6 November 2013

Principal’s Report

Awards Night

Wednesday night (30 October) saw a large number of our students being congratulated for their achievements throughout the year. It was a wonderful evening of celebration which saw many students recognised for their academic excellence and extracurricular achievements throughout the year.

This year has seen the continuation of our Signature Programs which include our Quality Arts and COMETS Academic Excellence Programs. To celebrate these programs we awarded a number of scholarships to our incoming 2014 Year 8 students. In addition we rewarded the hard work and effort of our existing Primary School Captains who have demonstrated their skills in leadership and teamwork by offering these students a scholarship. Scholarships were awarded to students from the following schools: Beechmont SS: Lachlan Ayers (Comets), Amy Bennett (Quality Arts) and Emma Bennett (Quality Arts), Gilston State SS: Matthew Clements, (Captain), Ruby Birrer (Quality Arts), Marcos Gaudens-Mullin (Comets) and Shaniokes Puleosi (Quality Arts), Nerang SS: Alexis Campbell (Captain), Mitchell Smith(Captain), and DJ Turner (Captain). William Duncan SS: Tatyania Anissimov (Quality Arts), Tahitiam Lamos Cooper(Quality Arts), Michael Johnston (Quality Arts), Nin Nguyen (Comets), Camille Parbery (Comets), Issac Perrett(Quality Arts), Dale Roe (Comets) and Jason Smart (Quality Arts), Amy Woodhouse (Captain). Worongary: Hayley Cox (Quality Arts), Melinda Csere (Comets), Jalen Doe (Captain), Julian Foley (Comets) and Shannen Lee (Quality Arts).

For their excellence in Debating we congratulated Jade Searchfield and Lauren Lawler. Our award winners for public speaking this year were Kirra Moir, Brittany Hampton, Cyrrst Palliser, Bethany Boland, Zac Maher, Raquel Smit and Elizabeth Abbey. The Senior Mooting award was presented to Raquel Smit. The students awarded for outstanding achievement in the Arts were Persephany Daniela-Seve (Junior Excellence in Dance), Joshua Clements (Junior Excellence in Drama), Tasman Harnett (Junior Excellence in Music Performance), Angelina Thomson (Senior Excellence in Dance, Drama and Music) and Channele Hay (Excellence in Visual Arts Award).

Our Sports Awards recognise the Athletes in Athletics, Swimming and Cross Country and our Regional Representatives. The 2013 Athletics Champions are Jessica Hoy, Sebastiano Tassone, Crystal Palliser, Matthew Gaudens-McMullin, Bronwyn Du Preez, Hayden Carthew-Zimmer, Cree Gilmore, Corey Wilson, Chloe Ashton and Thomas Betson. Swimming Champions are Madeline Pickett, Sebastiano Tassone, Brielle Young, Lachlan Cullen-Chambers, Bronwyn Du Preez, Hayden Grieve, Kristen Van Der Lee, Obie Meates, Angelina Thomson and Pedro Da Paz. The Cross Country Champions are Meganne West, Sebastiano Tassone, Teeshaa Tebb, Matthew Gaudens-McMullin, Bronwyn Du Preez, Hayden Grieve, Victoria Clements, Daniel Hardin, Angelina Thomson and Keagan Koehler. Our South Coast Region Representatives are Angelina Thomson (Athletics), Matthew Gaudens-McMullin (Athletics), Ray Millich (Athletics), Hayden Carthew-Zimmer (AFL) and Kael Furlonger (Baseball). The prestigious Sportsperson of the Year was awarded to Matthew Gaudens-McMullin, with Matthew also receiving the Griffith University Sports Award.

The P&C Awards acknowledge students for their contributions in citizenship and effort to support their own and others learning. These awards were presented to Jade Searchfield, Persephany Daniela-Seve, Montana Wakefield-Morgan, Billie Procter. The Youth Health Award, presented to a student who has contributed to the health and well being of our students, was awarded to Angelina Thomson. The winners of the ADF Long Tan Awards for 2013 are Samantha Bally and Elizabeth Abbey. The Nerang RSL Bursaries were presented to Victoria Clements and Kelsy Pointon. The Student Council Service Award, presented to the student regarded as having given outstanding service to the school community through their work on the student council, was awarded to Raquel Smit.

Griffith University is very supportive of our school and invites students to apply for the Griffith Connect Guaranteed Admission Scheme. The 20 students that have been offered guaranteed admission to courses this Year are Chloe Ashton, Kate Bareham, Jack Brown, Lauren Brown, Brandon Cavanagh, Elizabeth Clements, Rianna Cross, Brittany Dacre, Cheyenne Gates, Jake Hashim-Jones, Chanele Hay, Chelsea Hita-Clowes, Nicole Jurgens, Eisha Ocampo, David Pepper, Madison Searchfield, Bradley Seccombe, Chloe-Jane Stone, Rosa Tassone and Lachlan West. The Griffith University Reach Awards inspire students to be the best they can be by recognising enthusiasm, achievement, courage and hard-work. The REACH Awards are offered to Year 10 students who show academic potential and the 2013 recipients are Renae Harris, Grant Meadows, Bianca See and Taylor Whitby-Wass. Also, the Griffith Connect Guaranteed Admission Scheme winner gaining direct entry to a Bachelor of Engineering is Nathan Griffiths. The purpose of the Griffith University Schools Sports Award is to create further recognition for the best all-rounder athlete of each school located in the Gold Coast district that
is planning to attend Griffith University. In 2013 the recipient is Matthew Gaudens-McMullin.

This year’s Bond University Scholarship is awarded to Elizabeth Abbey. We are very proud of the students gaining direct admission into courses in 2013 with Gold Coast Institute of TAFE. This year the list was Katrina Cooper, Courtney Hendy, Georgie Gower, Jordi Mitchell, Shaelagh McLaughlin, Scott Griffiths, Rachel Murray and Emily Kloots. Southern Cross University offers students the opportunity for direct entry to a range of courses through the Star Entry Scheme. Our 6 recipients this year are Lauren Brown, Jon Davenport, Shannon Dulay, Bradley Latter, Rebecca Lysaght and Eisha Ocampo.

As part of the “Flying Start” initiative which will see Nerang SHS welcoming Year 7 students to our school in 2015 we are developing a distinct Junior School and to support this we have introduced the role of Junior School Captains. Our Junior Captains for 2014 are Jade Searchfield and Kirra Moir, and our Junior Vice-Captains are Natasha Zangari and Kimalyse Barth.

Awards for Academic Excellence, presented to the top academic student in each year level, were received by Terence Crowe, Crystal Palliser, Sonny Seefeld and David Menczer. This year saw Angelina Thomson awarded the coveted Year 12 Student Choice Award and the Caltex Best All-Rounder Award for excellence in academic, sporting, leadership and community service activities. Angelina is also the 2013 Student of The Year. The highest academic award of the night, School Dux for 2013, went to Jake Hashim-Jones. The night also saw the announcement of the 2014 School Captains. The captains for next year will be Georgia Handley and Alex Astorga. These wonderful young ambassadors for the school will be ably support in the Vice-Captain role by Zac Maher and Kristin Van Der Lee.

**New Uniform**

The new uniform was presented to the full school at assembly on Thursday and was well received by our students. The Junior Secondary (Years 7, 8 and 9) formal uniform consists of navy shorts & blue shirt for boys and a plaid skirt & blue blouse for the girls. 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).

The P&C have kept quality, value, wearability, laundering and cost at the forefront of the decision making processes and is 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:

- **2014 Year 8:** Buy new Junior Secondary uniform (students are new to the school)
- **2014 Year 9:** Can continue to wear their old Junior uniform or can buy new uniform.
- **2014 Year 10:** Can continue to wear their old Junior uniform or can buy new Senior uniform.
- **2014 Year 11:** Buy new Senior uniform - would be expecting to go into Senior uniform this year.
- **2014 Year 12:** Can continue to wear their old Senior uniform.
- **2015 Year 7/8:** Buy new Junior Secondary uniform (students are new to the school)
- **2015 Year 9:** Must have new Junior uniform
- **2015 Year 10/11/12:** Must have new Senior uniform
- If students have a ‘hand-me-down’ uniform, it can be worn until the end of 2015.
- The sport uniform will become available in 2014.

**Regards,**

**Scott Ison**

**Maths Department**

We acknowledge and congratulate the 75 students participating in the Australian Mathematics Competition held earlier this semester. A number of students produced some excellent performances with two of our students deserving of special recognition.

**David Menczer in Year 11 and Joshua Clements in Year 9 were both awarded Certificates of Distinction.**

This places them in the top 15% of entrants. Congratulations to you both.

The following students were awarded Certificates of Credit. Well done to you all!

**Year 8**

- Danielle Green
- Sebastian Perry
- Archie Lord-Browning
- Bailee Young
- Damon Shearer
- Alec Duck
- Brandon Gurnett

**Year 9**

- Matthew Gaudens-McMullin
- Quinn Yates-Sclater
- Albert Seefeld
- Josh Cummin
- Isabel Cross
- Sera-Hannah Daniela-Seve
- Brayden Douglas-Haumaha

**Year 10**

- Rabura Dawaincura
- Jai Umpelby
- Tia-Rose Haumaha
- Montana Wakefield-Morgan

We hope you all continue to enjoy your studies and achieve your goals.
**Year 10 News**

Six year 10 students had the opportunity to attend Bond University’s Headstart day. During their visit to the campus they were able to attend lectures and workshops of their choice and have a tour of the university’s facilities. Students were made aware of opportunities for studying at Bond for a semester in 2014. This opportunity is available to any interested student for $200 per semester and gives students credit towards their future studies.

**BEACON**

We were very fortunate to have an excellent excursion to Crowne Plaza in October through our BEACON connection. Fourteen students accompanied by Ms Jaram and Mrs McGee were treated to an inside look at how a large hotel in a tourist precinct operates. Students learned about the industry, career opportunities, front of house procedures and housekeeping and had hands on experiences. We also learned how to make sushi which was delicious. Students were treated to a fabulous lunch in the revolving restaurant. Thank you Crowne Plaza for such a great experience for our students.

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**NERANG STATE HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION DAY**

Wednesday December 4th 2013 9:00am – 2:30pm

Nerang State High School will be holding a Transition Day for all students who will be commencing Yr8 in the year 2014. The day will be an invaluable opportunity for your child to experience the Jnr Secondary school and meet the Yr8 teaching team and support staff for 2014. It is a day that is designed to ease you or your child’s anxiety and ensure that everyone is ready to go from day 1 next year! All parents and guardians are encouraged to attend as we will also be holding a Parent Information Session from 9:30am until 10:30am, followed by some light refreshments.

A formal invitation will be sent home with your child closer to the date.

For all enquiries please contact Nerang State High School on (07) 5503 7888 or email Aaron Woolnough, the Jnr Secondary Head of Department on awool42@eq.edu.au.

Thank you and we hope to see you there!

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**Community News**

Hi everyone,

The year is marching on at full speed and will be over before we know it!

Bookings for our Art and Craft Market are coming in now. Please contact me if you wish to have a stall or know someone who does. Please keep the 30th November morning free to visit the market in the hall and do some early Christmas shopping. We appreciate your support of this event. Spread the word!

I have been accompanying Mr Woolnough to the Primary Schools recently, displaying our new uniform. We have had nothing but positive feedback about the change. Everyone is impressed with the new colours, quality and design. It will be lovely to see our new students wearing it. Just a reminder – the current day uniform stock has been discounted by 50%. The changeover guidelines and photos of the new uniform were listed in the previous newsletter.

November dates to remember-

- 15th Worongary PS Trivia Night
- 22nd Family Fun Night - Country Paradise Parklands
- 30th Nerang High Market 8am in the Hall.

Leanne and I attended the recent Awards Night at the Art Centre. The entertainment provided by the Dance Troupes, Band and Students was fabulous. Well done to the teachers and students involved and congratulations to all award winners. It was a lovely evening.

Next P&C meeting is 19th November at 7pm. All welcome.

This information was sent to the P&C recently and I thought I would pass it on - It’s that time of year!

As Schoolies and end-of-year celebrations approach, parents and guardians are reminded that the irresponsible supply of alcohol to anyone under 18 is an offence carrying a fine of up to $8800. It is an offence for an adult who is responsible for a minor (someone under 18) to supply liquor to the minor in a private place in an irresponsible manner. It is also illegal for anyone else 18 years and over to supply liquor to a minor in a private place. An awareness campaign will commence shortly in hotels and bottle shops highlighting the offence. It should also be noted it is also illegal to supply alcohol to a minor on licensed premises or in a public place. For more information visit the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation.

**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.

**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:

- **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.

### FINANCE WINDOW

**OPEN MONDAY WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY**

**Last day for payments:**
**Term 4 - Friday 6th December 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*

Students Resource Scheme and Laptop Program charges for 2014 – Due to unforeseen events, we have been unable to invoice for 2014 Student Fees. We hope to have this rectified next week. In the interim, payment can be accepted in advance of invoicing and we can confirm the amount payable via the phone or in person. Please call 5503 7804 / 5503 7806 should you wish to pay prior to invoicing.

*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!

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**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.


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**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.