Welcome back for the commencement of another great term at Sunnybank High.

Our school community congratulates Sunnybank High graduate The Hon. John Paul Langbroek MP on his appointment to the position of Minister of Education, Training and Employment. In his message to the department, Minister Langbroek proudly stated his strong links with our school. He said:

“I take great pride in being a product of the state school system and captaining Sunnybank State High School in the late 1970s, I hasten to add. I am also proud that my father was a teacher in the public school system in Queensland and my mum a teacher aide. From that, I know the great opportunities that can flow from a good education.”

The Hon. John-Paul Langbroek MP
Minister for Education, Training and Employment

Parent Teacher Night
Each student should by now have received their term one report in the post. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend the parent teacher evening to discuss their student’s progress with classroom teachers on Tuesday 24 April in the Library between 3.00 pm and 7.00 pm.

Enrol for 2013
Enrolments for students entering year 8, 2013 have now commenced. Please contact the school to make an enrolment appointment with a member of administration. We invite all prospective parents to visit our school on Monday 23 April between 9.00 am and 10.00 am when new parents are invited to meet members of our administration team.

Parents and Citizens Association
Currently our P&C has a vacancy for the position of treasurer. If you have the skills or interest in undertaking this honorary position, please telephone Catherine Pound, the P&C President. The position is supported through an accounts person so would involve preparing the reports for the monthly meeting. Further support and training is available. The next P&C meeting is 7.00 pm on Tuesday 22 May in the administration block.

ANZAC Day
All students are invited to join with the student leaders and staff in marching on ANZAC day with other members of our local community to commemorate this special day in our history. The march commences on the corner of Turton Street and Station Road at 7.45 am. All students will need to be in correct formal school uniform. Our student leaders and other students will be among those who lead the community ceremony.

International Student Program
Congratulations to all staff involved in this program and to all homestay parents/guardians who are supporting our students. The recent visit by the International Student Program accreditation manager has resulted in the continued endorsement of our Level two accreditation.

Parent reminders
A reminder to all parents and guardians to update and return the Student Personal Details forms that you received in the term one mailout or telephone the school with any changes. It is vital that the school has current contact details for you so we can support your student at all times. Also, all visitors to the school must sign in at the office to obtain a visitor pass. This includes past students and parents.

Diane Hicks
Principal
ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE PROGRAM

Welcome to New ESL Students
Sunnybank High School is pleased to welcome ten new ESL students to the school for the start of term 2. Eight of these students are from Milpera English Language Preparation Centre where they have completed their beginner ESL course. The new students come from Liberia, China, Afghanistan and the Philippines. A number of students from ESL classes have volunteered to act as “buddies” for the new students in the coming weeks. Buddies will help the new students settle into their new school. Welcome new students and thank you and congratulations to the buddies.

Focused Literacy Classes for Year 8 ESL Students
Year 8 ESL students study Focused Group Literacy with an ESL teacher instead of a Language Other than English for two hours each week. Tuesday’s lesson concentrates on improving writing skills, while Fridays’ lesson concentrates on improving reading skills. With assistance from Education Queensland’s Refugee Support Funding, the students are able to study in two small separate groups. One group caters for students with interrupted schooling and the other extension group consolidates literacy skills for students who are more advanced learners of English as a Second Language.

Intensive Mathematics Program for ESL Students
The Intensive English Language Centre has an intensive mathematics program for students who have experienced interruptions to their schooling before coming to Australia. The aim of these small group lessons is to fill in the gaps in students’ knowledge and understanding so that they can eventually succeed in Mathematics. These classes are taken by Mrs Ng who is a specialist in Mathematics and ESL. A number of Year 10 students have worked hard during term 1 and will move into mainstream Maths classes this term. Well done to these students.

Mrs Laraine Goldman
Head of Special Education Services (ESL Program)

HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Fitness Camp
From 27 March to 30 March, Sunnybank High students went on the first of many Fitness Camps, to the picturesque Currimundi Recreation Camp on the Sunshine Coast. Twenty-eight students attended and were put through their paces under the guidance of Mr Alexeenko, Mr Parravicini and Mrs Hall. Students were involved in two training sessions a day focusing on aerobic endurance, speed and anaerobic capacity, utilising the sand dunes, beach and walking tracks of this beautiful part of the world. In the evening, students used the pool and basketball courts to help in recovery from stiff and sore muscles. As well as the training sessions, students were put into four teams to battle in a ‘survivor-like’ competition, with the winning team earning rewards of bucket hats, backpacks and water bottles, while the losing team was banished to cleaning up the dishes after meals each day. Students behaved brilliantly and met all expectations, receiving glowing reports from teachers and the Currimundi staff.

In term 4, students will be able to nominate for the 2013 Fitness Camp, which is sure to be bigger and better than this year. With only limited spots available, students are encouraged to get in early and secure their spot. Special thanks to Mr Alexeenko for his tireless efforts in organising the camp.

Cross Country
On Monday 26 March, Sunnybank High School ran its annual Inter-House Cross Country Competition. This is always a highlight of the sporting year, with strong competition in all age groups and houses. With Arinya Kangaroos a mile in front after the Swimming Carnival, it would have been easy for the other houses to give up, but this was definitely not the case. Competition was fierce and house spirit was fanatical with teachers and students showing their support with house colours, banners and cheering. It was fantastic to see the senior students lead by example, with the majority of this cohort participating and demonstrating to the younger students the importance of physical activity and supporting your house.

In the end, it was Balcara storming into within striking distance of Arinya, who are still in first place, but have had their lead cut by over half. With over 3000 points up for grabs in the Track and Field carnival, it is still anyone’s guess who will win this year. Students are encouraged to begin training for events, with training times available from the HPE staffroom.

Congratulations to the students selected for the prestigious Sunnybank State High School Cross Country team for 2012 and congratulations to Yasin Heidary and Murtaza Heidary in breaking school records!

Mr Bhullar
HOD HPE
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

SUNNYBANK AND DISTRICT ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION
The Sunnybank RSL Sub-Branch has extended a warm invitation to the School’s community to march in the District’s ANZAC Day March on Wednesday 25 April. The school’s student leaders, staff and interested students of the school are welcome to participate. The program details for ANZAC Day are as follows:
7:45 am The march forms at the corner of Station Road and Turton Street, Sunnybank.
8:00 am The march commences and proceeds along Station Road to Lister Street, turns left, proceeding to Gager Street, turns left and moves past the District Cenotaph at the RSL Hall. The march then turns right onto the Sunnybank State High School oval where the march falls out.
8:30 am Sunnybank and District 2012 ANZAC Day Commemoration Service commences at the District War Memorial at the RSL Hall in Gager Street.
9:30 am Service concludes and is followed by morning tea.

As you’d be aware, Queensland Rail’s Quiet Carriage initiative has been in place for more than 12 months on City Network services. While it has been a success, we are always looking at improving our service to customers and they’ve suggested permanent signage onboard trains to make it more obvious that it’s a quiet zone. So to allow for permanent signage on the outside and inside of trains, the Quiet Carriage is moving. From 16 April we’re changing the Quiet Carriages from the first and last cars of every train to the second and second-last cars of all services. By moving the Quiet Carriages, Queensland Rail can place permanent signage on the inside and outside of each designated Quiet Carriage. Queensland Rail asks passengers travelling in the Quiet Carriages to refrain from having loud conversations, using mobile phones or noisy musical devices. From 16 April, we ask anyone who would prefer not to use these quiet zones to respect those who do and travel in another carriage of the train.

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.

ADVANCE NOTICE OF IMPORTANT DATES

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