PRINCIPAL’S REPORT 4 May 2012

Thank you to parents and students who supported our school’s participation in the district ANZAC commemoration activities this year. We are very proud of the students who participated in the local ceremony, operated the technology and sound systems and marched with the school. Well done students.

Outstanding student achievements. Congratulations to Grace Ngiam who won the U17 Girls Double Division at the Li Ning Australasian Championships recently. David Ngiam and Grace Ngiam have also been selected to represent Badminton Australia at the 2012 Pan Pacific Championships and 2012 NZ Junior International from 10 to 13 May in Hamilton, New Zealand. Fantastic work.

Next year our school turns 50. I am inviting any parents or members of our community who may be interested in assisting to coordinate activities in recognition of this milestone, to join a small committee that will be chaired by Mr Dan Mucha, a retired teacher from our school. If you wish to be involved please leave your contact details at the school office and they will be forwarded to Mr Mucha.

Woolworths Earn and Learn. We are registered again for the Woolworths Earn and Learn program. From 9 May, if you shop at Woolworths, please collect the stickers from the checkout operator and place the sticker cards in the collection box in the school student foyer. The points will be redeemed at the end of the promotional campaign and our school will receive a range of products including books and other items that are used as rewards for your students.

School working bee. On 16 June our school will have a team of eager and energetic supporters working on a range of activities including cleaning, gardening, painting, repairing and more. If you can spare an hour or two please join us for the working bee.

It’s not okay to be away – nor to be late to school. One of the most important things you can do to ensure your child has a bright future is to make sure he or she goes to school every day – and gets there on time. The more time children spend at school, the more likely they are to experience school success. Give your child the best start you can by ensuring that your child attends school every day.

100% attendance ✔️

Diane Hicks
Principal
SOSE DEPARTMENT

KIDZ Election
Recently the year 8 SOSE classes took part in the KIDZ Election. This election was conducted in conjunction with the State Election. It is an educational activity whereby students in the school elections vote, using “replica” ballot papers relevant to our electoral district of Sunnybank. The votes cast by the students were counted post the State Election polling day. At this time the students were briefed by a representative from the Electoral Commission and their election results along with the voting processes were analysed and discussed. This activity of voting serves a dual purpose. Firstly the election introduces students to the electoral process to enable them to acquire knowledge and an understanding of the State electoral system with an emphasis on voting processes. Secondly students participate in an authentic voting activity in a school environment using the Optional Preferential Voting system used at State Elections. I congratulate the students on the way they conducted themselves during the KIDZ Election which was a valuable experience for each of them.

Year 9 SOSE
The year 9 SOSE classes have been studying a unit of work entitled An Unequal World with the emphasis on the inequality of wealth distribution throughout the world. From our research we found that the continent of Africa has a disproportionate number of poor people, many of them children. Our former chaplain, Joel, has taken up the challenge personally to help these children, particularly those in Rwanda and the year 9 SOSE students were anxious to assist him achieve his goal of helping create a more equal world. In order to do this the students organised a number of fund raising activities, raising over $1,000 in just over a week. This was a fantastic result and I would like to thank the staff and students for their generosity. It was wonderful to see the Sunnybank community come together and show their appreciation and support for Joel. On behalf of the SOSE/LOTE Departments I would like to wish Chaplain Joel all the best and every success with his work in Rwanda.

Year 10 History
The year 10 History students recently attended the ANZAC Commemorative Ceremony held in ANZAC Square. The students are currently studying Australia’s involvement in World War I and are therefore very aware of the significance of ANZAC Day ceremonies. They conducted themselves appropriately and were fine ambassadors for the school.

Ms G Finney, A/HOD SOSE/LOTE

POSITIONS AVAILABLE
COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES NEEDED
(PAID POSITIONS)

Queensland Core Skills Test 2012
The QCS Test is scheduled for Tuesday 4 September and Wednesday 5 September.
To maintain accountability, security and proper conduct of the test, the Queensland Studies Authority (QSA) appoints members of the community to carry out duties on their behalf. Members of the Sunnybank SHS community are invited to apply for the positions of chief community representative (two positions available). These are paid positions.
If you are interested in nominating for these positions, please contact Tania Williams, Deputy Principal and Chief Supervisor for the test, by email at twill455@eq.edu.au or by phone on 33238111 for application forms. It is essential that you contact me as soon as possible if you are interested. Further detail of the role and duties of community representatives including application forms can be found on the QSA website www.qsa.gov.edu.au (follow the links to Yrs10-12, QCS test, QCS Test administration). All application paperwork must be submitted to me by Friday 11 May.

Tania Williams
Deputy Principal

NAPLAN TESTS 2012
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008. On Tuesday 15, Wednesday 16 and Thursday 17 May, students will undertake the 2012 NAPLAN tests. NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four domains of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how individual students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australian children.
All students are encouraged to participate in the tests. Students with a disability may qualify for special provisions that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom. An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child’s results to discuss progress with teachers. More information is available at http://www.nap.edu.au

Students are required to have the following materials in order to participate in the tests:
- 2B or HB pencils only
- An eraser
- A sharpener
- A calculator, for one numeracy test only

NAPLAN Timetable

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HELLO FROM THE NEW CHAPPY
Greetings to all parents, students and staff! My name is Lucy and I am the new school chaplain at Sunnybank State High School.

A little bit about myself – I come from a background in high school teaching and was a teacher of the performing arts for a short period of time. From there I moved on to work as a Family Support worker and then as a Youth Support Coordinator for various schools in the Logan region. I am also a local and a regular customer of the many great food stores of Market Square, Sunnybank Plaza and Sunnypark.

It has been a great pleasure getting to know the school community of Sunnybank State High and I’d like to thank the staff and students for making me feel so welcomed here already! I look forward to meeting many more of you in the weeks and months ahead! Feel free to drop by for a chat!

Phone: 07 3323 8184
Office: 2nd level of block 4
Office Times: Monday to Friday, 8 am - 4 pm

Lucy Lim
Chaplain

HEALTH NEWS
Wake up to Breakfast
As a parent/caregiver you may be struggling with a child/young person who does not eat breakfast - you are not alone. This is unfortunately common and these young people are placing a negative impact on their ability to learn to their full potential.

Good health is dependant on many factors and healthy nutrition plays a major role. Breakfast is extremely important as this provides the fuel to get us through the morning. A healthy breakfast could be rolled oats with fruit and milk, low fat and low sugar cereals, wholesome toast with a protein spread or eggs, or you may prefer nutritious cultural foods. Often I see students eating chips or packets of biscuits. High sugar, high fat foods will make us more tired, decrease concentration and cause irritability which may well result in behavioural problems in the classroom. These foods will of course cause weight gain. Winter is on the way and good food provides fuel to keep us warm and maintain a healthy immune system to help combat the colds and flu’s that will be around.

If I can be of any help please feel free to contact me at school on Mondays or Fridays. Students can organise appointments at school.

Maggie Kerr
School Based Youth Health Nurse

UNIFORM SHOP
New zip jackets are now available
Please come into the Uniform Shop and buy your new jacket!
Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 8.00 am to 11.00 am

MT GRAVATT BLUE LIGHT Dance Party
The next Dance Party is Friday 4 May, 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. For more information please contact the Sunnybank School Based Police Officer, Senior Constable Shane Stanley on 3323 8106.

TUCKSHOP
The tuckshop has some new additions to the menu this term and looks forward to the continued support from students and parents. The tuckshop will continue to review the food selections in the coming term ensuring a tasty range of quality foods are available to students.

New menu selections
Cheerios, crumbed sausages, variety of yogurts, new lite apple pies and a range of focaccia breads for sandwiches.

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.

SKI 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.

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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.