27 June 2014

Principal’s Report

Jumpers have arrived

The new winter jacket has just arrived and is available from the Uniform Shop. It looks excellent and is great value for money at $45.00. Given that this is the year we are rolling in a new uniform, we will continue to have mixed uniform colours for this year, and students in the Maroon School jumper can continue to wear this. For those who have bought a non-uniform jumper over the past few weeks, students can continue to wear this for the remainder of the year. Just a reminder that under no circumstances will hoodies be acceptable at school. 2015 will see all students in the new uniform and new winter jacket.

Reports and Parent-Teacher Meetings

Reports are posted home on the last day of term and our Parent-Teacher Meeting evening will be Thursday 17 July from 3.30pm to 7.00pm. To book a meeting time use the online SOBS system (School Online Booking System) at http://sobs.com.au/school/parent-teacher-interviews.

Bookings for meetings will be open from the first day of the holidays, Saturday 28 June. If you are not able to access the online system please contact the Fiona Carter on 5503 7806 from Monday 14 July. All the details are posted on the front page of our website in the ‘Quick Links’ section … or follow the link: Parent-Teacher Meetings. It is vital that Parents/ Caregivers take this opportunity to come and meet with the teachers and discuss how they can support their child in achieving their very best.

NAIDOC

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. (NAIDOC originally stood for ‘National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee’. This Committee was once responsible for organising national activities during NAIDOC Week and its acronym has since become the name of the week itself.) The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support our local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

On Friday we will hold our assembly to shine a light on this year’s NAIDOC Week, being held from 6 to 13 July 2014, which falls in the second week of our holidays. NAIDOC week is a time for all Australians to learn more about our shared history. It is a time for non-indigenous Australians to join with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to get to know and understand each other better. To understand the truth of the history we share. To experience the richness and depth of aboriginal culture and ways. Find the events that are occurring near you and take part in NAIDOC week celebrations in our community during the holidays.

Club 95

Congratulations to our Term 2 Club 95 members. I hope they enjoyed “Lunch with the Principal” and commend them on hitting the target for attendance of 95%. Our Club 95 students have less than 5% absenteeism, which equates to no more than 2 ½ days of absence each term. These students also have their absences explained and have no more than 3 days of lateness to school this term. Well done and welcome to the coolest place to be this winter - Club 95!

Next Term begins Monday 14 July

A reminder that as per the change that was brought in for 2012, there is no Student Free Day at the start of Term Two and all staff and students will return on Monday 14 July. With a busy schedule for Term 3, 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 High we are committed to every student being here, every lesson, every day.

Over the two week break for the winter vacation we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call School Watch on 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. Keep the number handy – 13 17 88 – and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.

Wishing you all a happy and safe holidays.

Regards,
Scott Ison

Great state. Great opportunity.
SOUTH COAST CLUSTER 15 YEAR GIRLS TENNIS

Congratulations to Brittany, Crystal and Jade who won the South Coast Cluster Region 15 Year Tennis Girls for 2014. They remained undefeated throughout the tournament. Their sportsmanship was outstanding and they gained the respect of all their competitors. Well done Girls – you are certainly champions and we are very proud of you.

Margaret Harburg
Tennis Coach.
2014

Japanese News 日本語のニュース

This term has been very busy for the Japanese department. A number of students from Year 8 have been challenging themselves to achieve 100% on their Hiragana Proficiency exams and have had great success. Congratulations to the following students who attained their Hiragana Proficiency Certificate:


Students who are studying Japanese were also given the opportunity to participate in eating Japanese obento lunch boxes this week. They were able to experience eating traditional foods such as karage (chicken), gyoza (dumplings), teriyaki chicken, edamame (soy beans) and gohan (rice). All students agreed that they tasted great!

English Department

Night of the Notables

The Nerang State Library was jam packed as students presented speeches and stood proud beside the display centres that they had worked so hard on. The year 9 English extension class at Nerang State High School were given the opportunity to extend their academic ability and performance skills by completing the extension task, Night of Notables. This task required students to choose a person who they found most impressive and then present their knowledge of their notable by creating a display centre and write a biographical speech.

The night began with the students presenting their biographical speeches where they introduced their chosen notable. Lora Calderone (Fred Hollows), Terence Crowe (Vincent Van Gogh), Kimalyse Barth (Jennifer Lawrence), Jade Searchfield (Martin Luther King Jr.) and Jorja Sanni (Princess Diana) were all awarded best speakers for their outstanding deliveries but the entire class should be commended.

After the speeches were concluded, guests moved on to the students’ display centres to further explore the lives of their chosen notables. The best display centres were awarded to Natasha Zangari (Boudicca), Archie Lord-Browning (Jack Kirby) and Renae Newman (Ellen Degeneres).

Following the parents, teachers and students’ exploration of the display centres, the above awards were presented as well as the award for best costume, claimed by Natasha Burchell for her spectacular Cleopatra outfit, and the all-rounder award, received by Jamea Brown (Dalia Lama), as she demonstrated excellence in all three categories.

Ms Chambers, the teacher of the English extension class, commented, “This night provided the students with a creative way to show their academic skills.” Though only a select number of students received awards all display centres were interesting, the speeches were all informative and entertaining and all costumes reflected the nature and personality of the chosen and admired notable. It was awe-inspiring to see how many individuals have made a real difference to the world.

Lauren Lawler & Kathryn Petty & Chandelle Brown

Jamea Brown (Dalia Lama)
Speak for Success Workshop

Four students have been invited to attend a Public Speaking workshop called Speak for Success in July. This interactive workshop will involve senior students to do the following:

- Present better orals and learn skills to improve your presentations
- Learn to control your nerves before speaking
- Be able to speak confidently on an impromptu topic
- Some effective job interview skills that you can use
- Body language and how it reflects on your communication.

Adolescents. To help us understand how anxiety develop in youth we need to learn from children and adolescents who are not fearful or anxious. We are seeking parents and their non-anxious children and adolescents (7 - 17 years) to participate in our study. To thank you for your time and involvement in the study we will give you gift vouchers to the value of $50.

To find out more about this project, please contact Dr Ella Milliner and Dr Lara Farrell on (07) 567 88317 or email e.milliner@griffith.edu.au

Cathi Bell
English HOD

Drama News

On June 24th our Year 10 Drama students had the pleasure of going to Gilston State School to perform their Children’s Theatre plays for an enthusiastic audience of Year 2 students. Fun and laughter ensued as the children were educated about the threat of cooties, tooth decay and the value of respect. The excursion was made possible by our local Nerang RSL who sponsored the students by providing transport to get them to and from the event. The generosity of spirit shown by the RSL was passed on by our students who performed with much passion and enthusiasm for the students of Gilston. In fact, it was extra special for those past Gilston students, who got to go back and perform at a place that holds many fond memories and that helped shape who they are today.

Seeking Non Anxious Children and Adolescents

GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY

At Griffith University we are conducting an exciting study investigating anxiety disorders in Children and Adolescents. To help us understand how anxiety develop in youth we need to learn from children and adolescents who are not fearful or anxious. We are seeking parents and their non-anxious children and adolescents (7 - 17 years) to participate in our study. To thank you for your time and involvement in the study we will give you gift vouchers to the value of $50.

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Bookroom Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
8:30am - 12.00pm
12:30pm - 2.00pm

Suzie Koenig
School Based Youth Health Nurse
Gold Coast HHS

Mon - Fri. 8.00am – 4.00pm
(Mon Tues Keebra Park SHS, Thurs Fri Nerang SHS)
Work Mobile: 0432 005 262

RESOURCE CENTRE HOURS

Open daily – from 8am-8.45am
Open Morning Tea – 10.15am – 10.45am
Open – Lunchtime 1.15pm – 1.45pm.

LIBRARY TEACHER AIDE MRS MARILYN RIVETT

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
All 2014 school 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.

FINANCE WINDOW
OPEN MONDAY WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY
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

Child & Adolescent Oral Health Service
Gold Coast Hospital & Health Service
Students in grades (8,9,10) have been provided with an offer of oral health care examination card to take home. Dental appointments will be made at William Duncan SS. Parking is on Alexander Drive. Please do not park inside school gates.
If your child is enrolled in one of the grades listed above or are new to the school and did not receive an examination card and would like to arrange for your child to receive oral health care please contact the Oral Health Call Centre 1300 300 850. Monday to Friday 8.00 am – 4.30 pm Excluding Public Holidays.
If your child requires disability access please identify this requirement with the Call Centre Operator.