13 August 2013

Principal’s Report
What a Great Day

The change of date for our Athletics Carnival to Tuesday 6 August saw fine weather and a day that was enjoyed by everyone. Our students dressed up, participated and had a great day. A huge ‘thank you’ to the staff and student leaders for their efforts in supporting the running of our carnival. Also, the participation from our students is to be commended.

Our Winning house this year was Beta with 1705 points, followed by Delta with 1476 and Alpha with 1270, then Gamma in 4th place with 1186 points. Our age champions are Jessica Hoy and Sebastiano Tassone for 13 years, Crystal Woods and Matthew Gaudens-McMullin for 14 years, Bronwyn Du Preez and Hayden Carthew-Zimmer for 15 years, Cree Gilmore and Corey Wilson for 16 years, and Chloe Ashton and Thomas Betson in the Open age group.

Congratulations and Thank you

Congratulations to our staff and students for the absolutely fabulous presentation of the musical (Hairspray) over 3 nights of last week. Thank you to all the dedicated parents for their support over the last 2 terms in getting costumes, backdrops, props and students to such a high level of presentation. To our dedicated band of staff who pulled the production together, well done! The overwhelming feedback from those members of our community who came along on one of the 3 nights was that they enjoyed the show immensely and that the polish and production levels were outstanding. The entire school can be proud of what our students put on stage.

New smartphone app to help our students with jobs and career opportunities

The Career Hunter app, developed from a young person’s perspective, is a simple way for young people and their parents to explore career opportunities. Believed to be the first career exploration app of its kind, it provides information about occupations and industries, job descriptions, training and qualification requirements, and job vacancies. It makes tangible links from school to the world of work and highlights the industries were skills are most needed.

The Department of Education, Training and Employment; The Smith Family; Regional Development, Australia; Busy at Work and Group Training Australia worked together on the development of the app — now available from the Apple app store. Learn more at http://detla.qld.gov.au/about/app/index.html

Calling all student filmmakers, animators and video game makers

Entries are now open for Screen It 2013, Australia’s largest moving image competition for primary and secondary students. The Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI) Screen It 2013 Competition is proudly supported by Bullying. No Way! (http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au/index.html) and this year’s theme looks at how people connect. Registration is free and entries close 5 pm, Friday 13 September. More information is available on http://www.acmi.net.au/screenit.aspx.

Show holidays

With the Brisbane Ekka happening, it is timely to remember that Queensland State Schools receive only one show holiday annually. Our students have Friday 30 August as our Gold Coast show holiday.

Regards,
Scott Ison

LEGAL STUDIES EXCURSION TO BOND UNIVERSITY – COURT DISCOVERY

On Tuesday, 23 July our students attended the Bond Court Discovery Event. The students were given an overview of court proceedings and were exposed to a full Criminal Mock Trial. Twelve of Nerang students were selected as the Jury and had to come up with a guilty or not guilty verdict at the end of the trial. When the trial was over the Jury left the courtroom and had to go into the Boardroom to deliberate their verdict. They returned to the Courtroom and the Judge asked the Jury to hand down their verdict. Samantha Williams was the spokes person on behalf of the jury – she clearly stated to the Judge that the Jury was handing down a “NON-GUILTY VERDICT”. This of course pleased the Defence Council and the accused. At the end the Judge’s Associate then showed the students the true result of the case and it was a “Non-Guilty Verdict”. The students were very pleased with their decision. During their deliberation they based their decision on a very important legal principle “ the decision must be beyond reasonable doubt” – there must be no doubt in the jury’s mind.

The students enjoyed an afternoon tea break and then attended a debrief and discussion of the proceedings to which they
contributed to. The students gave good feedback and enjoyed the three hours very much. We thank Bond University Legal Faculty staff for an excellent and interesting event and providing students with such wonderful learning opportunities.

Thank you to all the students for their excellent behaviour.

_Margaret Harburg_  
Legal Studies Teacher  
Friday, 26 July 2013

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**Nerang Alliance Year 6 Enrichment**

The Nerang Alliance Year 6 Enrichment day for Technology was held on the 6th of August in the Resource Centre at Nerang State High School. All students that attended the day thoroughly enjoyed the programming and creative elements that were experienced using various programs and technology. We had some students putting their heads on celebrities or cartoon characters bodies using Photoshop, making sprites animate using Scratch and making cartoons using Pixton. They were all so excited to learn and use new technology, I look forward to seeing these tech savvy students attending Nerang State High School in 2015.

_Mrs J Ives_  
Information and Technology Teacher.

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**RTC News**

**Changes to the RTC System**

This term we are implementing some changes to the RTC system in the hope of getting students to think about their behavioural choices and avoid getting up too high on the RTC ladder. These changes will see an increase in parent/guardian contact and will give the students an element of choice in how they would like to monitor and improve their behaviour.

At Level 4, parents/guardians will be contacted by the Year Level Coordinator to discuss the poor choices the student has been making and to devise a plan of action to help support the student in making better choices.

At Level 6 students will be offered a choice of either Community Service or a Monitoring Card to get their points down. Parents/Guardians will be contacted via email to let them know which option their child has chosen. Community Service involves doing some activity that assists in the upkeep of the school. Students can choose from a variety of activities including helping to sort out sports equipment, helping to set up the Home Economics rooms or sorting out the costume department in Drama. Monitoring cards require students to monitor their behaviour in class and present their card to their teacher at the end of each lesson to be given a score out of 3. Both options have the capacity to help students get their points down in a short space of time whilst giving them time to reflect on their choices of behaviour.

At Level 7 students will be issued with a 30 minute after school detention to get down a point. Parents/Guardians will be informed about this via SMS. We still suspend at Level 8.

Parents/Guardians will now also be contacted via a phone call or message if their child has failed to negotiate a re-entry plan before their next lesson. If students still have not negotiated by the second lesson they will be referred to a Deputy Principal for further action. We will also continue to SMS parents/guardians when their child is sent to the RTC room if they fail to return a plan to the RTC room.

Please ensure all your contact details, including a valid email address are up-to-date by contacting the office and letting them know of any changes.

If you have any questions about the new process, please feel free to give me a call on 5503 7854 or email me on rtc2@nerangshs.eq.edu.au

_Angela Meyer_  
RTC Coordinator

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**P & C News**

Hi everyone,

I am pleased to report that our hall kitchen is up and running and was a great success during the staging of the musical last week. We cleared just over $700 towards the plumbing. Thank you to all those who supported us and a very special thanks to our Volunteers for their time and hard work making sure everyone was served during the short intermission! Job well done Ladies!

I’d also like to mention the great job the Teachers and students did putting on a wonderfully entertaining show!

The scaffolding was delivered and erected in time for the musical and the staff have expressed their thanks to the P&C for the purchase of this equipment. It made their job a little easier and a lot safer.

Our next meeting is 13th August at 7pm in Admin.
As always we can be contacted on pandc@nerangshs.eq.edu.au or I can be contacted on 0412267263 anytime.

Regards,
Tracey Spiers
P&C President

SPACE GALLERY
Presents the FACTORY Exhibition

The Factory exhibition featured in the Space Gallery during the fourth week of Term 3, presented viewers with innovating artworks from our Year 11 Visual Art students. These works were a reflection and interpretation of their urban environment, as students were asked to manipulate images, mediums and techniques to produce artworks. The exhibition featured a wide variety of mediums including video, installation, sculpture, painting and photography. All these works and much more will be featured in our annual art exhibition in Term 4. 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

Queensland Core Skills TEST 2013

TUESDAY 4 SEPTEMBER
WEDNESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

University OPEN DAYS

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Orders close August 15 2013.

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.

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Campus Tours/Information Sessions

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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) – ossrc@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

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

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 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.

Due Dates for Resource Scheme Instalments:
3rd and Final Instalment: Is Now Overdue

Due dates for Laptop Program (Yrs 9, 10 & 11)
3rd and Final Instalment: Is Now Overdue

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: Ms 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.