Thank you to the parents of our year 10 students who have made their appointment times for their student's SET plan. We are planning for your interviews to occur next week as this will enable us to finalise the subject selections and timetable for 2013. Most of the interviews should have occurred on or by Thursday 15 August. If you have a student in year 10 and have not yet arranged your interview time, please contact the school as soon as possible regarding this. Details of the arrangements have been sent home with your student.

Science week is next week. There are amazing activities planned including the Expo on Thursday evening and the Showcase on Friday 16 August. Student work from our school and many of our local state schools will be on display. Students will be enjoying a range of fantastic activities throughout the week. Please join us at the Science Expo and Showcase.

Congratulations to the school track and field team who are district champions. Our school won the overall carnival, the percentage trophy and each of the boys' and girls' categories. Well done to all the team and the staff who have trained each student.

Congratulations to Stephanie Hopper who represented our school and her employer, Kyabra Limited Hours Child Care Centre, very well at the Metropolitan Regional Finals of the Queensland Training Awards. Stephanie has undertaken two School Based Traineeships whilst at Sunnybank. Eventually Stephanie hopes to enter the Police Force Children’s Services Unit where she will be able to put into practice some of the knowledge and communication strategies that she has gained whilst undertaking her traineeships.

Congratulations to the Senior Industrial Technology students for their entry into the HIA Guide Dogs Dog House competition. A number of schools and TAFE colleges from throughout Brisbane entered into the competition that was on display at the recent HIA Home Renovation and Building Expo held at the Convention Centre. Sunnybank’s Dog House was judged to be the best of the competition by the industry judges, Duncan Armstrong and Brad and Lara, the 2012 “Block” Winners. It also took out the “People’s Choice Award” in the competition. Thanks must go to Mr Ralph and Mr Williams for assisting the students throughout the project. Sunnybank’s Dog House will be on display and raffled by the Guide Dogs at the upcoming EKKA.

School Opinion Survey. A randomly selected sample of parents will soon be receiving information for the annual School Opinion Survey. The information that you provide is completely confidential and assists the school to plan effectively for improvement and guides decisions for our school operations each year.

Show holidays. The holiday for our school is the public holiday on Wednesday 15 August. There is no school on this day.

Thank you to our breakfast club sponsors who continue to support our students through the breakfast club. Volunteers are invited to assist in serving breakfast one morning a week or once a month. Please contact the school on 3323 8111 and speak to Chaplain Lucy.
YEAR 11 CAMP
The year 11 Leadership Camp was held on 18 to 20 July at Burleigh Heads. We had a fantastic time during our three days and had the opportunity to develop leadership skills with the year 8s. Day one was a fun day as we learnt to do stand-up paddle boarding, which for some was a bit of a challenge, but we managed to pull through. We also went water tubing which was a new and exciting experience for most of us. The first night was a trivia night with the year 8s in our four groups (Glorious Gager, Terrific Turton, Lister Lemons and the Boorman Blizzards). The prize was a nice marble cake for the group to share.

The second day was an early start in preparation to hike up Mt Warning, but unfortunately the weather got the better of us. Instead we went to Point Danger (Qld/NSW border) to watch the sun rise and walk along the beach. We then went to Mt Tambourine and hiked along a muddy path through a really nice part of national park. In the afternoon we were dropped off a few kilometres from home and had to canoe the rest of the way back, which meant we had to work together and communicate to ensure our canoes did not capsize. We got home (relatively) dry. The second night we went down to the beachside shops to get some after dinner snacks and soak up the beachy atmosphere.

Day three was filled with games which were run by the year 11s for the year 8s. This was a time for us to showcase our leadership skills and bond with them. While this was a bit challenging at the start, we soon got the hang of it. In the afternoon we got to relax on the beach and play some sport with the year 8s. Then it was time to leave and although we had a great time, we were also keen to come home and get some sleep. Overall the year 11 Leadership Camp was an enjoyable and worthwhile experience. The staff were really friendly and we really got to know them, the food was great and the activities were fun. I’m sure all of the year 11s would recommend the younger grades to participate in leadership opportunities in the future – it’s a lot of fun and you get to know people that you hadn’t really spoken to before.

Mei Zhang, Year 11

P.S. There was a hill that we had to walk up and down every day to get to the beach – great exercise!!

SKI TRIP 2012
Best wishes to students and staff leaving on the ski trip tomorrow. We trust you all come home safely and enjoy the experience. Thanks to Mr Jackson for his work with this initiative.
ADVANCE NOTICE OF IMPORTANT DATES

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Queensland Sportswoman of the Year Awards
Calling for Nominations! The Awards will be presented at a formal dinner on Friday 21 September at the Sofitel Brisbane. Nominations open Friday 10 August and close Friday 31 August. Detailed criteria and the online form are available on www.womensportqld.com.au

Sunnybank (Not So) Little Athletics - Sign-on Day
Where: Sunnybank High School Oval, Gager St, Sunnybank
When: 12.00 pm - 3.00 pm, Saturday 18 August
Who: Anyone aged 3 - 16 years
Enquiries: Isabel Green 3345 5081 or 0412 022 028

Macgregor Cricket Club
D.M. Henderson Park, Granadilla St, MacGregor
Sign-on Days: 9.00 am to 12.00 noon, Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 August
Grading Day: Saturday 1 September
Enquiries: 3103 6526, www.macgregorcc.org.au

University of Southern Queensland
Springfield Campus, Sinnathamby Blvd, Springfield
Open Day: 10.00 am to 2.00 pm, Sunday 26 August
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SCIENCE NEWS

Science and Engineering Challenge
On Tuesday 17 July we competed in the Brisbane South Science and Engineering Challenge at Canterbury College. This year we had 23 students take part in eight different challenges. Each of the challenges asked students to use what they know about science and scientific testing to build something with given materials. Activities included building a blimp with helium balloons, building a bridge with limited materials or designing a propeller for a car.
In our second year in the competition, we came eighth overall. Students had an enjoyable time doing different sorts of activities they normally would not do at school. It was also a valuable experience for students to stretch their understanding of science.
It was a good day for our students and we look forward to participating again next year and rising to the challenges of the different tasks.

Daniel McComber, Science Teacher

Science Expo
The Science faculty would like to invite all parents to the second annual Science Expo.
DATE: 16 August
TIME: 6.00 pm – 8.30 pm
VENUE: School Hall

Our special guest and keynote speaker will be Dr Geoff Garrett (Queensland Chief Scientist).
Over the last few months some of our year 8, 9 and 10 students and year 5, 6 and 7 students from our neighbouring primary schools have been undertaking some very interesting research projects that will be presented to parents and the general public on the night of the Science Expo. There will also be static and interactive science displays.

Ms Cobb
Teacher/Librarian

RESOURCE CENTRE
The week 23 to 27 July was Science Fiction and Fantasy Week in the Resource Centre. The staff dressed up as fantasy or science fiction characters. Ms Cobb, Mrs Stable and Miss Suraweera arrived at school on the Monday as the Good Fairy, the Bad Fairy and the Pirate. During the week they wore different costumes from Star Trek and Dr Who.

We are having a book sale on 25 August to celebrate Book Week. There will be $1 books, $2 books and even some free books.
This semester, Poetry Writing workshops are being conducted. If you have ever wanted to learn how to write poems or songs, come to the Resource Centre on Tuesdays from 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm. Book Club has started. We are reading Inside Out by Maria V Snyder, on Thursdays from 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm.

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NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE VIA EMAIL
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