

Date Claimers

8 August

P & C Meeting

16 August

Public Holiday - Ekka

8 September

Father's Day BBQ

13 September

Blu Roo Theatre
Performance

Friday 15 September

Last Day Term 3

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the latest edition of the Sunnybank Special School newsletter. In this copy, we have wonderful work from Lee's Class showcasing their Literacy work, Science and NAIDOC celebration artwork. It is going to be a busy term, so keep an eye on those dates!

School Focus 2107

This year at Sunnybank, we are focusing on building our communication skills by becoming super communication partners! We all know that any task or transaction that requires more than one person can only be successfully completed with communication. It's nearly impossible to go through a day without the use of communication. Helping our students become successful communicators requires us, as communication partners, to develop some specialised skills. We all communicate in different ways, modes and using different tools like our voice, signing, iPad, symbols and many other alternative communication strategies. Our role as a communication partner is one of the most important “jobs” we do.

What you **DO** counts; what you **THINK** is important; how you **RESPOND** matters; every interaction is an **OPPORTUNITY**.

Top traits of a good communication partner (assistiveware.com)

- You presume competence and believe in a person's ability to learn effective communication
 - You are flexible; ready to adapt and change
 - You are persistent and never give up on communication
 - You are consistent; using communication regularly and reliably
 - You are engaging and interactive; providing real and motivating reasons to communicate
 - You are patient; ready to allow time for communication to happen
 - You make sure Augmentative Alternative Communication (AAC) is always available
 - You provide a robust AAC system

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These are true super-powers! Combine these traits with skills in modelling, prompting and responding and you have the perfect combination for a super communication partner!



School Opinion Survey

The annual suite of *School Opinion Surveys* will be conducted 31 July to 25 August 2017. All families, school staff and a random sample of students will be invited to participate. We encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what this school does well, and how this school can improve.

Participation in the survey is anonymous and all information that you provide will be treated confidentially. Your feedback will be provided back to your child's school in such a way that you cannot be identified.

Online – The online survey will be available until 25 August 2017. Please follow the web address below Parent/Caregiver Survey link and enter the two access codes (from the letter sent home) below:

www.education.qld.gov.au/schoolopinionsurvey

Bus and Taxi Transport

A reminder to families that if you are planning on moving residential address, your eligibility for bus/taxi transport to our school may change. The transport assistance program only provides transport to your closest school. While moving house does not mean your child has to change schools, for those who wish to continue to receive transport to school, it could.

If you would like us to do a distance check on a possible address please contact the school office.

Super Sports Day!

With all the distractions the building works can bring, we missed putting photos of the sports Day in the last newsletter. It was a wonderful day, with many highlights. One that comes to mind is the Early Year classes first school races, having the ECDP join us for the sprints and of course the tug of war!

What a fantastic day! The Dingoes ended a drought and were crowned winning team. The truth of the matter was that every participant, every ribbon and sticker recipient was a winner on the day! A big thank you to the team behind the day. True Sunnybank Awesomeness!

Till next time

Darren

Sports day



Successful Learner Academic Awards

17 th July 2017	24 th July 2017	31 st July 2017
• Abraham Sipma	• Isabella Balatinacz	• Alex Cornejo
• Nathan Nicholas	• Luke Hagan-Miller	• Kassim Nasiri
• Luke Hagan-Miller	• Lopeti Senituli	• Oka Ernowo
• Kody Brown	• Anton Yuen	• Huzaifa Arif
• Anton Yuen	• Jezreel Pavia-Martinez	• Caleb Matabishi
• Huzaifa Arif	• Chris Eichmann	• Chris Eichmann
• Jezreel Pavia-Martinez	• Vincent Doan	
• Chris Eichmann		

Expectation of the Week

Safe	Social	Successful Learner
14 th July 2017	21 st July 2017	28 th July 2017
• Nathan Nicholas	• Jeff Chan	• Seemdyra Yim
• Gilana Bridges	• Kody Brown	• Lopeti Senituli
• David Hughes	• Tong Tong Kuang	• Tong Tong Kuang
• Biowei Biowei	• Oka Ernowo	• Oka Ernowo
• Lance Liyanaarachchi	• Gilana Bridges	• Lance Liyanaarachchi
• Abraham Sipma	• Luke Hagan-Miller	• David Hughes
	• Lance Liyanaarachchi	• Clement Yin
	• Seemdyra Yim	• Lawrence Lamb
	• Elijah Westlake	• Chris Eichmann
	• Alex Cornejo	
	• Chloe Bligh	

 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

Curriculum News Update

This semester Early, Middle and Junior Secondary Years are studying History. We have subscribed to the Queensland Museum and have been successful in loaning 3 historical artefact kits for this term. The artefacts are focused on changing technology;

- Kit 1 – Kitchen Artefacts 1950, 1960's
- Kit 2 – Changes over time – Writing
- Kit 3 – Transport; Air and Sea

These kits are filled with objects/ artefacts and models that the students can handle, use and study with a hands on experience. History is a challenging concept and using images or videos are not as engaging as touching or seeing the real thing. Each kit remains in the school for a two week period before being returned and replaced with the new kit. Some wonderful new experiences for our students this term.

During History JS2 students enjoyed exploring and comparing old and new items found in the kitchen. Items from the 60s and 70s were borrowed by the school from the museum.



Greetings from JS3: Gilana, Jasmine, John, Kerrie, Luke, Lee, Oka and Sylvia!

We have had a wonderful start to the new semester with lots of interesting curriculum and fun activities to keep us enthusiastic and busy!



During literacy, the students have looked at a variety of stories about events. We have read Rock Kid, Movie Date and a great historical text on the advancement of television as well as the very first worldwide event broadcast... the Apollo Moon Landing on July 20, 1969! Students will now plan their own event and write an invitation to a friend. Our Naidoc celebrations gave students the chance to show off their creative skills. Thank you to Sylvia, our indigenous visiting artist, for delivering a great story and inspiring some fantastic art work.



In science we are learning about movement and sound waves. Students were given the task of investigating sounds they might hear at a café. Together with Kate's JS1 class, we all enjoyed a morning drink at the Corner Café and discovered many and varied noises including talking, slurping, clanking, grinding, chewing, ringing, buzzing, whirling, whizzing and..... a siren! We got to have a quick chat with some very friendly firemen and paramedics. Everybody loved the experience!



The Blue Roo theatre company continues to visit our class weekly and conduct acting sessions in preparation for the upcoming SSSS production 'The Great Alphabet Theft'. Students have displayed great commitment and slowly but surely are remembering the script and cues assigned to them. We are all very excited to perform in front of family and friends at the end of this term on Wednesday 13th September. Hope to see you there..... from JS3!