2 April 2014

Principal’s Report

Parent-Teacher Meetings

We encourage all of our parents to keep in contact with their child’s teachers. The best way to accomplish this is to email the teacher directly. The email addresses for all teachers are on the school website in the Our Staff page, under the Our School tab. Also, if you are looking to meet with a teacher, this is the best way to organise a meeting. Just send an email with your child’s name, the topic of conversation and times that would suit you to meet and the teacher will get back to you with when they can meet. If you can’t email, please phone the office and we will help organise for you to meet with a teacher. Coming to school to meet with a teacher without organising a meeting time could leave you having to wait an hour or two because the teacher has classes or playground duty or another meeting appointment. Our teachers would love to be able to meet with you and have the time to prepare samples of work, examples of support you can provide or additional resources to support your child.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

We have finalised our Progress Reports and they will arrive via email in the next few days or in the post in the first week of the holidays. The Easter Break will allow you to spend time discussing the results and comments on the Report Card and, if necessary, make decisions about what needs to change in order to improve these results. This report is an interim progress report and covers student progress up to the end of March. It will be different from previous reports, in that it will be brief and focus on the areas where you can support your child on improving.

The Parent-Teacher Interview evening is from 3.30 to 7.00pm on Wednesday, 30 April. This provides a great opportunity to meet with your child’s teachers and discuss aspects of their education in light of the Term 1 Report Card. It is vital that Parents and Caregivers take this opportunity to discuss how they can support their child in achieving their very best. To make an appointment, follow the procedure for making an on-line booking posted on our website. The earlier this happens, the more likely you are to receive your preferred time-slots.

Please take advantage of this opportunity to form a solid partnership between home and school. I look forward to meeting parents on the 30th of April, and am only too happy to hear your opinions and views, so please take the time to catch me on the night.

Keep a watch on our school

Over the holidays we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number – 13 17 88. The School Watch Program is a partnership between Education Queensland, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools.

If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter. Keep the number handy – 13 17 88 – and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.

Next Term begins Tuesday April 22

A reminder that there will be a break of two weeks for the Easter vacation. There is no Student Free Day at the start of Term Two, but Monday 21 April is Easter Monday, so all staff and students will return on Tuesday April 22nd. With a busy schedule for Term 2, we will be focussed getting our students ‘up to speed’ from the first minute we see them next term. Please ensure that students are present on this first day back. At Nerang State High School we are committed to every student, being here, every lesson, every day.

Until then, wishing you all a Happy Easter.

Regards,

Scott Ison
PRINCIPAL

UPDATE ON UNIFORM….Term 1

Feedback about our new school uniform has been very positive from both the students and our local community. Many students who are not yet required to wear the new uniform have taken up the option to purchase it and are wearing it with PRIDE.
There are just a few small issues concerning complying with the UNIFORM Policy which need to be addressed over the Easter Break.

FACIAL PIERCINGS…All piercings need to be either taken out during school hours, or fitted with a CLEAR. After Easter there will be NO EXEMPTIONS given to students. They have had 10 weeks of Term 1 and the holiday period to rectify this situation. Students should NOT return after the break with a fresh piercing without a clear. Our tolerance for students who do not get this correct has run its course.

SOCKS…All students need to wear VISIBLE white socks. No other colours are appropriate.

SHOES…A BLACK lace up shoe is required to wear with the Formal Uniform. Students can wear EITHER predominately white sports shoes OR black runners with their sports uniform.

JUMPERS…As the temperature cools down students are allowed to wear the old school jumper/ purchase a NEW school jumper (when they are in stock) OR a plain NAVY jumper. NO HOODIES are allowed and this is non-negotiable!

Over the past few years we have come a long way with our school uniform and we look forward to your continued support for our Uniform Policy.

Regards

Trish Berryman
Deputy Principal

Sport Dates

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Our school calendar is on our website with all the major events for the year loaded into it. https://nerangshs.eq.edu.au/Calendarandnews/Eventscalendar/Pages/Eventscalendar.aspx

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Check out the Senior Secondary page at Nerang State High School’s webpage.

Go to Curriculum tab and then scroll down and click on the Senior Secondary tab.

Once you are on this page, you can access information about the Queensland Core Skills Test, the Queensland Certificate of Education, School based Apprenticeships and Traineeships. Students can also access the Queensland Studies Authority Student Connect site to explore their options in Senior Secondary and check that the subject choices they make will enable them to gain the Queensland Certificate of Education.

It is hard to believe that it is nearly the end of Term 1.

In the last week of school, students in Years 10, 11 and 12 will be participating in Work Experience. Work Experience is a critical element in Certificate I in Foundation Skills and Certificate II in Work Place Practices. If students do not complete their work experience they will not complete the requirements to gain the certificate and also miss out in vital QCE points.

The focus for Year 12’s in Terms 2 and 3, is the QCS Preparation Program for all OP eligible students and also for students who want to improve their rank selection. Non-OP students will have the opportunity to gain a VET qualification.

Jodie Teng and Gordana Jaram
HODs Senior Schooling

P&C News

Hi everyone,

The P&C held the annual AGM on Tuesday 11th March. We were very happy to have 17 people attend, which is great to see.

The P&C Executive are –

- Tracey Spiers - President
- Kathy Hillery - Treasurer
- Leanne Barnes - Secretary
- Samantha Duncan - Vice President

I would like to thank Kathy, Leanne and Sam for continuing in these roles. Thank you also to our committee members, interested parents who will continue to support our P&C in the decisions we make on your behalf. There are some exciting times ahead with the Flying Start years 6 and 7 attending high school next year. If you would like to become involved or just sit and listen to what is happening around the school, you are more than welcome. Come once every so often or each time, either way, we would love to see you. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the admin building at 7pm. Our next meeting is 13 May, due to holidays.

This year we held our AGM and meeting in the Home Ec Block to show off our newly completed catering kitchens to our members. These kitchens were funded with money raised and saved over several years by our hard working P&C members.
and a contribution from the Smart School Subsidy Scheme. The P&C contributed $130,000 and the total cost was just on $300,000. We raised this with canteen and uniform sales, market days and small grant applications. We then invested profits over a 5 year period to reach our target.

Our major plan this year is to build more outdoor shelter and seating for the students, particularly as our numbers will increase with an extra year level. In addition to this we will continue to fund programs such as Boys Reward, Positive Rewards, Chaplaincy, Captains Suits and Contribution and Academic rewards at the annual Awards night. I would like to remind all parents that there is a voluntary contribution to the P&C of $30, which is requested when you pay your school fees. Thank you to the families that have contributed this. There are over 600 families in the school but less than 100 have contributed. I realise we are all struggling at the present time, but if we received $30 from 500 families, we would have $15,000 to put into school facilities. Your students would benefit with more shade, seating, handball courts, the roof surface of 1 netball court, the list is endless.

If you have some ideas or would like to comment on any of our plans, please feel free to attend a meeting or contact us.

The students are looking really good in our new uniform. The teachers and school staff are ensuring it is worn correctly by issuing uniform detentions where appropriate. Everyone is aware of the uniform expectations, as they are outlined in the enrolment pack received by every student. Please refer to this if you are unsure of the policy or feel free to contact us. All back orders should have now been filled and our winter jacket has been finalised and underway. We apologise that this has taken a little longer than expected but you will be notified when it is available.

**Dates to remember**

**P&C Meetings**
- 13th May
- 10th June

**Market Day**
In the Hall 9-2pm, 3rd May
Please contact me if you are interested in a stall

**Family Funanza**
Country Paradise, 31st May, Family Fun Day 10-4pm
Community Event
As always please feel free to contact us on pandc@nerangshs.eq.edu.au or 0412 267 263 Tracey Spiers

Cheers,

**Tracey Spiers**  
**P&C Association President**

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**FINANCE NEWS**

The Finance Window is open to accept payments on Monday, Wednesday and Friday only from 8.00am to 2.00pm. Finance will not accept payments from students during class time. Students are to make their payments before school or during the two lunch breaks.

Payments can be made by Cash, Cheque, Eftpos or via the Internet. Internet payments can be made 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The school bank details are:

- **BSB**: 064 451
- **Account**: 10003546
- **Account Name**: Nerang State High School

Please ensure the correct Student ID number (which is on student statements and timetable) is used if paying via the Internet so the payment is processed against the correct student.

Remember to make any Internet payments for excursions and camps 2 days prior to the due date to allow for the processing of the payment.

**STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME FEES**

Second Instalment of Resource Scheme and Laptop fees are now overdue. Payment of outstanding fees must be paid prior to the acceptance of monies for other school activities eg: sport, excursions and camps.
Remember Internet Payments can be made 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

Payment Options are available, including Centrepay. Please direct any queries to our Finance Officer: Ms Lowe on 5503 7804

PRIDE Winners

On Tuesday 1st April out Top 5 PRIDE Points winners from each year level sat down and enjoyed a delicious 2 course lunch beautifully prepared by our Home Economics Department. They were joined by members of the school’s Administration and by their Year Coordinators to celebrate their wonderful achievement. These students had been recognised by their teachers as consistently displaying our school’s key values of Persistence, Resilience, Integrity, Diversity and Empathy. They were also acknowledged for taking PRIDE in their self, school, work and community.

The winners from each year level were:

Year 8: Aron Copeland, Owen Crombie, Tobii Clayton, Lani Morris and Elize Thorley.

Year 9: Madeline Pickett, Brandon Gurnett, Michael Dark, Kimlayse Barth and Alec Duck.

Year 10: Chandel Brown, Crystal Palliser, Brittany Hampton, Taylor Pickett and Sarah Lear.

Year 11: Tenicia Creagh, Tamy Chalkley, Gabbe Lasaght, Kelsey Dunne and Bethany Boland.

Year 12: Bryce Davies, Vanessa Milos, Breanna Ray, Bob Johnston and Jade Ure.

Congratulations to these students.

Many students just missed out on being part of the Top 5 PRIDE Points winners. These students have been acknowledged with a special PRIDE Certificate that was given out on Year Level assembly.

Well done to all these students for their excellent behaviour and hard work.

PRIDE Points will be back in Term 3 but in the meantime stay tuned to find out more about our PRIDE Poster competition happening in Term 2. Students will have the opportunity to design posters for each of our key values – Persistence, Resilience, Integrity, Diversity and Empathy. The winning designs will be displayed in classrooms all over the school! There will also be prizes for each winner.

Have a safe and happy Easter break.

Angela Meyer
RTC Coordinator