7 November 2014

Principal’s Report

Thank you teachers

Last Friday we celebrated World Teachers Day. The quality teaching in our classrooms every day has a powerful effect on students. Thank you, teachers, for your work with all our students and your commitment to our school.

“A teacher affects eternity: they can never tell where their influence stops.” Henry B. Adams

Congratulations

Congratulations to our new senior student leaders for 2015 who were announced on assembly this week.

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Farewell Year 12 of 2014

Best wishes to our year 12 class of 2014 as you complete your final exams and assessments. We wish you continued success and happiness as you prepare to leave our school. You have worked hard to achieve your goals during your formal years of schooling at Sunnybank High and we know you are well prepared to continue to make the most of the opportunities that come your way. Continue to learn about yourself, connect with our community and make a difference in our world as you have done during your years of schooling here. I know our key values of respect, responsibility and readiness will stand you in good stead in every aspect of your lives. We look forward to you keeping in touch with your school and your sharing further successes.

Special congratulations and best wishes to the International Student Program graduates who will also soon complete their studies with us. We wish you every success for your future and thank you for your wonderful input into our school. Students graduating this year include Aisha Diliya, Weijin Liu and Jing Yao from China, Josephine Choy from the Philippines, Mary Dang
and Khanh Nguyen from Vietnam, Valery Cheng from Taiwan, Bill Manuhu from Papua New Guinea and Jamie Pareepas from Thailand.

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End of year assessment and attendance

Year 11 students will move into their exam block on Tuesday 18 November and the year 10s are also doing their final pieces of assessment in classes in the next few weeks. Year 11 and 10 students are expected to remain at school until their final day on 28 November. During classes in the last couple of days, exam papers will be reviewed and work revisited.

Please note that the school does not have capacity to extend school holidays and it is a QSA requirement that students remain at school up to and including the final day as stated by Education Queensland and QSA in order to receive credit for their full course of study.

November 21 is the final date for year 12 attendance for receipt of a Senior Statement. November 28 is the final date for student attendance for years 10 and 11 and December 12 is the final date for years 8 and 9.

Return of materials to Sunnytext is encouraged as soon as the students are finished using the texts for study. If you are in a position to donate your year 12 student’s second hand uniform to the school it will be much appreciated. On occasions, it is necessary to provide students with a spare uniform during the usual course of a school day. Clean uniforms can be left at Student Services.

Orientation Day

Orientation Day for year 6 into year 7 and year 7 into year 8 students is Tuesday 2 December. Parents who have not booked their interview for enrolment are urged to do so as a matter of urgency.

Sporting success

Congratulations to Abdul Turay and Dual Chol who have been selected to compete in the National athletics competition early December. Abdul has been chosen for running and Dual for triple jump. Well done boys.

G20 arrangements

Next Friday 14 November is a public holiday in all Brisbane schools.

I am commencing some leave for the rest of the year and some of 2015. While I am away, Tracey Cook will be Principal. I am sure you will enjoy working in partnership with Tracey and I wish you all the very best for a successful lead into the school break in December.

Diane Hicks, Principal

Introducing our Acting Principal

Thank you to our school community: staff, students, parents, agencies, local schools and wider community members for your warm reception I have received upon commencement at the school. I am exceptionally proud to be Principal of such a thriving, vibrant school that values and encourages the diverse strengths and talents of all of our students.

We have embarked upon a very productive stage of the school year where we are preparing to welcome and transition our junior secondary students from Primary to High School and also acknowledge the achievements of our year 12 students as they complete their educational studies. I look forward to meeting many members of our Sunnybank State High School community and welcome the opportunity to work closely with you in the near future.

Thanks, Tracey Cook

Masi Raumakita

Sunnybank State High School has an exceptional tradition of past students going on to outstanding sporting success across a range of sports. This year is no exception with Joseph Muller (Track and Field), Grace Ngiam (Badminton) and Masi Raumakita (Rugby Union) showing brilliant potential in their chosen sporting endeavours.
Masi’s achievements in the last two years include the following:

- Qld Reds U18 squad 2013
- Brisbane City Rugby squad 2013
- Brisbane Junior Rugby Union U17 Championship player 2013
- Combined Schools U17 squad 2013
- Qld Reds U20 squad 2014
- Qld Schools Boys squad 2014
- U17 Reds Gold Squad 2014
- Sunnybank Rugby Premier Colts 2014
- Metwest U17 squad 2014

Masi is the first student enrolled in Sunnybank State High School to be drafted into the Queensland Reds under 18s and under 20s squads. This is an amazing result and is just reward for the hard work and effort Masi has put in to achieve these results and rewards. We wish Masi all the best in the next few years as he aims to make the Queensland Reds top squad and play professionally.

**Mr Bhullar, HPE Teacher**

**Hidden Talent**

Domonik Lowe, year 10, is a Haidong Gumdo champion. This hidden talent of Sunnybank SHS has won three World Championships, seven National Championships and numerous State and Regional titles. He is current Australian Champion and is certified to referee and judge anywhere in Oceania. Well done, Domonik!

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**Ms Niland, Sunnybank Sleuth, watch this space………**

**Sunnybank SHS Orientation Day**

**For students in years 7 and 8 in 2015 - 2 December 2014**

In order to give current year 6 and 7 Primary School students an introduction to High School, Sunnybank SHS will hold its Orientation Day on 2 December, 2014. This day is designed for year 6 and 7 students who are currently enrolled as well as those students who are interested in enrolling at Sunnybank SHS for 2015.

The day runs from 8.45 am to 2.45 pm and will be filled with activities spanning the Languages, Health and Physical Education, Technologies and Performing Arts faculties. The Orientation Day is designed to give the Primary School students an experience of High School in preparation for the year 6 and 7 student’s transition in 2015. It will be an enjoyable and invaluable experience for the students, enabling them to feel more confident and prepared to make the transition to Sunnybank High School next year.

Your child is encouraged to attend our Orientation Day and we look forward to meeting them in the near future. To secure your child’s place at Sunnybank SHS please make contact with the school office on 3323 8111 for an enrolment interview.

**Women of Substance Mentoring Breakfast**

Meleika and I attended the Girl Guides Queensland Women of Substance Mentoring Breakfast at Victoria Park Golf club on the morning of 24 October. At the breakfast we were seated with students from other schools and female mentors. In our conversations we gained an insight into a range of issues and were given some good advice. Some of the advice was around thinking globally but acting locally and encouraging us to step outside of our comfort zone and to try new things. Finally the mentors and speakers encouraged all the students to fulfil their potential and that it is up to ourselves to choose the path to follow.

**Elizabeth Lavaki, Year 11**

**Busy Bees in Home Economics**

There has been a hive of activity in the Home Economics faculty this term. Our year 8s have been continuing to have fun in their introduction to both the textiles and foods areas. The year 9 Foods classes have been cooking celebratory delights from a variety of religious and cultural festivals while the year 9 Textiles students have been busy making trivets for their home, book covers for themselves and felt coffee/tea sachet holders to give to their favourite teachers.

Year 10 Foods students are enjoying studying ingredients and diets from around the world, whilst cooking and sampling international cuisine. Year 10 Textiles are currently undertaking
their independent task and have chosen to construct a variety of items including costumes, toys, gifts and cushions.

Senior Tourism and Health students are industriously completing their competencies, while the Early Childhood students are looking forward to celebrating the end of their year by hosting a party for their little SunnyStarters friends next week at Sunnybank Primary School.

The culmination of the year for the Home Economics faculty was celebrated this week when our Hospitality students hosted a fabulous Melbourne Cup Luncheon for staff in our restaurant. Couture fascinators made by the Fashion students were featured as table centres as well as modelled by teachers.

Last but far from least, the Home Economics staff and students would like to wish our work experience partner, Kyabra Limited Hours Child Care Centre all the very best on 21 November at the Australian Training Awards where they have been named as one of three finalists for the Small Employer of the Year. In 2014, Kyabra LHCCC has hosted 10 of our students as School-based Apprentices studying for a Certificate III in Children’s Services as well as our students in years 11 and 12 enrolled in Certificate II in Community Services and Certificate II in Active Volunteering. Kyabra LHCCC also encourages general work experience students and community volunteers and has provided hundreds of placements for our school over the last 17 years.

Ms Pedler, HOD Home Economics

ECOMAN Success

Sunnybank has been has been fortunate to be selected to participate in ECOMAN Regional Finals which was a one Day Championship Round. This program was sponsored by QPEC. Six students who are studying either Accounting or BOM were selected to participate against teams from three other schools. The program was held at Griffith University-Southbank on 31 October 2014.

Officer, Human Resources Manager, Marketing Manager or Production Manager. The team was responsible for the growth and profitability of their company. Each company had to obtain their own supplies, manufacture and then market their product whilst engaging in industrial relations, changing government regulations and environmental issues. At the end of the program each group presented their annual results and their company outlook to their shareholders. After two years of trading the team from Sunnybank State High proved to be the champions.

This program enhanced our knowledge of effective decision making and effective business planning. The students really enjoyed this experience and enjoyed being winners. They would like to express their thanks to the presenters of ECOMAN and QPEC for their sponsorship.

Khristia Li, Year 12 Accounting Student

LOTE

The Sunnybank LOTE staff are very excited to announce that Tokyo Metropolitan Kodaira High School has agreed to a Sister School relationship. Our vision is that students will initially participate in activities such as pen pal writing and web conferencing. A long term goal is that we will initiate a student/teacher exchange with the help of host families, both here and in Japan. Watch this space for future updates.

Tiffany Schumacher
A/HOD English, Languages, QCS and Literacy

Sunnytext

All textbooks must be returned to Sunnytext before students finish school at the end of the year. The books need to be cleaned, ready to be issued in 2015. Any books lost or damaged, need to be paid for at the Finance Office.

Opening hours for the beginning of 2015:

19 January to 6 February – 8.15 am to 2.45 pm
Closed Monday 26 January, Australia Day Holiday

Uniform Shop

Closed Friday 12 December 2014 for stocktaking.

Opening hours for the beginning of 2015:

19 to 23 January – 8.00 am to 2.30 pm
27 Jan to 6 Feb – 8.00 am to 1.00 pm
Closed Monday 26 January, Australia Day Holiday

Second-hand uniforms will only be accepted if they are washed, ironed and neatly presented with name and address attached.

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Downs Syndrome Association Variety Show

Come along for a rollicking good time at the

Michael Christmas Variety Show

When Saturday 22nd November
Where Sunnybank State school, Booman Street, Eff Moana Rd
Time 4.00 – 6.30pm

See performances by the DSAQ choir ‘together red’, songs by Sunnybank High school choir, dancers and of course a jolly good singalong.

Santa might even make an visit!

Bring a spotty rug or folding chair, mosquito repellent and you best voices, start the night with a beer and a hamburger and catch up with fellow DSAQ families as the kids jump on the jumper.

BBQ and beer from 4.00pm
Jumping castle
Concert begins at 5.45pm

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 greatly appreciated

Browns Plains Bus Station Reopening

The upgraded station opens Monday 10 November. There are changes to bus stops and locations.

For more information, visit translink.com.au or call 131230.

Mt Gravatt Blue Light Dance Party

PCYC
Halloween Blue Light Disco

Ages strictly 7-14
(proof of age may be required)
Lucky door prizes

WHEN Friday 7th November 2014
WHERE Mt Gravatt Police Citizens Youth Club
(50 Klump 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.bluehightd.com www.mtgravattpcyc.org.au
Email: mtgravattbluehight@gmail.com
PO Box 541 Mt Gravatt Q 4122
For more information phone 3428465

WEP Student Exchange

Do you want to see the world? Are you keen to push your boundaries and grow as a person? Could you see yourself living overseas as an exchange student in 2015?

With over 20 different English and non-English speaking countries to choose from, the hardest part is choosing where you want to go!

Why Go On Exchange?

Becoming an exchange student will break you out of your shell. You are given the opportunity to not only learn and discover things about another culture, but also become aware of, discover and appreciate your own. By living overseas as an exchange student, you will be challenged, educated and undoubtedly rewarded. Aside from language acquisition (for non-English speaking countries) and knowledge of another culture, students will gain invaluable skills that future employers will look favourably on. So get on board! Join the 1000s of other students who have joined the WEP community, and ventured overseas as an international exchange student.

Visit www.wep.org.au to request a FREE information pack for you and your parents. Our brochure contains everything you need to know about WEP’s not-for-profit student exchange programs to help you and your parents make this important decision.
Australia in the Great War Competition

Australia in the Great War is proud to be helping many schools and communities across the country commemorate Australia’s 100 Years of Anzac and this simple competition is just another way of helping more people to engage in Australia’s rich history.

You can win a trip for two to Istanbul and Gallipoli in April 2015 by visiting the Australia in the Great War Facebook and just clicking to enter - www.facebook.com/AustraliaGreatWar

Competition closes 11 November 2014 so hurry to enter. Anzac day 2015 will be a special time as we commemorate 100 years since the Gallipoli landing and being there will be an amazing experience.

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