Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to term 4! It is hard to believe that in only 8 weeks we will be on the summer vacation and will have said goodbye to another batch of Sunnybank Special Stars, with five of our students graduating. We have many exciting events planned for this term, so keep in the loop with events as they come up.

This term we welcome back Jess Parker, returning after maternity leave. Steve is reducing his days down to 3 a week till the end of the year and Jess will work in with him.

Deb Tighe will be having every Friday off – starting from the 14/10/16 and we welcome back Karen Robinson till the end of the year. This term, the school has partnered with Alichia, from Alichia’s Dance and Fitness, to teach the students about dance and fitness. This will start in week two on a Tuesday. We are looking for huge flash dance moments, so cue the music and lights.

At the end of term three, transfers where announced and I would like to congratulate Courtney Smith on getting the transfer to Geebung Special for 2017. We will be sad to see Courts leave, but happy to support her next phase in her career.

Sunnybank was lucky enough to pick up Jenny Warren as a transfer into the school. Jenny has a lot of experience running the ASDAN program at Ipswich Special and her knowledge as a moderator and reviewer for ASDAN will be invaluable in running these programs in 2017. The school also picked up Pam Jarret from Kuraby Special. Pam is also a very experienced teacher and we are looking forward to having her on staff.

In 2017, our PE teacher, Gregg Ford will be relocating to Townsville with his family and we unfortunately have to say goodbye. The school will continue to have PE, with a shared teacher, Fiona Walker, between Calamvale and Sunnybank Special schools.

We have a special theatre production from the Blue Roo Company. We are working on a date, possibly the 28th Oct. Keep your eyes peeled for confirmation.

Finally over the holidays we had a new solid shade structure put in the Early Years playground. It looks amazing!

Darren
Hi everyone, it's the ECDP Crew! We wanted to let you all know what we've been up to lately.

Well we are growing in numbers with 25 children enrolled across 3 days each week. Everyone attends a morning and an afternoon session across the week. We have been busy lately preparing for ‘Big School’ next year when some of us will be heading off to be Prep’s next year with some of us being lucky enough to stay here at Sunnybank Special ECDP for another year! We are practicing opening our lunchboxes and managing our own food, sitting quietly, taking turns and listening to the teacher. We are following routines and sitting with our legs crossed and hands in our lap, just like we will next year.

We have had lots of fun lately planting strawberry plants kindly donated by Henry and his mum. We had to dig the soil into the pots, make some space for the plants, place them in and cover over the roots. Lastly, we gave them a big drink of water.

Another fun skill we have been practicing is pouring from cups and buckets using corn rather than water! This has been of great interest and the students are enjoying the feel of the corn as they run their hands through it.

On Wednesdays and Fridays this term and last we have had two Griffith University post graduate students in working with a couple of students. This has been an enormous help for all of us. Shiyi and Melissa are working on their Masters in Special Education and are gaining some valuable real world experience with us in ECDP. Thanks for all you are doing for us ladies 😊

With the term ticking along toward the end of the year we will soon be commencing our practice for the end of year Christmas concert. This is always a fabulous occasion and the students enjoy the experience, both the preparation and the concert. More information will follow closer to the time so keep an eye out.
Lastly, with the weather warming up we are lucky enough to have secured a shade structure that encompasses ¾ of the playground area. This means all our equipment is under cover and sun-safe. We will be able to play outside come rain, hail or shine! The students were all very excited to run around and play and stay refreshingly cool this week. Thanks to everyone who made the shade possible.

Bye for now

*Sonia & Leah*
We would like to invite you to join us for our Friday Fun dance class. We have secured the hugely popular JJ to conduct classes every Friday from **3.10 to 4.10pm** at our school – Calamvale Special School Nottingham Rd Calamvale. JJ was at the Kuruby Special School dance-a-thon recently & his fun style was loved by students & staff alike. His lessons will be a little bit dance & a little bit Zumba, but mostly they will be fun movement to music.

The lessons will be open to all students, their siblings, parents, carers & staff. **Cost is $10 per student per lesson payable on the afternoon.** (Siblings, parents & carers can join in for free.)

Remember to bring a water bottle.
If you have any queries you can phone our P & C President, Courtney, on 0478 644 395.

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**COMMUNITY NOTICE**

Brisbane City Council have announced the opening of the Sunnybank Performing Arts Centre which is located at the Sunnybank Community and Sports Club in McCullough St.. To celebrate they are having a Free community open day and Official Opening on Saturday 15 October from 10 am – 4 pm. For more information visit [www.sunpac.net.au](http://www.sunpac.net.au).
In order to utilise our wonderful and diverse school community’s talents and to enhance our dynamic and multicultural school population The Sunnybank P & C would like to put together a School Cook Book.

The idea is being launched to enhance our multicultural experience.

Did you know we have upward of 32 different nationalities in our immediate school community! That is a lot of different style of meals that our families prepare or bake every day. Let’s aim for at least one recipe form each country.

We would like you to share your secrets with us by:

- Finding your favorite family recipe more than one would be great!
- Emailing it to admin@sunnymbanspecs.eq.edu.au
- Or you can print it out or copy it and send it to school for our P & C to collate to a memorable cook book.
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The P&C encourages all students to come to school in uniform, to encourage school pride, and as an important way to identify our students on outings. Due to increased manufacturing costs, the P&C will no longer order shorts, jackets, jumpers, or track pants. The existing stock is being sold at a discounted price, and in limited sizes. Alternatively, these items can be purchased from retailers in the navy blue colour. The school shirt will continue to be ordered.

Uniform Order Form (as at September, 2016)

Sizes Remaining (limited amounts in some sizes)

Track pants - Sizes 6,8,16 to 22
Jumpers – Sizes 6,8,16,18,20,22
Microfiber Jackets – Sizes 18 to 24
Shorts – Sizes 4,6,16,18,20,22

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