important we all pay extra attention to IT security. Students and staff are being reminded of a range of security practices to ensure our data systems are not compromised. They are as simple as not sharing passwords, keeping confidential material secure and not placing in non-secure bins, locking computer screens and email phishing.

**Thank you** to all parents and carers for your partnership with our school during term three. I believe it has been a very successful term and students are working well. I will be on leave for some of term four and I wish all in our school community well as the final events are held.

Happy and safe holidays. School resumes on Tuesday 7 October.

**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 Wednesday 10 September. 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 Graphics, Performing Arts, Science 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 Graphics activity conducted by Sunnybank's Graphics teacher, Mr Elcock. The students then moved to the Hall where they engaged in a variety of Health and Physical Education activities with Health and Physical Education teacher, Miss Lucock. It was then time for a break and the year 5, 6 and 7 students were able to meet and mix with current year 8 students as well as tour the school. After the break, Mrs Chang taught the students Art while Mr Arnot taught them how to conduct a science experiment.

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 Orientation Day for students enrolled and wishing to enrol will be held on Tuesday 2 December 2014. Your child is encouraged to attend this Orientation 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**

## G20 Global Integrity Summit

On Tuesday 9 September, the year 12 Legal Studies students attended the G20 Global Integrity Summit which was held at the Queensland Conservatorium. The Global Integrity Summit provided an invaluable opportunity for high school and university students to hear the views of international regulators, professionals, academics and members of faith-based organisations, who work in the areas of ethics and integrity, anti-corruption, finance, law and governance and to ponder the challenges we all face building a sustainable and inclusive future.

The opening address was delivered by Mr Geoffrey Robertson QC who has appeared as counsel in many leading cases in constitutional, criminal and international law and who has served as first president of the UN War Crimes Court in Sierra Leone. Mr Robertson was followed by Professor Charles Sampford, Global Integrity Summit Convenor and Director, Institute of Ethics, Governance and Law who delivered an address on *Setting the Scene: From state governance challenges to global governance challenges*. These thought provoking addresses were followed by an intensive round table discussion where questions and comments from the audience were encouraged and channelled through the chair, journalist, author and commentator, Ms Madonna King, to panellists of the Global Integrity Summit.



The Legal Studies students commented on how much they learned from the Summit and I would like to thank Griffith University for their kind invitation to attend, it was very much enjoyed and appreciated.

**Ms Gemma Finney, Legal Studies Teacher**

## English as an Additional Language Program

During term three, twenty new students joined the Sunnybank High School English as an Additional Language Program. Most of these students came from Milpera English Language Preparation Centre, where they studied an introductory English language program, but some transferred from other high schools or enrolled directly from overseas. They have come to

Australia from Sri Lanka, China, Taiwan, Pakistan, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Afghanistan, India and Iran.

Students in Mrs Nicholson's year 9 EALD English class have read a novel entitled "Onion Tears" by Dianna Kidd. The story is about a young refugee girl from Vietnam who begins a new life in Australia after some personal hardship. The students enjoyed reading the novel and learning about the main character's experiences.



*Year 9 EALD students in their English class.*

EALD Science teacher Mrs Stephanie Bartels has introduced students in the year 8 EALD Science class to the study of Biology. The students were very excited to be conducting experiments and working with microscopes.



*Celine Li demonstrates a microscope.*

**Mrs Laraine Goldman,**  
**Head of Special Education Services (English as an Additional Language Program)**

## SET Plans 2014

August and September are always very busy times for the EALD teachers and students and this year was no exception. During August, three of our teachers managed to interview approximately 24 students over the course of four days. SET Plans are a necessary part of preparation for the senior school (years 11 and 12). The process involves discussions about career pathways through subject selection, awareness of student and parental responsibilities. The process can take up to an hour and often involves telephone or on the ground interpreters. Thanks to our committed staff we are well on the way to completing SET Plans for this year's EALD group. Another group of new year 10 and year 11 EALD students will be interviewed early in term four.

**Mr Carlos Batista, EALD Teacher**

## Teacher interns enjoy Sunnybank's cultural diversity

Our department is currently hosting two final year university students during their respective internships. Ms Louise Sexton from The University of Queensland will be finishing her internship in the EALD Program at the end of term three, while Ms Lisa Sciberras from Queensland University of Technology is midway through her final practicum. Both pre-service teachers say they particularly enjoy the cultural diversity and varied backgrounds of the students in their classes, and that the insight and experience gained at our school will well equip them when they embark on their teaching careers next year.

**Mrs Ulrike Jurgensen, EALD Teacher**

## Health and Physical Education

### Congratulations to Joseph Muller



Congratulations from the school community, goes to Joseph Muller who has earned a position on the Australia World Juniors team for 2014. Joseph has been selected in the long jump event and has recently returned from the competition in China. This is a fantastic achievement and is just reward for a student who is juggling year 12 studies, School Captain duties as well as training for track and field. While Joseph was not able to compete due to an injury that occurred while in China, Joseph is still ranked in the top eight long jumps in the world for his age! Joseph is a great role-model to our younger students on how hard work can give you many opportunities and we wish him all the best. Joseph will be a member of our all-schools track and field knockout team that will be participate later this month and has also been selected to participate in the track and field State titles later in the year.

### Metropolitan West Track and Field Titles

Congratulations to our students who were selected and participated in the Metropolitan West track and field titles. Our students continued to demonstrate 'Sunnybank Spirit' through their behaviour and efforts and the school community is very proud of their efforts. Special mention goes to Abdul Turay,

Dual Chol, Joyce Gale, Terri-Ann Cain and Joseph Muller on their fantastic efforts. Well done also to our track and field teachers for their hard work and dedication to our school athletes.

## Karawatha District Team Representatives

With the finish of the District winter sports season, it was great to see our year 9 Girls' Volleyball team and our year 10 Rugby League team winning their competitions and being crowned District Champions. Other teams have also performed admirably, including our netball and rugby league teams, and were unlucky to just miss out.



Our year 9 Girls' Volleyball team played Corinda SHS in the finals, which proved to be too good in the end. Our girls can certainly hold their heads up high through their efforts and behaviour and have done very well to be District Champions. Our year 10 Rugby League team was also crowned District Champions and played Redbank SHS in the first round of finals. Sunnybank students were excellent in every facet in their play as well as behaviour and attitude, with students not only winning their game 38-8 but also earning praise for their behaviour from our bus driver and the convenor of the tournament. The boys continued to be great role models for the school and won the second finals game against Bremer SHS. On Wednesday, the boys played Woodridge, unfortunately losing 30-22. The boys fought hard to the end, but injuries cost us the game. Well done, boys.

## Running Club

The Running Club continues to grow and we encourage all students to participate. You do not need to be an elite athlete to participate and this is a great way to increase your fitness, make new friends and get healthier. The Running Club is every morning except Wednesdays from 7.15 am. Fruit is provided afterwards. See Mr Alexeenko in the HPE staffroom for more information.

## All Schools Touch Team

This year, we are entering a mixed open All Schools Touch team that will participate in October. Our students have been training twice a week for numerous months and have had one trial game against Flagstone Community College which we won. These students will play in the warm-up tournament on Tuesday 16 September and should put the team in a good position to go into the tournament proper. Good luck to these students and I am sure you will do the school proud in your efforts and behaviour.

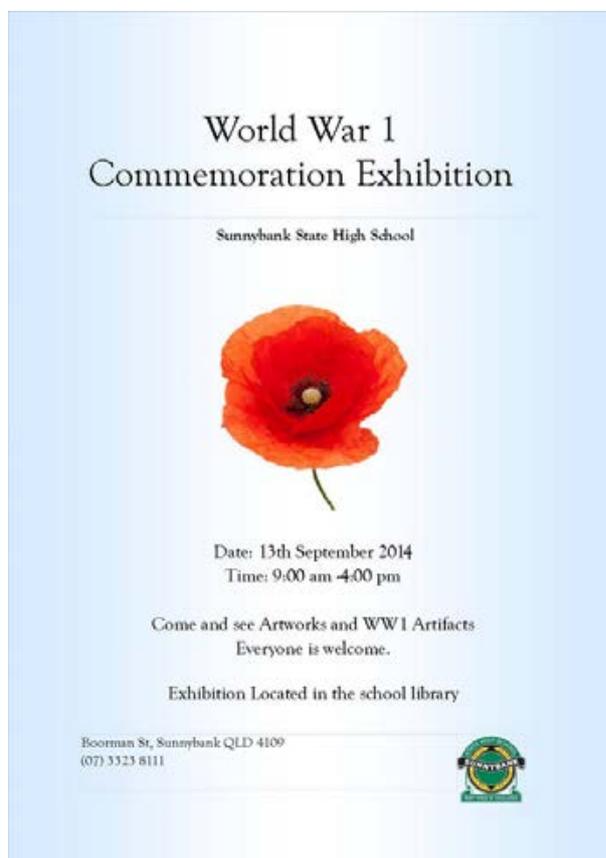
**Mr Bhullar, HPE Teacher**

## Sunny Stories 2014 Anthology

Sunny Stories 2014 Anthology has gone to the printers. We will let you know as soon as it arrives and you can see our students' short stories and poems in print.

**Ms Cobb, Teacher Librarian**

## World War I Commemoration Exhibition



## Casual Cleaners Required

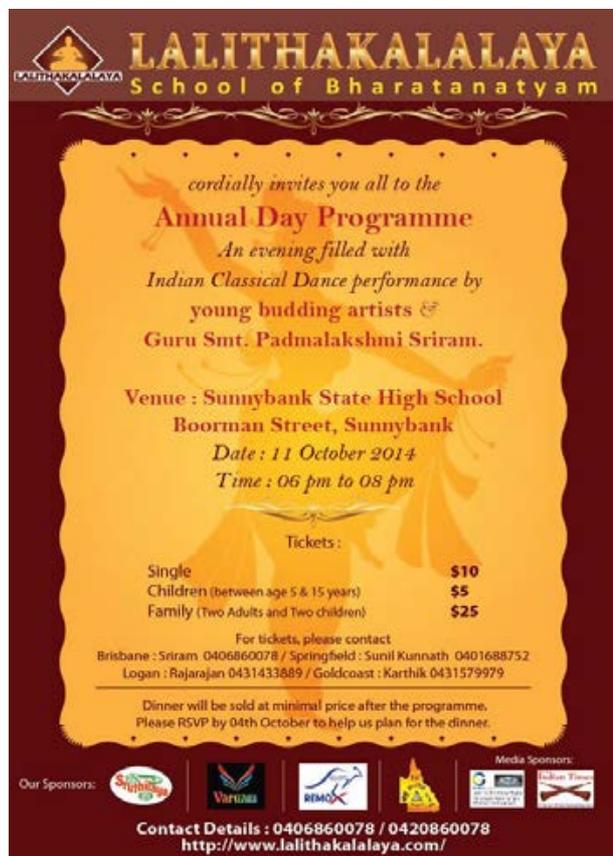
Sunnybank SHS requires casual cleaners. The working hours are 5.30 am to 8.30 am and 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm. If you are interested, contact the Business Services Manager, Margaret Richter, on 3323 8110.



## Lalitha Kalalaya Dance School

### Annual Concert

One of our staff members, Mrs Padmalakshmi, is running an Indian Classical Dance School to promote the Indian art and culture. The dance school Lalitha Kalalaya will be hosting the annual concert on Saturday 11 October, from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm, at the Sunnybank State High School hall. This will be an exclusive Indian Classical Dance Show. Performers are Guru Smt. Padmalakshmi Sriram and her young budding disciples.



**LALITHAKALALAYA**  
School of Bharatanatyam

*cordially invites you all to the*  
**Annual Day Programme**  
*An evening filled with*  
Indian Classical Dance performance by  
young budding artists &  
Guru Smt. Padmalakshmi Sriram.

**Venue : Sunnybank State High School**  
Boorman Street, Sunnybank  
**Date : 11 October 2014**  
**Time : 06 pm to 08 pm**

Tickets:

Single	\$10
Children (between age 5 & 15 years)	\$5
Family (Two Adults and Two children)	\$25

For tickets, please contact  
Brisbane : Sriram 0406860078 / Springfield : Sunil Kunnath 0401688752  
Logan : Rajarajan 0431433889 / Goldcoast : Karthik 0431579979

Dinner will be sold at minimal price after the programme.  
Please RSVP by 04th October to help us plan for the dinner.

Our Sponsors:  Media Sponsors: 

Contact Details : 0406860078 / 0420860078  
<http://www.lalithakalalaya.com/>

## Sunnybank Swimming Club

Sign-on night is Friday 12 September from 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm. There will be a free sausage sizzle, swimming demonstration and a swim pack giveaway. To register interest or enquire, email [president@sunnybankswimclub.org.au](mailto:president@sunnybankswimclub.org.au). First club night is Friday 10 October.

## Blue Light Dance Party

Mount Gravatt Blue Light will be holding the next Blue Light Dance Party at 7.00 pm on Friday 3 October 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.

## Free Children's Dental Program



Metro South Health

# Free children's dental program

School holiday appointments available – call **1300 300 850**

Metro South Health provides free dental care to children throughout our region.

### Who is eligible?

✓ All children aged 4 through to year 10

✓ Students in years 11 and 12 who have a current Centrelink Card, Healthcare Card or Pension Card

✓ 0-3 year olds whose parents have a current Centrelink Card, Healthcare Card or Pension Card

✓ 2-17 year olds who are eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule

### Who needs to attend the appointment?

A parent or legal guardian is required to attend every dental appointment.

### How do I make an appointment?

You can now book an appointment for you and your child at a time and location convenient for you. For all appointments, please telephone:



**1300 300 850**  
Metro South Oral Health Hub

Cost of a local call. Calls from mobile phones may be charged at a higher rate. Please check with your telephone service provider.



## Free Seminar on Reducing Family Conflict!

### Tired of fighting with your teenager?

- Is your teenager between 11 and 16 years?
- Would you like practical tips for dealing with conflict with your teenager?
- Come to our free two hour seminar!



Parents of teenagers are invited to take part in new research by attending a seminar based on the successful Teen Triple P: Positive Parenting Program.

Learn to more effectively resolve conflict, teach your teen better problem-solving skills, improve family relationships, get support from a trained psychologist and meet other parents of teenagers.

For more information: email [parentingteens@uq.edu.au](mailto:parentingteens@uq.edu.au) , phone 3365 7306 or 3365 7303

## Condolences

The staff of Sunnybank State High School offer condolences to the family and friends of Christine Elizabeth Ferguson (Liz), who passed away Wednesday 20 August. Christine was a former student at Sunnybank SHS, studying here in grade 12 in 1969.

## Important Dates

Advance Notice of Important Dates	
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
October 16	Immunisations – All year 8s and boys only for year 10s
October 20	Student Free Day
October 22	Awards Evening
October 23 – 26	State Track and Field Carnival
October 28	P&C Meeting 7.00 pm Library