This week our newsletter reflects on all the positive behaviours and exciting learning experiences for our students. It is always such a pleasure to walk around the playground and see students sharing toys and including others in their games. In particular I am very proud of the younger students who have demonstrated exceptional behaviours in their safe play.

Israeli dancing and netball commenced this fortnight adding new experiences and opportunities for the students to enjoy. The Senior Class students have been extraordinarily busy with planning and building their own “secret garden” complete with worm farm and we commend them on the success of this initiative.

Active learning and authentic learning experiences are important components of any school curriculum as they deepen learning and provide meaning to students.
From the Principal (continued)

“Busy hands, busy brains”! Research has shown that active learning produces significantly superior learning outcomes. It also triggers higher order thinking skills for students. Many of the learning opportunities featured in the newsletter this week are examples of this educational approach.

Continuing with this theme the next few weeks are very busy ones for the students, particularly with camp approaching and I encourage parents to spend quality time discussing the day’s activities with their child.

Have a safe and happy week.

Debra Creed—Principal

Donation

Sinai College would like to express our sincere appreciation to Mr and Mrs Eshensky for generously donating an electric organ to our school this month. The students were very excited when they saw the new organ in the hall! We have some talented musicians at our school who are looking forward to playing songs on it.
Student Awards

Congratulations to our three students who received awards for:

1. Our value for this week ‘Happiness’
2. School Captain’s Award for ‘Responsible Play’
3. Sports Captain’s Award for ‘Sportsmanship’.

These three students have been observed over the past fortnight making significant contributions to the positive and safe atmosphere of the school.
The Great Bunnings Excursion!

Linked to our work in Technology, the seniors have been designing a vegetable patch for Sinai College. They spent the first couple of weeks of the term planning and designing an area which they could develop, improving our school grounds. Once the planning had finished it was time to buy the resources they needed to make the designs. After pleading from the children, Ms Creed agreed for them to visit Bunnings (under the watchful eye of Kathy and Miss Harrison!). So on Thursday 18th of February the great excursion took place.

After carefully managing their budget in mathematics, the children were armed with their extensive shopping list. With the help of Connor, an employee from Bunnings, the children shopped until Kathy dropped and returned to school armed with all the resources needed to start making their vegetable patch.
The seniors are now very excited about planting their vegetables and watching them grow. Keep an ear to the ground to find out when the vegetables are ready to harvest as we will be selling them for amazing prices!
PURIM FESTIVAL

Thursday 26 March 2016

SINAI COLLEGE

Everyone Welcome!

Sinai College staff and students would like to invite you to join us in our celebration of Purim

When: Thursday, 24 March 2016
9.00 am to 3.00 pm

Where: Jewish Communal Centre (JCCQ)
20 Moxon Road Burbank

RSVPs Essential for catering purposes by
Monday 14 March 2016 to Kathy Gould

Email: admin@sinaicollege.qld.edu.au or phone 3349 9088

Buses to the JCCQ for Gold Coast families are available:
Bookings are essential
Hebrew

In Hebrew classes our younger students have been reviewing the ‘Alef Bet’ using a multi modal approach to learning. Options for refreshing and engaging learning include traditional pen and paper methods, jigsaws, games, Apps and matching activities. Even our youngest Preppies are becoming proficient in working in Hebrew through these stimulating lessons.
**Picasso Cows**

Sinai College is one of the 10 schools in Queensland lucky enough to be chosen to receive a Picasso Cow. The life size fibre glass cow will be ‘mooooving’ to the school in March for the children to decorate. We look forward to seeing their colourful designs and exhibiting the cow.

**Staff News—Meet our Cleaner**

If you see this friendly smiling face around the school it belongs to our cleaner Yair Gelbach. Yair is a great world traveller. He was originally born in Israel but is currently residing in Australia. Yair is one of the unsung heroes of the school helping our teachers make the classrooms clean and tidy for the children.

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**SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Sinai College offers a number of scholarships to provide opportunities for students to benefit from a Jewish education.
Israeli Dancing

Students at the school have commenced Israeli dancing lessons each week with the wonderful Maya Chester. It was lovely to see parents and staff join in the fun with the children and learn all the intricate movements. The lessons also support the students’ Hebrew language development as they learned a version of ‘Old McDonalds Farm” in Hebrew. We are all looking forward to our next instalment of whirling, spinning, clapping and foot tapping lessons this week. A special congratulations go to the Senior Class students who assisted our Preppies.
BEGINNERS HEBREW COURSE
1st Term - 5 Sessions
Feb 25th - March 24th
Thursday Mornings
9:15am-10:30am

WHO?
Mrs. Maya Chester, Hebrew tutor. Email to join:
maya.chester@gmail.com

WHERE?
Sinai College library
20 Maxton rd, Burbank

COST?
$150 - 5 lessons of over an hour.

WHEN?
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Thursday mornings
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SHALOM BRISBANE!
Modern Hebrew is the official language of the state of Israel and it is also spoken by many people around the world as a second language. Learning to communicate and understand Modern Hebrew will enable you to enhance your connection to the rich world of Jewish and Israeli culture.

Syllabus:
Provide basic tools and knowledge needed to understand simple conversations in key topics. Learn to communicate verbally using fundamental Hebrew vocabulary, grammar and sentence structure.

About me:
Native Hebrew speaker. Substantial experience in tutoring & training. Hebrew Tutor at IML UQ.
Volunteers

Thank you to our fantastic team of volunteers who turn up each week to work with the children. Our volunteers read and play games, giving each child that special one on one time so precious in supporting literacy development. Anyone interested in volunteering to assist at the school please contact Kathy Gould on 3349 9088. You truly make a positive difference in the lives of the children.
Worm Farm

Last week the seniors were very busy introducing new students to Sinai College. Following on from last year’s Eco Patrol, we contacted Clytie (a worm farm expert) from the local recycling centre for advice on how to set up our own worm farm. We had the pleasure of her visiting our school on Thursday 11th of February, where she came and supported us whilst we established our new worm farm.

The seniors (and Ms Creed!) are very excited as the worm farm is just another step to making Sinai College a great, economically friendly environment. During the visit the children learnt how to create the worm farm using soil and paper. Clytie also taught us exactly what the worms can and can’t eat, to ensure they produce the best compost and worm juice for our vegetable patch! We were informed that the worm juice is an amazing fertilizer for your plants; so much so she has known people buy 500ml for $5.00. We can’t wait for the worms to start producing it!
The whole school will be involved in keeping the worms well fed by recycling certain food waste. If you would like to help please find in the newsletter a list of things the worms can and can’t eat. The seniors would be very grateful for as much help as they can get...more food means more worm juice, which equals a healthy vegetable patch!

Over the coming weeks we will keep you up to date on how our new friends are getting on!
### What should go in the Worm Farm?

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*Be sure horses have not been recently wormed!*
Netball

This term Sinai College students are participating in the NetSetGo Program run by Netball Australia. This program offers students the opportunity to learn basic netball skills with age appropriate modified equipment. As well as developing ball handling skills children develop a sense of team spirit and cooperation through participating in this program. It is wonderful to see the big smiles on the faces of the students when our team coach Phoebe arrives each Friday.
**Sporting Schools Grant**

This week Sinai College received a grant under the Sporting Schools program. This grant will allow our students to experience different sporting programs. Our Student Council has put in great thought about the options available and provided student feedback on areas of interest. Over the next 4 terms our students will enjoy a sporting program that includes gymnastics, equestrian sports, snowboarding, bowling and yatching. We look forward to bringing you plenty of photos in the future of these exciting activities.

**Camp**

Our first camp for the school year starts next Thursday, 3 March 2016. Letters will be sent home to parents this week explaining what their children should bring. Children will be camping out under the stars and enjoying an exciting schedule of fun events.

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**EXCELLENCE PROGRAM**

**ENGAGE | EXTEND | EXCEL**

In 2016 Sinai College is excited to launch its ground breaking Excellence Program with innovative options for student learning.

- Enrichment Activities
- Co-curricular Opportunities
- Extension Programs
- Acceleration Options
- Personalised Learning Plans
- Mentor Programs

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**Sinai College**

**Caring for the future, today!**

To explore the unlimited educational possibilities for your child book an interview with the Principal on (07) 3349 9088 or email admin@sinaicolege.qld.edu.au
Jewish Studies

With Purim approaching on Thursday, 24 March 2016, students in the Junior and Senior classes have focused on the joy surrounding this important event. The students have engaged in many hands on activities to connect with different learning styles and interests. In the Tefillah classes this the week the focus was on how to emulate and connect with Hashem.
Reminders

Camp commences on Thursday 3 March. A letter will be distributed to families this week.

Students in Years 3 and 5 will be completing a practice NAPLAN test on 16 March 2016 in readiness for the official test in May.

Our first Adopt A Cop visit for 2016 occurs at assembly this Friday 26 March 2016.

Parent/teacher interviews are currently taking place. Please ensure you have booked your interview to speak to your child’s teacher.

Tuckshop, ‘Falafel Fridays’, is every Friday. Please ensure payment and orders and payment are made by 3.00 pm Wednesday.

Swimming continues on Wednesdays. Please ensure students bring togs, goggles, towels and SWIMMING CAP. Students from Prep to Year Six should wear their sports uniforms to school.

Families interested in tennis lessons for their child (Monday for Prep to Year Six) (Thursday for Pre-Preps) should contact Remar Tennis Academy.

Families interested in lunchtime Krav Maga lessons for their child should contact Jeremy on 0427 915 110.

Enrol now for 2016

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