Last week we received the results of the School-wide Evaluation Tool which was a survey undertaken to ascertain the level of implementation and engagement in the Schoolwide Positive Behaviour program in our school. Focus areas included “expectations defined and taught, rewards and violations systems in place, decision making, management, implementation and district support”. All areas demonstrated significant improvements demonstrating major changes in school climate and behaviours. The outcome of this program is to enable improved engagement in the curriculum both inside and outside the classroom. The graph below demonstrates the improvements over the last three years. Congratulations to all staff on the PBS Team and to all staff who are actively promoting this program.

Facilities Update
During the Easter holiday break there will be some major building work happening in our school. The flooring in room 805, four rooms in block 4 and the foyer of block 7 will be removed and replaced with carpet or new vinyl sheeting. Asbestos materials will be removed from the hall and a rebuild of the sound booth undertaken with approximately 60% replacement of the internal materials of the hall. Additionally, interior painting will be undertaken in thirteen rooms in block 1 and the toilet blocks. Thirty-five classroom fans will be replaced with ecofriendly versions.

Best wishes to all students who are working on their assessment and exam preparation during the next few weeks. This is the time for the fulfilment of those goals set earlier in the year.

P&C It was great to meet with the new parents to our school at the P&C hosted evening on Wednesday. Thank you for attending and strengthening our partnership with you. A reminder that the P&C Annual General Meeting will be held prior to the next monthly meeting on Tuesday 20 March commencing at 6.30 pm in the administration block. This will be followed by the regular monthly meeting at 7.00 pm. All are welcome.

Diane Hicks
Principal
IMPACT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2012
On Friday 2 March, the senior student leaders and Mr Magoffin ventured to Chandler to attend the Impact Student Leadership Conference as part of the leadership development program at Sunnybank State High School.

At the conference we learnt about a number of important aspects of being successful leaders, including strategies to motivate others to participate in activities, conducting successful events and how our cohort can leave a legacy. We also witnessed Mr Magoffin’s dancing skills.

The day started with all the leaders arriving by 8.10 am and waiting for the taxis to arrive to take us to the venue. On arrival at the venue we were surprised at the number of other schools in attendance; there were at least twenty other schools. Throughout the day we collaborated with students from the other schools in a number of different activities. Working with the students from other schools reinforced the main theme of the day: Environment, Relationships and Growth.

We have taken many important lessons, strategies and pieces of information from the day that will better enable our leadership group to be effective ambassadors for the school and enhance the development of the student culture at Sunnybank State High School.

Thank you to Mrs Hicks and Mr Magoffin for giving us the opportunity to attend this conference.

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School Captain

YOUTH AMBASSADOR PROGRAM
Recently our four year 11 leaders, Steph London, Thomas Sili, Sarah Miller and Kane Davidson, attended the Red Cross Blood Service Youth Ambassador Program.

During this day-long event the students undertook training about what makes up blood, how it is collected, who benefits from blood donations as well as some of the logistical challenges that blood collection faces. This also included a tour of the Red Cross’ Queensland headquarters laboratory.

As a result of this day the leaders have now started planning how to promote blood donation throughout the Sunnybank SHS community. Watch this space for further details on how you can help.

James Elcock
Year 11 Coordinator

YOUTH DRIVER AWARENESS
Recently a group of year 11 students attended the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness Day.

This is a hands-on course that is specifically designed for young adults who have recently gained, or are close to getting their Learner’s Permit. The students learnt about safety features in cars, the impact distractions have on reaction times, the effect of driving under the influence of alcohol, drugs and fatigue as well as the Queensland road rules.

It also included a demonstration of stopping distances (with our students as passengers) which left many students in awe of the extra distance required to stop a vehicle after only a modest increase in speed.

If you would like further information about the program visit www.ryda.org.au.
MATHMATICS
Teachers have asked me to remind students and caregivers of the importance of being prepared. Textbooks are used regularly in Maths classes and for homework, so if your student does not have a text, they are jeopardising their chances of success in this subject. All students should have with them every day their notebooks, writing equipment, calculator, ruler and planner. The department will supply any special equipment (e.g. protractors and compasses) as required but we do ask students to be prepared with the basic learning aids. Caregivers are asked to regularly check their student’s planner, as this will allow you to monitor homework and also, should a teacher need to communicate with you, they may make a note in the planner. 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.

On Thursday 4 August the Australian Mathematics Competition for the Westpac Awards will be conducted. The AMC has run every year since 1978 and is now a significant international event. We would like to see as many students as possible enter the competition as students of all standards will progress and find a point of challenge. The cost of entry is $5.00. Maths teachers have full details and past papers for practice are available from the Maths staffroom. Entries must be received by the end of term 1.

Head of Department-Mathematics

SCHOOL BASED YOUTH HEALTH NURSE

My name is Maggie Kerr and I am a registered nurse. I am employed by Queensland Health and work in schools in partnership with Education Queensland.

My role within school primarily involves promoting healthy lifestyles. This covers a wide range of topics including healthy eating and physical activity, puberty, alcohol, tobacco and other drugs, relationships, sexual health, mental health, self esteem and the list goes on.

I do this through personal consultations (one-on-one or small group), classroom presentations (per curriculum co-facilitating with teachers) school newsletters, daily notices, assemblies and health promotional activities. I am not involved with first aid; trained school staff cover this area of health care.

My service can be accessed by students, staff and the wider community i.e. parents and caregivers. Adolescence can be a difficult time, not just for the young person but also for parents and caregivers, so if I can be of help, please contact me through the school on 3323 8111. I will be at school Mondays, Fridays and alternative Tuesdays. Good health.

Maggie Kerr, School Based Youth Health Nurse

STS STUDENT EXCHANGE

STS has a number of exchange students arriving in July 2012. If you would like more information about hosting an exchange student, phone 1800 263 964 or email sts@people.net.au.

Website address is www.sts-education.com.au

SIGN ON

Where: Rochedale Tigers Junior RLFC, Underwood Park, Underwood Rd, Rochedale

When: 12.30 pm to 3.00 pm
Saturday 17 March

Enquiries: 0407 752 758 wildcatsgridiron@yahoo.com

ANYONE FOR TENNIS?

Remar Tennis Academy is now managing the Sunnybank State High School tennis courts. Interested in hiring the courts? Please call 3345 9620 to make a booking. Available for only $10 per hour. If you are interested, tennis lessons are also available.

Kerry Schloss
Head of Department-Mathematics

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.

ADVANCE NOTICE OF IMPORTANT DATES

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