29 July 2014

Principal’s Report

Careers Expo

Our Year 10, 11 and 12 students and their parents are invited to our Career Expo evening. This event will be held on Wednesday 30 July from 5.30pm-7.30pm in the school hall. For our Years 10 to 12 students, industry and further education partners from the local and wider community have been invited to set up displays. Students will be able to speak directly with these education and industry representatives about career pathways from 5.30 until 6.30pm. Expect to see displays from Aurora Training Institute, Bond University, Busy At Work Apprenticeship Centre, Australian Defence Forces, Doyles Academy (Beauty), Go Get a Job, Gold Coast TAFE, Gold Coast Training Academy, Griffith University, Ignite Education, Imagine Education, Kings Unitech, Kool Kids Childcare, Qld University of Technology (QUT), Southern Cross University and University of Southern Queensland.

From 6.30 to 7.30pm the Year 10 students and parents will be provided with subject selection information including details pertaining to QCE, OP eligibility, Selection Rank and Vocational Education & Training Options. Our Career Expo evening will be another opportunity for you to discuss with the curriculum experts in our school the best subject options for 2014. Please ensure that you are able to come along to this very important night in our school calendar.

Year 10 students will receive their Subject Selection packages on the night and therefore it is essential that Year 10s and their parents attend. Heads of Departments will be available to discuss any concerns regarding subject selections for students going into Year 11 next year.

School Opinion Survey

The annual School Opinion Survey is occurring in our school and the Parent/Caregiver Survey has been sent home. In the past the survey was sent to a sample of randomly selected families; this has now changed to all families being able to participate in this survey by accessing the online portal and using the logon codes provided in the material we have posted home. A big ‘thank you’ to everyone who has already completed their survey, and a reminder to others to please complete the survey. The feedback from this annual survey is an important part of the information we use in planning for the areas we will work on next. The overall results from this survey are used within our school, so please don’t forget to be complimentary in those areas where you believe we are doing well. Remember the closing date for the survey is Sun 3 August.

High Expectations Process

I want to remind parents about our ‘High Expectations’ process that we instituted at the start of this year. In line with our PRIDE values, this year we are strengthening our focus on students bringing the necessary equipment, along with completing all homework and classwork, by introducing a clear process of consequences for students and communication of ongoing issues with parents.

The school-wide process is as follows:

- The first time a student fails to bring equipment or complete homework or complete classwork the Teacher will revisit the expectations with the Student. On the second occasion that this happens, the student will be required to attend a lunchtime detention.
- If this behaviour then continues, the Teacher will send a Text Message and issue another 10 minute detention. The Text Message to the parents is to make them aware that there is an ongoing problem and that they will need to discuss this with their child. We do not expect parents to reply to the Text Message.
- Should there be a fourth instance of a student not bringing equipment or not completing homework or classwork, the Teacher will phone home to provide further details on the concern and to ask for parental support in rectifying this issue. The student will be referred to the relevant subject area Head of Department for an interview and will be given a detention by this HOD.
- Should the behaviour re-occur within that school Term, the teacher will refer the student to the HOD for the second time. The HOD will set a 20 minute detention and phone home.
• Any further instances will be referred to the Deputy Principals and managed through the RTC points system.

Report Review
This year we also initiated “Report Review” as a process around goal setting, to support our drive on high expectations. On Tuesday 22 July we provided the students with the details of their latest report and a guide on reflecting how they can improve. The students complete a goal setting activity and this then comes home for your perusal. Please ask to see this document and take the opportunity to discuss your child’s goals with them and how they are progressing in their schooling endeavours.

Congratulations
Congratulations to all the students who were recognised at our Principal’s Awards ceremony on Thursday. It was great to see so many newcomers to our awards recipient list, along with those students once again ‘stepping up’ to get a Gold, Silver or Bronze award. Also, A hearty “Well Done” to the parents of our awardees; the work you do in supporting and encouraging our students makes a real difference.

Congratulations to all 35 student who entered “The Write Stuff” - A Short Story Writing Competition for All Year Levels. I am pleased to announce the winners are:

**Year 8:** Maggie-Mae Walters - “Ceasefire” (Runner Up: Marcus Gaudens - “The Arising”)

**Year 9:** Chloe Arthur - “A Broken Mirror” (Runners up: Lou Healy - “A Sizzling Reflection” & Angelique Steele - “Shattered World”)

**Year 10:** Sarah Lear - “Freedom” (Runners up: Quinn Yates-Sclater - “A Dachau Winter” & Well Buentipo - “Choices”)

**Year 11:** Logan Amott - “Again” (Runner up: Lucas Cumming - “Hydrogen”)

**Year 12:** Grace Lohia - “Strange Fruit” (Runners Up: Angel Nikijuluw - “Colour is Crime” & Kelsy Pointon - “Journey’s End”)

Congratulations to Bryce Davies on attacking and completing the Gold Coast Kokoda Challenge. He completes the 96km course in 31 Hours and 17 Minutes. WELL DONE!

My congratulations to our students on the way in which they have started the semester. It has been great to see the enthusiasm of the students as they arrived at school after the holidays and I am looking forward to a great term.

Regards,

Scott Ison

**15 YEAR GIRLS TENNIS - GOLD COAST REGION**

Brittaney, Crystal, Jade and Philadelphia won the Gold Coast Region, 15 Year Girls Tennis, remaining undefeated throughout the tournament. They were very determined to remain champions for the season. With a very positive and strong belief in themselves they were successful. Sport is a wonderful way of interacting with people who have the same interest and sporting spirit. Your determination has certainly achieved your success. Congratulations on your excellent sportsmanship. You have done Nerang proud!

Mrs Harburg
Coach, 2014

**BOYS REWARD CHALLENGE DAY**

The last day for term two, saw 17 boys from year 8 and 9, participate in the latest Boys Reward Challenge Day against Robina School High School and Coombabah State High School. After the success of term one’s day, all the boys were eager to impress and receive recognition from their teachers as someone who has worked hard and demonstrated positive behaviours within the classroom and school community.

This term’s challenge was a cooking contest that followed the same method as the MKR television show, and was organised by Paul Bullpit, a former finalist of the TV show and teacher at Coombabah State High School. The boys had to work in small teams to prepare and serve a meal from selected ingredients to a judging panel of Adian Sezar and Jamie Dowling (both from Gold Coast Titans). This was then followed by the boys making their own burgers for lunch from an award-winning recipe that the Bunnings team gave them.

Prior to the day the boys were put through their cooking paces by the Year 12 Catering class and Miss Whyte, who gave up their time to help prepare the recipes for the boys and run through how to cook each one. The focus of the day was to further develop the boys’ communication skills, their teamwork and how to work while under pressure; all of which the Nerang boys excelled.

Unfortunately, the boys did not win the competition, however they did not walk away empty-handed. Thanks to Bunnings, all the boys received a $10 gift card, and all the food was donated by Coles and The Smith Family Charity. Overall, it was a great way to spend the last day of term and all the boys were a credit to the school with how they conducted themselves throughout the day. WELL DONE!
Guidance Corner

This term Year 12 students will be applying to QTAC if they attend to go to University or study a Diploma at TAFE. QTAC applications close on the 30th September and has a fee of $35. If students apply after this date the late fee is $135. Students are to apply online at www.qtac.edu.au.

Year 12 students have had talks from the Guidance Officer detailing this process along with talks from Universities and TAFE. Students are encouraged to apply for scholarships, specifically Equity scholarships. Scholarship information is available directly on the University/TAFE websites. Students apply directly to the institute online for scholarships.

We expect all students to attend our schools Career Expo on the 30th July from 5.30 to 6.30pm. There will be displays from Universities, TAFE, Defence Force, Private Colleges and Apprenticeship and Traineeship Organisations.

Students are encouraged to make appointments with the Guidance Officer for support with applying to QTAC.

OPEN DAYS

ACU: Saturday 26th July Brisbane Campus (Australian Catholic Uni)
QUT: Sunday 27th July 9am to 3pm at Gardens Point (city) campus
CAREERS EXPO at NERANG STATE HIGH SCHOOL is on WEDNESDAY 30th JULY
UQ: August 3rd St Lucia, August 6th Ipswich Campus, August 17th Gatton Campus
GRIFFITH: Sunday 10th August 9am to 2pm all campuses

USC: Sunday August 10th Uni of Sunshine Coast
SCU: Info Day 11th Dec, Gold Coast campus Southern Cross Uni. Alternatively you can arrange a personalised guided tour at any time. PH: 1800 626 481

TAFE: OPEN DAYS

Information sessions will be held on the following dates;

Services & Business
Tuesday 26th August 2014
5:00pm - 6:00pm
Rooms S103 & S104, Level 1 Terraces, 91 Scarborough Street Southport

Trades
Wednesday 27th August 2014
5:00pm - 6:00pm
Theatre, A Block, Cnr Heeb Street & Benowa Rd
Ashmore, Ashmore

Health & General Education
Wednesday 10th September 2014
5:00pm - 6:00pm
Rooms S410 & S411, Level 4, 91/99 Scarborough Street
Southport

Creative Industries
Thursday 11th September 2014
5:00pm - 6:00pm
Main Auditorium, 198 Foxwell Road Coomera

To attend an information session, please email Schools.GoldCoast@tafe.qld.edu.au including your full name, email address, phone number and information session selection.

Coomera Campus Open Day

Thursday 21st August 2014
Times: 9:00am - 1:00pm (specific timeslots will be allocated upon RSVP)
198 Foxwell Road Coomera

Looking for a career in Media, IT, Music, Production, Design or Civil Engineering? Come along to our TAFE Gold Coast Coomera Campus Open Day to check out the state of the art Creative Industries, Built Environment and IT campus with facilities including Film & TV Black Box theatre, Music & recording studios, Apple Mac & IT Labs.

If you are interested in attending the Coomera Open Day, please contact your School Careers Office directly to register your interest or email Schools.GoldCoast@tafe.qld.edu.au including your full name, email address & phone number by Friday 8th August 2014.

Bond University’s Year 11 Headstart Day is just around the corner and is the perfect chance for your ambitious year 11 students to experience university life. During this free event, students will uncover a range of possible careers, take part in interactive activities, meet Bond’s professors and current students, and get to know their way around our campus.
If your students are considering their university options... they should consider Headstart Day!

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For more information about any of our other Experience University Life programs and events, designed especially for high school students, please visit http://www.bond.edu.au/experience.

33rd annual Tertiary Studies & Careers Expo (TSXPO).

Saturday 19 & Sunday 20 July 2014
10am - 4pm both days
Exhibition Building, Brisbane Showgrounds, Gregory Terrace, Brisbane
ADMISSION IS FREE!
http://www.tsxpo.org/

The Expo is a great opportunity for students to collect information they need to make a decision regarding their future career path and subject selection.

RILEY, Suzy
Nerang State High School

Heavily Funded Training in Health

Health Industry Training is offering heavily reduced Certificate III level qualifications for parents who are interested in working within the health industry. At a cost of $320.00 for concession participants and $600.00 for non-concession participants, this will allow you to complete a Nationally recognised full Certificate III qualification in Allied Health Assistance or Health Service Assistance.

We will be holding an information session day on Thursday 24th July 2014 from 10am to 12pm – venue to be advised

Classes will be held 9am to 2:30pm Tuesday and Thursday commencing August 5th 2014. Numbers are limited. For further information please call Health Industry Training on 1300 381 415

Bookroom Hours

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

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.