



NAVIGATOR - 2007

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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

We have so much to be proud of in our school! Our students and staff continue to impress all who come in contact with them. Last week our Performing Arts Academy students and staff toured the district providing outstanding performances for students in Primary schools and for the general public. There was wide acclaim for all the students who took part in the combined Drama, Dance and Music production titled "Familiar Strangers". Our Academy programs continue to move the standard of excellence higher and higher. Congratulations to all students and staff involved.

Also last Friday saw our annual focus on Science with the outstanding examples of scientific research both from our students in Years 8 to 12 and also students from participating primary schools in the local area. We have so much talent that the future of scientific research in our fine country is in very good hands indeed. A panel, of external judges, was impressed by the standard and rigour of the scientific research projects undertaken. Congratulations are in order for all students and their teachers for achieving such excellent learning outcomes.

Parents are reminded that the assessment period is only a very short time away. Students should be encouraged to develop revision and study plans to ensure they give their very best in upcoming tests and assignments. Personal organisation in study time at home is critical to success and parents are required to ensure your children have a plan of attack for this assessment period. Teachers can be contacted to provide advice in this area if needed.

Parents are also required to take the opportunity wherever possible to reinforce the schools key values of "RESPECT, INTEGRITY and COMMITMENT". These are the fundamental values underpinning all that we do in our school and will ensure a basis for all students to have successful and happy lives in the future. Your support in reinforcing these key values at home will be very beneficial to all concerned.

Have a great week!

Ross Mackay
Principal

DEPUTY NEWS

Assignments & Exams: reminder to all students and their families that we are heading in to the busiest part of the term. Students will need to manage their time effectively to ensure that they do not leave all the work until the last minute.

QCS Test: On September 4th and 5th, most of our Year 12 students will sit the QCS Test. This is a very intense time for our Seniors and we wish them well. Year 12's not sitting the QCS test, are not required to attend on these days.

Students Truanting School: A number of students are

deliberately truanting school. We are an extremely large school and we need to focus our energies on the teaching and learning of students and not the chasing of truants. Please remind your sons/daughters that in order to maximize their learning, they need to be in-class and on-time to every lesson. Also, as there is a Duty of Care issue, students who are caught truanting may be suspended.

Students late to school: We are having a number of students deliberately turning up late for school. Please remind your sons/daughters that in order to maximize their learning, they need to be in-class and on-time to every lesson. Students who are deliberately late and do not have a valid reason, will be given detentions to make up for missed time.

Subject selection forms for 2008, are **now overdue**, please check with your son or daughter, that they have handed in all the required forms.

Sean Bennett
Deputy Principal

CHANGES TO REPORTING

2007 has brought some significant changes to the reporting formats used by all State Schools in Queensland. One of the main aims of the changes has been to provide parents with "plain english" reports with more information about academic performance. To ensure Narangba Valley continues to deliver the very best for outcomes for our parents and students we have made some small but very important changes to our Term 3 reports for your student.

Along with the regular information concerning behaviour and effort within classrooms we have added an "Interim Level of Achievement" to the report so you will receive a more supportive and informative picture of your students progress. This will be in an A to E scale, with the addition of an N/R or not rated component.

The A to E rating is an interim rating, meaning that it will be based upon all aspects of the student's studies, and therefore subject to change when semester 2 reporting commences. What it does provide however is a global picture of how your student is progressing at this time. The "Not Rateable at this time" or N/R component of the report is designed to help parents receive information about any problems that are arising through the subject.

It may also reflect the new arrival of your student to a subject/class and therefore little data can be commented on.

Personal Attribute Reports for Term 3 will be distributed in form class on the last Thursday and Friday of Term 3, the 20th and 21st of September.

S. Shorten
A/HOD Internal Studies

SUBJECT SELECTION

The subject selection process is well advanced as part of the development of the timetable for 2008. The administration team, assisted by the Guidance Officer and Head of Department Senior Schooling, have been conducting rigorous checks to ensure that students have chosen an appropriate pathway, which will set them up for success.

Parents are urgently reminded that subject selection forms are now overdue. If the form has not been submitted, this will mean that if the student decides to return the choice will be limited to what is available, not necessarily what the student wants to study.

We extend a warm welcome to our new Indigenous Teacher Aide Mrs Semone Bingham who is now working in the school each day supporting students in class.

A reminder that school commences promptly at 8.30am and students are expected to be at Form Class at this time. Students who require a late slip should have a note from their Parent/guardian. Our uniform policy clearly states that jewellery (earrings, necklaces, bracelets, anklets) are not permitted for reasons of personal safety. Nail polish and make-up are not part of the school dress code and are therefore not to be worn to school.

Jenny Bullen
Deputy Principal

IMMUNISATION DATES

Vaccination dates are as follows:

September 5th – Year 11 girls –HPV (Gardisal)

September 6th – Year 10 Boostrix

Year 10 Girls – HPV (Gardisal)

Year 12 Girls – HPV (Gardisal)

New Boostrix Forms are accepted on the day.

November 7th – Year 8 2nd Dose – Hep.B

Please make sure your student attends school on these days in order to receive these vaccinations. If you are unable to attend you will need to organise to receive these vaccinations by your family doctor / local health clinic.



SPORTING NEWS

Congratulations to our junior AFL Girls who recently hosted an exhibition match of AFL against Djarragun College. Djarragun College is an Indigenous School for talent students in North Cairns, who has formed a strong link with the Vipers over the past two years. In very slippery conditions, the game was a draw with 1 goal, 3 behinds a piece. Congratulations to Karly Pollard our goal kicker, and to Tamika Mann, Lisa Tanne, Meg Thompson, Christin Marshall and Sam Aitkin who were judged our best players. Good luck girls for your upcoming Lions Cup campaign which has been postponed until September.

Greg McMahon
HPE Head of Department

ZONE ATHLETICS RESULTS

The following are the results of our 2007 zone athletics. Congratulations to all those who participated.

Name

- 1 GRACE LUTHERAN COLLEGE
- 2 ST. COLUMBAN'S COLLEGE
- 3 TULLAWONG SHS
- 4 NARANGBA VALLEY SHS
- 5 SOUTHERN CROSS COLLEGE
- 6 CABOOLTURE SHS
- 7 BRIBIE ISLAND SHS
- 8 REDCLIFFE SHS
- 9 MORAYFIELD SHS
- 10 MUELLER COLLEGE
- 11 CLONTARF SHS
- 12 DECEPTION BAY SHS
- 13 KILCOY SHS
- 14 WOODFORD SHS

SENIOR SCHOOLING NEWS

Attention Year 12 School Leavers - Employment Opportunities

ADF Gap Year Program - The ADF Gap 'try before you buy' experience of military training and lifestyle for young men and women, without any obligation to serve beyond the 12 month program. Defence Force Recruiting may be contact now by phoning 13 19 01 to make an application or seek further information on this exciting opportunity.

An Information Night for the Army Reserve Traineeship and Apprenticeship Program (ARTAP) will be held on Thursday 20 September 2007 at the Monash Theatre Gallipoli Barracks Enoggera. The ARTAP offers Apprenticeship and Traineeship opportunities for young people in Mechanics - heavy vehicle, fitter armourer, carpenter, plumber, electrician, metal smith, communications - linesman, chef, stores/warehouse and administration. Apprentice or Trainee joins the Army Reserve for the length of their traineeship. Please see Mrs Lever in Senior Schooling for further information or to register your interest.

The Housing Industry Association are now seeking expressions of interest from people who are serious about getting a trade qualification in the Building and Construction Industry. Please forward your application letter outlining which trade you are passionate about and send your resume to Deborah Badinski: Email: d.badinski@hia.com.au or PO Box 3573 South Brisbane 4101 or Fax: 3846 3794. Interviews will commence from October 2008.

Queensland Rail are now recruiting young men and women for apprenticeships across Queensland in Electrical, Electronics, Linesperson, Boiler Making, Mechanical Diesel Fitting, Mechanical Fitting & Turning, Sheet Metal, Vehicle Building, Vehicle Finishing, Carpentry, Cable Joining, Plumbing and Blacksmith. To apply visit www.qr.com.au/careers or phone 1800 000 713.

Trish Lever
Senior Schooling Aid

MEDIEVAL ADVENTURES

This term, a number of 9 SOSE classes have been studying the Medieval world. Students have been investigating a range of topics from the feudal system, knights and castles to the Black Death, food, clothing, crime and punishment.

As part of their studies in the subject, students have been researching in pairs and presenting their findings to the class. The students have built model castles, prepared tasty Medieval feasts, assembled realistic dioramas showing methods of punishment and some have even dressed up in Medieval Costume to educate their peers about what life was like in the Middle Ages

By Miss Bec Bratby (Acting HOD – SOSE/LOTE)

MIDDLE SCHOOLING NEWS

Transition Week

Next week representatives from our teaching staff and student body will be out visiting our Coalition Primary Schools – Narangba, Burpengary, Jinibara – to talk about transition. The following week we will be hosting Grade 7s from Burpengary Meadows and Narangba Valley for the same purpose.

Assemblies – our Middle School assemblies have become a focal point for Success in Action and recognition of our School's Values Ethos – Respect Integrity Commitment Each fortnight we are enthralled by fantastic audio visual screenings, awards presentations and performances from our talented academy students. This also supports our efforts towards student engagement, and recognition of the wonderful efforts of both staff and students towards quality education for our students.

Mr Rick Cass

HOD- Middle Schooling

DANCE, DRAMA and MUSIC ACADEMY

Applications for 2008 Performing Arts Academy close on September 21, 2007. This is for students entering Year 8 in 2008 and wishing to study either Dance, Drama or Music as part of Narangba Valley State High School's Academy program. Application forms can be obtained from the school office or as part of the enrolment package. Applicants will be advised of their audition times and dates during week 1 of Term 4. Auditions usually take place in week 3, Term 4.

Any questions or concerns, please contact Carol Brodie, HOD Performing Arts on 07 3385 4527 or cbrod2@eq.edu.au .

Best of Luck with your application.

UNIFORM SHOP

START PLANNING FOR 2008

This year we are going to trial a system that may make it a bit faster for parents to get served.

If you can order your uniforms prior to December, then when you collect these uniforms on either of the Saturdays or the week prior to school commencing, there will be a point of service for payments only. (You will not be allowed to change any sizes at this point or add any items to the order.) *This point of service will be for collect and pay only.*

As there is only one payment point, please be aware, that this line will also be interrupted at various times with other people paying for the items they have purchased from scratch (there will be a different point of service for these people to try clothes on). Hopefully this will make it a bit faster as you won't have to wait behind others who need to try clothes on.

Your patience and understanding with this trial is greatly appreciated.

Uniform price lists, order forms, and other information is all available from the Uniform Shop.

HOURS

TUESDAY	8.00A.M. - 10.00A.M.
WEDNESDAY	1.00P.M. - 3.00P.M.
THURSDAY	1.00P.M. - 3.00P.M.

STUDENTS CAN ACCESS THE UNIFORM SHOP IN FIRST BREAK EVERY DAY.

Any further information required please phone:

Robyn

Ph: 3385 4502

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 supported by the Schools' Parent and Citizens Association.

Benefits of a Student Laptop Program



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 License 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

CANTEEN ROSTER



MONDAY -	3/09	Adam
TUESDAY -	4/09	Julie, Diane
WEDNESDAY -	5/09	Jean, Melissa, Betty
THURSDAY -	6/09	Heather, Carol, Jean
FRIDAY -	7/09	Jeanette, Adam, Liz
MONDAY -	10/09	Adam, Cathy
TUESDAY -	11/09	Julie
WEDNESDAY -	12/09	Sue, Jean
THURSDAY -	13/09	Carol, Jean
FRIDAY -	14/09	Adam, Liz

COMMUNITY NEWS

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