



NAVIGATOR - 2007

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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

What an outstanding fortnight we have had! Our students just continue to excel and impress! Recently student Debating Team led by English teacher Mr David Oliver competed with the cream Brisbane could offer. Our students were victorious over Villanova College with an unprecedented ten point win. This win by such a margin is really outstanding. A two point victory is considered excellent! This puts Narangba Valley High in to the finals. Go team we are right behind you!! Special mention must be made of the outstanding support offered by Mr Oliver! Our students are so lucky to have a teacher of his calibre in our school.

Our newly elected Student Leaders have been quick off the mark and are already working with students and staff to plan the implementation of their vision in our school over the next twelve months. Their focus is our school culture. Given our foundation of a values based school students will formulate plans to take our school and house spirit to even greater heights. If any parent would like to work with our students in implementing their range of exciting plans please don't hesitate to contact me.

Recently our Year 12 students participated in the second round of the practice tests for the Qld Core Skills Test. The results have been excellent and I feel very confident that we have done all we can to prepare our students to demonstrate their skills and talents in the forthcoming QCS test. It is imperative students take this very seriously and try their very hardest in this critically important two day test on the 5th and 6th of September.

Ross Mackay
Principal

SENIOR SCHOOLING NEWS

SkillsTech Australia have a very limited number of places in their 2008 Schools Programs for the following courses:
Certificate II in Automotive (Mechanical) - 4 QCE Points;
Certificate II in Engineering Production (Boat Building)- 4 QCE Points;
Certificate II in Engineering Production - 4 QCE Points;
Certificate II in Construction (Carpentry) - 4 QCE Points and
Certificate III in Computer Aided Drafting - 8 QCE Points.

Students studying Year 11 in 2008 are eligible to apply. Please remember places are extremely limited and applications close on the 30 September 2007.

Further information can be collected from Mrs Lever in the Senior Schooling Office (O'Neill Staffroom) - Phone: 3385 4571 Monday - Thursday.

DEPUTY NEWS

It has been a huge couple of weeks with Years 8-10 choosing subjects for 2008. Both subject selection nights were well attended by students and parents. Heads of Department and subject area specialists were on hand to provide information about their faculties. All subject selection forms are now due.

Academic reviews should now be completed and there will be no more subject changes this semester.

Parents are reminded that scarves, beanies and leggings are not part of the uniform. Shoes must be black leather lace-ups or joggers (non-porous) or plain black leather fully enclosed slip-on shoes.

RE day on Tuesday 14th August was a very successful one. Thanks to the Chaplaincy committee for organising a number of outside groups to run a full day of programs for all students.

Parents and students are invited to 'Discovery Expo' on Friday 17th August after school in H Block. Come along and enjoy the creative genius of our scientists.

Rae Ellis
Deputy Principal



OUTSTANDING EFFORT

Outstanding efforts by students of Narangba Valley High School are on display!

Van de Graaff, Schrodinger, Lamarck ... which class are they in? Actually these are famous scientists who have protégés at this school. Our students have been very busy doing their own scientific investigations.

They make fabulous presentations of their work and these will be displayed at the Discovery Expo Awards and Display Evening: August 17, 5 -7pm, H Block, Narangba Valley High School.

Everyone is invited to attend.(Some classes will be lucky enough to see this display during school time).

Contact Freeman Staffroom for any enquiries: Phone 33854553

ATHLETICS NEWS

Congratulations to Sarah Walker for winning the Inaugural NVSHS Athletics Day Respect, Integrity and Commitment Award. Sarah's contribution and team spirit throughout the entire Athletics week was outstanding. Well Done Sarah.

Congratulations also to our Junior Athletics Day Superboot competition winners Jake Friedman and Monica Allen!!!

PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY TOUR

For the past few months, students in years 8, 9 and 10 Drama, Dance and Music Academy, with the added assistance of Year 11 Music, have been working furiously on creating an amalgamated performance entitled "Familiar Strangers". In total the ten classes have each worked on a piece of the routine and next week all 170 students will be touring the local area with this experimental piece.

"Familiar Stranger" is a completely original performance which follows the emotional journey of two 'not so young' lovers as they travel through time. The couple, through the use of a time machine, travel back in time to the 30's, 50's and 70's and finally travel forward to the future.

The tour will be visiting our local primary schools and shopping centers and we are the opening act at the Family Fun Day at Centenary Lakes which is an annual event run by the Caboolture Shire Council, on the 15th August.

This has been a mammoth effort but as usual, our students have risen to the challenge.

The tour 14-17 August, promises to be very exciting and undoubtedly, very rewarding.

"Break a leg Academy!"

2008 LAPTOP PROGRAM

Students selected for the accelerated class in English, Maths or Science in Year 8 or Year 9 in 2008 will have opportunity to learn in a rich technological environment through the implementation of a Parent Owned Laptop Program, which has been approved by the Schools' Parent and Citizens Association.



Benefits of a Student Laptop Program

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Narangba Valley State High School is proud of its reputation in the use of technology, therefore we plan to integrate the existing academic curriculum with current, wireless and mobile technologies with Parent owned laptops as learning tools. We believe in providing a strong knowledge of technology through integration of computers and other technology throughout our curriculum including the core subject areas. Key teaching staff who have attained their ICT Pedagogical Licence and demonstrated excellent use of ICT in their classroom teaching will be taking these classes in 2008.

Research on the use of laptop programs in schools find the outcomes for student learning include: *"We see more project-based learning, increased student motivation and experimentation, and higher rates of peer mentoring. They also gain increased access to information, improve research analysis skills, and spend more time doing homework on computers."*

Research has also shown that these students direct their own learning, report a greater reliance on active learning strategies, readily engage in problem solving and critical thinking, and consistently show deeper and more flexible uses of technology than students without individual laptops."

<http://www.bc.edu/research/intasc/jtla/journal/v3n2.shtml>

The laptop, which will be decided by the school, will be an entry level business laptop. These devices provide reinforced hinges and stronger composite cases compared to their retail equivalents. With the constant movement between classes, school and home, a sturdy device is required, however consideration will also be given to the size and weight of the device.

The benefits of having students all having the same laptop supplied by the one provider are:

- It ensures standardisation of software, hardware and network connectivity.
- The laptop computer is specifically designed for educational use and is supplied at academic pricing.
- Each laptop has 3 years next business day onsite warranty ensuring fast repairs as well as the requirement of comprehensive insurance. A hot swap machine will be on site as a temporary replacement if repairs take longer.
- Dedicated technicians are manufacturer certified to repair the school-selected model.

A complete proposal for supply is being prepared by BES who supply ACER laptops. ACER are one of only FOUR approved technology suppliers available for use in Education Queensland schools. Narangba Valley SHS have dealt with BES and ACER for over seven years and are completely satisfied with both their product and service.

Indicative pricing of hardware and software required for classes is approximately \$2500 which includes software, an extra battery and a backpack. Note however that models and pricing are subject to change depending on the suppliers release date and pricing closer to the end of the year. A comprehensive IT Insurance Policy is also available at approximately \$500. Parents may have the option of using their own Contents Insurance Policy.

Once final pricing is decided upon, parents will be provided with detailed information, including Model specifications, Accessories, Warranty, Insurance, Software Costs, Service, Networking Policies, Pricing and Payment plans as well as School Policies and Procedures for their use. It is expected that this information will be available towards the end of this term.

**Enquiries to Lyn McDonald
ICT and Business Head of Department**

lmcd022@eq.edu.au

Financial Video

Three Year 9 classes are currently participating in a Commonwealth Bank Funded Financial Literacy project.

Joining together are Mrs Kalms Business Technology class, Ms Neale-Diversi's Drama class and Mr Jordan's Multimedia Technology class.



These three classes, with their teachers, are developing a story that will be developed into a short video, that will have two main characters.

One character will be following a pathway that will lead to financial freedom, while the other character will follow a pathway to financial ruin. Students will also see examples of real life success stories, who at a young age have achieved financial freedom by being entrepreneurial.

- The Business Technology class is primarily responsible for the content of the video and ensuring the business terms and practices such as saving, investing, budgeting and goal setting are included.
- The Drama class will develop a dramatic script and perform the story.
- The Multimedia class will be responsible compiling the footage into a short video and add music and other multimedia elements.

All students in Yr 8 and 9 will view the video during SDV lessons. Humour and Beat Boxing will be used to ensure this short video will entertain as well as inform students about ensuring their own financial freedom.

Many thanks to Commonwealth Bank for their generous funding to carry out this project.

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GUIDANCE OFFICER

Dear Families and Students,

I would like to acknowledge the many students who have made a considerable effort to investigate and research their career pathways beyond schooling this term. I would like to again draw your attention to the following websites as starters for general career information: www.myfuture.edu.au (go to the The Facts, Occupations, Related Courses to begin with) and www.cis.qsa.qld.edu.au. These sites provide a wealth of information that will no doubt lead to further investigation by students.

Year 12 – Important Dates

- Friday, 28 September (4:30 pm) – Due date for on-time QTAC applications. (Please note pages 65 and 66 of the QTAC Guide for courses with predetermined/set closing dates. See www.qtac.edu.au for more information)
- Friday, 14 September – Due date for school to process applications to Brisbane North Institute of TAFE School Rewards Program (Entry into limited Diploma level courses). Please return forms to Senior Schooling at O'Neill Staffroom
- Friday, 14 September – Due date for school to process applications for UQ Link and Q-Step (special entry schemes for UQ and QUT respectively)

Year 12 QTAC applicants – Note that your Qld Studies Authority (QSA) number is used for your on-line QTAC application and appears on your provisional statement.

Terri Molineux
Guidance Officer

STUDENT SERVICES

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION

Current Education Queensland Policy as well as Occupational Health and Safety and First Aid Policy **requires** that Parents / Caregivers **must** undertake the following in relation to the administration of medication and/or management of health conditions.

- Notify the school in writing of a health condition requiring medication at school.
- Request the school in writing to administer prescribed medication or to assist in the management of a health condition.
- Notify the school in writing of any requests and/or guidelines from medical practitioners including potential side effects or adverse reactions.
- Provide the medication in the original labelled container to the nominated staff member.
- Ensure the medication is not out of date and has an original pharmacy label with the students name, dosage and time to be taken.
- Notify the school in writing when a change of dosage is required. This instruction must be accompanied by a letter from a medical practitioner.
- Advise the school in writing and collect the medication when it is no longer required at school.

This includes analgesics e.g- Paracetamol and pain relief for menstrual cramps.

SICK BAY is now located behind the Administration block in the STUDENT SERVICES BUILDING.

Could parents please advise Student Services of change of details to any home, work, mobile or emergency contacts. We can be contacted by note or phone.

Student Services: 3385 4581 / 3385 4523

Regards Karen Grice / Leanne Neumann

SCHOOL NURSE NEWS

Diabetes is a serious condition reaching epidemic proportions affecting an estimated 1 million people in Australia. Of these, up to 500,000 could be unaware they have diabetes. Diabetes exists when blood glucose builds up high levels. Type 1 (Insulin dependent diabetes) occurs in childhood and is due to severe deficiency of insulin.

Exercise and Diabetes Students should be encouraged to exercise because it:- *Improves fitness and well-being; *Builds self esteem, confidence and team work; *Improves action of insulin and enhances blood glucose control. **Note** Exercise is not recommended during poor diabetes control when blood glucose levels are high. It may cause them to be more elevated. Parents and guardians should advise school if exercise is not to be undertaken.

Is your child Overweight?

The Parenting and Family Support Centre at the University of Queensland is designing a version of the Positive Parenting Program to help parents of overweight children ages between 5 and 12 years. We are currently conducting a survey to find out about the challenges that these parents face. *If you are a parent of a 5 – 12 year old we would love to hear from you!* Sharing your experiences (confidentially) is valuable in helping to develop strategies to assist parents in areas that are needed. Results of this study will also be available to participants. If you would like to be involved in this research, the survey can be completed online at

<http://experiment.psy.uq.edu.au/parentingchallenges> If you have any questions about this research or would like a paper

and pencil copy of the survey, please contact Kate at parentingchallenges@psy.uq.edu.au or on 0412 169 493.

Help Available for Students with Anxiety!

Does your teenager suffer from extreme anxiety? Around 8*10% of children and adolescents are affected by severe anxiety, which can cause significant problems in emotions, social and educational functioning. Teens with anxiety may worry about meeting new people or being away from home; they may fear specific situations or just seem to worry all the time. The BRAVE Program for Teenagers offers a 12-Session internet- or clinic-based program for the treatment of anxiety in adolescents aged between 13 and 17 years. Parents will also partake in some sessions. Families must have access to a computer (PC) and the Internet at home to be involved. As this program will not receive any funding, to cover treatment costs, families will be charged a minimal fee of \$100 for participation in the treatment program. This one-off fee includes all assessment interviews and treatment sessions for both parents and teenagers. If you are interested in participating in our program, visit the BRAVE website : www.psy.mq.edu.au/brave

Devi
School Nurse

UNIFORM SHOP

Term 3 still requires students to wear winter formal uniform. This means boys in Years 10, 11 and 12 should be wearing long navy trousers and tie with their formal shirt.

Girls should be wearing a tie with their formal uniform at **ALL** times. Tailored navy pants can be worn in winter. Black stockings are acceptable to be worn with their formal uniform but not underneath their sports uniform. Girls should also not be wearing any ¾ pants under any of the uniforms.

School jumpers and jackets are the only ones acceptable to be worn to school.

All items are available from the Uniform Shop
Price Lists are available from the Uniform Shop

START PLANNING NOW FOR 2008.

Call in to the Uniform Shop and get all the information about prices, ordering and additional opening hours for 2008.

CANTEEN ROSTER



COMMUNITY NEWS

PULSE DANCE PARTY

MONDAY -	20/08	Adam, Barbara
TUESDAY -	21/08	Diane, Julie
WEDNESDAY -	22/08	Jean, Betty, Adam
THURSDAY -	23/08	Jean, Carol, Heather
FRIDAY -	24/08	Liz, Adam
MONDAY -	27/08	Cathy, Adam, Barbara
TUESDAY -	28/08	Julie
WEDNESDAY -	29/08	Jean, Adam
THURSDAY -	30/08	Carol, Jean
FRIDAY -	31/08	Liz

The next Deception Bay PCYC Dance Party will be held on Friday 17 August 2007. Session times are for Primary Students 5.30-7.30pm and Secondary Students 8.00-10.00pm. Cost PCYC Members- \$4.00 and Non-Members- \$5.00. Telephone 3293 0166 for further information.

BURPENGARY AQUATIC FITNESS CENTRE

Summer squad season starts on the 1st of September and we have limited places available. Please telephone to book in. We also offer Lean to Swim – babies to adults, aqua aerobics, lap swimming and lane walking, bronze medallion courses, royal life saving courses and Junior and Master swimming clubs.

20 Fountain Road
Burpengary
Telephone- 3888 1088

LIFELINE ANNUAL BOOKFEST

Lifelines annual bookfest is being held at APEX Park in Caboolture from 21st to the 24th of September. 9am to 4pm. Volunteers are still needed for this event. Anyone interested in lending a hand please call 5495 1700 or 0438 150 702. All donations are accepted on 5499 2255.

JUNIOR CRICKET SIGN ON

Boys and Girls 6-16 Years wanted. Cricket gear supplied and no experience needed. "Have a go" for 4-7 year olds–free. **SIGN ON NOW**. Contact Barry on 3283 6168 or 0404071017 or send an email to prccjuniors@yahoo.com.au

Volunteers Wanted

Do you crave convivial company and fun?
Do you want to help a worthy cause?

Learning Support needs parent volunteers for assistance with individuals and small groups of students.

We have a small number of year 8 students who are having difficulty in some practical classes such as cooking and sewing. In addition, all of our year 8 students are beginning their Literacy Program this semester. One or two parent helpers would be of great assistance in both these areas.

If there are any parents with a little time on their hands during the day, who would like to assist us, and who have a blue card or would like to apply for one, please contact Susan in the ILC on 3385 4566 or Judy in Rafter Staffroom on 3385 4574