Principal’s Report

Parent-Teacher Interviews

We have finalised our Progress Reports and they will arrive in the mail in the first week of the holidays. The Easter Break will allow you to spend time discussing the results and comments on the Report Card and, if necessary, make decisions about what needs to change in order to improve these results.

The Parent-Teacher Interview evening is from 3.30 to 7.00pm on Thursday, 18 April. This provides a great opportunity to meet with your child’s teachers and discuss aspects of their education in light of the Term 1 Report Card. It is vital that Parents and Caregivers take this opportunity to discuss how they can support their child in achieving their very best. To make an appointment, follow the procedure for making an on-line booking posted with the Report Card. The earlier this happens, the more likely you are to receive your preferred time-slots.

Please take advantage of this opportunity to form a solid partnership between home and school. I look forward to meeting parents on the 18th of April, and am only too happy hear your opinions and views, so please take the time to catch me on the night.

Keep a watch on our school

Over the holidays we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number – 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.

If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter. Keep the number handy – 13 17 88 – and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.

Next Term begins Monday April 15

A reminder that as per the change that was brought in last year, there will be a break of two weeks for the Easter vacation. As there is no Student Free Day at the start of Term Two, all staff and students will return on Monday April 15 April. With a busy schedule for Term 2, 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.

Until then, wishing you all a Happy Easter.

Regards,
Scott Ison

Nerang High School Interact Club Report

The Interact club is once again selling the Gold Coast and Brisbane Entertainment books. The Gold Coast book is $55 and contains thousands of dollars of savings. These savings can be made by using the two for one or 25% off offers at restaurants or fast food venues. If you have a book then you can also make huge savings by using the on line booking system to book accommodation. (I have found this cheaper than the wotif site). You can google Entertainment Books and find out what they have to offer.

If you would like to purchase the new book (which you can start using after receiving it and is valid until 1st of June 2014) you may purchase on line using the link below. If you would prefer not to use the on line payment service then all you need to do is ring the school or email drae6@eq.edu.au to reserve your book and make payment through the finance window (Monday, Wednesday or Friday).

Books will be available for pick up from the office after the 15th of April (Term 2)

The Interact Club receives $11 for each book sold. Last year the Interact Club was able to provide $2500 for new seating for students around the school by using the funds from the sales of the books and money raised from BBQs.

The Interact club is in desperate need of new members. If you have a son or daughter who would like to serve the wider Nerang community and the school community then encourage them to attend our next meeting. We do have some activities outside of school time. The meetings are held every two weeks, generally on a Thursday at lunch time. These meetings are advertised through the daily notices. Or send them to see Ms. Rae in Maths block. Interact offers a huge number of opportunities for your sons or daughters through the link with Rotary.

Thank you for your support.

Ms. Debra Rae

MODEL UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY

On Saturday, 18 March 2013, we took part in the Model United Nations Assembly that was held at the Civic Centre, Tweeds. Nerang represented Japan and our special delegates for the day were Raquel Smit and Jake Hashim-Jones. The United Nations was represented by 25 countries this year and they had some very topical resolutions to debate and resolve on the Floor of the Assembly. Japan was very active in the debate and represented Japan very well in all the resolutions that were resolved.

Congratulations to both Raquel and Jake for their professional conduct throughout the day. When you have 25 nations all trying to assert their presence on the Floor of the Assembly, there is often not much compromise.

Well done Raquel and Jake. You certainly were excellent Ambassadors for Nerang State High School.

Margaret Harburg
Legal Studies Teacher

2012 yearbooks are still available for sale,
$10 payment must be made to the finance window then book can be collected from the Bookroom
**Bookroom Hours**

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

**Suzie Koenig**  
School Based Youth Health Nurse  
Gold Coast HHS  
Mon - Fri. 0800hrs - 1600hrs  
(Mon Tues Keebra Park SHS, Thurs Fri Nerang SHS)  
Work Mobile: 0432 005 262

**RESOURCE CENTRE HOURS**

Open daily – from 8am-8.45am  
Closed – MT  
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**

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:**

3rd and Final Instalment:  Due by Friday 14th June 2013

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

3rd and Final Instalment:  Due by Friday 14th June 2013

**FINANCE WINDOW**

OPEN MONDAY WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

Last day for payments:  
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.

Thank you!

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**Go card makes travelling to school easy**

Did you know that if your son or daughter uses a Translink go card to travel to school they save at least 30 per cent on the cost of a single concession paper ticket, which is half of an adult’s fare? What’s more families can register the card so the balance can be protected if the card is lost or stolen. Registering the card also allows families to top-up online or over the phone. They can also set up auto top-up so students will always have funds on their card.


**Get Started vouchers to help children get active**

Get Started is a new State Government funding program offering up to $150 per student towards sport club registration or membership fees to help families who can’t afford to sign their child up and encourage other children who would improve their social connections or health to get involved.

Children with a parent or guardian who holds a Health Care or Pension Concession Card and submit a form will qualify, while other families will also need to submit recommendations from two referral agents with their application. Details are available from the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing’s [Get in the Game website](http://www.government.qld.gov.au). The first funding round opened on 15 January 2013 with vouchers distributed on a first-come, first-served basis until the allocation is exhausted or closes on 15 April 2013. A second round will open on 15 July 2013.