



NAVIGATOR - 2008

TERM 1, February 11th 2008



PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Welcome to all our many new families and welcome back to our past students and their families. We have had a very smooth start to our new school year. It has been particularly exciting with enrolments giving us a current population of approximately 1510 students.

Our Theme "*Success In Action*" underpins all that we will do this year and reflects our core values of RESPECT, INTEGRITY & COMMITMENT. This year we will celebrate on many occasions and in many forms our "*Success In Action*" stories as our students grow and develop into mature young people who base their behaviours on our key values of respect, integrity and commitment. We have much to be proud of and our many student achievements will be celebrated at every opportunity.

We are very proud of our student learning outcomes and the good work of staff and students. Particular praise must go to our Year 12 students of 2007 and our staff for the outstanding performance of Narangba Valley High in regard to OP scores. With approximately 18% of students achieving OP scores from 1 to 5; 45% achieving scores from 1 to 10 and 66% of students achieving better than Ops of 16 we have much to be proud of. Truly outstanding for our relatively young school and testimony that we are well and truly on track. Furthermore information coming to hand indicates the vast majority of students have entered courses of study and careers of their first choice! This is after all one of our key goals as a school.

To ensure we maximise students learning they must ensure their responsibilities are realised i.e. attendance, completing homework and assignments, meeting the uniform expectations consistently. Students must engage effectively with teachers and form effective learning teams. We are very proud of our students and we wish all students to be proud of who they are and their school. High quality and standards in ALL that we do is to be aspired to. This relates not only to schoolwork but also to behaviour, how we speak to each other, our dress, our social skills, our contribution to our community. With your active support as parents working with our staff the future success of your children is assured.

I look forward to working with you and your children throughout the year and I wish all families a successful and enjoyable 2008.

Ross Mackay
Principal

DEPUTY NEWS

As you would be aware, the start of the year is a hectic time for students, some of whom, have had changes of career goals over the Christmas break. The desire for students to change subjects is something we try to accommodate, but with changes to enrolment numbers in each year, staffing and resourcing constraints, we may not be able to accommodate these requests. We apologise for any concerns this may cause to some students, as we endeavour to maximise the learning opportunities of all our students.

The name of the Deputy who looks after each year level is below and we are more than happy to help with any concerns you may have;

Adam Colley Yr's 8 and 12
Cathy Pflugst Yr 9
Sean Bennett Yr 10
Jennifer Skeahan Yr 11

Also, to support any curriculum concerns or enquiries, all of our teaching staff and Heads of Department are able to assist. As are our Heads of year, who for 2008 are;

Yr 8 Rebecca Neale-Diversi
Yr 9 Liz Senior (also Middle Schooling Head of Department)
Yr 10 Courtney Greenway
Yr 11 Mark Agnew
Yr 12 Rebecca Bratby.

Please remember to check your son/daughter has settled in well and if you have any concerns, contact either the appropriate teacher, or person above. By getting on top of any concerns early, we can all work together to make this a successful year for all our students.

Furthermore, we are planning to hold our Yr 8 Parent Night, on Monday, 11 February, which will be held in the PALACE. So please put this date in your diaries as it is a great chance for Yr 8 parents to meet their child's teachers!

From
Sean Bennett, Adam Colley, Jennifer Skeahan & Cathy Pflugst.

INVITATION

Triennial School Review

Every three years we as a school community undergo a strategic planning process for the future. This process for our school starts this term and will take the best part of nine months to complete.

All parents and community members are invited to a meeting to be held in the PALACE at Narangba Valley State High School on the 12th March at 2.30 pm. The meeting should be complete by 5.30pm.

The aim of this meeting is to have an open forum to review current school plans, goals and targets/ to identify highlights/ agree to the format for the new School Plan/ update our vision for the school/ identify key areas and links to Education Queensland priorities.

Please contact Mrs Linde at the school office to register your attendance on 33854555.

Ross MacKay
Principal

STUDENT SERVICES

The staff of Student Services would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new families.

Sick Bay

Just a reminder to all that Student Services now houses the sickbay.

All students are reminded that if you are feeling unwell please come to sickbay and we will contact your parent or nominated emergency contact and make arrangements for you to go home. Students are **not** to phone parents on their mobile.

Medication Procedures

Reminder that changes to the Department of Education Policy for the Administration of, Routine and Emergency Medication and Management of Health Conditions, has resulted in some changes to our school procedures to do with medication. All students currently on medication need to update their information if there have been any changes to either medication or doses. A copy of the Administration of Medication Form is available from the office. Please note that medication must be in its original container, labelled with the student's name and be accompanied by a letter from a medical practitioner detailing dosage and timing. Any changes to medical details need to be done in writing.



The procedure for students arriving at school late is as follows –

- Present to window at student services
- Bring a note explaining the reason for late arrival.
- Obtain a late slip
- Proceed directly to class

Any students who do not follow this procedure will be marked absent on their form roll and a message will be sent to parents, requesting reasons for non-attendance.

Student Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school you can notify us on 3385 4581 or 3385 4523 if the office is unattended please leave a message on message bank.

Karen & Leanne

PARENT NOTICES

PARENTS PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

1. Only authorised personnel are to drive on school premises. Parents are not authorised to come in to the school grounds to pick up or drop off students. Please ensure you park outside in the spaces provided.
2. All students must wear the correct footwear as articulated in the Student Diary. I.e. Boys must wear lace up black shoes not slip on shoes; White socks are to be worn and clearly visible above the ankle; Girls are to wear white socks or black stockings with slip on shoes; Girls are to wear slip on shoes with the formal uniform only.
3. MP3 players are not to be brought to school. If found these will be removed and returned to students at days end. Repeated offences will receive more serious attention. (This includes mobile phones used as MP3 players)
4. All students are expected to do both homework (teacher set work) and study (student determined work to revisit and revise work covered). Parents please ensure you discuss these elements with your child.
5. Students involved in physical conflict situations will be suspended.
6. Visible necklaces are not to be worn.

UNIFORMS

THESE ARE THE CHOICES FOR PURCHASING UNIFORMS AND BOOKS FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP

- PARENTS** can access in the following hours:
Tuesday 8.00 – 10.00
Wednesday 1.00 – 3.00
Thursday 1.00 – 3.00
- STUDENTS** can access –
FIRST BREAK EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK
- PARENTS** can pay by credit card over the phone (3385 4502) and then
STUDENT can collect as in 2 above

REMINDER

All girls **MUST** wear a tie with their formal uniform. All boys in Years 10, 11 & 12 **MUST** wear a tie with their formal uniform.

Canvas shoes are not acceptable.

All English and Biology books are now available from the Uniforms Shop. Maths Mates 7, 8 & 9 are available, with No. 10 becoming available at the end of the week.



Thank you
Robyn

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

Hello and welcome back from the Performing Arts Department. This year we have many wonderful and exciting events happening which we hope you can be a part of.

New Hod

The existing Head of Department for Performing Arts, superstar Carol Brodie is taking Maternity Leave and will be replaced until the end of term 3 by John Coulson. Carol is an amazing and talented person and we wish her all the best and look forward to her return.

Academies

The Performing Arts Academies have undertaken auditions for new students and are well underway. These classes are designed to extend and refine the artistic ability of our gifted students with a strong focus on their performance work. Parents of Academy students, please remember that students have the opportunity to purchase a special Performing Arts Academy Shirt, which they can wear to school on non-formal days. To order contact the uniform shop.

Instrumental Music

Our Instrumental Music Department is roaring into action for an intense 2008. Students who play an instrument and would like to be part of Instrumental Music please see myself or Ms Leigh Jabs at the Laver Staffroom. The Instrumental Music program at NVSHS is a wonderful opportunity for students to hone their music skills through lessons from dedicated and highly qualified music teachers as well as receive numerous performance opportunities throughout the year.

Up-coming events for Instrumental Music include:

16th & 17th February – Week End Workshop

22nd February – Music Trivia Night for IM

students and Families (6pm start)

1st – 4th April – Music Tour (Deposit due by the 15/2/07)

Musical

Auditions have commenced for this year's musical *The Wiz*. Performances will run from the 31/07/08 – 02/08/08. Please stay tuned for information. Students who would like to be part of the musical keep your eyes on the Laver noticeboard as there are still many roles to cast.

I am looking forward to a fantastic year. Please do not hesitate to contact me through the school, if you have any questions regarding Performing Arts.

John Coulson
A/HOD – Performing Arts

CANTEEN ROSTER



Tuesday -	12/02	Julie & Chris
Wednesday -	13/02	Sue & Betty
Thursday -	14/02	Carol & Helena
Friday -	15/02	Liz & Allison
Monday -	18/02	Gayle & Cathy
Tuesday -	19/02	Julie & Chris
Wednesday -	20/02	Sue & Diane
Thursday -	21/02	Carol & Need Helpers
Friday -	22/02	Liz & Allison

MATHS TUTORIALS

They will be held on Wednesday afternoons from 2:45 – 3:30pm in H block. There will be a number of teachers available to assist from Year 8 up to Year 12 Maths C. All students are welcome and encouraged to attend.



YEAR 12 QCS

Immersion Day & Practice Test

In week 3 grade 12 students who are planning on sitting the QCS test will be participating in the following:

- A QCS immersion Day on Wednesday 13th of February. Students will learn skills to help them deal with the complexities of the test on this day.
- A full 2 day practice test on Thursday the 14th of February and Friday the 15th.

Students who are not intending on sitting the QCS test in September are still required to attend school as normal, timetabled classes will still be running for these students.

Another practice test will be held for grade 12 students on the 19th and 20th of June with the actual QCS test taking place on the 2nd and 3rd of September.

All practice tests are professionally marked and all participating students are provided with an individual report on their performance.

PULSE DANCE PARTY

The next Deception Bay PCYC Dance Party will be held on Friday 15th February. Please note changes to age and time information:

- Age range 5yrs to 14yrs
- Time 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Cost PCYC Members \$4.00, and non-members \$5.00.

Telephone 3293 0166 for further information.

DRAMA CLASSES

Be a confident communicator and enhance your performance skills!

Our dynamic programme covers many aspects of Theatre and Drama.

Performance opportunities for all students every lesson
plus a production in Term 4.

Our acclaimed drama programme is implemented by enthusiastic, qualified drama teachers.



Lower Primary, Upper Primary
and Youth Theatre classes

for students aged 5 – 17 years.

Affordable Fees! No Hidden Costs!

Helen O'Grady Drama Academy
Phone the Principal Margaret Treuel B.A., Dip. Ed.
Phone (07) 3353 055

EVENTS

SCHOOL EVENTS CALENDAR - 2007

11 th February	Year 8 Parent Night
16 th -17 th February	Instrumental Music Ensemble Workshop
18 th February	Modern and Ancient History Exc State Library
21 st February	Round 1 Junior Sports
22 nd February	Instrumental Music Meet and Greet Trivia Night
25 th February	School Photo's

P & C ASSOCIATION NEWS

Next General Meeting: 25th February 2008
Time: 7pm (Admin. Common Room)

All Welcome

The Annual General Meeting originally scheduled for 25th February will now be held on Monday 24th March 2008, commencing at 7pm. The General Meeting will follow.

P&C Association general meetings are held on the 4th Monday of each month commencing at 7pm.

2008 SECONDARY REGIONAL TRIALS

Upcoming Sporting Events:

- Triathlon State Championships at Suttons Beach Redcliffe on 21-23 Feb 2008.

Regional Trials Day 1 – Tuesday 19 Feb 2008 alt.
Thursday 21 Feb 2008 for the following sports:
Tennis, Softball, Open Baseball, Open Volleyball, Open Touch, 15 Years Touch, Open Cricket, 14 Years Cricket, 15 Years girls Cricket.

The full Regional Trials calendar will be available in the next school newsletter.

