This is the final newsletter for term 1. Thank you for working in partnership with us in the education of your young person. Currently staff are preparing students’ term 1 progress report which will be posted to you in preparation for the Parent Teacher evening to be held in the school library on 24 April from 3.00 pm to 7.00 pm.

Congratulations to our year 8 Student Leaders 2012
Earlier in the year we acknowledged the student leaders from years nine to twelve and noted that the year eight students needed some time to settle into high school and get to know each other. At that point in time the selection of leaders would be undertaken. Last week our year eights proceeded to follow the processes of selection of leaders which includes nomination, a speech to their cohort, followed by student and staff voting. I am pleased to congratulate Janayah Orchard, Tisioa Mahanga, Mulan Gesa-Fatafehi and Tony Meddings as the year eight student leaders for 2012. Well done students and thank you to Ms Kalamafoni for her work in preparing the students for their role in the school.

P&C Thank you to parents who attended our P&C AGM and March meeting last Tuesday evening. Our new executive for 2012 is: President - Catherine Pound, Vice President - Cheryl Miller, Minutes Secretary - Shirley Garland and Correspondence Secretary - Annette Seib. (The position of Treasurer is vacant.) I look forward to working with you in 2012.

Shave for a Cure
During the week 12 to 16 March, our students and staff undertook two major events to support the Leukaemia Foundation, Shave for a Cure and Crazy Hair day. Thank you to all who took part and in particular to Mrs Parolin for her energy in the organisation of this initiative.

Chaplaincy
As we complete our term, Chaplain Joel will also complete his work at our school to prepare for his work in Africa. Thank you Joel for your fantastic work in our school and we wish you and Liz every happiness in your future work. We welcome Lucy Wong as your replacement.

Every Day Counts
As we reach the end of term 1, parents are reminded of the importance of sending children to school on every school day unless there is a reasonable excuse for the student to be away, such as illness. Research shows that students who have a good attendance record are more likely to achieve high results. Going shopping, visiting family, staying up late, being tired or extending school holidays are not acceptable reasons to be away from school. Visit the Department of Education and Training website for more information: www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts

School will finish for term 1 on Friday 30 March and recommences on Monday 16 April. Please note that there is not a student free day on the first day of term as has occurred in previous years. I wish you happy and safe holidays.

Diane Hicks
Principal

UNIFORM SALE
Old style polo shirts - only $25.00
Old style pullovers - only $30.00
While stocks last!
ALL SIZES NOW AVAILABLE IN NEW POLO SHIRTS
LOTE NEWS
Towards the end of 2011, our students of Chinese attended workshops on Chinese painting. They took part in the Chinese Lantern Painting Competition organised by the Australian and Asian Art Network Association to celebrate the Chinese Year of the Dragon. Their works, amongst 400 entries from 14 schools, have been on display at Sunnybank Plaza and the Taiwan Centre.
A panel of judges comprising artists and cultural dignitaries considered that our students had performed extremely well in the High School category. We won first prize, one of the two second prizes, two of the three third prizes and four of the six Excellence awards. Nikki Batac (year 9) won first place and was awarded a cash prize of $50. Yan Wen Tan (year 12) came second and was awarded a cash prize of $30. Benafsha Hamid and Tanzeel Abro (year 9) both won third place and were each awarded $20. Prizes for Work of Excellence were awarded to Cindy Liang, Joel Ng (year 12) and Amira Abro (year 9). A certificate of appreciation was also presented to our school for supporting students to participate in Chinese cultural activities. Well done students of Chinese and congratulations!

QUT ACCOUNTING FORUM 2012
On 10 February, fifteen of the year 12 accounting students, along with many other students from schools across Queensland, attended the annual Accounting Student Forum 2012 which was held at the Queensland University of Technology, Gardens Point campus.
We attended three informative sessions on that day. The first session of the day was about Accounting as a Profession, next was Decision-making Using Accounting and the last session of the day was about Investing in Cash, Shares and Property. This experience gave us a great opportunity to broaden our understanding of topics in the field of accounting. The presentations provided us with the opportunity to widen our knowledge about real world examples of how accounting is used. This forum also gave us a chance to build a network with other accounting students who attended this forum.
A number of our accounting students were fortunate enough to receive exciting prizes at the draw which was held at the end of each session. Our sincere thanks go to Mrs Moodley and Mrs Bambic for arranging this excursion and for accompanying us to and from the venue. We also feel extremely privileged to have had the opportunity of being a part of such a well organised forum.

Shahana Cumaranayagam
Year 12 Accounting Student

YEAR 8 CAMP 2012
As part of the Year 8 Program at Sunnybank State High School, the year 8s will participate in a three-day camp. The aim of the camp is to develop group and leadership skills, form lasting friendship groups and for the students to get to know each other in a non-classroom setting. This will build on from the Orientation Program, the year 8 student and parent BBQ and inter-roll mark activities conducted throughout term 1 and 2.
The year 8 Camp to Burleigh CYC, on the Gold Coast, will take place in the second week of term 3. The cost of the camp is $170 which includes transport, accommodation, meals and activities. To secure a place on this camp a non-refundable deposit of $70 is to be paid to the Student Finance office by Friday 20 April (the end of first week of term 2). Finally a second payment of $100 is to be paid by Friday 15 June (the end of term 2).
We hope to see all year 8s there!

Rosy Kalamafoni
Year 8 Coordinator

TOURISM
The year 11 Tourism class visited South Bank on Thursday 15 March to experience life as a tourist.
Students were encouraged to look up and around, to appreciate the sights on offer.
Students walked down Grey Street to a viewing room on the 12th floor of the CGU offices. What a spectacular view we had of a week-day morning in the city. We were also treated to the most beautiful cupcakes in Brisbane.
From here we launched our plan of attack, to start at Vulture Street and make it to Victoria Bridge by lunch time. Students interacted with a Japanese tour group before returning to Streets Beach for lunch. Danica was sure she saw a crocodile, only to be confused with a bearded dragon. The play equipment was tested, shops used and take-aways obtained before an attack from an ibis at the lunch seating area.
A food budget test was given to Jurnee, “What you can do with $7 at South Bank”. She left well fed and with enough for train fare. Students walked a little slower on the return trip home, after clocking 6 km for the day. A great day was had to appreciate your own city from a tourist’s perspective.

ANYONE FOR TENNIS?
Remar Tennis Academy is now managing the Sunnybank 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.
SKIN TRIP 2012 - PERISHER VALLEY
Places are still available for all year 10 and 11 students to participate in this year’s Ski Trip. The trip will depart on Saturday 11 August and return on Saturday 18 August. The approximate cost is $1000. See Mr Jackson for information and see the Finance office for payment plans.

Mr Jackson, Ski Trip Coordinator

BUSINESS AND COMPUTER EDUCATION
As always we have had a busy start to the school year, including the highly regarded annual QUT Accounting forum. In addition, ten of our year 12 students were selected to participate in the Griffith University Business Year 12 Program. As part of this program students attend Griffith University one day each term where they benefit from tertiary learning experiences and complete assessment items.
This week another university program has begun. We are participating in the USQ BEAMS (Building Engagement and Aspiration through Mentoring in School) program for the first time. Under this mentoring program university students work with teachers in classrooms to further develop the participation and ambitions of high school students. This year a USQ student will be working with Mrs Moodley’s BOM (Business Organisation and Management) class.

Laptop Devices
In 2011 the school was cabled for wireless under the federal government’s NSSCF scheme (part of the Education Revolution). The wireless network enables staff and students to access the computer network and the internet in teaching spaces throughout the school. The next phase was the delivery of 176 laptop computers which enable students to use computers for curriculum activities such as research and the preparation of assignments, without the need to be booked into a computer laboratory. Year 11 students were given the opportunity to participate in a take-home scheme, for a small fee. The remaining laptops will be available in several locations for use throughout the school.

Ms N Stable
HOD – Business and Computer Education

SUNNYBANK AND DISTRICT ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION
The Sunnybank RSL Sub-Branch has extended a warm invitation to the school’s community to participate in the Anzac Day March on Wednesday 25 April, commencing at 8.00 am, on the corner of Station Road and Turton Street, Sunnybank.

ADVANCE NOTICE OF IMPORTANT DATES

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