

## Date Claimers

Newsletter 2 – 19/02/2016

15<sup>th</sup> March  
P & C - AGM  
9 am  
All welcome

24<sup>th</sup> March  
Last Day of Term 1

11<sup>th</sup> April  
Term 2 Commences

### Dear Parents and Carers

It was lovely to see the students and staff represented in the local Southern Star newspaper. It was to celebrate the new car park. The final safety line markings are to be completed this weekend and the final alterations will also occur. Look out for an official opening celebration to this wonderful facility in the near future. All the classes have settled into their rooms, routines and programs and the feel around the school is one of pure positivity. It's a great school!

### Investing For Success Funding

Over the last few years, the education department has allocated Federal funds to assist schools target school identified needs, that are *narrow and deep in focus*. This funding was called Great Results Guarantee in 2014/2015. In 2016, it has been renamed, Investing for Success.

This year our plans for our **Investing for Success** funding will focus on the areas of Communication and Literacy, Developing a plan for Numeracy and implementation of the new Senior Curriculum. We will include the purchase of additional support time to build capacity of our teachers in supporting communication goals for our students. In Term 2 with the Master teacher we will plan out resource and implement a school strategy around mathematics/numeracy.

We will also continue to invest funds in additional assistive technologies for Augmentative Communication.

Finally, we will look at ways to support engagement by students in successful transitions aligned to future post schooling options.

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## P&C Meeting

Our next P&C meeting for the year is Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 9.00 am. We would be delighted to have any new parents attend. It is an opportunity to hear about the school direction, the vision and how we aim to position the school into the future. My thanks to the committee members of the P&C who have made a commitment over the years that has made this school what it is today. And..... it is an Annual General Meeting!

## STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME

In 2106, we are introducing a resource scheme that ensures your child has all their day to day schooling needs taken care of.

We recently sent home information about our Student Resource Scheme which covers costs associated with student consumables, resources, technology software applications and daily student needs. Thank you to those families who have returned their Participation Form and made payment. *We kindly remind families that this form should be completed and returned regardless of whether you choose to participate in the scheme or not.* Should you have any queries regarding the scheme or payment, please don't hesitate to contact our administration office.

Some classes will have weekly or termly activities- such are cooking, community outings (Bowling, GO-CARD) or end of term excursions. *These activities are in addition to this scheme and will be notified by letter home and invoiced separately.*

## TAI CHI

*Expressions of Interest.*

We are looking for someone in the community who may be able to volunteer their time either before or after school to do some Tai Chi classes. If you are interested or know of someone who may be interest please contact us.

*Darren*

# Sunnybank State Special School



## Safe

- ✓ Act Safe
- ✓ Play Safe
- ✓ Travel Safe



## Social

- ✓ Care for Others
- ✓ Share & Take Turns
- ✓ Use your Manners



## Successful Learners

- ✓ Follow Instructions
- ✓ Learn Together
- ✓ Try your Best

## JS3 'Feeling Good' in February!

New to Junior Secondary, Drew, John, Jasmine and Gilana, joined Oka, Chloe, and Josh to form JS3 in 2016! Our teacher aide Sylvia and regular volunteer Kerrie returned well rested and we all began our curriculum adventures in English, Maths, Science, Geography and Health and Fitness. An early favourite has been the drama classes with Celia!

We have been working hard to identify numbers in everyday life. The students took their iPads out into our school environment and everyone found some great examples:



Josh captured the date on a school mural. John saw numbers on car licences, as did Jasmine and Drew. Gilana and Oka photographed some coins and Chloe noticed numbers on our classroom phone.

We also looked at numbers used in recipes and made lamingtons in week one to celebrate Australia Day. Following healthy eating discussions, we decided to whip up some French toast in week two. Students all had the chance to read and measure ingredients..... and found how simple it was to use numbers in their everyday lives!



Regular activity has been undertaken on our school oval. Before the day gets too hot, JS3 students have enjoyed a short run, walk or bike ride. We all participated in a fun thong throwing competition too. Drew showed off his formidable technique and John managed a great distance as well. Everyone else probably needs to practice this skill a little more!!



# P&C News February 2016



## End of Year Raffle Winners

The lucky winners of a hamper were: Kody, Chloe, Mahima, Kassim, and Trev (bus driver). Thanks to all of those who bought tickets, the raffle raised \$240!!

## Parent/Carer Survey Results

Thank you to parents/carers who returned the survey. As a result of feedback, at the meeting on Tuesday 16th the P&C decided to continue with P&C Contributions, Raffles, and has applied for a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle place. The P&C will allocate up to \$1000 for bike maintenance/repairs, will provide \$750 for repairs to the Snoozelan (Sensory) room, and will make available funds for community access. Both government and community funding will be pursued for communications/technology. All of these initiatives will benefit the students.

## What is the P&C?

The P&C has members and Executive Members, and participation is voluntary. The funds raised by the P&C go towards activities and resources that can improve the school experience for every child at the school. In order for the school to be eligible for some types of grants, *an active P&C is required.*

## What happens at a meeting?

The P&C meets once a month on Tuesday, in the school's meeting room. We start at 9.00-9.15 and usually finish by 10.00-10.15 am. One of the main roles of the P&C is to raise funds for important resources in addition to those funded by the Department. By attending P&C meetings you have the opportunity to have a say on how funds are spent and discuss aspects of the school. Families are welcome to bring along a friend or family member to act as translator.

## What does a P&C member do?

The parents in the P&C are involved with projects with the school, these include uniforms, fundraising activities, records, and communications. The current P&C welcomes any parents/carers who can spare a few hours a month and are able to help, to become members. Each year an Annual General meeting is held at which the Executive members are voted in.



## When is the next meeting?

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) to vote on the Executives; and regular meeting is scheduled to be held on **15<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 9.00am in the school meeting room.** If you are interested in becoming either a regular member or Executive member of the P&C, please complete and return the forms below prior to, or at the AGM.

# Application for Membership 2016 SUNNYBANK STATE SPECIAL SCHOOL P&C Association

Please complete and return to the P&C Secretary

**Name:**

**Address:**

**Home phone:**

**Mobile phone:**

**Email address:**

**I am:**

- a parent of a student attending the school
- a staff member of the school
- an adult interested in the school's welfare, and my date of birth is:\_\_\_\_\_.

**I am:**

- applying for new membership
- renewing my membership.

**I apply for membership in the Sunnybank State Special School Parents and Citizens' Association and I undertake to:**

- a) promote of the interests of and facilitate the development and further improvement of the School and the good order and management of the School; and
- b) comply with the constitution of the P&C Association, including the P&C Association Code of Conduct as specified in Schedule 2 of the constitution, and any valid resolutions passed by the Association.

If a person has been convicted of an indictable offence, it is grounds for removal in accordance with the *Education (General Provision) Act 2006*.

**Signature:**.....

**Date:** .....

P&C Secretary Use

Date received: ...../...../..... Date accepted: ...../...../.....

Secretary's signature: ..... Entered in P&C Register:

# P&C Executive Officer Nomination Form 2016

## SUNNYBANK STATE SPECIAL SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION

I wish to nominate \_\_\_\_\_ as a candidate for the position of:

Candidate's name

- President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Vice-President

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\_\_\_\_\_ Additional Officer/s as determined by the Association  
(additional Officers are not considered part of the P&C Executive Committee)

### Candidate

I accept the nomination for the position of \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### Moved by:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### Seconded by:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### Notes:

- *The candidate, nominator and seconder must be members of the Association.*
- *Candidates may nominate themselves.*
- *"Moved by" and "Seconded by" may be completed before, or at the meeting.*

### P&C Secretary's use only

Successfully elected:

- Yes
- No
- Membership forms received



## UNIFORMS

The P&C encourages all students to come to school in uniform, as it not only instills pride in a student's appearance and the school, but is also an **important way to identify** our students on outings. The P&C has been running a Clearance Sale on its uniforms, selling below cost on most items, please see the attached Order Form.

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### Uniform Order Form (as at February, 2016)

*Sale Items & Sizes Remaining (limited amounts in some sizes)*

Trackpants - Sizes 4 to 22

Jumpers – Sizes 6,8,12,14,16,18,20,22

Microfibre Jackets – Sizes 16 to 24

Shorts – Sizes 4,6,12,14,16,18,20,22

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's Class:** \_\_\_\_\_

ITEM	SIZE	QUANTITY	PRICE PER ITEM	TOTAL
Shorts			\$10	\$
Microfibre Jackets			\$20	\$
Jumpers			\$15	\$
Trackpants			\$10	\$
Shirts (regular price)			\$20	\$
			TOTAL	\$
			TOTAL ENCLOSED	\$
P&C Use Only				
Total Received				
Receipt No:				