11 August 2014

Principal’s Report

What a Great Day

Our annual Athletics Carnival was held on Friday 1 August and the day was enjoyed by everyone. Our students dressed up, participated and had fun participating and supporting their house-mates. A huge ‘thank you’ to the staff and student leaders for their efforts in supporting the running of our carnival. Also, the participation from our students is to be commended.

Winning houses and age champions will be announced on our school assembly on Wednesday 13 August.

A reminder that students who have been selected to represent our school at the District athletics carnival need to return their permission note immediately.

Show holidays

With the Brisbane Ekka happening, it is timely to remember that Queensland state schools receive only one show holiday annually. Our students have Friday 30 August as our Gold Coast show holiday. I regularly write about the importance of attending school every day because it is one of the simplest thing that will give your children the best chance of a great education.

Every day counts and parents can contribute to our messages about attendance by ensuring they do not allow their children to skip school for birthdays, family events or attending the Ekka. If your children want to experience the Ekka, convince them that it’s a great to attend over the weekend. Students need to attend school every day to receive the most benefits from their education; skipping one day each term adds up to more than a whole term of schooling missed throughout a child’s education.

Assessment Schedules

Assessment Schedules were provided to students this week. These are individual for each student, showing the due dates for all assessment this semester. You will be able to work with your child in using this information to plan for assessment. Planning to complete assignments over a number of evenings and weekends is imperative.

Students use their Assessment Schedule to firstly record the due dates for each assessment item in their Student Diary. The next step is for students to then write into their diary the times they plan to use to prepare for the completion of each assessment item. Students can plan for the workload relating to tests by writing revision times for each test. Students need to write revision on the night before the test. They then write in further revision times for 3 of the 5 nights prior to this date. For assignments, students are to write the assignment name in their diary on each night that they will be working on it between the date given and the due date. In general, they need to build a minimum of 5 times when the assignment will be worked on.

Ask your child to show you that they have done this planning in their diary. Then take the Assessment Schedule and display in a prominent place, so you can consistently refer to it and give reminders about due dates for assignments and preparing for tests.

We cannot post the 880 individual Assessment Schedules on the school website, so the assessment program for each year level is provided on the school website under the Curriculum Tab in the Testing and Assessment section. The Guide to Homework and Study is also available here.

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Regards,
Scott Ison

Community News

Hello everyone,

The P&C has been quietly working behind the scenes this year sorting out insurance issues for our markets, planning uniform orders for the incoming 2015 Flying Start students and applying for various grants. We have also attended various workshops and community events promoting our great school.

We have resolved our insurance issues in regard to our Art and Craft Markets and are happy to announce our next 2 markets will be Saturday 23rd August and Saturday 15th November from 9 am until 2pm in the school hall. Please pass the word around and come to support the P&C and local crafts people and stall holders. Any enquiries can be directed to me on the numbers below.
Our stylish winter jacket is now in stock and selling well. We appreciate your patience whilst this was manufactured and delivered. The students look great in them and the students are very happy. We continue to get great feedback on our new uniform and on how good the students look in it. The P&C put a lot of work into the new uniform and we are very happy to see the students wearing it correctly and with pride.

The Grants we have underway are Gambling Community Benefit Fund to resurface the netball courts, which is around $35,000.00; Division 5 community donation for change tents for the uniform shop and tables for the hall; Dept. of Communities Volunteer Grant for equipment for use by volunteers around the school. Fingers crossed for a positive outcome!

As always we can be contacted via email at pdc@nerangshs.eq.edu.au or my mobile number is 0412267263.

Kind regards

Tracey Spiers
President

Year 9 Art

Griffith University Extravaganza Day

On Friday the 25th July the year 9 Visual Art students had the amazing opportunity to partake in a free and fun day of visual art workshops. The students were placed with university lecturers and students in a variety of workshops including: 3 D Printing, Photoshop, Photography, Digital Animation and Drawing.

Students were given opportunities to learn from trained professionals and ask questions regarding university courses. The year 9 students were provided with a hands on experience which produced a printed T-shirt to take home and 3D models.

This day provided students with not only an insight into possible university opportunities but also a better understanding of particular subjects and courses. A thoroughly enjoyed day was had by both students and teachers and we look forward to the next Griffith University Extravaganza Day.

Mrs. Carrara
Visual Art Teacher

Congratulations to all 35 student who entered “The Write Stuff”

A Short Story Writing Competition for All Year Levels

The Winners are:

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

Winner Year 9: Chloe Arthur “A Broken Mirror”
Runners up: Lou Healy “A Sizzling Reflection”
Angeline Steele “Shattered World”

Winner Year 10: Sarah Lear “Freedom”
Runners up: Quinn Yate-Sclater “A Dachau Winter”
Well Buentipo “Choices”

Winner Year 11: Logan Arnott “Again”
Runner up: Lucas Cumming “Hydrogen”

Winner Year 12: Grace Lohia “Strange Fruit”
Runners Up: Angel Nikijululu “Colour is Crime”
Kelsy Pointon “Journey’s End”

PRIDE Points

As you may have heard PRIDE Points are back for Term 3. This is a school wide positive behaviour reward program that acknowledges students who choose to do the right thing. This term teachers have been giving their classes a PRIDE Focus for each lesson. This focus might be completing all set tasks in class; completing homework; turning up with the correct equipment for the lesson or even joining in class discussions. If a student meets the PRIDE goal, they are issued with a PRIDE Point by the teacher. Once a student has been issued with a PRIDE Point they automatically go into the fortnightly prize draw. This is a random draw where one student in each year level is awarded with a movie ticket.

So far our random prize draw winners have been:

Year 8: Klayden Maynard 8G and James Diggs 8A
Year 9: Billie Adams 9E and Jack Van Der Lee 9H
Year 10: Persephany Daniela-Seve 10C and Ryley Trinder 10G
Year 11: Bailey Cousins 11C and Cory McKinnon 11D
Year 12: Sioa Gele 12P and Jack Thomas-Wright 12C

This term we are also offering a bonus prize for the first student to reach 100 PRIDE Points. This should be happening very shortly and I will keep you posted!

Pride Café will also be running again for the Top 5 students in each year level. The Top 5 students are those who have been awarded the most PRIDE Points throughout the term. These students will be treated to a delicious two-course meal in the last week of term. Previous winners have thoroughly

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enjoyed the experience that our wonderful Home Economics Department provides.

Angela Meyer
RTC Coordinator

Assessment and Treatment of Fears and Phobia of Dogs in Teenagers
Griffith University

Is your teenager fearful of dogs? At Griffith University we are conducting an exciting study that includes a thorough assessment and a single session of treatment for teenagers (12 to 18 years of age) with dog phobia. We are providing this service at no cost to families. To find out more about this project, please contact Dr Ella Oar and Dr Lara Farrell on (07) 567 88317 or email e.oar@griffith.edu.au

Bookroom Hours
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
8:00am - 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.