Principal’s Report

Athletics Carnival

Due to the ongoing inclement weather our Athletics Carnival has been re-scheduled for Tuesday 6 Aug. We are hopeful that we will get enough fine days for our oval to dry out and allow us to run this event on the scheduled day. Should we have to further postpone the carnival we will be on a short time-frame and will txt parents immediately.

Please encourage your children to dress in their house colours and come along and participate. The day is all about participation, and while there are very enthusiastic students demonstrating their prowess in their chosen events, there are also large numbers of students who are supporting their House by coming along and participating in events or cheering their school mates on.

Those students who are 1st or 2nd in their event are offered a place on our athletics team to compete at the District level. The District competition runs over 2 days on the 14th and 15th of August. This year, as Griffith University athletics centre is not available to us, the carnival will be held at the Queensland Sport and Athletics Centre (QSEI) in Brisbane. We are hoping to be able to keep the transport cost as low as $15.00 per person per day for the trip to Brisbane.

With athletics postponed we will only have a 4 day turnaround on permission forms and payment. Students will be able to collect their invitation to compete on the morning after the Carnival (Wednesday 7 Aug). There will be a reminder to return your permission forms and payment. Students will be able to collect their survey online at school and all school staff have been provided with access details to complete their survey online. A big ‘thank you’ to everyone who has already completed their survey, and a reminder to other survey participants to please complete their survey to ensure that their opinion is included in our school’s reports, which will be received later this year. Survey queries can be directed to Brendan O’Sullivan.

Careers Expo

Our Careers Expo and subject selection evening for Year 10s was held last Wednesday night. The turn up by our students and parents was a little low for such a significant event in the education timeline of a student. This is the time when students make the choices that will affect the next phase of their life and future career directions. For those parents who didn’t make it to this Expo, the information pack went home with the students on Friday 26 July.

Our Year 10s are currently working on their SET (Senior Education and Training) Plans and all parents are requested to attend a meeting to discuss the future options and pathways for their child. It is imperative that parents/caregivers engage in this very important process.

Appointments can be made from Monday 29 July using the School On-Line Booking System (SOBS) at http://www.sobs.com.au. The letter of invitation and instructions can be found on our school website.

School Opinion Survey

The annual School Opinion Survey is occurring in our school this week. The Parent/Caregiver Survey has been sent home to a sample of randomly selected families, and can be completed either online or using the paper form provided. Selected students will complete their survey online at school and all school staff have been provided with access details to complete their survey online. A big ‘thank you’ to everyone who has already completed their survey, and a reminder to other survey participants to please complete their survey to ensure that their opinion is included in our school’s reports, which will be received later this year. Survey queries can be directed to Brendan O’Sullivan.

Principal’s Awards

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Regard,
Scott Ison

SPACE GALLERY PRESENTS

Inner Sense

The Inner Sense exhibition featured in the Space Gallery during the first week of term, presented viewers with innovating artworks from our year 12 authority art students. Students presented viewers with work which reflected their own personal experiences and thoughts in installation artworks such as Suffocating Emotions by Chanelle Hay, Stick and Stones by Shannon Dulas and Anxious by Jordan Primrose. These works featured photographs, video and sound, as viewers were asked to participate in the artworks through both visual images and sound.

Along with these works the exhibition also featured the mixed media works of year 11 authority art students. These works were a reflection and interpretation of their urban environment, as students were asked to manipulate a variety of images, mediums and techniques to produce artworks. All these works and much more will be featured in our annual art exhibition in term four. It has been a very productive semester with many students showing great promise in their skills and concepts and I look forward to another productive semester.

Mrs. Carrara
Visual Art Teacher

Community News

Welcome back everyone,

During the holidays we had electrical wiring fitted for the new hall kitchen and I have painted it this week. We will be serving refreshments from here during the staging of the school musical at the end of the month. Funds raised will be put toward installing a sink and hot water unit. This kitchen fit out will enable the school to open up the hall for hiring by community groups. This will generate more funds for facility improvements. The cost of this project so far has been met from Grant funding from Councillor Tracey Gilmore and The Dept. of Communities. We thank them for their support of our school.

Speaking of funds, we would like to say Thank you to the 103 families who have paid the P&C contribution this year. $3090 has been raised so far. Whilst this contribution is a voluntary payment, I would urge you to consider paying it as it is the only form of formal fundraising the P&C do at this school. It takes the place of chocolate drive, spell-a-thon’s and fun runs, which we all had copious amounts of in primary school.

At our P&C meeting last night we agreed to use the funds raised from Parent Contributions to purchase scaffolding to be used in the hall. Currently each time we have to retrieve sports balls, change stage lights or sound equipment or paint high areas we have to hire scaffold. We feel this purchase will pay for itself in 3 years.

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29 July 2013

Nerang State High School Newsletter
As always, please feel free to contact the P&C on pandc@nerangshs.eq.edu.au or myself on 0412267263 if you have any suggestions, queries, ideas or information you wish to pass on. We would love to hear from you. Our next meeting is 13th August at 7pm in the Admin Building.

Happy 2nd semester!

Tracey

Uniform Shop

We have some extra stock of winter jumpers and jackets available for purchase.

Night of Notables 2013

On Tuesday 18th June Year 9 Comets came together in an evening of excellence to present displays, research and speeches on their esteemed Notable. Ms Chambers organised an exciting evening where all students participated and made their parents and the school very proud. All speeches and displays were of an extremely high standard. We would like to congratulate the comperes of the evening, Lauren Lawler and Josh Clements for their entertaining and confident delivery of the evening. We are very proud of all the Year 9 English Excellence students.

A special mention goes to the following successful students:

Best Costume - Brayden Douglas-Haumaha
Best Speakers - Matt Gaudens-McMullin, Brittany Hampton, Persephany Daniela-Seve, Crystal Woods, Sarah Lear
Best Display Centre - Zoe Daly, Ebonie Trotter, Brittany Hampton.

A very big thank you to Ms Chambers on her organisation of a wonderful evening.

Cathi Bell - Head of English

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Guidance Corner

4th – 10th August is National Student Volunteer Week

6 Top Reasons for Students to Volunteer

Doing meaningful volunteer work can be an energizing escape from a student’s day-to-day routine of school or family commitments. Volunteering also provides students with renewed creativity, motivation, and vision that can carry over into their personal and professional life. Here are 6 top reasons for students to volunteer

1. Volunteering increases self confidence and combats depression.

Volunteering can help students with their self esteem issues. It can also help combat depression. Teenagers can be very inward looking and see everything as it impacts them. This distorts their perspective of where they fit in and what they can do with their lives.

2. Volunteering makes you happy!

When researchers at the London School of Economics examined the relationship between volunteering and measures of happiness in a large group of American adults, they found the more people volunteered, the happier they were.

3. Volunteering is great for career and job prospects

Volunteering can help students get experience in an area of interest. It gives them the opportunity to meet new people and practice important skills used in the workplace, such as teamwork, communication, problem solving, project planning, task management, and organisation.

4. Volunteering lets students ‘test-drive their passions’ and make new connections.

One of the safest ways for a student to test-drive their passion is to volunteer their talents. Not only do they get to try their hand at new skills and experiences in a low-risk forum, but they’ll also be showcasing these talents to a whole host of people who may just happen to have the connections they need to get hired.

5. Employers love students who volunteer

Volunteering indicates a sense of responsibility and employers love this. They like to know that their staff care and are willing to contribute spare time to the community. Volunteering improves a student’s employment opportunities when it comes to finding a job.

6. Volunteering helps students demonstrate compassion and commitment.

The most successful people in the world dedicate their efforts to a cause that extends beyond themselves. In this competitive world of work, volunteering not only provides students the opportunity to showcase their talents and get experience, but it also allows them to demonstrate compassion and commitment.

Visit these Australian volunteering websites

Currently there are over 11,000 volunteer vacancies listed.

www.govolunteer.com.au
www.volunteeringaustralia.org

QCS PACKS 2013

QCS Packs can be ordered by Year 12 students sitting the Queensland Core Skills from the Uniform Shop. The cost of the pack is $12 and includes all the equipment required with the exception of the calculator.

Orders close August 15 2013.

Queensland Core Skills TEST 2013

TUESDAY 4 SEPTEMBER
WEDNESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

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Johnathan Pepper (Ned Kelly)  Brittany Hampton (Bindi Irwin)
Chandelle Brown (Amelia Earhart) and Persephany Daniela-Seve (Oprah Winfrey)
Brayden Douglas-Haumaha (Aristotle) and Ms Chambers
Newsletter – “Study Skills Courses”

Many College students have successfully participated in our highly specialised literacy programs; Reading, Essay Skills and Study Skills courses. ics Learning Group is pleased to again offer our Study Skills program opportunity to students at your College.

Are You as a Parent Frustrated When Your Child Says

“T’ve Done It” or “I Am Studying”

Only to find out that their time was not productive?

- Ease Your Stress Of Having To Repeat Yourself
- Give Your Child The Tools To Complete Work On Time
- Ensure They Plan Ahead With Their Goals And Set Tasks
- Students Will Always Want To Find “Meaningful” Distractions
- They Need Help To “Balance” Their School Work And Social Lives

Subjects include Learning Styles, Memory, Time Management, Effective Note-taking, Stress Management, Research Skills, Test and Exam Techniques for Short Answer, Multiple Choice and Essay Writing.

The Junior and Senior Study Skills Courses are starting soon for students in years 8 & 9 and 10, 11 & 12. The course will be held in Term 3, at school on 3 consecutive Tuesday (junior) or Wednesday (senior) afternoons at 3.15pm until 5.15pm. These are flexible times and can be arranged to suit requirements. Course fee is $121.00 per student.

ENROL NOW TO GUARANTEE A PLACE !!

To receive additional information and to enrol please contact ics Learning Group direct on 31021329 or internet enrolment at icsgoldcoast@skillscentre.com.au
http://skillscentre.com.au/gold-coast-

You’re invited to attend your 20 Year Reunion

WHEN: Saturday 19 October 2013
WHERE: East 1/88 Surf Parade, Broadbeach
TIME: 6.00pm – 9.30pm
COST: $30.00 include a drink on arrival & canapés
RSVP: no later than 28-Sep-2013
Robyn Cooke (Schijvens) – posrc@bigpond.com

To be added to the guest list, money needs to be paid ASAP

BSB: 633-000
Account No: 149458358
Account Name: R Cooke & S Bowden
Reference: Please add your full name + (maiden name)

No tickets on the night
No partners

Only students who graduated in 1993

Teachers of Class 93’

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

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.

Develop a savings habit with Saver Plus

Saver Plus, Australia’s largest and longest running financial education and matched savings program aims to assist people on lower incomes to strengthen their financial skills and to develop a savings habit. The program provides financial training and support and motivates participants to save by matching their savings dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs. Over 2500 families in Queensland have participated in Saver Plus, with over one million in matched funds to help pay for educational costs including laptops, school uniforms, textbooks, excursions, music and dance lessons and sports fees and equipment. To find out more, phone or SMS your name and postcode to 1300 610 35, email saverplus@bsl.org.au or use the link below. Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and is funded by the Australian Government.