15 February 2013

Principal’s Report

Every minute counts

Welcome to the 2013 school year. The first weeks have been very busy with teachers and students starting the new year, getting classes underway and our other programs off to a flying start. Our Year 8 students have settled in well, thanks to the leadership of our Year 8 Coordinator Matt Pow and the Deputy Principal for Year 8, Trish Berryman.

I have been impressed with the tone of the school and the desire for students to be learning. My clear message to all students is that every minute of their time at school is important and attending every day and being focussed on learning is what will ensure they are successful at school.

Uniform

I am very pleased with the effort our students are making in wearing the uniform; wearing it correctly; and wearing it with pride. Already the commentary from our community is that we look smart and, as usual, our students are representing themselves and our school in a very positive way as they move through the community. Remember, if students cannot wear an item of the uniform on a particular day, they need to bring a note of explanation to the student services window before school.

Investiture of our Leaders

Our 2013 Captains, Prefects other school leaders were formally recognised at the Investiture Ceremony on Thursday 14 February. Congratulations to our 2013 school leaders:

School Captains: Elizabeth Abbey & Nathan Griffiths.

School Vice-Captains: Angie Thomson & Brandon Cavanagh.

Prefects: Chloe Ashton, Kate Bareham, Lauren Brown, Shannon Dulay, Dannica Liewellyn, Jordi Mitchell-Hayes, David Pepper & Raquel Smit.


Gold Coast Junior Council Representatives: Shania Rhodes, Jessica Roe, Kristin Van Der Lee and Zac Maher

Upcoming Events

The first Cluster Sports Day is Tuesday 26 February and students will need to ensure their bus money is paid to maintain their place in a sporting team. School Photos will be taken on Thursday 21 Feb, and students must be dressed in formal school uniform on the day of the photographs. Jumpers are not to be worn in the photograph. School rules regarding jewellery apply. If students have HPE on the day, they wear their formal uniform and bring their sport uniform to change into for their HPE lesson.

Reminder - Insurance cover

Some school activities and physical education, particularly contact sports, carry inherent risks of injury. Parents are advised the Department of Education and Training does not have accident insurance cover for students. If your child is injured at school as a result of an accident or incident, all costs associated with the injury, including medical costs are the responsibility of the parent or caregiver. Some incidental medical costs may be covered by Medicare. If you have private health insurance, some costs may also be covered by your provider. Any other costs must be covered by parents. Student accident insurance pays some benefits in certain circumstances should your child have an accident. It is up to all parents to decide what types and what level of private insurance they wish to arrange to cover their child. Please contact your insurer or an approved Australian insurance broker if you wish to take out student personal accident insurance cover for your child.

Swimming Carnival

The swimming carnival provided a great start to the sporting year. The fashions were stunning, the war cry competition added to the great atmosphere and there were some very competitive swimming races held.

The following students became age champions:

13 Boys: Sebastiano Tassone
13 Girls: Madeline Pickett
14 Boys: Lachlan Cullen-Chambers
14 Girls: Brielle Young
15 Boys: Hayden Grieve
15 Girls: Bronwyn Du Preez
16 Boys: Obie Meates
16 Girls: Kristin Van Der Lee
Open Boys: Pedro Da Paz
Open Girls: Angelina Thomson

After an extremely hard fought competition, Delta were crowned champion house by the slimmest of margins. The final standings were:

1st Delta (1041pts)
2nd Alpha (1040pts)
3rd Beta (988pts)
4th Gamma (567pts)

A big thank you to the staff at Nerang Pool, who once again provided a fantastic state of the art venue for our carnival.

Danny Korn
(Sport Co-ordinator)

SENIOR SCHOOLING DEPARTMENT

Welcome back to Term 1, 2013. I hope you all had a safe and relaxing Christmas break.

Firstly, I would like to introduce myself to new students and parents. My name is Jodie Teng and I am the Head of Department (HOD) for Senior Schooling. I am working part-time with Mrs Gordana Jaram. I am available Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, Mrs Jaram is available on Wednesdays. I wish to thank Mrs Jaram for her role as Acting HOD on Wednesday and Friday. Our office is located in the Resource Centre.

RESOURCE CENTRE HOURS

Open daily – from 8am-8.45am
Closed – MT
Open – Lunchtime 1.15pm – 1.45pm.

LIBRARY TEACHER AIDE MRS MARILYN RIVETT

QCS

Year 12 students will be undertaking preparation for QCS starting Term 2. QCS is scheduled for 3 and 4 September (Term 3). The QCS Practice test will be conducted on 30 May 2013.

It is imperative that students are in attendance at these sessions. REMEMBER EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!
SCHOOL-BASED TRAINEESHIPS AND APPRENTICESHIPS (SAT’S)

The lovely Mrs O’Sullivan is the lady to see if you are interested in a SAT. She is available before school and at lunchtime in the Library. If you are currently employed and would like to complete a SAT at your workplace, please see Mrs O’Sullivan today!

WORK EXPERIENCE

Year 10, 11 and 12 Work Education and Workplace Practices students will be completing work experience at the end of the term during Week 9, 26-28 March. Forms will be handed out in class shortly, please return these to your classroom teacher ASAP so your work experience placement can be organised.

Some quotes to finish with...

Keep working hard and you can get anything that you want.

Aaliyah

The only place where success comes before work is in the dictionary.

~Attributed to both Vidal Sassoon and Donald Kendall.

Some people dream of success... while others wake up and work hard at it.

~Author Unknown

“If opportunity doesn’t knock, build a door.”

Milton Berle

Even if you’re on the right track, you’ll get run over if you just sit there.”

Will Rogers

Mrs Jodie Teng

HOD Senior Schooling

P&C

The P&C are always looking for ways to improve facilities and equipment within the school.

There are quite a number of companies that have community grants programs which we are always monitoring.

We would like to hear from any parents, guardians or extended family members who are employed by Telstra or Medibank.

Telstra employees are able to help us access funding for sports equipment worth $1000 and Medibank employees are able to connect us with a community grants program up to $10,000. There is nothing for these employees to do , other than contact me.

If you are able to help please contact me on the numbers below. We would love to hear from you!

Thank you,
Tracey Spiers,
pandc@nerangshs.eq.edu.au or 0412267263

Community News

Welcome back everyone! We are off and running already. The P&C hosted a school tour and morning tea for new parents on Tuesday 29th and it was great to see so many attend, thank you.

The Uniform shop has been quite busy for the past two weeks, however our staff ensured waiting times were kept to a minimum and that all families were provided with the uniforms required.

Thank you to Mary and her team for a job well done.

Normal trading hours have now resumed – Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays 8.15am – 11am.

P&C meeting dates for the year are below, please mark them on your calendar.

12th March at 6pm for refreshments followed by meeting and AGM.

General meeting dates are - 14th May, 11th June, 16th July, 13th August, 10th September, 15th October, 19th November and the last meeting on 10th December.

If you have any questions or issues to discuss please feel free to attend a P&C meeting or contact us by email at pandc@nerangshs.eq.edu.au or you can drop in and see me at the Uniform shop on most Monday’s or my mobile is 0412267263.

Other news-

Please donate your old phone if you were lucky enough to get a new one for Christmas!

Thanks to everyone who voted for our school in the CUA Community Care Program late last year. Unfortunately we did not receive enough votes to win, however, we will receive $1000 donation from CUA Robina for our efforts. This will go toward our school gym.

The P&C held a sausage sizzle to support our Chaplaincy program on December 15th and we were able to raise just over $400. Thank you to all that helped on the day.

Looking forward to a busy and successful 2013!

Regards Tracey Spiers
P&C President

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

Term 1 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.

Due Dates for Resource Scheme Instalments:

2nd Instalment: Due by Friday 22nd March 2013
3rd and Final Instalment: Due by Friday 14th June 2013

Due dates for Laptop Program (Yrs 9, 10 & 11)

2nd Instalment: Due by Friday 22nd March 2013
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FINANCE WINDOW

Please make note of the following dates for the closure of the Finance Window. No monies will be accepted in the last week of Term 1, 2 and 3 and the last two weeks of Term 4. This allows for the End of Term financial procedures to be processed.

Last day for payments:

Term 1 - Friday 22nd March 2013
Term 2 - Friday 14th June 2013
Term 3 - Friday 13th September 2013
Term 4 - Friday 29th November 2013

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: Mrs Lowe on 5503 7888

NEW OR CHANGED CONTACT DETAILS

To ensure good school communication if you have moved or simply changed your contact details please supply us with your correct contact details. We are wishing to further improve school communication and would appreciate your email address to be included as well.

Please print this page and complete the tear off section and return to our Administration Office or email our office staff on info@nerangshs.eq.edu.au to ensure your details are current and correct.

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