Thank you to the members of Life Church Salisbury and the school parents, students and staff who attended the working bee last term on 16 June. There was much work completed including painting, gardening, cleaning, cutting back of larger shrubs and other tasks that needed attention but had been “down our list” for some time. This has really given the facilities staff a big support for their tasks and has “polished” our school facilities. Many thanks.

Parent Teacher night is next Tuesday evening commencing at 3.00 pm until 7.00 pm in the school library. This is an important opportunity for all parents and caregivers to discuss their student’s progress and strategies for improvement. No appointment is required.

Best wishes to the students from years 8 and 11 who are attending their camps next week. This is an important aspect of high school during which you will learn much about yourself and how you can contribute to our school community. I know you will enjoy the activities and challenges that the teachers have prepared for you. On the final day of the camp the year 11s will demonstrate their leadership through conducting the activities with the year 8 students. I urge all students to make the most of the opportunity and activities that will develop your knowledge of yourself and your fellow students.

Quadrennial School Review Thank you to the parents who responded to the survey regarding our school quadrennial review. Your input to this process is much appreciated.

Congratulations to Jessica Wright on completing her fantastic art work on the traffic signal box on the corner of Pinelands Road and Symonds Street, Sunnybank Hills. Jess’s work is shown below.

Our school Parents and Citizens’ Association meets Tuesday evening 24 July at 7.00 pm in the staff common room of the administration block. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend.
ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE PROGRAM

Farewell Mrs Fas
At the end of semester two students and staff said goodbye to ESL teacher Mrs June Fas who has left Sunnybank High School Intensive English Language Centre to take up a position as Head of Senior Schooling at Milpera English Language Preparation Centre. Mrs Fas taught in the ESL program at Sunnybank for more than eleven years and in that time has taught and assisted hundreds of migrant and refugee students. Congratulations and farewell Mrs Fas. You will be very much missed by the whole Sunnybank community.

Welcome back to Mrs Renette Nicholson who will be teaching in the ESL program on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays and thanks to Mr Batista who will be fulltime for the rest of this year.

Welcome New Students
The staff and students of the Intensive English Language Centre (ESL Program) welcome five new ESL students from Milpera. These new students are from Afghanistan, China, Vietnam, and Hungary.

Year 8 ESL students
The year 8 cohort of ESL students enjoyed reading Tim Winton’s novel Lockie Leonard – Human Torpedo last term. Some avid readers among the group also read the next two books in the Lockie Leonard series, Lockie Leonard – Scumbuster and Lockie Leonard – Legend; as the last of the series is not part of our ESL resource collection, it was kindly ordered for our students by teacher librarian Ms Elaine Cobb.

Parent Teacher Evening
The Parent Teacher Evening for semester two will be held on Tuesday 17 July from 3.00 pm to 7.00 pm. The meetings will be in the school library near the Boorman Street entrance to the school. You do not need to make an appointment. You can come any time between 3.00 pm and 7.00 pm. Subject teachers and Heads of Department will be there to talk to you and your student about the semester one report. These meetings between parents and teachers are very important in the Queensland school system and I encourage all parents and carers of ESL students to attend. Please bring your student’s Semester One Report with you. Mrs Clara Yau will be available to interpret for Chinese speaking families. Teachers will use the Telephone Interpreter Service to connect with interpreters for speakers of other languages.

Congratulations to the many ESL students who made good progress in English last semester and have now taken on more mainstream subjects.

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 Fridays) jdeng16@eq.edu.au

YOUTH FORUM MORNING TEA
On Wednesday 13 June, our year 12 English Communication class prepared a Youth Forum morning tea to discuss the teen issues reports that we recently prepared. These are intended to inform Sunnybank State High School teachers and students about some common teen issues.

We invited Mrs Goldman and Mrs Yau as our special guests on that day. During the morning, Mrs Goldman presented us with useful information about pressure on teenagers and she gave us some ideas about how to cope with it. It was interesting and informative and will certainly be of use to us in the future.

For this morning tea all students brought some healthy food as well as traditional food to make this morning tea meaningful and hard to forget. We learned a lot of things in this morning tea, including how to organize an event, how to behave in a formal setting and how to co-operate as a team.

Phi Truong, Year 12

WORLD REFUGEE DAY
During the last week of term two the Student Council raised awareness about displaced people around the world in recognition of World Refugee Day, which was celebrated internationally on 20 June.

Various activities took place, such as an inter-house competition which raised money for a good cause while reigniting the spirit of house competition in the school. Then, to close the week, a sausage sizzle was held to give students an opportunity to make a difference. A total of $360 was raised and will be donated to the United Nations refugee agency, “Australia for UNHCR”.

The money will be used to put survival kits, which include necessities such as blankets and stoves for heating and cooking, into the hands of refugee families.

Mohamed Jama and Simplice Songoya, Year 12
SOSE
Legal Studies and Youth Parliament
Three year 11 Legal Studies students recently participated in the Youth Parliament at Queensland Parliament House. One student acted as the Opposition Whip, alongside two students representing the Government. Their job was to debate a specially drafted Bill regarding youth safety. Along with representatives from other schools the students participated in that Bill’s passage through all stages of the legislative process. Additionally, students witnessed an adjournment debate on various topics relevant to students today. The Youth Parliamentarians consisted of Mohamed Jama (Member for Tablelands), Pricilla Kolo (Opposition Whip) and Reena Morar (Member for Lockyer). All Youth Parliamentarians confidently engaged in rigorous discussions of their chosen areas. The Speaker of the House complimented all students on their awareness and understanding of current social issues.

Geography Competition
It was recently my pleasure on assembly to present certificates to two young men who represented our school and who achieved at a very high level nationally. Earlier this year our year 10 geography classes participated in the 2012 National Geographic Channel Australian Geography Competition. This competition rewards excellence in students and encourages the study of geography in schools and Sunnybank High has been a part of this competition for many years. This year approximately 80,000 students from 774 schools entered the competition and it was with great pride that I asked Mrs Hicks, assisted by Mr Magoffin, to present a Certificate of Distinction to William Stell and a Certificate of Credit to Joseph Muller.

Well done students and a big thank you to your teachers, Ms Lucock, Mr Magoffin and Mrs Cox for their work in organizing this valuable learning experience.

Ms Finney
HOD SOSE/LOTE

INTER-HOUSE FIELD CARNIVAL
On Tuesday 19 June Sunnybank High School ran the annual Field Events Carnival. Students from all ages participated in long jump, triple jump, high jump, discus, javelin and shot put. Students had to nominate to participate and were allowed to leave class to compete. Arinya demonstrated strong house spirit by again having the most competitors out of all the houses, although Balcara did manage to close the gap between first and second slightly. It was great to see so many year 8 students nominate and compete to the best of their abilities. Stand out competitors included Joseph Muller, Junior Taefu and Sam Lavea.

Mr Bhullar

SMITH FAMILY SAVER PLUS PROGRAM
$500 to help families pay for school costs
The Smith Family is encouraging parents to join Saver Plus, a program that offers $500 to help pay for education costs, after school activities, a computer and more. Saver Plus matches money you save, $1 for $1 up to $500, and includes free workshops to help you make your money go further.

Saver Plus is available to people aged 18 years and over, with a health care or pension card and some income from work, for example, you (or a partner) may have casual, part-time, full-time, seasonal or cash employment. (Please note: you may be eligible for a low income Health Care Card even if you do not receive a Centrelink Payment.) Applying is easy, please call Amanda on 3115 6202 or email amanda.karo@thesmithfamily.com.au

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