
NAIDOC Week
During NAIDOC week, our school celebrated the contributions of Indigenous people to our society. Students were able to join in activities in the Library, participate in a flag ceremony and a touch football carnival against other schools, and our year 8 and 9 students enjoyed the skills of an Indigenous artist and performer.

The Principal’s Awards assemblies have been held over the last two weeks. It has been a pleasure to share the recognition of student successes with parents who attended the morning teas that followed these assemblies. Thanks to the parents who made the time to join us in celebrating with their student.

Congratulations to Grace Ngiam who has recently added to her impressive results in Badminton. Grace travelled to Hobart, Tasmania, to represented Queensland in the Li-Ning Australian Under 19 Championships and won the Girls’ Doubles title by defeating a Victorian pair in the final round (21-10, 25-23). Well done Grace.

Year Level Camps
The year 8 and year 11 camps were held last week and were a resounding success. Well done to all students and staff who attended. We know you will use many of the leadership skills you developed in the coming months and years.

Year 12 Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre Applications. QTAC applications can now be made commencing 1 August and will close 27 September. Students are encouraged to include six nominated courses of study. Changes can be made after 27 September but will incur a cost. Students should ensure they have discussed their preferences with the Guidance Officer, Ms Sardie, and also make the most of the tertiary expos and open days that university and TAFE colleges are offering over the next couple of months.

Our school has a strong partnership with Griffith University called Griffith Connect. This year Griffith University is again facilitating support for financially disadvantaged students who wish to nominate Griffith University as one of their QTAC preferences. To access this support, please discuss your applications for tertiary studies and this program with our Guidance Officer. Thank you to Griffith University for your continued support of our students.

Diane Hicks, Principal
GOLD COAST KOKODA CHALLENGE

Liam Timmermans, year 12, was accepted to be part of the Kokoda Kids Youth Program and has been training for the Kokoda Trail in Papua New Guinea.

Before attempting the 96 km Kokoda Trail, Liam and his team were to first conquer the Gold Coast Kokoda Challenge. This challenge is a 96 km hike through the Gold Coast hinterlands and has to be completed in under 39 hours and with a minimum of four people. Liam had nine others in his team and six fought their inner demons to finish safely in 32 hours straight (no sleep). As a few others in his team tried their hardest and pushed themselves to their own limits, Liam was one of the Kokoda Kids to power through to the end.

For the past six months, Liam has been getting up every Sunday morning at 4.30 am to hike on many tracks - up, down and around mountains, creek crossings and bridges - in preparation for the Kokoda Trail. Liam is a shining example that you can achieve your goals one step at a time. Just believe in yourself.

If you would like more information about Kokoda challenges, contact Alex Rutledge - alex@kokodachallenge.com, 0419439430, 07 5539 4141 or visit the website: http://kokodachallenge.com/youth-program

SCIENCE EXPO Friday 16 August

Turn your experimental investigation into cash!

Week six is National Science Week and the Sunnybank Science Expo is on Friday 16 August. Get your entries ready to win cash prizes. You can enter three categories:

1. Experimental investigation – perform an experiment and present it in a science fair genre. You can even use an EEI you have done in class as your raw data.

2. Scientific collection – enter your scientifically presented collection of rocks, insects, shells or botanical specimens. Ensure date of collection, place of collection and species or type of rock is marked on the collected specimens.

3. Scientific poster – the theme is Science in Life and Industry. Create a chart which explains the science behind a real life event. It could be about an everyday event like how a cake rises or about any industry, for example, plastic manufacture.

Pick up a brochure from your Science teacher and get started!

The hall will be open on Friday 16 August from 2 pm to 5 pm for parents to come along and see the entries. Bring your whole family as each person gets to vote for the people’s choice award. Prizes can be picked up on the day.

Ms Aldridge
A/HOD Science
VISUAL ARTS
Senior Excursion
On Thursday 20 June, the Visual Arts and Visual Arts Studies students went on a trip to the Gallery of Modern Art (GoMA) to view the 2012 Creative Generations art exhibition and the Powerhouse to view the World Press Gallery photos. We travelled by train and then caught the citycat to the Powerhouse. Later, we enjoyed a late lunch at Southbank before catching the train back to Sunnybank. GoMA Gallery also had traditional and contemporary Indigenous artworks on display which related to the Senior Visual Art units. The World Press photos were very confronting and relevant to the Social Conscience unit being studied at the moment. Overall, the students had a great day.

Year 9
For NAIDOC week, the year 9 Visual Art students created a monoprint and painted it which related to “Identity”. During the week, students viewed a Powerpoint relating to the Art of Indigenous Australians and the history of NAIDOC week. They created a concept map regarding themselves, created drawings from photos of themselves and they viewed demonstrations on how to create a monoprint and how to use watercolour paints before they began the activity. Some wonderful artworks have been created which will be displayed in our annual Artseen Exhibition in September. They will also be displayed in the Library. Students have shown their creative talents once again.

Senior Workshop
Last Friday, the Visual Arts and the Visual Arts Studies classes were involved in a free workshop by two representatives from Oxlades, Margaret and Gary.

They came into the school and provided all the equipment used to create examples of how to use mixed media. The students thoroughly enjoyed the lesson and learned a few more techniques involving mediums and texture pastes. They all had a go at using each technique. Now they have more knowledge about mixed media to use in their own artworks.

Mrs Chang, Visual Arts Teacher

SOCIAL SCIENCE
On Friday 12 July, at the end of NAIDOC Week, Sunnybank hosted a presentation by Sean Dewar. Sean comes from the Yindinji clan of North Queensland and his totem is Gindaja, meaning cassowary. He is a professional dancer and has performed all over Australia. All year 8 and 9 students were invited to attend the performance which demonstrated aboriginal and islander cultural dance, didjeridoo playing, bush foods, artwork and boomerang throwing. The presentation was very entertaining and allowed the students to gain a deeper understanding of Aboriginal culture. This was a great way to finish all the activities organised for NAIDOC week.

Students have been working hard in their Social Science subjects and are mid way through the units begun at the end of semester one or at the start of semester two. I would ask that all students have a notebook and homework diary in class every day. Also, it would be a great advantage if students are able to have a USB every day to ensure that any notes taken on computers can be used as part of their homework. Parents help in this would be appreciated.

Susan Herron
HOD Social Science, Business and Library

UNIFORM SHOP SALE
Track tops now selling for $60.00 (instead of $85.00) - sizes X XS to XL
Old style pullovers - $20.00, sizes 2XL to 3XL
Old style polo shirts - $15.00, sizes 20/22/3XL/4XL

LENARD’S CHICKEN - Looking for casual sales staff
Sunnybank Hills Shopping Town
Bring a copy of your resume and ask for Ryan at Shop 56, corner Calam Rd and Compton Rd, Sunnybank Hills, or email sunnybankhills@lenards.com.au

COMMUNITY NOTICES
Win Cash for Sunnybank High School!
Shop at Calamvale Central, 662 Compton Rd, Calamvale, and for every dollar spent from 15 July to 23 August, a point will be allocated to your nominated school. Present your receipts to Centre Management. $6,500 in cash including a $4,000 major prize to be won!

Macgregor Cricket Club - Sign on
Macgregor Clubhouse, top oval off Granadilla St, Macgregor, on 17 and 18 August, 9.00 am to 12.00 noon. Contact: Steve Griffin 0412 971 207, www.macgregorcc.org.au

Mt Gravatt Blue Light Dance Party
The next Dance Party is Friday 2 August, from 7.00 pm to 9.30 pm, at Mt Gravatt PCYC, 90 Klumpp Road, Upper Mt Gravatt, next to the Hibiscus Centre. For more information, contact the Sunnybank School Based Police Officer, Senior Constable Shane Stanley on 3323 8106.

ADVANCE NOTICE OF IMPORTANT DATES
July 30 • District Track Carnival - QSAC
August 1 • ESL Subject Information Evening
August 6 • Maths Competition
August 14 • Subject Selection Evening
August 16 • RNA Show Day Holiday
August 20 • Sunnybank High Science Expo
August 20 • Yr 10 Immunisations Boostrix
August 21 • Met Finals Round 1