Welcome back for 2013
Our school year has begun exceptionally well and students have settled in well. Each student has been issued with their school Student Diary and should be using it to assist them in time management as well as taking note of the helpful advice contained within it to support them to achieve their goals for 2013. I ask that if your student has been affected by the flood situation that you let the school know so that we can support them as they settle into the new year. If you have concerns regarding any issues relating to your student, please contact the school office.

The Resource Hire Scheme payments for 2013 are now due. Students will be issued with their text books when parents have made their payments for the Resource Hire Scheme. There is a discount if payment is made before 22 February. For student success, it is vital that all students have their text books, and other materials made available to them, when resource scheme payments are received by the school. A number of payment options can be negotiated by contacting the Registrar. Outstanding accounts from previous years must be paid prior to students undertaking any extra-curricular activities.

School assemblies will continue to be held on Mondays and students are to be in full formal uniform on Mondays. Students are encouraged to wear their formal uniform on all days unless they have sports activities in their timetable on a specific day. Assemblies involve invited guests and our students can be proud that they present very well when they are in their full school uniforms. Details regarding the appropriate uniform are in the Student Diary.

Student success
I am proud of the results of our 2012 year 12 students. We are waiting to hear from QTAC, the numbers who have accepted their offers for tertiary education. Congratulations to Shai-Anne James who has been selected as part of the Australian Indigenous Netball team for competition in July and to Joseph Muller who was successful with personal best results at the recent All Schools National Athletics titles in Hobart and is on track for selection and competition in the 2013 World Youth Games in Ukraine in July.

Staff news
Welcome to Mr Michael Hamilton who has joined us in the Science faculty. Also welcome back to Mrs Bartlett, our Guidance Officer, who is sharing our guidance officer position with Ms Sardie. Congratulations to Mrs Rosanne Stothart, our finance officer, who was recognised in the Moreton Australia Day awards for her support for our P & C.

Special request for second hand uniforms
If your student has outgrown their uniform, and it is still in good condition, please consider donating the uniform to the school or making them available to the uniform shop for the second hand uniform supply.

I look forward to working with each of you in 2013.

Diane Hicks
Principal

P&C: Meets every 4th Tuesday at 7.00 pm in the Admin Building
POSITIVE REWARDS – WET AND WILD TRIP
On Friday 30 November over 67 students headed down with the Year Coordinators to Wet and Wild for the end of semester Positive Rewards Trip for 2012. The day started with sunny skies and scorching heat, much to the happiness of hundreds of primary and secondary students who lined up, eager to enter the park and get wet. The general trend was: get in, get changed and get cool!
Some students moved from ride to ride, line to line, especially to the new rides on offer at Wet and Wild, whilst other students had a more relaxed time, deciding to chill out in the wave pool. The Year Coordinators also joined in on the fun, getting on the rides and enjoying the cool of the pools. The year 10 students decided to bombard Mr McCoomber with water guns as a good bye present and thanks for his work as year 10 Coordinator, much to his enjoyment and laughter. The Year Co team wish him all the best in his new position in 2013!
Mrs Cox and Mrs Chataway, our own Master Chefs, once again cooked up a sausage extravaganza for the students throughout the day. Luckily the sausages gave them a break from the sun and an opportunity to gain some more energy for the rest of the afternoon.
As the other schools left, Sunnybank was still swimming. At 4:30 pm when we finally boarded the buses there were many students and teachers who were sun kissed and sleepy after having a great day. We look forward to our Positive Rewards trips in 2013!
Miss Kalamafoni
Year 8 Coordinator

YEAR 8 END OF TERM FUN
As the older years began their holidays, year 8 was busy finishing their final Inter roll mark Challenge for 2012 in the last week of school. The final challenge for the year was a touch competition, which unfortunately coincided with the beginning of the rain.
The touch competition began with enthusiasm from players and fellow roll mark members, screaming support from the sides of the oval. The level of cheering was deafening but helped to inspire the players on the oval to greatness.
The roll mark classes played rotating round robin matches of 10 minutes. The rain played nice, bucketing down in between the matches, much to the happiness of the students who had a chance to catch their breath and have an extended rest. There were some fantastic nail biting moments as the roll marks battled it out. The first roll mark to be knocked out was 8B who worked so hard together but unfortunately couldn’t bring it home. Next was 8A, the dark horse of the competition, who was outstanding in this challenge. They really pulled together and showed fantastic team work. 8C, who had previously won the last two term challenges, were confident in the final, but 8D dug deep and in extra time got over the line to upset the very disappointed 8C.
Congratulations to 8D and Miss Ferreira for working so hard this term to really pull the roll mark together and showing such improvement and team work in this competition.
A great year of roll mark challenges and some great moments had by Miss Kalamafoni, the roll mark teachers and year 8 students!
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KYABRA RESCUE
Once again the students of Sunnybank State High School have proved their worth by showing their compassionate side in helping Kyabra Community Association’s Childcare Centre.
Late in 2012, Kyabra put out a call for help for financial assistance in order for them to continue to offer their community a quality child minding service. It was decided that in order to assist financially, Sunnybank State High School would build a cubby house and display it in major shopping centres in the region and raffle it off to raise proceeds for such a worthy cause.

Source: Quest Newspapers
The construction classes were quick to respond and soon industry players such as HIA Apprentices and Langs Building Supplies were quick to provide their incredible support and assistance. It was truly amazing to see Shaun McNamara quickly get Jeff Lang from Langs Building Supplies on board. Langs donated all of the materials for the build while Shaun has worked tirelessly as a liaison between Sunnybank State High School, Kyabra, Langs and other stakeholders.
Students gain so much from projects such as this and the ongoing industry interest towards our students is invaluable and growing. It is envisaged that the project will have an Easter theme and will be ready for display mid-term.
The construction classes and Manual Arts staff would like to express their appreciation of the generosity and support of Langs and HIA and hope that invaluable partnerships like these can continue as they not only help students with their studies but prove to be exceptional benefit to those in need.
If you know of anyone who would like to assist the Kyabra cause please contact Sunnybank High School and ask for Chris Ralph.
Chris Ralph, Construction Teacher

NOW FOR SALE
Sunny Stories: An Anthology of Student Work, 2012
View a sample on the website.
Purchase your own copy for $10.00 from Financial Services in the Administration block.

“Sunny Creations” Cookbook can be purchased by the public directly from our Uniform Shop at a cost of $15.
STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME
The Sunnybank SHS Resource Scheme ensures all students have the necessary resources for their education. As well as financial savings, this scheme saves the need to shop for and find books and other required resources.

The P & C Committee agreed and endorsed the fee of $380 which includes a technology charge of $40 which will contribute to maintaining our IT resources to a very high standard. There will be a 5% discount if there are three or more students in the family or if payment is made by 22 February. In cases of financial hardship, special arrangements can be made. Please contact the Business Services Manager, Margaret Richter, on 3323 8110;

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Contact: Matilda Ivin-Todd, CVS Coordinator 3230 3406, matilda.ivintodd@yq.org.au

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