22 May 2013

Principal’s Report

NAPLAN

Like other students throughout Australia, our Year 9 students sat the 3 days of NAPLAN testing last week. Whether you agree or not with this national testing regime, you can be confident that our students have been well supported to undertake these 3 days of testing. From the preparation on improving literacy and numeracy skills throughout Year 8 and 9, to the provision of a simple breakfast, we are their supporting our students to perform at their best.

Our students arrived each morning well prepared and focussed. They are a credit to themselves and our school in the way they conducted themselves throughout the 3 days of tests. Also, many thanks to Mrs Berryman and Mr McFarlane for their organisation over the 3 days. Even greater thanks to all of our Teachers and Aides who continue to work with our students to prepare them for not only this set of tests, but more importantly for the longer journey of getting the best High School education they can.

Flying Start – An overview

Why Year 7 will be part of high school: From 2015 our education system is changing for the better with Year 7 becoming the first year of high school. In 2007 the Prep year was successfully introduced to Primary School and subsequently in 2008 the Year 1 entry age was raised by six months. The final step in bringing Queensland in-line with other states will be the movement of Year 7 to High School.

By 2015 more than half the students in Year 7 will be turning 13. Educators agree that young teenagers are ready for greater independence and the depth of learning that high schools provide. With the addition of the Prep year, by 2015 our Year 7 students will be in their eighth year of school and this is the right year for High School to begin. Also, since 2012 we have adopted the new Australian Curriculum for English, Maths, Science and History. In 2014 and 2015 HPE, Humanities, LOTE, Technology and The Arts will be introduced. Being at High School will mean our Year 7 students will have access to the specialist resources they need for these subjects.

What will change: A fundamental change in High Schools will be the formation of a distinct Junior Secondary school that will encompass Year 7, 8 and 9. There will be a strong emphasis on pastoral care for our students, and parents will be encouraged to become even more involved in their student’s schooling in the High School years. The government has provided additional funding to upgrade facilities at Nerang State High School to ensure our learning environments are the best they can be, and give students the learning opportunities they need. We have appointed a Head of Department for Junior Secondary to oversee this important phase of students schooling.

Congratulations Junior Councillors

A had the pleasure of receiving a letter from Councillor Gilmour recently and have reproduced the text of it below:

I had the pleasure last Friday of attending our Junior Council meeting. Nerang State High School has been an active participant in this program for many years. The program currently has 23 High Schools and nearly 100 students registered in 2013. My sincere congratulations to Nerang State High School for once again being successful in having students elected to the Executive Committee. Two students from Nerang were elected which is a wonderful achievement given the large membership base. I would like to congratulate Kristin Van der Lee and Zac Maher for obtaining a position on the 2013 Executive Team.

Congratulations also to Jessica Roe and Shania Rhodes, two year ten students joining the program this year. Sadly the meeting also farewelled the 2012 Executive Team. Angelina Thomson provided great leadership as part of the 2012 team. Please pass on my congratulations to Angelina for a job well done. Junior Council is a highly successful program. It’s success is dependent on the participation from partnering schools. Nerang State High Schools commitment and dedication to the program is greatly appreciated and without your support and that of school liaisons Mr Quinn and Ms Donnelly, it would be difficult to achieve such positive outcomes.

I add my congratulations to our wonderful students who continue the tradition of being great ambassadors for our school and making us all proud members of the Nerang High community.

Nerang State High School and Beacon had their Business Launch on the morning of Wednesday 15 May.

Our Beacon Ambassadors arrived bright and early from 6.00 am to prepare for the event which began at 7.00am. The Ambassadors were responsible for organising the breakfast menu, setting up the breakfast area and presentation. They also greeted and escorted our guests to the breakfast. They were ably assisted by Mrs Suzanne McGee (Year 10 Co-ordinator), Mrs Shelley O’Sullivan (Industry Liaison Officer) and Mrs Kym Whyte (Head of Department Home Economics/Visual Art).

Representatives from a range of organisations pledged to support our program and events in a number of ways. They will be involved in Speed Career ing, opportunities for work experience and mentoring.

We are very grateful to these organisations for their support and are happy to hear from any other individuals or businesses that can assist our Year 10 students in any way. Please contact the school on 5503 7888.

HONOURS LIST

Congratulations to the following students in Years 10, 11 and 12 for achieving academic excellence in Term 1 of this year. Their efforts have been recognised through the Nerang State High School

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Phone: (07) 5503 7888 | Fax: (07) 5503 7800
Email: admin@nerangshs.eq.edu.au
Website: www.nerangshs.eq.edu.au
YEAR 10 BCT EXCURSION TO MASTERS

The Year 10 BCT students enjoyed their visit to Masters. The Manager, Scott Payne, gave the students a good understanding of some of the basic business principles that are required to run a business successfully. He also informed the students on the different learning skills that they would need to work effectively in the business environment. The students were able to relate some of the information that Scott was sharing with them to their theoretical learning in the classroom. We are very appreciative of Scott’s support and the learning opportunities that contribute to the skills and knowledge that students need in our contemporary business environment.

Margaret Harburg
Senior Business Teacher
May 2013

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 your son or daughter who would like to serve the wider Nerang community and the school community then encourage them to attend our next meeting.

Thank you for your support.

Ms. Debra Rae

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 & 2 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 7804

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!

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.


GOLD COAST HOSPITAL AND HEALTH SERVICES – ORAL HEALTH SERVICES

ORAL HEALTH CARE MATTERS

Did you know that Gold Coast Hospital and Health Services – Oral Health Services in both the community and school dental clinics accept Teen Dental Vouchers?

Good oral health care is important for young people. The government has provided Teen Dental Vouchers to help enable and maintain good oral health and preventative care. These vouchers can be presented to private dentists or Gold Coast Hospital and Health Services – Oral Health Services, including a community or school dental clinic.

Children attending schools up to the end of Year 10 who present a Teen Dental Voucher with Gold Coast Oral Health Services will receive a comprehensive examination, x-rays, scale, clean and a full course of care. Children in Years 11 and 12 in receipt of a voucher can only be seen by Gold Coast Oral Health Services if the eligibility criteria is met. They will then be placed on a waiting list to receive a comprehensive examination, x-rays, scale, clean and a full course of care.

If the Teen Dental Voucher has been used at a private dental practice, completion of the private dentist’s treatment plan will need to be undertaken privately at own cost. Gold Coast Hospital and Health Services will only be able to provide Emergency Care for these children, not a full course of care as prescribed by the private dentist.

Gold Coast Hospital and Health Services – Oral Health Services have qualified and experienced dentists, oral health therapists, dental therapists and dental assistants who work together to provide a range of oral healthcare services to meet your child’s specific oral health needs in a caring environment.

As the Teen Dental Voucher expires by 31.12.13, it is important that you arrange your appointment as soon as possible by telephoning the Gold Coast Oral Health Services Call Centre on 1300 300 850. Oral health services are also provided during all school holiday periods.

For more information on the nearest community or school dental clinic, the Oral Health Call Centre will be able to assist you with your enquiry.

CURRUMBIN COMMUNITY FARM SCHOOL

FAMILY FUN DAY

Sunday 2ND June, 9.30am – 2.00pm
Live Music, Rock Climbing, Farmyard Feeding, Jumping Castle, Market Stalls, Food & More!

STALL HOLDERS WANTED – From $10

1226 Currumbin Creek Road, Currumbin Valley
Phone: 5533 0312  Email: alock16@eq.edu.au

Greetings from all the staff at WEP Australia!

Every year, WEP facilitates secondary exchange programs for motivated students, wishing to learn about cultures different to their own. Their successful program completion often results in a more mature, focused and goal-oriented outlook on life and interest in world affairs.

To inform interested students in your school community about their opportunity to complement their secondary studies with an international exchange experience, would you please include the following information in your next newsletter?

Experience Life As An Overseas Teenager with WEP!

WEP’s not-for-profit student exchange programs give secondary students the opportunity to choose from over 20 countries to live and study for a summer, semester or year. Have the time of your life! Our volunteer host families look forward to inviting you into their community, sharing their culture with you and learning about yours. WEP is also offering scholarships towards semester and year-long student exchange programs to Argentina and China commencing in 2014.

Upcoming Information Sessions

Sat, 11 May (12 noon - 4pm) - Melbourne / OPEN DAY!
Tues, 14 May (7:30-9pm) – Sydney
Sat, 18 May (10-11:30am)) – Lismore
Wed, 22 May (7:30-9pm) – Melbourne
Thur, 23 May (7:30-9pm) - Brisbane

Find Out More!

If you would like to go overseas or invite an exchange student into your family, simply request a FREE information pack, including our brochure, fee sheet and FREE application form:

• Visit www.wep.org.au
• Email info@wep.org.au
• Call 1300 884 733