From the Principal....

Attendance is vital

Attendance is a very important issue for all of our students. Arriving even 10 minutes late everyday can add up to a long time off school. The goal is for 95% attendance or above as a school. You are able to check your child’s attendance with their classroom teacher.

Choral Festival

The Choral Festival will be on 26th August at Sunnybank State High School Hall at 7pm. I look forward to seeing you then.

Locked Gates

Due to the work place health and safety issues some of our gates will need to be locked earlier in the afternoons. This may cause some inconvenience however the gates near the main office will remain open until 4pm.

Late Payments Will Not Be Accepted

Please note the closing date for all incursions/excursions and camps. Our review of financial policies mean payments received after the closing date cannot be accepted. To avoid disappointment, please be mindful of paying before the due date.

Year 4 Camp

I would like to wish all our Year 4 students a wonderful time on camp. I trust all of our students will be well-behaved and have a fabulous time.

Naomi Meerwald

Music Matters

We are now very close to our annual Choral and Instrumental Evening, will be held next week, on Wednesday, the 26th of August in the Sunnybank State High School Hall. Students will need to arrive at 6.15pm, and the concert will begin at 7.00pm. All are welcome to attend for a gold coin donation, which goes towards the hire of the hall, lighting and sound for the evening.

A reminder that our ensembles are also busy rehearsing for their performances at the Runcorn Funfest on Saturday, the 5th of September. The Concert Band will begin at 9:45am, followed by Junior Choir, Senior Choir, String Orchestra and the Cello Choir. The performances will be short, in free dress and completed before the rides open at 10:30am.

Yr 1 Receive a Letter from Buckingham Palace

In Year One we have been practising our writing skills and taking any chance we can to use real life situations. Around the time of the Queen’s birthday public holiday, one of the students asked ‘Why do we have a holiday?’ and hence a discussion followed about: Who is the Queen? Where does she live? Can we write to her? Of course in Year One we never let a great opportunity pass, so we wrote to her! Every student wrote their own letter. Some of the students simply wished her happy birthday; some thanked her for the holiday; and some told her about our life here and asked her about her Palace. We were so excited to receive a reply recently from her Lady-In-Waiting! Please turn the page.
On Thursday the 13th of August, Year Two went to Toohey Forest. We saw a green, jumpy spider and a Brisbane Bush Cockroach. Then we went down to the Understory Classroom. There were little creatures swimming about. I caught four blood worms and Saif caught little ones. Miss Stewart got a big one for us.

Then we saw Emmy (turtle), a snake and a little lizard. It was really fun going to Toohey Forest. My favourite thing was the Understory Classroom. – Oliver T 2S

On Thursday the 13th of August, Year Two went to Toohey Forest. We went into the forest and I caught 2 tiny, black spiders, 4 bush cockroaches and 1 termite. When we were in the Understory Classroom I saw a fresh water crayfish.

When we were sitting around the rope, Theresa put her hand in the stick insect enclosure… There were stick insects everywhere! Nicole got Emmy the Brisbane River Turtle, Theresa got Prickles the Eastern Bearded Dragon, then Nicole got out Houdini the very spotted snake. I got to pat them all! – Riley J 2S

Makena, Eva and Lucy looking for aquatic animals!

Sarah touching Prickles!

Rory with the insect he caught!
Robin and Max searching for aquatic animals in the water sample.

From The Resource Centre

Earn & Learn – Start Collecting!
The Woolworths Earn & Learn program. You can still help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between Monday 15 July and Tuesday 8 September 2015. We will redeem these for awesome educational resources for our school. There are double points this Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Don’t forget to ask for your stickers! Just bring your stickers back to school and drop them into the Collection Box at the Library. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program, and we’d like to get lots of new gear! Products in the range include resources for mathematics, English, science, art & crafts, through to sports gear, library supplies and more. We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask Ms Howes in the Library at school. Let’s start collecting.

DOUBLE STICKER WEEKEND!
To help you collect even more, we are holding a big Double Sticker Weekend this Friday, Saturday and Sunday only. Customers will get two stickers for every $10 they spend. The more you collect the more educational equipment you can redeem.

BOOK FAIR IS HERE!
Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings to school the books kids want to read. It’s a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child’s reading habits.

Book Fair dates: Thursday 20th, Friday 21st and Monday 24th August

Shopping hours: 2.30pm to 4pm

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Remember, all purchases benefit our school. The winners of the coloring competition are, Maya A, Jack S, Evelyn W, Justin Y, Emma S and Iverson A. Congratulations.

Ms Howes
Get reading..get eBooks!

Easy to use - available 24/7 - eBooks for all age groups

Start reading eBooks in 4 easy steps:
1. Go to http://educationqld.lib.overdrive.com and enter your MIS ID/Corporate Login
2. Search or browse for eBooks
3. Sample before you borrow
4. Borrow and download

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Term Dates for 2015 School Year

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P&C News

P&C Meeting
The next meeting for the P&C will be held on **Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm**. All interested parents are invited to attend.

Funfest, 5th September

- **Ride Passes and FunFest Funds** are available for purchase from the Uniform Shop (Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8.30am – 9.00am)

- **Would You Like To Win $500 Cash?**
  Purchase a key in the Treasure chest and try your luck to win the cash. Keys are available for sale from the Uniform Shop now (Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8.30am – 9.00am). Keys are $2 each and you will be able to attempt to open the lock from 1pm on fete day.

- **Volunteers Needed**
  Don't forget to put your availability on the sign-up sheets on your child's classroom door. We need as many hands as possible on the day and any help will be greatly appreciated.

- **Donations**
  Congratulations to PB for collection a huge 408 donations during our recent donation drive. The entire drive yielded of 2300 items and was a massive success. Thank you to all the families that continue to support the FunFest and our fundraising efforts. We are almost done but still in need of larger sized chocolate chips and soft drinks.

*Lacey and Halia from PB with Mr B*
Uniform Shop

Winter uniforms are now in stock

Rebecca McCutcheon
Convenor

School Banking

Monday is School Banking Day

Davina Edwards
Banking Coordinator

Fathers Day Stall - Thursday the 3rd of September

Father's Day stall is fast approaching, if you would like to help please text your details to Glenda on 0412 309 757. We are looking for parents to help sell, wrap and bag gifts. Keep an eye out for a flyer with more details about the stall and your classroom teacher will advise you closer to the day about what time your class will be attending.

Community News

Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:

- school uniforms and textbooks
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact David Smit, your local Saver Plus Worker:
(07) 3115 6202 / 0437 436 183
or david.smit@thesmithfamily.com.au