PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

10 February 2012

Congratulations to the students who received academic and attendance awards at our assembly on Monday. Student leaders also received their badges on Monday’s special assembly. Year 8 students will select their leaders in a few weeks’ time when they know each other better and understand the leadership role in more detail.

Leaders for 2012

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Year 8 BBQ
Thank you to the parents and staff who attended the year 8 barbecue on Thursday evening. It was good to have the opportunity to get to know you and share your dreams and goals for our year 8 students.

Year 11 Laptop Program
Year 11 parents who attended the Laptop Program meeting last night are reminded that the paperwork and agreement is due back to the school as soon as possible.

Diane Hicks
Principal
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

I have recently had the wonderful opportunity of enjoying a week’s leave to settle one of my children into his first year of school. It has reinforced for me the importance of the relationship between school and home. As Deputies, David Becker and I work together as a team to support all the Sunnybank High students, however, David will concentrate mainly on year 8, 9 and 10 students whilst I will predominantly support year 11 and 12. We hope you feel comfortable contacting us at any time regarding your child and their schooling. We encourage you to be involved in school activities and know what is going on in your child’s life at school. Mrs Hicks and I will begin another round of individual interviews with all the year 12 students to monitor that they are on track to achieve their goals. We will be discussing student ambitions, recent academic results and attendance. Together we will support them to set goals for the year. We strongly encourage you to discuss with your child what they aim to achieve this year. We will highlight to the students the need for high level attendance and commitment (as we all know how fast the year will go).

These interviews will be a great follow-up to the year 12 Leadership and Goal Setting Day held last Friday 3 February. The year 12 Coordinator, David Magoffin organised a fantastic day which included information sharing (QCE, Queensland Core Skills Test, QTAC, OP/ non-OP, pathways etc), knowing expectations, team work and goal setting. Every year 12 student would have gained insight into possibilities for their futures. I encourage you to sit with your child to discuss their goals and strategies for achieving them. To maximise your child’s potential, I urge you to support your child to establish a study timetable.

Year 11 students have now finalised their subject selections and should have settled into their classes. It is expected students will participate in their subjects for two years without change. As with the year 12 students, it is very important that they devise and follow a study timetable to develop a good study routine for their two senior years. They must also set themselves high, achievable goals. Year 11 students will have individual interviews with administration once they have settled in. I was proud to return to school to see positive, happy interviews with administration once they have settled in. We will be discussing student ambitions, recent academic results and attendance. Together we will support them to set goals for the year.

Thank you for your past support and I look forward to working with you and your child to assist in setting them up for their future.

Tania Williams
Deputy Principal

2012 INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

In recent years our school has developed a very successful International Student Program. The success of this program is evident in the high level of enrolment of international students and their academic achievements. All our international students go on to tertiary studies after they finish the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) studies. We offer our international students strong welfare support, a broad and challenging curriculum, extracurricular activities and services in a safe and secure environment to ensure that our students have a rewarding and memorable experience. In 2012 our international students are from Brazil, Great Britain, China, Germany, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam, India and PNG.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE PROGRAM

The staff and students of the Intensive English Language Centre (ESL Program) welcome sixteen year 8 ESL students and twelve ESL students who are joining other year levels. These new students are from Afghanistan, Iran, China, Vietnam, Philippines, Congo, Liberia, Somalia and Eritrea.

Congratulations to the many students from the ESL Program who received Principal’s Awards for Academic Excellence and Attendance or who were selected as Student Leaders for 2012.

Students in ESL classes are participating in the new Australian curriculum in mainstream and ESL classes. The English classes in term 1 are working on a program designed to improve reading and comprehension skills. Year 8 students are reading and viewing texts about teenagers, year 9 students are focusing on the Australian identity and year 10 students are reading and discussing a novel about a young disabled student who faces many challenges.

Parents and carers can help students by looking at their student diaries to check that homework has been completed. Parents and teachers are able to write short notes to each other in these diaries. Parents and carers are welcome to contact the ESL department by phone, email or in person if they have questions or concerns:

ESL Office: 3323 8183
Mrs Goldman Head of Special Education Services (ESL Program): 3323 8185, lgold25@eq.edu.au
Mr Deng Community Liaison Officer, African communities: 3323 8105 (Mondays and Thursdays) jdeng16@eq.edu.au

Mrs Laraine Goldman
Head of Special Education Services (ESL Program)
‘YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR’
On Australia Day, Jessica Wright, one of Sunnybank High School’s 2012 School Captains, was recognised as the Young Citizen of the Year for the Sunnybank Electorate.
Jess has supported her school and local community in many ways, including using her musical and artistic talents. She has regularly played the bugle for commemorative ceremonies for the local RSL club, been a keen member of the school instrumental program, supported Breast Cancer awareness raising programs as well as leading by example in a range of other areas.

RESOURCES CENTRE
Welcome to the new year in the Resource Centre. This year is going to be one of consolidating innovations brought in last year as well as implementing more changes.
We began the new year with two new couches in the casual reading area. These couches have now created two small areas in the fiction area for students to relax, read and socialise. Further upgrading of furniture in the Resource Centre is planned for 2012. The purchasing of new resources has already begun, with student requests from last year being ordered. New resources have been chosen following the guidelines contained in the Resource Centre Collection Management Policy. Please see Resource Centre staff if you’d like a copy of this policy.
The Kindle is proving popular with the year 8 students. There is now a waiting line to borrow the Kindle so students interested in reading the books stored on it should see the staff in the Resource Centre to reserve a place.
During the coming year, there will be a significant focus on ensuring the audio-visual collection and resources are current and relevant to student needs. The first stage of this process will be to subscribe to Clickview, an online catalogue of video resources that can be accessed throughout the school. 2012 is the National Year of Reading and there are several activities planned for this program. The major activity is a short story/poetry writing competition running from mid-February to the end of May. Winning entries will be compiled and published in an anthology which will be available for sale through the school. Students are encouraged to see Resource Centre staff or their English teachers for information and assistance with this competition.

Elaine Cobb
Teacher/Librarian

ADVANCE NOTICE OF IMPORTANT DATES

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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. Only open to year 10s and 11s. The trip will again run during Ekka (mid August) week and cost approximately $1000.

Mr Jackson
Ski Trip Co-ordinator

COMMUNITY NEWS

Griffith University - Assessment and Treatment of Fears and Phobias in Children and Adolescents
Parents, is your child fearful of certain animals, situations such as being in the dark, or during thunderstorms, or health concerns? At Griffith University, we are conducting a large-scale study that includes a thorough assessment and a novel, single session of treatment for children and adolescents (8 to 18 years of age) with fears and phobias. We are providing this service at no cost to families. To find out more about this project, please contact our team on 07 3735 3349.

Sunnybank Junior Rugby Club Sign On Day
When: 9 am – 1 pm
Saturday 18 February
Where: Rugby Club,
470 McCullough St,
Sunnybank
Enquiries: 3246 2500
rugby@sunnybankrugby.com.au
www.sunnybankrugby.com.au

Griffith Roosters Junior AFL Club
Sign On Days
Where: Cnr Beaudesert Rd and
Currey Ave, Moorooka
When: 10 am – 2 pm
Saturday 11 and
Sunday 12 February
Enquiries: www.griffithroosters.com

THANK YOU TO DAIRY FARMERS
Dairy Farmers have been sponsoring the YMCA Breakfast program with donations of fresh milk for our school students since the program commenced in 2006. Many thanks.

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.