



NAVIGATOR - 2009



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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

It has been a very busy couple of weeks with a number of important events occurring.

On Monday we hosted our local primary state schools for our inaugural Spelltacular. This event was the culmination of our Showcase Awards application and saw our local state schools and our year 8 and 9 students match wits in a hotly contested spelling competition. The participants, representing each of their schools demonstrated their ability to spell quickly and accurately in front of an audience of over 300 students and staff. Thanks to our local schools for their eager involvement that ensured the success of the day. I am sure that this year's Spelltacular will be the first of many to come.

Tuesday evening we hosted our year 8 students of 2010 in the Year 8 to 9 Information Evening. It was great to see so many excited future students and thanks to the parents/carers for attending the evening. We eagerly await your arrival into our school community next year. This Saturday a group of our most talented students will be a part of Education Queensland's Creative Generations performance held at the Entertainment Centre. We wish Amy Bryant, Vivien Emsworth-Copland, Jake and Nicholas Tomlins and former students Alex Tomlins and Trent Lewis the best and I am sure that they will do themselves proud and put on a great performance.

Regards,
Jim Box
A/Principal

DEPUTY NEWS

Behaviour:

As the Semester builds up towards assessment, students have been relieving their tensions with behaviours and games that have raised some concerns. Please remind your son or daughter that throwing food, Red Rover and tackle rugby are unacceptable behaviours and are being dealt with very strictly.

Exam Block:

Year 11 and 12 students will commence their exams on Friday 12 June. Students in year 11 and 12 are only required to attend school for their examinations during the exam period. Exams finish on Friday 19 June and are followed by Yr 12's having their Queensland Core Skills Test practice on Monday 22 June and Tuesday 23 June.

Winter Uniforms:

As the cold weather approaches we have seen some interesting variations on the school uniform. Students who are not in the correct uniform accrue demerit points. All students must ensure that they are wearing the correct winter uniform. Uniform details are contained in the student diaries.

Year 7 into 8 Parent Night Faculties Showcase:

On Tuesday 2nd June we welcomed our Future year 8 students and their parents to the Year 7 into 8 Parent Night Faculty Showcase. The afternoon consisted of tours of the school, with faculties putting on some excellent displays. The event was very well attended and was a huge success. Our excellent results continue to attract a large number of prospective students and this enhances our reputation amongst the community and amongst other educational institutions.

Ms Jennifer Skeahan
Ms Cathy Pfingst

Mr Sean Bennett
Mr Adam Colley

CLICT ON GAMES WINNERS

In Term 1 at Narangba Valley SHS students in Years 8, 9 & 10 ICT, designed and made games using a variety of software. From the 220 games that were made, staff chose the best 21 to be finalists in three categories. Congratulations to these students who showed a lot of commitment in their own time to submit high quality work. The school community then voted for which game they thought was the best in the three different categories. After 3 weeks of voting and 346 votes later, the winners were announced at a GALA evening attended by special guests, parents and the students.

Thanks to Moreton Bay Regional Council, GameTraders - Morayfield, QANTM and Mark Ryan for their generous donations.

From left to right: Mr Jim Box, Principal; Curtis Maher, Best Overall Game; Renee Gerber, Best Year 10 Game, Matthew O'Reilly - Best Year 8 Game; Mr Mark Ryan MP, State Member - Morayfield; Chris Stevenson - Best Year 9 Game.

Lyn McDonald
ICT and Business Head of Department

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

Narangba Valley Region Youth Ensemble

Rehearsals for the new Narangba Valley Region Youth Ensemble commenced on Wednesday at Narangba Valley State High School. This ensemble provides an opportunity for students at a variety of schools within the region to work together as part of a large concert band. Students will perform at a variety of community events and I am sure will certainly achieve great things. A special thank you to the conductor Ms Elisha Edwards, who has put in considerable effort to get this ensemble up and running.

Moonlight Music

Music students entertained audiences recently with fantastic performances at our Moonlight Music Concert

and Sausage Sizzle. This concert was an opportunity for students to perform for parents and friends and develop their skills. For many students this was the first time they had ever performed solo in front of an audience and they are to be congratulated on their wonderful performances. I would also like to thank the Parent Support Group and teachers who gave up their time to make the evening a success.

Dance Eisteddfod

Our senior and junior dance troupe recently travelled to the Brisbane Exhibition Grounds to perform in the Brisbane Eisteddfod. Unfortunately, due to the flooding in Narangba our students had to leave the day early and our senior students were not able to perform. I would like to congratulate our junior students, who received a highly commended award for their dance. The teachers and students involved are to be applauded for their tireless dedication to dance and the many hours of rehearsals that occurred.

Arts council & Drama Excursion

Senior drama students and Drama Academy students, were recently able to attend an Arts Council performance at school and participate in a drama excursion to Queensland Theatre Company's Billie Brown Studio. I would like to congratulate the students on their fabulous behaviour, which was complimented by the organisers of these events. The next performance coming to our school is a Grin & Tonic Performance in Term 3. Permission notes for this wonderful Shakespearean show will be handed out to drama students in the next week.

Creative Generation

John Coulson
HOD Performing Arts

SPELLTACULAR

Congratulations to all the competitors from Year 6, 7, 8 and 9 that participated in Spelltacular on Monday 1st June. It was an event of spelling excellence that brought together Jinibara, Narangba Valley, Burpengary and Narangba Primary Schools with Narangba Valley High School to celebrate the success and strength of our literacy program. The Spell Master, Elizabeth Kingston, challenged the students, and celebrity participants, with words that created high tension amongst the crowd as several heats and finals came down to the wire. Congratulations again to all those that participated and especially to the finalists (as follows).

Year 6 – Maddison McCormack, Joel Taufu Anae, Tahlia Carmock

Year 7 – Jonty Harris, Emily Herczeah, Lauren Carpenter

Year 8 – Ryan Palfrey, Holly Hamilton, Sean Lie-Tully, Stan Thomas

Year 9 – Nadine Sheridan, Amy Munro, Carly Booth, Stuart Horne

Liz Senior

2010 YEAR 8 ENROLMENT

The Year 7 into 8 Faculty Showcase and Information Evening was held on Tuesday 2nd June and allowed Year 7 students and their families to experience the facilities, curriculum and programs that Narangba Valley High

School has to offer. If you would like more information on enrolment for Year 8 Students in 2010 please contact Liz Senior, Middle School HOD on 3385 4555 or drop in to the administration office to collect an enrolment package. Enrolments will be accepted from Tuesday 14th June. In order to assist with our planning and preparation for 2010 it is requested that all enrolments are completed by Friday 18th September.

SENIOR SCHOOLING NEWS

Year 10 students – subject selection for 2010

At the start of this term, all Year 10 students began a 15 week unit of work in ATP devoted to developing a career and learning development plan. Throughout this unit, students will be working closely with their ATP teacher to identify their skills and interests and to develop an understanding of the different learning pathways on offer in the Senior School. This is all part of the lead up to our Subject Selection evening which will take place in August and the completion of a SET Plan (Senior Education and Training Plan) by every Year 10 student.

As part of the Subject Selection process and their ATP lessons, students will attend talks given by Heads of Department to ensure they are aware of the differences between Authority (OP) and Authority-Registered (non-OP) subjects, as well as the VET subjects on offer in Years 11 and 12. Parents and students are then invited to attend the Subject Selection evening being held at the school.

In the week following the Subject Selection evening, every student in Year 10 will be required to participate in a SET Plan interview. The SET Plan will outline the career pathway each student wishes to follow and the subjects they have chosen for Year 11 and 12. Parent attendance at the interview is strongly encouraged to ensure appropriate pathway choices are made and your student has chosen subjects which will prepare them for success.

We will be sending letters home over the coming weeks to provide further information about the Subject Selection and SET Planning program. If you have any questions, please contact Rebecca Bratby on 3385 4555.

Wanting to work in the Hospitality industry after school? Complete the Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) – 1 day course

If you are interested in working in the Hospitality industry, you may need to complete an RSA (Responsible Service of Alcohol) course. A 1-day RSA course is being hosted at Narangba Valley SHS on Wednesday 24th June. The cost of the course is \$50. If you are interested in enrolling, please see Mrs Lever in O'Neill staffroom asap.

Students interested in pursuing medicine and other health science careers

Students interested in pursuing medicine and other health science careers need to sit the UMAT on July 29, 2009. The UMAT is the "Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test". Only one test session is held each year!

The test is used specifically to assist with the selection of students into the medicine, dentistry and health science

degree programs at undergraduate level at specific universities.

Registrations for UMAT2009 are now open and will close at 5pm AEST on Friday 5 June. Late registrations will close at 5pm AEST on Friday 19 June. No further registrations will be accepted after that.

Students wishing to register for the UMAT must download the "UMAT Information Pack" from the UMAT website. Go to: <<http://umat.acer.edu.au/>>

For further information, please visit the UMAT website or call (03) 8508 7643 or (03) 9277 5746.

Getting reading for the UMAT

MedEntry is an international government accredited Registered Training Organisation specialising in UMAT preparation. MED Entry provides materials, workshops and training for students intending to sit the UMAT. For further information, please visit the website at:

<www.MedEntry.edu.au> or call (03) 9359 9960.

Bec Bratby

HOD Senior Schooling

EVENTS

Monday 8 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
Wednesday 10 June	ICAS Science Competition
Friday 12 June	Drama Academy Performance
Friday 12 - 19 June	Yr 11 & 12 Block Exams
Wednesday 17 June	Yr 12 Drama Assessment Night
Thursday 25 June	Gold Level Excursion

CANTEEN ROSTER

Monday	08/06	Public Holiday
Tuesday	09/06	Julie & Chris
Wednesday	10/06	Sue & Diane
Thursday	11/06	Heather , Gordon, Carole, Kharla
Friday	12/06	Liz & Need Helpers
Monday	15/06	Cathy
Tuesday	16/06	Chris & Julie
Wednesday	17/06	Sue & Diane
Thursday	18/06	Gordon, Kharla, Carol & Kaylene
Friday	19/06	Liz & Judy

UNIFORM SHOP

Winter Uniforms are all in stock except for extra-small and medium Taslon Jackets. For anyone who has ordered these sizes you will be contacted as soon as they arrive. All sizes of Jumpers are now available from XXXS to XXXXL. When ordering or buying a jumper we usually suggest a size down from the polo shirt your child is wearing as the jumpers are a generous make. If your child is particularly small and you require a jumper to be made it will take approximately six (6) weeks for this to happen. Please contact the uniform shop as soon as possible (3385 4550) if you have any queries about this as your child will need to be measured.

Just a reminder that a copy of school uniform policy can be found in your child's student diary or from the uniform shop.

Lani

Uniform Shop

YEAR 11 CHEMISTRY EXCURSION

These students, from our year 11 chemistry, are analysing water from the Caboolture River to ascertain what is in the water. Such current topics of interest are part of way we study chemistry here at NVSHS – it is called Contextual Chemistry.

Teachers – Ms Gilmour and Mr Bauer – organized the day which provides some analytical field work that is part of an assessment – Extended Experimental Investigation – on water chemistry.

The students worked well – and earned their 'Macca's' ice cream- suggesting there will be some fine assignments.

Mr Bauer

SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to Nicholas Gray of Year 11, who has been awarded the Pierre de Coubertin Award for 2009. Baron Pierre de Coubertin was the founder of the Modern Olympic Games and the Awards program celebrates the outstanding sporting achievements and good sportsmanship of its nominees.

Each Queensland secondary school is invited to participate by selecting one senior student who has represented the school, district or region in at least three sports.

Jessica Schipper, who won gold and bronze medals at the Beijing Olympics, was one of the 2002 recipients of the coveted Award.

Well done Nick!

For further information about the Award, please go to <http://corporate.olympics.com.au/qld/>

Neil O'Rourke

Head of Department - HPE / Home Economics

AFL NEWS

Congratulations to Syd Driffield who was recently selected for the Qld Under 15 Schoolboys Team! Syd played as key positional player for the Sunshine Coast at the recent State Carnival at Zillmere. Supported by fellow Vipers in the Sunny Coast team, Mitch King, Tom Waibel and Steve Dunstan, all shone to finish fourth overall in boggy conditions.

For the Driffield family it caps of a remarkable journey, with Syd matching older brother and former Viper Bill as a Queensland rep. Syd's selection came as a pleasant surprise "It was the worst conditions I've played in, but it was fun", the Aspley U16s footballer said. I enjoyed the

intensity of the games and look forward to knocking off the Victorians at Nationals. His AFL academy teacher Mr. Turton said "It is fantastic to see Syd's hard work and enthusiasm pay off. His electric skills and footy smarts will be a huge asset to the state squad". All the Vipers wish Syd the very best as he takes on the rest of Australia at the Nationals in Maroochydore during July.

Greg McMahon

FURNISHING SUCCESS IN ACTION

Certificate I in Furnishing is designed to give year 11 and 12 students some industry standard skills to prepare them for work in the timber industry. They are trained in the use of hand and wood working machines by highly skilled teachers. This jewellery box crafted by Reece Griffin is a fine example of a student beginning to master a discipline such as furniture construction. Sarah Nix also produced an excellent jewellery box.

Both students were awarded a certificate of merit by the principal for their craftsmanship. Their products were displayed in the administration foyer. The great work done by senior engineering and graphics will be displayed in the foyer next week. Sarah and Reece, well done.

Brad Fleischfresser
HOD Manual Arts