Principal’s Report

Premier’s Anzac Prize closes 19 September – newsletter

The 2015 Prize will give 70 students the extraordinary opportunity to attend the Anzac Day centenary commemoration in Gallipoli next year and travel to the Western Front battlefields in Belgium and France. Students in Years 8 to 11 are eligible and can enter by developing a two to five minute multimedia submission. Submissions close on 19 September 2014. View the video of previous winners’ entries and experiences and find information on how to enter at www.education.qld.gov.au/anzac-prize.

Congratulations

A few weeks ago at the Beenleigh Eisteddfod, our Dance Troupe received 2nd place for their Hip Hop Mega Mix and a Highly Commended for their Beyonce routine. Congratulations to our students on their efforts, the competition was very tough this year. A massive thank you and congratulations to Hayley Wilson who has put in about 65 billion hours with the Dance Troupe. Thanks also to Terry Sanderson who recently joined our team and has been assisting with rehearsals.

The Red Room Company is a not-for-profit organisation that creates unusual and useful poetry projects which transform expectations of, and experiences with, poetry. Alexandra Hanna from The Red Room Company commented on the fantastic poems they received from Mrs Bell’s Year 10 class and that they really were of such a high standard that the students should all be commended. Their poems can now be viewed on the Poetry Object Library website at:
http://redroomcompany.org/poetry-object/poems/?group=NERANG%20BH%20HS

Take a moment to check out our published poets and enjoy reading their works online.

Last weekend our school Drumline performed at the Gold Coast Suns Game. Although the weather was terrible, our students conducted themselves in a very professional manner and were well received by all the patrons that attended the game. A huge thankyou to Dean Harawira, our Music Teacher, who along with Prue Martin, organised and supported our students. Well done to: Tane Champs-terekia, Aleeka Tazzone, Andrea Baillie and our next year’s Drumline patrons.

Flying Start

Exciting changes await our school as 2015 marks the first year that Year 7 will be a part of high school. This means that next year, we’ll be welcoming both Year 7 and 8 students into our community. Many of you will recall making that transition with your children over the past few years, and we’re focused on providing as much support as possible to the students coming across from our local primary schools. Especially with the double cohort expected next year.

The students starting in Year 7 and 8 here next year will be a part of Junior Secondary for Years 7, 8 and 9, along with those students currently in Year 8. The Junior Secondary model we have developed will best support the academic, social and emotional needs of students who are in these early years of high school. We’re really looking to our whole community to welcome and support the students coming across to our school next year. We’ll be holding another information session this term, which will be a great opportunity to showcase our community and our Junior Secondary model. If you have any questions or concerns on the transition of Year 7, please contact us.

Regards,

Scott Ison
Principal
YEAR 11 LEGAL STUDIES MOOT – Thursday, 31 July 2014

Congratulations to our Year 11 Legal Study students who participated in the moot this year. Nerang represented the Prosecution in a criminal trial against 10 other schools. The moot is always being held in the Magistrate’s Court in Beenleigh. Shania Rhodes, Senior Counsel, Ashleigh Allen, Cross-Examiner, Jaimi Lear, Instructing Solicitor, Emily Steele Instructing Solicitor, Dean Paximadas, Accused and Tenicia Creagh the Victim. The students performed extremely well and were congratulated by the Judge on their excellent performance. Nerang students always compete at a high standard because of their dedication and commitment to their tasks.

Well done! You can certainly be proud of your presentation and performance in a court of law.

M Harburg
Legal Studies Teacher.
31 July 2014

University of Queensland Ancient History Excursion

On The 12th of August our senior Ancient History students participated in an incredible collection of activities at the University of Queensland, St. Lucia.

We toured the famous R.D.Milns Antiquity Museum and the staff prepared artefacts specifically for our students to use in their research assignments. We saw Ancient Egyptian mummy masks, Roman swords and daggers and stunning Greek pottery. After the museum visit, the Year 11 students took part in a workshop that taught them how to hold, observe and analyse real ancient artefacts. What an opportunity to hold these treasures in their cotton-gloved hands.

Both grades then enjoyed the Cyberschool training by the university librarian, who taught them how to search the vast collection of books and electronic resources available. Our historical warriors then embarked on the research and gathering of material for their individual assignments.

This was a full and rewarding excursion that gave our very capable students an opportunity to experience university life for a day. They were excellent ambassadors for Nerang State High School.

NERANG HIGH SUPPORT TEAM NEWS

Below you will find the latest news and information from our Support Team. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the relevant Team Member using the contact details listed.

Guidance Corner
Suzy Riley – Guidance Officer
Contact Details: Phone: 55037888 Days Available: Monday-Thursday

Nurse News
Suzie Koenig – Youth Health Nurse
Contact Details: Phone: 55037844 Days Available: Thursday and Friday

On Thursday the 14th of August the Gold Coast School Based Youth Health Nurse (SBYHN) Team visited Nerang SH with the Pit Stop program for males. Just over 30 male teachers and students took up the offer of this health check opportunity based on putting a car over the pits. There were lots of discussions around promotion of better health strategies and written information to take away. Comments on feedback forms were extremely positive with overwhelming support for the program. Many of the participants fed back that they had indeed learnt ways to better manage their health; were going to make some changes based on what they had learnt or reaffirmed from the day; the nurses were friendly and easy to get along with; Pit Stop was fun and very informative. Many of the attendees were going to make some changes to their lifestyle based on the information they took away from the day. The staff at Nerang SH were very helpful and accommodating.
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Tony Roberts – Youth Support Coordinator
Contact Details: Phone: 07 5503 7888 Fax: 07 5503 7800
Email: arobe409@eq.edu.au
Days Available: Tuesday to Friday.

You may be thinking what does a YSC do?

The role of a state school Youth Support Coordinator (YSC) is to provide support to at-risk students in Years 10 to 12 to remain engaged with their education to enhance their opportunities for further education and sustainable future employment. The role of the YSC will reflect the specific needs of the school and assist students in lower year levels. Also, the Youth Support Coordinator can assist with:

- referring at-risk students to appropriate agencies and support services that will assist students to overcome barriers to education and training.
- providing individual support and group work to students to maximise their engagement with education and training.

Current programs that I am involved with include the excursion on 22 August to Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary for the students involved in the Jnr. SHED program. This is a program that I have been running along with Chris Perry, the school Chaplain.

I am also working alongside Suzie Koenig (Youth Health Nurse) this term to run Seasons For Growth. This program is facilitated in small groups and is based on research that highlights the importance of social support and the need to practise new skills to cope effectively with change and loss.

Deadly News

Kyla O’Connor – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student Support Coordinator
Contact Details: Phone: 55037828 Email: mocon124@eq.edu.au
Days Available: Monday - Friday

This week, some of our Deadly Choices students participated in a cooking class. Zoe from Good Quick Tukka facilitated the class, where we made and enjoyed Mushroom, Capsicum and Cheese Omelettes. Good Quick Tukka is a healthy cooking program developed by the Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council to teach community members to prepare healthy, affordable meals in a short amount of time. The session was well received, and we look forward to welcoming Zoe back to Nerang SHS in term 4.

Behaviour Bulletin

Angela Meyer – RTC and PRIDE Coordinator
Contact Details: Phone: 55037854 Email: ameye5@eq.edu.au
Days Available: Mon/Wed/Fri

We have a winner! Congratulations to Joshua Copeland in Year 10 for being the first student to reach 100 PRIDE Points. What a fantastic effort. Josh will be receiving a $50 Coles/Myer gift card as a reward. And that’s not all our prize winners. The following students are this fortnight’s winners of the random draw prize and will be receiving a movie ticket to see a movie of their choice:

- Monique Hosier 8F
- James Redding 9D
- Cherish Maya 10B
- Jackson Cassidy 11F
- Nick Westbury 12A

These students will receive their prizes on year level assemblies.

There is still one more random prize draw left for the term. In order to be in the running students just need to be earning PRIDE Points in class. There is also the chance to dine in PRIDE Café in the last week of term. The Top 5 students in each year level will all be treated to a two-course sit down meal.

Finally…Please make sure your contact details are up-to-date. The RTC sends out SMS communication to parents/guardians in order to keep them informed about their child’s RTC visits and Levels. Teachers have also been sending out Positive PRIDE text messages to inform parents/guardians of the great work students are doing in class.

Chappie Chat

Chris Perry – School Chaplain
Contact Details: Phone: 5503 7809 Days Available: Wednesday-Friday

~ CURRUMBIN VALLEY ~

SPRING FESTIVAL

Sunday 14th September, 9.30am – 2.00pm

Live Music, Market Stalls, Rock Climbing, Farmyard Feeding, Jumping Castle, Games, Arts & Craft, Food, Deck Bar & More!

STALL HOLDERS WANTED – From $10

1226 Currumbin Creek Road, Currumbin Valley, 4223, Ph: 5533 0312
info@currumbinfarmschool.eq.edu.au
NOTICE TO PARENTS

Gilston Road Car Park Is Staff Only.

Thank You

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.