Thank you parents
Thank you to all parents and guardians for your work with the school in helping students to focus on their studies and be prepared for their classes. No success can occur without you working with the school to achieve the best we possibly can for your students.

Rewards Day
Term two has been a very successful term with many students achieving their goals. In recognition of this, the rewards day for students for this semester will be held at the Kangaroo Point cliffs with students undertaking some challenges such as kayaking, abseiling and rock climbing. Congratulations to the students who have been nominated by their teachers and invited to attend. There is again an increase in students being involved in this great activity. Special thanks to the year coordinators for planning and arranging this day to reward those students who have demonstrated our three “Rs” of “respect, responsibility and readiness” and committed themselves to their studies and success.

Reporting and Parent Teacher interviews
Academic reports for semester one will be posted next week and parents are invited to discuss their student’s progress at the parent teacher evening on 16 July between 3.00 pm and 7.00 pm in the school library. No appointment is necessary.

Term three
School resumes for all students on Monday 8 July. Please note that there is no student free day to commence term three. Staff will be undertaking extended days for their professional development and planning.

Social Media and the School Community
We have recently received copies of a new publication from the Department entitled “Social Media and the School Community”. The publication offers a guide to parents and caregivers about how to use social media in relation to comments or posts. Whilst the internet, mobile phones and social media technologies provide positive platforms for sharing ideas, they also have the potential to cause pain and suffering to individuals, groups or even whole communities. If you would like a copy, please call in to the school or contact our school office.

Men’s Health Week
This week we have recognized the importance of the good health of our male staff at our school. The web page www.menshealthweek.com.org identifies six key factors that can make a difference. They include, education, social connection, positive role models, secure employment, male friendly services and mutual respect.

Thanks YMCA and Chaplaincy volunteers
A huge thank you to YMCA and the businesses that support the Breakfast Club at our school. Each Wednesday morning students are able to access a healthy breakfast from the hall kitchen. This work is very much appreciated. If you are able to volunteer just an hour on Wednesday morning to support this activity, please contact the school.
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S UPDATE
Senior School
Year 11 and 12 exam block has now finished. Teachers are marking and collating results. End of semester reports will be mailed at the end of this term and you will receive them during the first week of the holidays. It is of great benefit to your child for you to go through the full report with them. Please take the time to identify areas for them to focus or improve. It is important that the year 12 students finish the year with strong results to maximise their opportunities. Encourage your child to maintain good attendance and study ethic so they don’t ‘drop the bundle’ at the very end. It will be the first full senior school report for year 11 students. It is important they heed the advice and recommendations of their teachers. If results aren’t as good as they hoped, they should determine what they need to do to improve. For some students, it will be changing study habits or routines. For others, it may be the realisation they have not chosen wisely with their subjects. If the latter is the case, please ensure they make an appointment with the Guidance Officer as soon as possible to review their subject choice. Senior students have very stringent guidelines and potential subject changes cannot be delayed. During term three, members of the Admin will be reviewing the results of every student in year 11 and 12. This is especially important to ensure all of our year 12 students are on track to achieve their QCE. If you have any questions, feel welcome to call me. I look forward to the continued work with students and parents to achieve significant outcomes for all.

Tania Williams, Deputy Principal

BUSINESS AND COMPUTER EDUCATION
Ecoman
On 20, 21 and 22 May the year 12 Business Organisation and Management (BOM) students were given the opportunity to participate in Ecoman, a three-day business simulation program where teams of students managed a company for four years. This program included teamwork, learning and working through production outputs, sales and marketing, budget management, environmental impacts and much more. Benefits included: learning new business skills, insight into teamwork and group dynamics as well as meeting new people. The simulation seemed very challenging at the beginning, but we all agreed that the simulation became enjoyable and we ended up having fun (even if we did have to make a presentation on the last day).

Alexandra Creely, Year 12 BOM student

THE PRINCESS PARTY
On Tuesday 28 May, I had the pleasure of accompanying 18 young ladies from school to a special function coordinated by The Amira Project called ‘The Princess Party’. The Princess Party is an ‘inspiration and information’ event intended to enhance the lives of young women. The young ladies were involved in a range of interactive and fun activities designed to be motivational and encouraging. The evening concluded with a semi-formal ball in a fully decorated ball room; red carpets, roses, dinner, inspirational speeches, prizes, dancing and goodie bags which all contributed to a spectacular ‘princess’ finale to the event.

I was proud of how the young ladies represented our school and their families. I hope they continue to take on board the messages shared on the evening and apply the positive life skills learned. Congratulations ladies!

Tania Williams, Deputy Principal

INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT
On Saturday 8 June, the International department organised a social and cultural activity for our international students and their buddies - a wonderful day together at Dreamworld. The excursion was a great opportunity for our international students to meet other students and explore the sights and activities at Dreamworld. During their studies at Sunnybank State High School, our international students will have opportunity to experience highlights of Australian life, encounter unique wildlife, and see some of the beautiful landscapes beyond the Brisbane metropolitan region.

TUCKSHOP
Specials for next week:
Monday 17 June - Macaroni with ragelletto sauce. Tuesday 18 June - Rice with vegetables. (Small - $3.00, large - $4.50)

TUCKSHOP will be CLOSED on Friday 21 June because of stocktake.

Sausage Sizzle
Friday 21 June, first lunch, under block two
Sausage, onions, sauce on bread - $3
Drinks - $1
YEAR EIGHT DRAMA
Clowning

On the morning of Tuesday 11 June, the year eight Drama class performed their clowning routines to the year one and year two students of Sunnybank State School. Clowning has been a tradition for our year 10 Drama students for the past five years and more recently with our year eight students in the last two years. Students learn the foundations of drama through the art of clowning as part of Children’s Theatre.

Eighteen very excited and nervous year eight students slowly transformed into Whiteface, Auguste and Harlequin clowns, all with bright costumes and striking make-up, ready to make the younger students laugh hysterically. And they did! The students of years one and two were a willing and reactive audience, participating in the performances as much as was possible. The clowning routines took us to a range of places including parks, libraries, houses, supermarkets and beaches. We saw slapstick collisions, tricks, mimicry and a whole range of funny and stupid moments, all loved by the adoring and happy audience.

Well done to our term two, year eight clowns who gave exciting and creative performances on Tuesday morning. The Sunnybank State School audience was sad to see these clowns leave the stage!

Ma Kalamafoni, Drama Teacher

HOW YOU CAN HELP THE CHAPLAINCY SERVICE

The Chaplaincy service has decreased from five to four days. Outlined below are a few ways in which you can support and which may be of benefit to you as well. Thanks to our local businesses, you can support Chaplaincy by supporting them! Here are a few ways that you can get involved:

Entertainment book sales
20% of all sales will go towards Sunnybank Chaplaincy

Promitsio Coffee
Make a financial contribution to the Sunnybank Chaplaincy service through any purchase from Promitsio Coffee, for great tasting, freshly roasted coffee!
http://www.sunnybank.ordercoffee.com.au

Donating directly to Sunnybank Chaplaincy
Use the following link to make a once-off donation
for=chaplaincy&id=18123
If you would like to make regular donations, please contact Lucy Lim: 3323 8148, lucyv@chapcy.org.au
At the next P&C meeting on 23 July, the Chaplaincy program will be discussed and community support confirmed.

ALCOHOL AND YOUR TEENAGER
Drug action week, 17 to 23 June 2013
ALCOHOL is the most common drug used by young people.

Australia has the highest rate of alcohol consumption in the English speaking world. It is no surprise therefore that over 50% of teenagers between the ages of 15 and 17 drink alcohol. Binge drinking is unfortunately a common practice among young people (that is, they consume alcohol drinks in quick succession to become intoxicated very quickly). Alcohol excess can lead to unsafe sex, unwanted pregnancy, drink driving, car accidents and fights, as well as long term physical damage, especially to the liver, stomach and brain.

What can parents do if alcohol consumption is within your culture? Pick an appropriate time when your child/young person is not under the influence of alcohol and talk about their drinking. Make it clear that you love your child/young person and that their wellbeing is your main concern. Discuss the legal drinking age and ensure that they understand safe drinking limits and the harmful effects of alcohol. Explain that alcohol can have a stronger effect on young people, making it even more important that before drinking and to drink plenty of water or soft drinks, not just alcohol. If your young person has a drivers licence ensure that they understand the legal constraints concerning alcohol and driving. In particular, emphasise not drinking and driving, and not riding in a car with a driver who may be over the limit. Listen to your child/young person and try not to lecture. If the child/young person is drinking out of unhappiness, some further help or support may be needed. Come to an agreement on acceptable ground rules and consequences for breaking them. Children/young people expect and want boundaries from parents (even though they may regularly test them!).

Finally, if you consume alcohol, try to be a good example and drink responsibly yourself. Source and for further help please go to: www.drinkingchoics.gov.au or phone Kids Help Line on 1800 551 800. As always, I am available if I can be of any assistance.

Good health, Maggie Kerr, School Based Youth Health Nurse

QSCHOOLS SMARTPHONE APP
The Department of Education, Training and Employment is always looking for ways to better communicate with and actively involve the community. The release of apps provides new services and access to information that takes into account changes in technology and use of technology by the public and schools. The QSchools app is available for parents to download free via the Apple iTunes store and Google Play.
For information: http://deta.qld.gov.au/about/apps/

HOMESTAYS REQUIRED
Are you looking for the opportunity to share your home, our unique Queensland lifestyle, our variety of food and customs? Consider becoming a Homestay provider for Sunnybank High School’s International Student Program!
Please contact: Catherine Pound 3323 8119, International Student Coordinator, Cricos Provider Number: 00608A.

MT GRAVATT BLUE LIGHT DANCE PARTY
The next Dance Party is Friday 5 July, from 7.00 pm to 9.30 pm, at Mt Gravatt PCYC, 90 Klumpp Road, Upper Mt Gravatt.
For more information please contact Senior Constable Shane Stanley on 3323 8106.

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