13 December 2013

Principal’s Report

Start-up Arrangements for 2014

The new school year commences with Year 8 and 11 starting on Tuesday 28 January and the whole school in attendance on Wednesday 29 January. Monday 27 January is the Australia Day Public Holiday.

The 3-day Year 12 Leadership Camp commences on Wednesday 5 February.

Term Dates 2014

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Uniform 2014

Our year will start once again with a very clear focus on our students wearing the correct uniform. For the ‘Day Uniform’ students must have a black lace up “school shoe”. For the ‘Sports Uniform’, a predominately white “sports shoe”, that can be used for running or other sporting activities is the required type of shoe. A watch and a ring may be worn, and necklaces, if worn, must be long enough to be concealed below the neckline. If ears are pierced, they may be fitted with up to two pairs of simple studs or sleepers. Other piercings must not be visible.

With the introduction of the new uniform, next year we will see our Year 8 students in the new uniform consisting 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 new 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 an opposite colouring of the junior shirt, being predominantly grey with navy contrast.

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

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Notes:

- 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.

The Uniform Shop (Ph 5503 7858) will be open at the following times after the Christmas break:

Tuesday 21 to Saturday 25 January 2014 8.00am – 12.00 Noon
Monday 27 January Closed Australia Day
Tuesday 28 January to Wednesday 29 January
Thursday 30 January to Friday 31 January
January 2014

Standard opening hours resume from 4 February 2014: Tue, Wed & Thur from 8.15am – 11.00am.

Finance Department

The Student Resource Scheme Participation Agreement and Enrolment Agreement forms are now overdue. For those students where we do not have this enrolment paperwork by the 22nd of January 2014 we will consider them to be not returning to Nerang High. This will mean they will be removed from subject classes, as they are holding vital places that others wish to enrol in. Should you still need to finalise your enrolment details, the Finance Office will reopen on 20 January 2014. Term 1 payments must be finalised by 24 January 2014 (full payment of any outstanding fees from previous years must be made first). Please phone Cheryl Lowe, Finance Officer, on 55037 804 with any queries.

Laptops

I wrote to all parents about BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) in November. For our 2014 Year 8 and 9 students, and those in Year 10, 11 and 12 who are not accessing the take-home laptops, BYOD will become a reality during Term 1 next year. Please remember that at this point in time a personal laptop or tablet device cannot connect to the school network and may not have all of the software we require (in particular, Microsoft Word, Excel, Powerpoint and Onenote). Our advice is to wait until we can provide full information on the specs the device would need to have, so please do not go Christmas shopping for a substitute.

School Watch – keep an eye on our school these holidays - 13 17 88

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number – 13 17 88. The School Watch Program is a partnership between Education Queensland, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our schools. Keep the number handy and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.

Regards,
Scott Ison

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 from the 9th December until 12th December and the cost is just $12.00!! It will be again available in 2014. Please make your Yearbook payment at our Finance Office

Suzie Koenig
School Based Youth Health Nurse
Gold Coast HHS
Mon - Fri. 0800hrs - 1600hrs
(Mon Tues Keebra Park SHS, Thurs Fri Nerang SHS)
Mobile: 0432 005 262

RESOURCES 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 MARILYN RIVETT

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

OPEN MONDAY WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY
FROM THE 20TH JANUARY 2014

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 55037 804

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
Gold Coast Public Transport Changes are Coming

From 20 January 2014, residents of the Gold Coast will benefit from an improved bus network as part of TransLink’s South East Queensland (SEQ) Bus Network Review. Changes to the public transport network will provide the Gold Coast community with simple, direct and frequent services connecting to key centres and train stations throughout the Gold Coast.

It is important to note that these changes are for urban bus routes operating on the Gold Coast. School services, operated by Surfside Buslines will still service local schools. Information on school service timetables and routes can be accessed online at www.surfside.com.au.

Prior to these changes, information booklets will be letterbox dropped to all Gold Coast residents. The booklet is a handy guide that details specific information including maps, hours of operation and frequency for all urban bus routes. An electronic version of the information booklet will be distributed to your school in early December 2013.

On 20 January 2014 new rail timetables will also be introduced on the Gold Coast rail line. The changes to the timetables will allow better bus connections, additional services and more frequent services.

If you have any questions regarding the SEQ Bus Network Review please contact TransLink External Affairs by email at external.affairs@translink.com.au or phone 07 3338 4438.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could communicate these changes to your staff, students and parents through your normal communication channels such as your school newsletter, website, text messages and emails. A suggested message you could use is below:


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.

*Gold Coast Health*

**Building a healthier community**

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‘Free treatment for children for children and adolescents with Blood and Injection Phobia’

Earlier this term we contacted you regarding our exciting study investigating fears of blood and needles in children and adolescents. Following advertisements in school newsletters we had great interest in the study and many families have contacted us and received assistance for their child’s fear.

Blood, Injury and Injection phobia is highly prevalent affecting 2 – 3% of youth and is associated with serious health consequences and impairment due to avoidance of seeing a doctor when unwell, having immunizations, receiving medical treatment for diagnosed illnesses, having operations and dental treatment. We aim to understand more about how this debilitating phobia develops, and how we can effectively treat children and adolescents with this fear.

We are again seeking your approval to distribute the attached advertisement in your school newsletter, in the hope of recruiting more families from your school, who might be struggling with this debilitating disorder. Following consent from families to participate, all aspects of this project will be conducted at Griffith University and no other involvement is required from your school. We would be very grateful if you could assist us by placing the attached advertisement in your newsletter.

We also attach the Department of Education and Training Research Advertisement in Schools application form. As requested in this form, we have also attached a copy of the ethics approval for this project from the Griffith University Human Research Ethics Committee. All research staff have undergone “Working with children checks” and details of these have been provided in the attachments.

We greatly appreciate your continued support. If you have any questions about the study please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Ella Milliner on 0415226246 or Dr Lara Farrell on (07) 56788317.

Many thanks,

**Dr Ella Milliner**

Clinical Psychologist

PhD Candidate

Nerang State High School would like to encourage your family and friends to post a message to the Australian athletes competing at the Sochi 2014 Winter Olympic Games.

You can post a message now and again during the Games by visiting the link below:


You can either post to the whole team or to individual athletes. Messages sent to individual athletes will appear on their athlete bio so they can view them online.

Spread the word via email, social media and Show Your Support on the AUS Olympic Team Fan Wall.

P & C NEWS

Hi everyone,

We held our Art and Craft market in the hall on November 30th and despite the dreadful rain, we had a great turn out. There were in excess of 40 stalls with a very wide variety of goods for sale. It was the first big test for our new kitchen, which worked wonderfully.

A huge **THANKYOU** to our volunteers who helped on the day- Samantha Duncan, Trish Trinder, Julie Shaw, Leanne Barnes, Jo McGivern and Ann Cleal. Thanks also to Rikki for the Zumba demonstration and Paige for singing for us. The P&C managed to raise $1800 for the school.

If you are purchasing uniforms early next year, please refer to the website for opening hours. We are opening on Saturday morning 25th January to help those who cannot get here weekdays. We will have 3 staff to help you, however, we ask for your patience and understanding in peak times. We strive to keep everything moving as quickly and efficiently as we can. Thank you.

As the year draws to a close I would like to wish all families a safe and happy holiday season. See you next year!

**Tracey Spiers.**