2 December 2013

Principal’s Report

Nerang PRIDE

2014 will see the introduction of PRIDE to represent our school values. An outcome of the review of our Vision & Values has seen the development of a new way of expressing what we value. Our new values statement supports and encourages our students to have pride in their school, in themselves and in their community. To be a part of our school, where we are about engaging minds and empowering futures, we guide our students on values through PRIDE:

Persistence: Persevering and working through things despite obstacles or difficulties. Seeing something through to the end and not giving up.

Resilience: Is knowing you have the ability to deal with the hard things in life and that you can solve your own issues and problems. It is about having inner strength and self-belief.

Integrity: Is adhering to moral and ethical principles. It is about being honest and true to one’s self.

Diversity: A concept that encompasses acceptance and respect. It means understanding that each individual is unique and recognising our individual differences. It is the exploration of these differences in a safe, positive and nurturing environment.

Empathy: Is the experience of understanding another person’s condition from their perspective. It is about placing yourself in their shoes and feeling what they are feeling. It can promote a willingness to help others or to recognise how our behaviours can impact on others.

Reporting

As we approach the end of the year, reporting is being finalised for all year levels. Reports will be mailed home on Thursday 12 December. It is important that students and parents discuss report cards and look at, not only the academic achievement levels, but also the effort and behaviour results. The discussion should centre around whether your child is doing the very best they can. If they are, then congratulations are in order. If there are areas for improvement, make a plan about what is going to change. Continuing to do the same things will get the same results. As a school we are very keen to work with parents to improve your child’s educational outcomes. Feel free to contact the relevant Year Coordinator to discuss your child’s report card early in the new year.

Arrangements in the last weeks

During the last two weeks of term students will be participating in a range of Literacy and Numeracy activities organised by each Faculty. We are taking this opportunity to provide a program for students to further develop and improve these essential skills. It is most important that students attend school in the last two weeks of term so that they can benefit from the explicit focus on these skills.

For the week of 2 December to 6 December this program will occur in normal classes. During the last week of the year, students will have different classes and will be organised into an alternative educational program. This will be arranged by each of our Subject Departments with our focus remaining on Literacy and Numeracy.

Friday 13 December (Last day of the Year) is a day where staff will be engaged in stocktaking, team planning, resource preparation for 2014 and general clean-up. Any students in attendance on this day will be involved in helping teachers with their clean-up and prep activities. If you wish your child to be supervised at school we will, of course, gladly provide for this. If you have family or other commitments for this day, we fully understand that you may wish to keep your child at home.

School Shoes

Just a reminder that if you are looking at buying shoes over the Christmas break the correct formal footwear is black enclosed lace up shoes (fully enclosed toe, sides & heel, sides below ankle, upper with a tongue). These must be worn with the day uniform. They may be of sports style. Laces are to be black.

The Sports Shoe (to be worn with the sports uniform) is an appropriate ‘running shoe’ that is predominately white.

Year 12 Final News

The class of 2013 have officially finished their schooling at Nerang State High School. It was a wonderful end to their years of formal schooling with a very busy last week including the much anticipated Formal, followed by the Graduation Ceremony.

Formal

The Formal was held on Tuesday 12th November at Arundel Hills Country Club. It was a wonderful evening with all students looking amazing in their finest. Students arrived in a myriad of brilliant well maintained cars. They revelled in professional photographs with a photo booth, enjoyed a 3 course meal and danced the night away to a DJ. A great night was had by all. I would like to thank the Formal Committee members,
all Nerang State High School staff, Arundel Hills Country Club, Tango Photography and Paul Sheehan (Gold Coast Premier DJ’s) for your assistance in making the evening such a perfect event.

Photographs: Students can access professional photos from the formal online at www.formalphotos.com.au. You do have to register, using your email address and a password of your choice, and then the access code is… nile. Call 0416301789 if you get stuck.

Graduation

The Graduation Ceremony was held on Friday 15th November at the School Hall. Here we saw Year 12 students walk across the stage and receive their Senior Schooling Graduation Certificate. In addition some received Principal awards for their commitment to their academic and extra-curricular activities and some received a RTC Certificate for those students never having been sent to RTC. It was wonderful to have so many family and friends come to celebrate the occasion.

Final Message

My final message to you the class of 2013, involves some life lessons to help guide you on your journey through life.

Number 1: “The most important thing in your life is to live your life with integrity and to not give in to peer pressure to try to be something that you’re not.”

Number 2: “Climb the mountain not to plant your flag, but to embrace the challenge, enjoy the air and behold the view. Climb it so you can see the world, not so the world can see you.”

And Number 3: Thankfully dreams can change. If we’d all stuck with our first dream, the world would be overrun with cowboys and princesses. So whatever your dream is right now, if you don’t achieve it, you haven’t failed and you’re not some loser. The road to success is always under construction-we are the architects of our dreams. Remember the past, live in the present and look forward to the future.

I’d like to finish my final Year 12 report with a poem called “Don’t Quit”, written by an unknown author from the Graduation Ceremony:

When things go wrong as they sometimes will,
When the road you’re trudging seems all uphill,
When funds are low and the debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh.

When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest, if you must, but don’t you quit.
Life is queer with its twists and turns
And you never can tell how close you are.

And many a failure turns about
When he might have won had he stuck it out:
Don’t give up though the pace seems slow -
You may succeed with another blow.
Success is failure turned inside out -
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt.
And you never can tell how close you are.
It may be near when it seems so far:
So stick to the fight when you’re hardest hit
It’s when things seem worst that you must not quit.

Remember that it takes many stars to light the night sky-congratulations again to the class of 2013!

Sonia Donnelly
HPE Teacher &
Year 12 Co-ordinator
Nerang State High School

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 Year 8 in the year 2014. The day will be an invaluable opportunity for your child to experience Junior Secondary school and meet the Year 8 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 Junior Secondary Head of Department on swool42@eq.edu.au.

Thank you and we hope to see you there!

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 – 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
Open Morning Tea – 10.15am – 10.45am
Open – Lunchtime 1.15pm – 1.45pm.

LIBRARY TEACHER AIDE MRS MARYLNE RIVET
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.

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!

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.

Senior Jerseys 2014

We are currently organising and ordering the Senior Jerseys for the Year 12 cohort for 2014.

The finalisation of the design, sizing and selection of names for the back of the Jersey will take place over the first two weeks of Term 1, 2014 in consultation with the students and the Jersey Committee.

As there is an eight to ten week delivery period, it is necessary to place orders by the end of January 2014, so the full payment of $70.00 is required by Friday 31 January 2014.

Leadership Camp 2014

An important element of our Year 12 program is the Leadership Camp at Camp Bornhoffen.

This camp gives our senior students the opportunity to set goals for their senior schooling year, enjoy a variety of leadership activities and select our House Captains for 2014.

The camp also includes adventure activities and team building exercises which will assist in both personal development and the bonding of the year level group.

The camp will run from Wednesday February 5 to Friday February 7 2014.

Permission forms and $90 non-refundable deposit are now overdue, but late payments and forms will still be accepted at the school finance office until Friday 6 December 2013.

Jamie Quinn
Year 12 Co-ordinator 2014