Welcome back for 2012. Our school year has begun very smoothly and students have begun their studies well. Each student has been issued with their school Student Diary and should be using it to assist them in time management as well as taking note of the helpful advice contained within it to support them to achieve their goals for 2012. If you have concerns regarding any issues relating to your student, please contact the school office.

The Resource Hire Scheme payments for 2012 are now due. Students will be issued with their text books when parents have made their payments for the Resource Hire Scheme. There is a discount if payment is made before 17 February. (For student success, it is vital that all students have their text books, and other materials made available to them, when resource scheme payments are received by the school.) A number of payment options can be negotiated upon contact with the Registrar. Outstanding accounts from previous years must be paid prior to students undertaking any extra-curricular activities.

School assemblies will continue to be held on Mondays and students are to be in full formal uniform on Mondays. Students are encouraged to wear their formal uniform on all days unless they have sports activities in their timetable on a specific day. Assemblies involve invited guests and our students can be proud that they present very well when they are in their full formal school uniforms. Details regarding the appropriate uniform are in the Student Diary.

**Student Success from 2011**

I am very proud of the results of our 2011 year 12 students with 93% achieving a QCE, 97% achieving an OP and/or Certificate and our 1-15 OP percentage rose by 16%. Congratulations go to all our successful students and we wish you well as you contemplate your further studies and careers.

**Insurance cover for students undertaking physical activities**

Some school activities and physical education, particularly contact sports, carry inherent risks of injury. Parents are advised that the Department of Education and Training does not have student accident insurance cover for students. If your child is injured at school as a result of an accident or incident, all costs associated with the injury, including medical costs are the responsibility of the parent or caregiver. Some incidental medical costs may be covered by Medicare. If you have private health insurance, some costs may also be covered by your provider. Any other costs must be covered by parents. Student accident insurance pays some benefits in certain circumstances should you child have an accident. It is up to all parents to decide what types and what level of private insurance they wish to arrange to cover their child. Please contact your insurer or an approved Australian insurance broker if you wish to take out student personal accident insurance cover for your child. Detailed information including the school calendar, newsletters and school policies can be accessed on the school web site at http://sunnybanshs.eq.edu.au.

**Staff News**

Welcome to Ms Erin Garbutt in Home Economics replacing Mrs Maree Guymer in Home Economics. Mrs Colleen Hillier has returned from leave and Kevin Chan is with us while Sue Holbert, one of our scientific assistants, is on leave.

**School contacts**

Parents are encouraged to contact the school with any queries or concerns about students. Concerns can be directed to the following school staff:

**Principal** - Mrs Diane Hicks

**Deputy Principals** - Mrs Tania Williams - years 11 and 12, Mr David Becker - years 8, 9 and 10

**Heads of Department/Heads of Special Education Units**

Heads of Department are curriculum leaders as well as an important part of the support structure for students. The Heads are the first port of call regarding their subject areas. They are:

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Year Coordinators
Year Coordinators form a support structure for co-curricular activities in the school. Their role is diverse. Some of their many duties include:

- Supporting the Behaviour Management Plan including our positive behaviour recognition program
- Organising and supporting school functions such as camps, lunchtime activities, performance reviews, conferences
- Managing the Induction Program for new students
- Overseeing the student leadership program in the school.

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The Year Coordinators will be providing each of your students with a letter outlining some of the significant activities and events for them and their cohort this term. This information will assist you and your student in being prepared to make the most of the opportunities offered throughout the year. Contact for each of the Year Coordinators is through the main school telephone number 3323 8111.

Homework Hints
At times parents ask members of the administration about homework that their child should be doing. Homework consists of three distinct areas and depending on the mix of subjects and the year level; the amount of homework can vary.

Generally, homework will be one of the following three kinds:
1. Work that is set by the subject teacher to follow up on new ideas introduced in class.
2. Assignment work that is over an extended period of time and for which the student is responsible in managing the research and writing up process.
3. Study in preparation for examinations and ongoing understanding. This is a program that the student should prepare according to their own specific needs and should be very self-directed. As students move through the various years the later type of “homework” should demonstrate their increasing responsibility for their learning.

This year our school is undertaking a Quadriennial Review and I urge all parents to become actively involved in the Parents and Citizens’ association in order to ensure your voice is heard and considered through this important forum.

I look forward to working with each of you in 2012.

Diane Hicks,
Principal

SUNNYBANK’S VERY OWN COOKBOOK
2012 sees the launch of Sunnybank State High School’s very own cookbook, “Sunny Creations”. The hardcover book contains recipes that have been tried and tested over many years in our very own school kitchen. “Sunny Creations” is a text for the students undertaking practical cookery and hospitality classes at Sunnybank. However due to popular demand, it can also be purchased by the public directly from our Uniform Shop at a cost of $15. The Home Economics Faculty would like to acknowledge the following organisations for their generous assistance with the publication costs:

- INSTACO
- SUNNYBANK REAL ESTATE
- BELLAS FRUIT MARKET
- SHAUNA DOWNS BUTCHERY
- PETER WOOLF OPTOMETRIST
- RUNCORN DENTAL
- JEFF SPEAKMAN KENPO 5.0
- ROBERTSON EMERALD PARK
- MACGREGOR WARD BCC
- WEALTH VISION
- PLENTY CONTINENTAL DELI
- WOODRIDGE CHIROPRACTICE
- WESTPAC BANK

Ms Robyn Pedler, HOD Home Economics

BOOK BONANZA AT SUNNYBANK HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY!
The novels have been flying out the door at the school library this week! All students will be reading a novel of their choice for the first ten minutes of every English lesson in 2012, so this week teachers have been taking their classes down to the library to borrow books. The really popular ones at the moment seem to be:

- The Hunger Games Series (soon to become a movie!)
- Breaking Dawn (find out what happens to Bella before the movie comes out!)
- Eragon - and The Inheritance Cycle (the fourth book came out over Christmas)
- The Uglies, The Pretties, The Specials and now The Extras
- The Fallen Series
- Clockwork Angel
- City of Bones, City of Ashes, City of Glass
- The Book Thief
- Vampire Academy
- The Lightening Thief
- Holes
- Artemis Fowl Series
- Tomorrow When the War Began

Talk to Ms Cobb in the library and she will direct you to a book that will interest you. Or talk to your English teacher, or Ms Hucks. We have read most of the popular teen fiction that is out there at the moment and can help you make a good choice. And talk to your parents and family! Find out what they enjoy reading and start a family book club! If the book you want isn’t in the library at school, you are more than welcome to bring one from home, or borrow one from the local library.

Escape into a book this weekend. As C.S. Lewis (who wrote the Narnia Series) once said, “You can’t get a cup of tea big enough, or a book long enough to suit me.”
YEAR 8 PARENT-TEACHER BBQ
On Thursday 9 February, from 3.30 pm to 6 pm, parents and guardians and year 8 students are invited to attend a Year 8 Parent-Teacher BBQ. It will be held in the school hall, just off Gager Street. Please ask to see the letter which will be sent home with your student and return the tear-off slip for catering purposes, by Friday 3 February. Special dietary requirements will be catered for – make a note on the returned tear-off slip. The year 8 cohort will also be participating in the Year 8 Camp to CYC Burleigh on Wednesday 18 July to Friday 20 July in term 3. Parents and guardians will receive more information regarding this camp in the first weeks of the 2012 school year.

I look forward to meeting you at the BBQ and discussing the exciting plans and opportunities we have for the year 8s in 2012. Please feel free to email me with any questions: rkala2@eq.edu.au or call on 3323 8151.

Miss Rosy Kalamafoni, Year 8 Coordinator

WHAT IS THE PARENTS AND CITIZENS’ ASSOCIATION?
• It is a forum for parents with students at Sunnybank SHS to encourage closer cooperation between parents, other members of the community and the staff and students of the school.
• It provides advice and recommendations to the Principal on issues and concerns in respect to the student body and the general operations and management of the school.
• It is part of the state wide Queensland Council of Parents and Citizens’ Association (QCPA).
• It advocates for parents and students about government legislation such as reporting, healthy foods and code of conduct.
• It represents you on Education Queensland discussion panels.
The P&C meets every 4th Tuesday at 7.00 pm in the Administration building. All are cordially invited to attend the next meeting on 28 February.

MT GRAVATT BLUE LIGHT Dance Party
The next Dance Party is Friday 3 February, from 7.00 pm to 9.30 pm, 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 and the cost of entry is $5. Great prizes to be won. Please bring along school identification as proof of age may be required before entry. Mt Gravatt Blue Light is also currently seeking volunteers to assist with supervision of future dances. If you would like to supervise, please contact Senior Constable Shane Stanley of Upper Mt Gravatt Police on 3364 3210.

SOUTHS UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB
Junior Sign On weekend
When: 1 pm - 4 pm Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 January
Where: Cnr Nathan Rd and Dew St, Runcorn
Enquiries: Tracey 0417 741 297 Russell 0430 007 949

AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE CADETS
The Australian Air Force Cadets is a non-profit, youth oriented organisation for boys and girls from 13 to 18 years of age. Information sessions will be held on Monday evenings from 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm at Cavendish Road State High School until the end of February. For more information: www.aafc.org.au, http://215sqn.aafc.org.au/

GREATER BRISBANE JUNIOR TENNIS
Greater Brisbane Junior Tennis (GBJT) conducts weekly tennis fixtures at the Queensland Tennis Centre, Tennyson and The University of Queensland for children up to 18 years of age. Grading Day for new players is to be held on Sunday 12 February at the Queensland Tennis Centre, Tennyson, from 3 pm to 5 pm. Further information is available at www.gbjt.org.au or by phoning Mrs Peta Davis on 3374 0516.

NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE VIA EMAIL
Parents wishing to receive the school eNewsletter please contact Bronwyn Webb - bwebb4@eq.edu.au and notify her along with your details.

SUNNYBANK JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB
Sign On 2012
When: 9 am – 1 pm Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 January
Where: Oldmac Oval, D M Henderson Park, 470 McCullough St, Sunnybank
Enquiries: 3246 2500 rugby@sunnybankrugby.com.au www.sunnybankrugby.com.au
Bring an original birth certificate or passport for proof of age.

ASSOCIATION?

SKI TRIP 2012
Students are now able to book their place on this fun filled trip of a lifetime. A minimum $50 (non-refundable) deposit is all you need to book your seat.
See Mr Jackson for information and pay money to the Finance office as soon as possible. This opportunity is only open to year 10s and 11s. The trip will run during Ekka week (mid-August) and cost approximately $1000.

Mr Jackson, Ski Trip Co-ordinator

ADVANCE NOTICE OF IMPORTANT DATES

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