24 October 2014

Principal’s Report

Congratulations to all involved in our Awards Evening on Wednesday.

This special event celebrated our student successes in academic, sporting and cultural areas of our students and staff and truly demonstrated our “many ways to excellence.” Awards for service to the school were also presented to students for their activities in the school over the last year. Congratulations to all students who were acknowledged for their commitment this year.

Guest speaker for the evening was a graduate of Sunnybank SHS in 2005, Mr Brian Luckins who began his working life with a mortgage company as an apprentice arranged through Ms Pedler. Brian then moved to Flight Centre at aged 19 years and has since moved up through the finance teams to take up the first leadership role of Assistant Team Leader. Since then he has been asked to form a new Australia wide training role for wholesale agents travelling throughout Australia. He has developed a global support team and replicated this in the USA. Today Brian travels the world with the Flight Centre Global product and takes care of 17% of Flight Centre’s annual profits. Brian fondly recalled his days at Sunnybank High and encouraged students to set their goals high and follow their dreams.

Many thanks to our school community for the amazing generosity provided to our students through bursaries and special awards. Your generosity clearly demonstrates the depth of support you provide to Sunnybank High School. Thank you.

School Captains for 2015

Congratulations to the School Captains for 2015 who were announced at Awards Night this week. They are Meleika Gesa-Fatafehi and Lubna Ahma. Other senior student leaders will be announced at assembly on Monday.

SUNNYBANK STATE HIGH SCHOOL SPECIAL AWARDS - 2014

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KYABRA Success

In our last newsletter we acknowledged the outstanding work of KYABRA Limited Hours Child Care Centre where our students undertake their practical component of their Early Childhood Studies program. It has since been announced that KYABRA has been named in the top three organisations in the National Training Awards and will be up against just two other organisations at the National finals. We wish Pat and her team every best wishes. Fantastic work.

P & C Bursary Year 9
Cindy Bui, Waynee Knight, Sandra Varghese

Shirley Huang Memorial Bursaries
Sylvia Belleh, Andrew Chung, Abdul Haidari, Ryan Platt

Steven Huang
William Stell

University of Southern Queensland Excellence Award
Millie Shan, Helen An

University of Queensland Prize

World Arts and Multiculture Inc Award
Anna Bektasovski, Chen-telle Mahanga

Titration Team Success

Congratulations to our Titration Team who competed in the finals for the Metropolitan region at the University of Queensland at St Lucia last Saturday. Our team achieved one gold medal to Grace Ngiam and silver medals to Valery Cheng and Josephine Choy. This outstanding achievement was the result of the many hours of practice and calculations that the girls committed to the laboratory in the lead up to the final competition. Many thanks to our Science HOD Deirdre Aldridge for her support and encouragement for the team.

G20 Public Holiday

Friday 14 November 2014 is a declared public holiday to ease the impact on the city and help minimise any potential disruptions of the G20 Summit. Similar to the Brisbane Ekka public holiday, entitlement is based on a person’s place of work/school, not their place of residence. Sunnybank State High School will be closed on 14 November. For further information please contact the school or visit the Queensland Government Justice Gateway at http://www.justice.qld.gov.au/fair-and-safe-work/industrial-relations/public-holidays

Breakfast Club Volunteers

Each Wednesday, a very small group of committed volunteers come along to our school and prepare and serve a fantastic breakfast to any students who wish to access this service. If you have just one hour to spare in your busy weeks they would love you to join them. The Breakfast Club makes a big difference in the lives of many students. Sincere thanks to those who already come along and to others who might like to join in this wonderful service – you will be assured of a very warm welcome and a happy way to begin your day.

Diane Hicks, Principal

Mathematics

THE AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION for the WESTPAC AWARDS

As I communicated in an earlier newsletter, students from Mrs Parolin’s year 10 Extension Maths class, Mr Hamilton’s year 11 Maths C and Miss Schloss’ 12 Maths C participated in this competition on Thursday 7 August. (Unfortunately, the date of
the competition clashed with the date for the year 8 camp so only one student from year 8 was able to complete the competition).

Sunnybank students have performed very well and we are all very proud of their results with 60% attaining a credit or better.

**High Distinction Award Winners**

Year 12: Weijin Liu  
Year 11: Jiaming Yang

**Distinction Award Winners**

Year 12: Hsin-I Cheng, Khanh Nguyen, Lucas Doan, William Stell  
Year 11: Sherly Choi, Amy Wang, Gia Nguyen, Kritzteen Li  
Year 10: Helen An, Mulan Gesa-Fatafehi, Cristina Hu, Jinfang Shan

**Credit Award Winners**

Year 12: Andrew Chung, To-Nu Nguyen, Jeremy Chai, Pawin Phoothong, Aisha Diliya  
Year 11: Chenxin Wang, Simone Rusin  
Year 10: Thai Son Nguyen, Sara Gorfu, Zih-Ying Yang

**Proficiency Awards**

Year 10: Serena Gu, Huynh Mai, Rata Srimongkolkul, John Din Hwang Ling, Ahmed Al-Kenani, Kainat Anis, Dean Paleka  
Year 8: Thiyasha Kaushal

*Students hard at work during the Maths competition……...*

**Maths Tutoring Continues**

The Mathematics Department offers tutoring in all levels of Maths on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday in room 703 (Maths block upstairs) at first break. All students are welcome to come along and get help from an experienced mathematician. Please encourage your students to attend these extra sessions if they require some extra practice in mathematics or clarification for assignment work.

*Kerry Schloss, Head of Department*

**All Schools Touch 2014**

This year, we entered an Open Mixed touch team to compete in the All Schools Touch Competition held at White’s Hill Reserve on 8 to 12 October. This is the biggest touch competition in the world for schools and pitted the best schools in the country and from New Zealand, with 56 teams in the Open Mixed category.

Our first game was against Redlands College. Sunnybank performed very well in attack scoring 10 tries in 25 minutes to race away with the game and only allowing two tries to the opposition. We displayed an excellent team effort with Isiaha Panuve and Jezzy Ioane standing out with their communication and organisation of the team.

Our second game was against Sheldon College. Sheldon started the game very fast and we struggled to hold them out. With all the defence Sunnybank became tired and were down 4 – 0 with only a few minutes remaining. Demonstrating outstanding perseverance and spirit Sunnybank continued to work hard and were rewarded with an excellent late team try to go down 4 – 1. Abraham Poe and Isaac Pua managed to stay calm and continue to execute throughout the game.

Our third game was against one of the competition favourites in Keebra Park High School. Sunnybank spent much of the game defending our try line with Keebra continually on the attack. At one stage Sunnybank managed to hold out Keebra on our try line for five sets in a row. This was an outstanding achievement with Keebra having to earn every try they scored. In the end, Sunnybank were very gallant in defeat going down 4 – 1 with another late try. Great efforts were from Arianna Tetevano, Jaiden Savage and Blaize Dowell to make vital touches to limit the damage throughout the game.

On the Saturday, Sunnybank had four games from 10.00 am to 7.30 pm. This was a physically and mentally exhausting challenge for the team, but we came through in flying colours winning all four games. Our fourth game was against Mount Gravatt High School and Sunnybank stepped up its defence. We managed a comfortable 9 – 1 scorecard with a great team effort, especially from our younger players in Shanade Rhode and Tayla Mauai.

Our fifth game was against St Augustine’s College. With Sunnybank players becoming tired and showing signs of fatigue, great defensive efforts came from Jarrod Mauai and our attack lead by Ryan Lockyer, Sydney McLaughlin and Arianna Tetevano. Sunnybank eased past St Augustine’s with a 6 – 1 win with the game called off five minutes early due to injury to the opposition.

Our sixth game was against Tooloa State High School and proved to be a physical one. Our defence was again excellent lead by Jarrod Mauai, Abraham Poe and Jezzy Ioane managing eight turn overs in our attacking half. We won our third game for the day 5 – 1, with Tooloa scoring a late try.
Our last game for the tournament was against St Johns Roma. Both teams were playing to finish third in our pool. St Johns started very fast and led two tries to one halfway through the game. Sunnybank showed our trademark resilience and perseverance to fight back through discipline and structure to take the lead 3 – 2. With five minutes remaining we had a player sinbinned resulting in St Johns taking the lead back four tries to three with a few minutes remaining. Again Sunnybank fought back and were clinical in our execution of our plays to win the game 6 – 4. It was a great team effort with our senior students leading by example, with special mention to Darius Watene, Isiaha Panuve, Abraham Poe and Jezzy Ioane outstanding under pressure.

Well done to all students involved for showing dedication to their training that began in April and demonstrating perseverance and resilience to be placed in the top 20 percent of all Mixed Open touch teams at the tournament.

Mr Bhullar, HPE Teacher

LOTE

Japanese Food Cultural Learning

In term three, Japanese Cultural Learning students learned how to make okonomiyaki (Japanese pizza) in the Japanese class. Students simply put fine chopped cabbage and sliced meat (chicken, beef or pork) on the top of pancake paste and left it on the BBQ stove until it was well cooked. They put Japanese mayonnaise and okonomiyaki sauce on the top and then enjoyed it! Students had a wonderful time making tasty okonomiyaki for themselves.

Ms Lin, Teacher of Japanese

LOTE Chinese

The Chinese department has had a very busy year with students working hard and playing hard, fully engaged in academic pursuits and cultural activities. We celebrated Chinese New Year of the Horse with ink and brush on red packets and well-wishing scrolls. We admired the skill and mastery of Chinese painting at a demonstration organised in the school and our students won a total of 19 awards at the 2014 Queensland Chinese Character and Culture Festival organised by the Queensland Mandarin Teachers Association. Year 8 students also attended a Chinese arts and crafts workshop programme during the Buddha Birthday Festival in May, and shared the fun in making and eating Chinese dumpling with student delegates from Hong Kong in August. The junior students’ interest in learning the Chinese language has been further enhanced by the inclusion of the New Land New Language interactive learning programme covering topics and language functions relevant to their daily life and activities.

The school has always been very keen in promoting the study of Chinese Language. Implementation of the national curriculum on Chinese in 2015 will enable native and non-native speakers to undertake separate syllabus of different complexity. Donations have been received to provide monetary incentive from 2014 onwards to encourage high achieving non-native speaking students of Chinese to continue with studying Chinese in the following academic year. Deserving awardees for 2014 are Tamera Tanoa and Maram Muhiied (year 8) and Shiann Dickson (year 9).

Ms Cheung, Teacher of Chinese

Industrial Technology

Year 11/12 Dog House Construction

In an ITU and BCD combined effort for the French Bulldog Society of Brisbane, students across years 11 and 12 have completed the construction of a dog house this term. Well done to all students involved!

Mr Elms, ITD Teacher

School Based Youth Health Nurse

Our School Based Youth Health Nurse, Jen McKinnon, promotes healthy lifestyles. She conducts confidential consultations (one on one or in small groups), classroom presentations (co-facilitating the curriculum with teachers), school newsletters, student notices and health promotion activities. Jen’s services can be accessed by students, staff and the wider community on Tuesdays and Fridays.
Sunnybank State School Fireworks Fiesta

Multi-draw Raffle Donations

It’s that time of year again and Sunnybank State School is starting to put together the multi-draw raffle ready for their Fireworks Fiesta which will be held on Tuesday 9 December. This year, their P&C will be spending the money raised, on improvements to the tuckshop and purchasing new Information Technology equipment for the students.

The school is asking local businesses to support this major fundraising event by donating prizes. They are also hoping that some parents might be able to help provide some prizes too. Many parents work for businesses which might be happy to donate goods or services that can be used for raffle prizes.

As a supporter of the event, your business will receive free publicity to their vibrant school community. Sunnybank State School will acknowledge your donation in their newsletter and on the night of the event. In addition you will receive a Certificate of Appreciation to display in your workplace. A letter of request can be obtained from the Sunnybank State School office for you to take to your business of choice. All donations can be left at the office. Any assistance you may be able to provide will be will be greatly appreciated. Please contact the school office (3452 4888) for more information.

Mt Gravatt Blue Light Dance Party

Mount Gravatt
HALLOWEEN BLUE LIGHT DISCO

Ages strictly 7–14
Lucky door prizes

WHEN  Friday 7th November 2014
WHERE  Mt Gravatt Police Citizens Youth Club
(50 Kump Road, Upper Mt Gravatt)
TIME  7.00 pm until 9.30 pm
COST  $7.00

NO CAPS/HATS – NO PASSOUTS ALLOWED
No smoking – No drugs – No alcohol – No chewing gum
GOOD STANDARD OF BEHAVIOUR REQUIRED
Websites: www.bluelighttld.org www.mtggravattpcyc.org.au
Email: mtgravattblueight@gmail.com
PO Box 541 Mt Gravatt G 4122
For more information phone 3424865

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