22 October 2013

Principal’s Report

Upcoming Events

Monday, 21st October is the Term 4 Student Free day. Our teachers will be busily involved in moderation and verification of assessment across the Gold Coast region. Other staff members are involved in ongoing professional development and the building of academic programs for the 2014 school year.

Wednesday 30 October will see us celebrating our student’s successes at our annual Awards Night. This event is held at the Gold Coats Arts Centre, 6.30pm for 7.00pm start. As this is a formal occasion, students are required to wear their full school uniform.

The Year 12’s will go into Exam Block in 2 weeks’ time. From the 4th to 8th of November our Year 12 students will be under enormous pressure to complete all assessment for the final time in their schooling lives. Students will need to be prepared for the completion of all assessment and will probably need parents to nag and cajole them about making sure they have a program of study and a plan for the completion of all assignments over the next 3 weeks. With the end so close, don’t let them reduce their efforts, when they should in fact be increasing the energy they are putting into their schooling. Set clear expectations around time to be spent on school work and say ‘no’ to parties and other outings. With only 10 days of classwork and 5 days of exams left, students need to focus all of their time on school.

New Uniform

Over the past 8 months the P&C has been working with parents, community members, teachers and students in designing a new school uniform. With the Flying Start intake of Year 7 students in 2015 and the adoption of our new school logo this year, the P&C felt it was the ideal time to make this change.

With the formation of our Junior Secondary school, we will have a different formal day uniform and sports uniform for Junior and Senior school levels. In past newsletters I have discussed the research into the needs of students beginning the journey into high school and our decision stems from that research. Our Junior school will include Years 7, 8 and 9. The changeover to senior will now occur at Year 10 and the 3 years of 10, 11 and 12 will form the senior school.

The formal junior uniform consists of navy shorts & blue shirt for boys and a plaid shirt & blue blouse for the girls. Our open night was held earlier this year and samples of the new junior uniform were on-show for the first time. We received nothing but positive feedback from teachers, students and prospective new parents who attended. The unisex sports uniform for our junior students will be navy shorts and predominantly navy shirt with grey contrast (in same design as current sports shirt).

The senior uniform has been developed to match our junior uniform and give us a sense of a single identity as Nerang State High School, but have enough distinction to distinguish this as a senior school uniform.

The senior uniform will be navy shorts for the boys and a navy skirt for the girls. This is coupled with a white & blue pinstripe shirt or blouse. The unisex sports uniform will be navy shorts and a predominantly grey shirt with navy contrast (in same design as current sports shirt).

Please be assured that the P&C have kept the following in mind when making decisions about our new uniform - quality, value, wearability, laundering and cost. I am very pleased to announce that we will be able to provide the new uniforms without any increase in price.

The roll-in of the uniform will occur over a 2 year period as follows:

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Year 12 Information

As Term 4 is underway it is important that the Year 12 students remain focussed on their studies. Please encourage your child to maintain motivation in their studies, set up a study area at home, eat healthy, drink lots of water and study hard for those last exams coming up very soon. Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world. (Nelson Mandela)

Other items...

**FORMAL:**

The Year 12 Formal is an opportunity for Nerang State High School Year 12 students to come together and formally acknowledge and celebrate the completion of 12 years of schooling.

The 2013 formal will be held at the Arundel Hills Country Club, 1 Arundel Place, Arundel.

| Date of Activity: | Tuesday, November 12th, 2013 |
| Transport:       | Students to provide their own transport |
| Cost Per Student:| $90.00 |
| Last Date for Payment: | Monday, 28th October, 2013 |

**NB:** If you have contributed to a fundraising activity eg: Chocolate Drive, your ticket price will be reduced- please see Cheryl in finance.

**Start Time:** Arrivals from 5.30pm and Dinner at 7.30pm
**Finish Time:** 11.30pm
**Food arrangements:** Dinner and non-alcoholic drinks included
**Clothing:** Formal

As the school year is starting to wind down it is important to ensure that your child finalises all accounts with the school. This includes:

**FINANCE:**

Please see Cheryl Lowe in Finance to finalise all student accounts.

**RESOURCES:**

All students need to please start returning unneeded resources to the bookroom eg textbooks. A list of items outstanding has been sent home and with individual students. Please return these items to the book room ASAP.

*Sonia Donnelly*

**BCT EXCURSION TO MASTERS ON TUESDAY, 13TH AUGUST 2013**

Our Year 10 BCT students visited Masters to gain some insight in the Workplace, Health and Safety Policy and Procedures that Masters implement for the safety of their staff, customers and their business.

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### World Teachers’ Day

World Teachers’ Day offers a chance to acknowledge our teachers and say thanks. We celebrate World Teachers’ Day in Queensland on Friday 25 October, 2013. Every day, Queensland teachers are making a difference educating and inspiring young Queenslanders. World Teachers’ Day, is celebrated in more than 100 countries world-wide and was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 1994 to celebrate the role of teachers in society. World Teachers’ Day is held internationally on 5 October. As the day usually falls during school holidays, Queensland celebrates on the last Friday of October each year. The day is a wonderful opportunity to draw public attention to the important role of teachers in our local communities. To the hard working teaching staff of Nerang High - Happy World Teachers’ Day.

### Social media, smartphones and children

Parents who are concerned about their children’s use of social media and smartphones can check out the ‘Who’s chatting to your kids?’ section of the Queensland Police website for information and advice. Visit www.police.qld.gov.au and follow the links.

*Regards,*

*Scott Ison*
Masters places significant importance on their health and safety surroundings in their store. Every morning the staff gather together and have a review of the safety that is required and expected of them. They have prizes every month for an employee who is the best safety person in the store. Their store is well laid out with all the labelling showing the safety of their products on their shelves. Their fully trained staff oversee the safety of their policies and procedures. Masters are very proud of their safety record.

The students were able to apply some of the knowledge that they have learnt in the classroom with a real-life practice of safety in a business situation. It was a very worthwhile excursion and the students enjoyed learning in a real-life situation and then being able to apply it to their assignment.

We thank Scott Payne and his staff for their support and appreciate the learning that they have passed onto our students.

Margaret Harburg
Senior Business Teacher
August 2013

2013 YEARBOOK

The 2013 Yearbook contains over 80 beautiful colour pages that are designed by our Year 12 students. This fantastic piece of memorabilia will be available for collection in the last week of school and the cost is just $12.00!!! Please make your Yearbook payment at our Finance Office to

Nerang Alliance of State Schools

SPEAKING OUT
Public Speaking Competition Celebrating its Tenth Anniversary

In a well-supported community event all the Nerang Alliance Schools came together for the tenth year celebration of the 'Speaking Out Competition'. Speaking Out started in 2003 as an initiative to support values education. Liz Grauf, the founding organizer visited the tenth anniversary to adjudicate the finals on the 16th October 2013.

The following primary schools have been constant in their support and commitment to the competition:
- Nerang State School
- William Duncan State School
- Gilston State School

The competition comprises of numerous topics which students select to deliver an entertaining and informative speech to their audience. Each school nominates their best speaker to participate in the semi-finals. One student from each year level is chosen as the best speaker of that year level from years four to ten. Those finalists compete in the finals later in the evening and the best speaker of the night is chosen.

This evening has been sponsored ever since its inaugural opening by First National Real Estate in Nerang who have generously donated beautiful trophies and prize vouchers for each winning student and the overall winner of the night. We cannot thank Mike Gray and First National Real Estate enough for their ongoing support. Thank you Andrew Davidson and Julie Morgan-Kemp for your regular attendance and Angela Baker for organizing the trophies and prizes.

This event highlights the value of communication between the primary schools in Nerang and Nerang High School and fosters friendship and respect between students and parents whose children exhibit an exceptional quality and confidence in public speaking. Many of the winners continue in competitions throughout high school and become leaders within our school. Many students participate in AB Paterson Public Speaking Competition later in October and Speaking Out students have been recognized for their oratory excellence.

The school would like to acknowledge all the primary schools for their participation and the teachers who have adjudicated each year. A particular thank you to Erica Sellars who has adjudicated for all ten years of the competition. The English staff of Nerang High School and Julia Ludwig have constantly supported the organisation of this competition and ensured that it achieves the level of success it has over the past ten years.

This year’s winners are:

Year 10: Bethany Boland - Nerang State High School
Year 9: Lauren Lawler - Nerang State High School
Year 8: Jade Searchfield - Nerang State High School
Year 7: Jalen Doe - Worongary State School
Year 6: Jai Hoff - Gilston State School
Year 5: Chloe Luxford - Worongary State School
Year 4: Elliot Doe - Worongary State School

Overall Winner: Elliot Doe - Worongary State School

Bookroom Hours

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

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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 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

**Pre-payments can now be made for 2014 Student Resource Scheme at the Finance Office or by Internet Banking**

**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...
WEP Student Exchange - An Experience of a Lifetime!

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to live in Italy, Spain, France, Germany, China, the USA...? Become an exchange student with World Education Program (WEP) Australia and find out first-hand! Choose from over 20 countries around the world to experience life as an overseas teenager by living with a welcoming host family and attending their local high school.

When?
July-Sept ’14: semester or year; ideal for students currently in year 8 or 9
Oct/Nov ’14: for up to 3 months; ideal for students currently in year 10
Jan-Mar ’15: for a semester or year; ideal for students currently in year 8 or 11

WEP Early Bird Special – Save $500!

Submit your application early (before 30 Nov ’13) and be rewarded with a $500 discount off the 2013/14 program fee. The early bird special is currently available for programs leaving in July-Sept ’14 to Brazil, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, The Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Norway, Thailand or the USA.

Find Out More!

Many of WEP’s programs include exciting extras such as orientation programs in Paris, Rome, New York, language courses, excursions and more. Request an information pack, including our brochure and FREE application form.

Visit: www.wep.org.au
Call: 1300 884 733 (cost of a local call)
Email: info@wep.org.au

Upcoming Info Sessions

What is Student Exchange? Who is WEP Australia? Where and When can I go? What support will my child receive? Who are the host families? …Have all your questions and more answered at one of our free, personalised and engaging info sessions and open days.

Brisbane – Info Session
29 October ’13 / 7:30-9pm
Garden City Library
Westfield Shopping Centre
Cnr Kessels & Logan Roads
Upper Mt Gravatt
In addition to these groups, Youthrive continue to offer individual therapies and assessments across all three of our disciplines (Psychology, Speech Pathology, Occupational Therapy). We’ve found that having all three health professions in the one clinic has made the scheduling of appointments, assessment procedures, and the communication between families and their health care professionals much more efficient.

While we are a fee paying service, please remember that some Medicare and private health insurance rebates may be available for our services. We have also recently been approved as FaHCSIA providers under the ‘Helping Children with Autism’ and ‘Better Start for Children with Disabilities’ initiatives.

If you would like to enquire about any of our services, then please feel free to contact myself or the Youthrive team on 5575 7122 or at enquiries@youthrive.com.au.

- **B.I.T.E (Boys In Their Element)** – an adolescent boys group aimed at developing personal identity, anger management skills, self-esteem, and more.
- **Study Without Stress** – which is aimed at years 10-12 students who will be partaking in end of year exams between now and the end of the year.
- **School Readiness Group** – a program for children entering Prep in 2014. This program aims to help children prepare for a smooth transition into Prep.