Thank you parents for your partnership with our school staff in our efforts to support your student achieve their very best outcomes this term. It has been a very successful term in academic, sporting and cultural endeavours.

Congratulations to our OP eligible students who sat their Qld Core Skills test this week. Students were generously provided with breakfast by the P&C and lunch by the University of Southern Queensland on Tuesday. Students applied themselves very well and we all look forward to hearing of their success early in 2013. Thank you to all staff who supported students in their preparation for these two days of tests.

Congratulations to the students in our Rugby League Open, Soccer and Open Netball teams who made the finals in the winter season. Thanks also to their coaches, Mr Bhullar, Mr Jackson and Ms Gibson.

Well done to the Arts Department for their successful Creative Generation Excellence Awards and the students who have exhibits in the Artwaves Exhibition. Next week the Arts Evening will celebrate further aspects of the Arts curriculum and the staging of the year 12 Drama production.

Our students always perform very well in the Alliance Française speaking competition. Congratulations to Simplice Songoya who won the Prix Francophone for year 12 students and to Gabriel Santos for Mention Bien in the year 12 section of the competition. Great work by both of you and to Ms Bastille-O’Donoghue for the work in preparing the students for this competition.

Thank you to all the businesses that supported our year 10 students in their work experience this week. Students learn a lot about themselves and their interests through undertaking this program and it supports them to choose appropriate subjects for their future careers. Thanks also to teachers who arranged the program and those who visited the employers during this time.

As for all work environments, students are expected to be at school on time to commence the school day. Arriving at class after the commencement of roll mark and classes is not only very bad manners, it is also a significant disruption to other students and teachers when a student walks into the room after the commencement of the lesson. Students who arrive late for class are at a disadvantage as they miss information that is often essential for the understanding of the lesson. It is advisable that students are on the school site by 8.30 am so that they are prepared and ready for roll mark and their classes. Higher rates of attendance results in higher achievement.

2013 is the 50th Anniversary of Sunnybank State High School. To commemorate this important occasion there will be a limited print celebration book published. To ensure your copy please contact the school with your order. The publication will cost $65.

Holidays commence on Saturday 22 September and students return to school on Monday 8 October.

Diane Hicks
Principal
THE ARTS

Artwaves Exhibition

Five Sunnybank High School students’ artworks were selected to go into the annual Artwaves Exhibition which will be held at the Logan City Art Gallery on Jacaranda Avenue, Logan City from 19 September to 3 November. The opening night will be on Friday 21 September. Kurt Whittington’s mixed media piece, Kurt Whittington’s graphic and stencil series, Tayla Bjelic’s photograph, Julie Imperial’s lino prints, Mei Zhang’s lino prints and Sophie Choi’s head sculpture will be exhibited at the Gallery. Everyone is welcome to come and view the exhibition during the above dates.

Ms Michelle Chang, Art Teacher

The Creative Generation Excellence Awards in Visual Art, Technology and Design recognise and promote excellence in senior arts, throughout Queensland state and non-state schools. On Saturday 25 August, the Metropolitan awards were held in our hall from 12.00 pm to 4.00 pm. Over 200 parents, students and friends came along and enjoyed a feast of food, entertainment and visual enrichment.

Award Presenters: Mr Gary McKirdy, Mrs Diane Hicks and Ms Angela Kinnear

SOSE

Recently the year 8 and 9 SOSE classes took part in two Streetwise activities which concentrated on the values of tolerance and respect. The students actively engaged in the activities and came away with a greater understanding of the need to treat others the way they would like to be treated. Respecting a fellow student’s right to learn is a timely reminder to all students not to waste their time or that of their peers. This time of year is a time of particular academic demand across all year levels. There are assignments to complete, exam preparation, class work and homework to be done. If you tend to find excuses to avoid study, be tough enough on yourself to do the work before you play the computer game, watch TV or go on Facebook. Be motivated to learn, to focus and to enact strategies for the successful completion of assessment tasks. For the year 12 students this is a particularly busy time with the Queensland Core Skills Test upon them and on behalf of the SOSE Department I would like to wish our year 12s all the best in their efforts to perform strongly on the QCS Test.

Ms Gemma Finney, HOD SOSE and LOTE

Art Seen @ Sunnybank

On Thursday 13 September, the Performing Arts department will be holding our annual Arts Evening, Art Seen @ Sunnybank, to showcase the creative talents of both our junior and senior arts students. The evening will begin at 6.00 pm and run until approximately 8.30 pm, with the evening culminating in our year 12 Drama students taking a bow after the performance of their final play “The Resistable Rise of Arturo Ui”. The play is a parody of Hitler’s rise through the story of Arturo Ui, a small time Chicago gangster. Light refreshments will be provided for your enjoyment as you browse through the Art exhibition, enjoy the instrumental music band and classroom musical performances from our years 8 to 12 and view examples of the productions of our Film, TV and New Media students.

Ms Kelly Niland, HOD The Arts

‘SUNNY STORIES’

Congratulations to the following students who will have their work published in Sunnybank’s first Anthology of Student Work this year.

Short Story authors: Leland Winea, Betina Telegaru, Mohamed Jama, Reena Morar, Mary Teiannang, Jayden Savage, Kathy Bien, Andre Clarke, Meleika Gesa-Fatafehi, Nikki Batal, Leo Matis

Poets: Pricilla Kolo, Kyle Shaw, Dianne Ventura, Hubeldin Legese, Valery Cheng, Jasmine Gahungu, Calvin Lewis, Vivek Sahi, Adrian Sao, Milton Tran, Ethyne Wesley

Each student who submitted work for the anthology will receive a Certificate of Participation, one student published in each category will receive a Certificate of Commendation and one student published in each category who is deemed the ‘winner’ will receive a free copy of the anthology. The anthology will sell for $10 each. The book would make a wonderful gift for family and friends.

Ms Elaine Cobb, Teacher Librarian
CHAPPY NEWS

Year 8/11 Camp
I had the privilege of joining the year 8/11 camp this term! I couldn’t help getting involved in the paddle boarding, canoeing and tubing activities! Thankfully, unlike many others, I didn’t fall off the tube! Thank you to Ms Kalamfoni and Mr Elcock for organising a great camp and for inviting me to be part of it!

40hr Famine
On 17 to 19 August, students gave up food, technology (including their PS3s!), furniture and even talking, to raise funds for children living in poverty in Ethiopia. Our target for this year is $1000 and so far we’ve made great progress! Well done to the students who participated and supported this great cause!

CHAPPY PROGRAMS

Rush Mentoring Program - Designed to link students experiencing challenges in life with an adult mentor.

Breakfast Club - Free breakfast every Wednesday morning is available to the students thanks to YMCA! Parents and students are welcome to volunteer.

Food Hampers - A free service provided through the chaplaincy program.

Lunch time group - A safe and positive environment for students to have fun every Friday, first lunch break.

Outbreak Beach Camp will be happening during the school holidays from 1 to 5 October and will be at Coolum Beach on the Sunshine Coast! It’ll be packed with heaps of beach fun, games, tribal wars and our night sessions will consist of live bands and talks about the meaning of life and spirituality.

Please see Chaplain Lucy if you would like more information on our upcoming camp or on any of the programs that we currently run through the Chaplaincy Service.

Lucy Lim, School Chaplain

Queensland Rail

Queensland Rail is reminding school students to stay alert near railway tracks, and ensure they act safely on and around rail property.

Did you know?
• Trains can’t swerve and by the time the driver can see you it is already too late for the train to stop in time.
• Disobeying railway crossing signals or trespassing on railway property is not only dangerous, but is also illegal.

Keep yourself safe
• Only cross railway tracks at designated crossings where it is safe and legal to do so.
• At railway crossings, obey all signs and signals. Listen for a warning bell or train whistle, watch for flashing lights and always look both ways.
• When riding your bike, walk it across the tracks when crossing at a marked railway crossing.

CLUB RED

Earlier in the year the year 11 student leaders attended a workshop run by the Australian Red Cross Blood Service which aims to help students promote blood donation throughout schools. As a result of this training, our year 11 leaders were able to organise a donation day for our students at the donor van located at the Rocklea Markets. The students were persistent in their efforts to organise a donation day, which was made more difficult by all the local donor vans visiting during the school holidays!

A group of nine students travelled to the van and five were able to donate blood on the day which will help to save as many as fifteen lives. Not all students could donate, mainly due to having cold or flu-like symptoms in the previous week. Although ideally all students would have donated, it did help to emphasise the importance of blood donation as the need for blood does not stop during winter. Students who donated all commented that it was a really easy process and not the daunting exercise they had initially imagined.

Members of the Sunnybank SHS community are encouraged to contact the Australian Red Cross Blood Service on 13 19 45 to organise a donation time, or at least find out if you are eligible to donate. Upcoming local donor vans are listed below:

Monday 17 September – Garden City Cinema Carpark
Monday 1 and Tuesday 2 October – Sunnybank Hotel

James Elcock, Year 11 Coordinator

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Have fun, get fit and learn self-defence!
Join Moon Lee Taekwon Do now to receive a FREE Uniform Offer.

Where: Sunnybank High School Hall, Gager St
When: Monday and Wednesday, 4.30 pm – 5.30 pm
Contact: 0432 184 995 (Instructor- Cassidy)

National Child Protection Week is from 2 to 8 September. More than 30,000 children are abused or neglected every year in Australia. Protecting children is everybody’s business. Information can be found by accessing the NAPCAN website www.napcan.org.au

Mt Gravatt Blue Light Dance Parties
The next Dance Parties are Friday 7 September and Friday 5 October, from 7.00 pm to 9.30 pm, at Mt Gravatt PCYC, 90 Klumpp Road, Upper Mt Gravatt, next to the Hibiscus Centre. Friday 7 September is ‘Fluoro Night’ and Sunnybank High students will receive FREE entry on presentation of ID card.

Advance Notice of Important Dates

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