27 August 2013

Principal’s Report

Primary Schools Showcase

This week we visited 2 of our feeder primary schools to showcase what is on offer for the Year 7 students contemplating which high school they will attend in 2014. Our other feeder schools will be getting a visit from us in the very near future. The primary school students were introduced to the various Signature Programs with demonstrations from our students and their specialist teachers. The Year 7s were dazzled by the Quality Arts Program students who demonstrated their talent in various musical, singing and dancing performances. Our new ‘Funk Band’ was a great hit. They were also tantalised by the science teachers who performed a variety of experiments showing chemical reactions that students will undertake next year as part of the COMETS (Academic Excellence) Program. Last, but not least, of the students were involved in a cooking demonstration that showcased our Culinary Enrichment Program, along with a great showcase of our Industrial Technology program.

The feedback is that, once again, our students are a credit to themselves and the school. The Principal of one of the schools commented on how fantastic the show was and that his students and staff were thoroughly impressed by the quality of what was on display. Other comments were that it was “a brilliant display” that it was “just amazing and it was clear to see just how engaged the primary students and teaching staff were.”

Every day counts

I regularly write about the importance of attending school every day because it is one of the simplest things that will give your children the best chance of a great education. This year we have introduced Club 95 as a way of encouraging students to be at school every day and rewarding those who have high levels of attendance. Parents can contribute to our messages about attendance by ensuring they do not allow their children to skip school for birthdays, the arrival of visiting relatives, or other family events. Also, while it may be tempting to let your child stay home for the last day, or even the last week of term, in our school we need to see every child on every day of every term. We strongly believe that students need to attend school every day to receive the most benefits from their education. Did you realise that skipping the last day of every term adds up to more than a whole term of schooling missed throughout a child’s education? Skipping a whole week of school each term means your child will miss more than 15 months of their education!

Assessment

Earlier in the term individual Assessment Schedules were provided for each student. These showed the due dates for all assessment this semester. With the second half of the term upon us, now is the time to revisit this schedule. You will be able to use the Assessment Schedule to work with your child and plan for upcoming assessment.

Have you child follow the steps below:

1. Use their Assessment Schedule to record the due dates for each assessment item in their Student Diary.

2. Write into their diary the times they plan to use to prepare for the completion of each assessment item.  
   a. For Tests: Plan for the revision relating to tests by writing revision times for each test into days in the diary. As a guide, students need to write revision on the night before the test and then write in further revision times for 3 of the 5 nights prior to this date.  
   b. For Assignments: Write the assignment name in their dairy on each night (or weekend) that they will be working on it between the date given and the due date. In general, students need to build a minimum of 5 times when the assignment will be worked on.

3. Ask your child to show you that they have done this planning in their diary.

4. Consistently check their diary and give reminders about due dates for assignments and preparing for tests.

On a personal note, I am on Long Service leave for the next 2 weeks and leave the principalship of the school in the very capable hands of Loreen Herlihy.

Regards,
Scott Ison

SPECIAL NEEDS EISTEDDFOD

On Thursday 22nd of August Nerang State High School Special Education Program (SEP) students competed in the Special Needs Eisteddfod held at Robina Community Centre. This is an eisteddfod for students with disabilities and allows participants across a range of schools and settings to showcase their skills and abilities. We had six students compete in two categories. The first being a short play - “Jack and the Beanstalk” by Roald Dahl in which we won first place. The second was a poem that the students sang called ‘I bring my lunch to school’. We also won first place in this category. It was a fantastic day with over 60 acts across a range of categories. Our students represented our school well and displayed enthusiasm and dedication to
their performance as well as respect and support for their fellow competitors. A big congratulations goes to Kaitlin Whye, Jacqui Rogers, Brodie McGlashan, Jacob Whalan, Corbyn Godkin and Cassie Fletcher. A special thanks goes to Mrs Alison Hall who dedicated her time and skills to choreographing, rehearsing, and making props and costumes for this performance. It truly showcased what a talented bunch of students we have here at Nerang.

SENIOR SCHOOLING DEPARTMENT

THE HONOUR’S LIST

I am proud to announce and congratulate the following students who have made ‘The Honour’s List’ for Semester One.

**Year 11**
- Stephanie Felias
- Sammy Hooper
- Zac Maher
- Sarah Kouimanis
- Britaney Martin
- Emily Carter-Evans
- Angel Nikijuluw
- Breanna Ray

**Year 10**
- Montana Morgan-Wakefield
- Sonny Seefeld
- Rabura Dawainincura
- Carly Newman
- Kyle Searchfield
- John Ocampo

**Year 12**
- Jake Hashim-Jones
- Elizabeth Abbey
- Chanelle Hay
- Chelsea Hita-Clowes
- Angelina Thomson

These students are our top students (in each cohort) who strive for academic excellence. This is an outstanding achievement. To be eligible for ‘The Honour’s List’ students must have at least three A’s and nothing less than a B across their subject areas. Students have been presented with a certificate on Year level assembly and names are displayed in our Parent Foyer and also outside the Resource Centre.

If you have any questions regarding QCS or any other Senior Schooling matters, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Teng or Mrs Jaram on Ph: 5503 7862 or via email at jteng5@eq.edu.au or gjara1@eq.edu.au

‘Nobody who ever gave his best regretted it’.
George Halas

REMEMBER EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!

Mrs Jodie Teng
HOD Senior Schooling

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**Market Day**

Recently the Workplace Practice and Work Education classes ran their annual market day in the hall.

The activity which is part of their assessment for their vocational; education courses aims to teach the students skills to become an enterprising person.

Students work in groups and set up an enterprise/ business to produce and sell items for a profit. The teams are required to brainstorm ideas, discuss the pros and cons and determine what their final activity will be.

They then set about planning all aspects of the event from making, purchasing, budgeting, advertising and selling the wares at the market day.

Again the event was a great success with all groups making a profit – some more than others.
The range of stalls allowed for all groups to do well although some groups did over cater. These stalls included cakes, lollies, cupcakes, a BBQ and drinks and even organic muffins and biscuits. The raffle of an Xbox 360 was very popular.

Thanks to Mr Urry, Mrs Ives, Mrs Jaram, Mrs Teng and Ms Hage for their help in organising this worthwhile event.

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) – oosrc@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′

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.