



NAVIGATOR - 2008

TERM 1, March 20th 2008



PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Thank you to the parents and staff who attended and contributed to our initial Triennial School Review meeting with facilitator Liz Mellish. The outcomes from the meeting were very informative and provide an excellent platform from which to move forward. The second meeting for our TSR is set down for 3pm on Thursday, April 17. I encourage parents, caregivers and community members to come along and have your say in the direction of the school for the next three years, even if you were unable to attend the first session.

The end of the term is quickly approaching and students will now be well into end of term assessment. Personal Attribute Reports will be distributed to students on Thursday, March 27 so please keep an eye out for these. Parent teacher interviews are on Tuesday, April 1st from 3pm to 7.40pm. I encourage all parents/caregivers to take this opportunity to discuss your child's progress with his/her teacher. Bookings are made with the teacher through your child. I look forward to meeting you at the interviews.

There have been a number of outstanding performances by our students over the last two weeks. Rock Band 'Dissonance' was successful in their audition and will now perform at Creative Generation Excellence Awards in the Arts on Saturday April 5.

Congratulations and well done to the staff and students who contributed to making Star Quest such a wonderful evening of entertainment. Well done, especially to the category winners.

Two individual student performances deserving special mention go to Alex Gilmour who has been selected in the Queensland Mathematics Olympiad team and to Jason Patty who on Sunday was the Regional Finals winner of Lions Youth of the Year competition. Good luck to both boys.

Finally, we are holding a student free dress day on Friday, March 28 and I remind all students and parents/caregivers that the school expects all students to dress appropriately, including shoes. Guidelines for appropriate dress on the day are outlined in this newsletter. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Regards
Jim Box
A/Principal

DEPUTY NEWS

As we reach the end of Term 1, please be aware that students need to be working as hard as they can to complete all set assessment. If you have any concerns about your son/daughter struggling at present, please make sure you contact the relevant teacher or Head of Department.

Also as we near the end of the term, you will have noticed that the weather has started to change. As it becomes colder we must be mindful of maintaining the appropriate uniform; this includes the school fleecy jumper, navy track pants or tailored pants/slacks for all students. A reminder that undershirts, jeans and cargo pants ARE NOT an acceptable replacement for the items mentioned. Beanies, bandanas and scarves, also are not part of the uniform and should not be worn to school. Please refer to student diaries (p4) for a complete outline of the Uniform Policy.

Adam, Cathy, Jennifer and Scott

NEXT STEP 2008

The Queensland Government will again be conducting its annual state wide destination survey of all students who completed Year 12 or equivalent in 2007. The Next Step survey is a brief confidential survey that aims to gain a comprehensive picture of the employment, study and life choices made by Queensland school leavers.

Any person who completed Year 12 or equivalent last year can expect to receive a telephone call or a paper-based survey by mail, between March and May 2008. Please encourage them to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate in the survey. Thank you for your support of the Next Step survey in 2008.

For more information visit
www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep/
Or phone toll free on 1800 068 587.

UNIFORMS

Want to start planning early for winter? Jumper and Jackets are now available at the Uniform Shop. School jumpers and jackets are the only ones to be worn by students. **Plain blue jumpers are not acceptable. Undershirts are also not acceptable.**



Fleecy Jumper	XXS - XXL	\$40.00
Taslon Jacket	XS - XXL	\$68.00
Boys trousers	77 - 102	\$40.00 (without belt)
		\$60.00 (with belt)
Girls long pants	6 upwards	\$25.00

Thank you
Robyn

STUDENT SERVICES

Just a reminder to all parents that it is very important to keep your contact details up to date, some of the things that may effect this is if you have:

- Moved House
- Changed Jobs
- Had a change in living arrangements
- New mobile phone number

It is also a good idea to check the names you have given as emergency contacts and that all details are updated.

We have had several incidents recently where we have been unable to make contact with anyone in regards to a student being sick and needing to go home.

As we do not have registered medical staff based at the school on a daily basis we can only offer a sick bay that is a holding place for ill children waiting to be picked up by parents or registered emergency contact person.

We thank you for your assistance and understanding in this matter.

A reminder to all students that if you are late to school it is imperative that you go to student services and get a late slip. If this procedure is not followed and you have been marked absent in form class a message will be sent to your parents advising of your non-attendance at school.

FREE DRESS DAY

- Fully enclosed shoes
- Shirts must have sleeves
- Clothing to be sun safe
- No midriff to show
- No short shorts or skirts
- No inappropriate slogans or language
- Jewellery and makeup rules apply as per your student diaries

Please note that parents will be contacted if students are dressed inappropriately.

CANTEEN ROSTER



Monday -	24/03	Holiday – Easter Mon
Tuesday -	25/03	Julie & Chris
Wednesday -	26/03	Sue & Betty
Thursday -	27/03	Carol, Kaylene & Kharla
Friday -	28/03	Liz & Need Helpers
Monday -	31/03	Gayle & Cathy
Tuesday -	1/04	Julie & Chris
Wednesday -	2/04	Sue, Diane & Fiona
Thursday -	3/04	Carol, Heather & Kharla
Friday -	4/04	Liz & Need Helpers

EVENTS

SCHOOL EVENTS CALENDAR - 2008

27 th March	PAR Reports Published to students
1 st April	Parent Teacher Interviews
3 rd April	QLD Roar Futsal Alternate trial day
5 th -8 th April	Music Tour to Mid West QLD

LOTE NOTE

We are proud to announce the 'thundering' 24 students who will travel to Japan in September.

Grade 12s: Kiara Rule, Ella Imms and Nikki Davis

Grade 11s: Danielle Ford, Lauren Runcie, Dylan Wilkinson, Rachel Kroes, Tania Civico, Brad Mommers, Lauren Runcie, Jessica Starr, Corey Larkin, Shelley Barratt, Kristy Leathart, Kristy Johnston, Erin Jentz, Therese O'Halloran, Rachel Calder, Melissa Chenery, Alex Steggell.

Grade 10s: Mathew Bonnicks, Haylea Hodges, Alex Paxton and Kayla Hawkins.

Looking forward to a great tour.

Years 8 look forward to an excursion to the Japanese gardens at Mount Cootha next term for cultural studies, haiku poetry writing and calligraphy while years 10 and 11 will be attending the Immersion Day at The Sunshine Coast University, Maroochydore for a day of interaction with native speakers. Thank you for your support of LOTE at Narangba Valley State High School.

Tania Wilson.
LOTE Coordinator.

NATIONAL YOUTH TOBACCO FREE DAY 2008

National Youth Tobacco Free Day (NYTFD) is an annual event, initiated by the Australian Network on Young People and Tobacco (ANYPAT). NYTFD is aimed at getting young people thinking and talking about tobacco and this year the day will be held on Wednesday 19th March.

To encourage young people to explore their attitudes to tobacco use, ANYPAT is running an online quiz that gives young people the opportunity to see how much they really know about addiction. By answering the quiz young people (10-25) have the chance to win an iPod Video and movie passes. Participants can enter online at the Oxygen website (www.owygen.org.au).

ANCIENT AND MODERN HISTORY

'State' of the Art Education for History students at Narangba Valley State High School

Recently, students of Ancient and Modern History participated in an excursion to the State Library at South Bank. Over 60 students from Years 11 and 12 travelled to South Brisbane by train and, while at the library, were fortunate enough to have a guided tour of the facilities. From microfilm to state-of-the-art digital databases, the students left no stone unturned as they took in the sights and delights the State Library has to offer.

After searching the shelves for trusty titles and completing a workshop with one of the library's education officers, the students were presented with e-services cards. This means they can now access extensive library services from the comfort of home or even the computer rooms back at school!

To cap off their day of 'R and R' – reading and research – the students then sat down and relaxed by the Brisbane River, enjoying lunch at the GOMA (Gallery of Modern Art) cafe.

Many of our students are now planning their next trip to the State Library to enhance their studies of history! As Julius Caesar once said, "*Veni, vidi, vic*" ...Narangba's students came, saw and conquered, indeed. Miss Bratby, Ms Duxbury and Miss Senior – teachers of Ancient and Modern History.

Above - Year 12 Ancient History students – Vanessa Lauchlan, Paris Benoit and Ashlea Lawler (left to right) – explore the Digital Databases accessible through the library's e-serviceoption.

FROM THE SCIENCE FACULTY

Students in accelerated classes and senior sciences have been distributed permission forms for entry into the ICAS Science competition and RACI Chemistry Quiz. **These forms and payment is due to the cashier by the end of term 1.**

These competitions provide students and teachers with an opportunity to receive valuable feedback regarding individual progress and comparisons with students across the state. Novel questions are completed under exam conditions which improve exam strategies and techniques, and contributes to their QCS preparation.

Tutorials are also being offered across science subjects according to the following schedule. All students are encouraged to seek support in order to maximise their potential. Year 8 – 10 students are also welcome.

Chemistry - THURS Lunch 2 with Mr Bauer and Mrs Volling

Biology – WED after school until 3.30pm with Ms Brown

Physics – WED after school until 3.30pm with Mr Agnew and Mr Doyle

Chemistry & Physics – WED or THURS after school until 3.30pm with Mrs Gilmour

Please report to Freeman staffroom for tutorials, and confirm your attendance with the relevant teacher beforehand.

STUDENT EXCHANGE

Bring home a brother or a sister.

In July 2008 students aged 15-18 years, from over 15 countries will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for 5 or 10 months. Opportunities exist to act as a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity. Hosting can be a temporary, short or long term basis.

Host families help provide our students with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill. If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

To learn more about this opportunity call Student Exchange Australia on 1300 135 331 or visit our website: www.studentexchange.org.au

ENGLISH NEWS

Congratulations to our School Captain, Jason Patty, who has now progressed successfully through three rounds to win the Regional Final of Lion's Youth of the Year. Jason's performance at the weekend was outstanding and even though faced with some tough competition, he clearly outshone the other students from the Region. Jason dazzled his audience with wit, humour, authority and intelligence as he entertained them with a speech lamenting the ultimate demise of Australian cricket if the cricketers are lured by the almighty dollar rather than for the glory of playing for their country. We wish Jason good luck as he competes in the next level in two weeks' time.

Elizabeth Kingston HoD English.

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

StarQuest

A big congratulations to the winners of StarQuest 2008!

The **Star Award** for Best Overall Performance was awarded to Levi Hansen for his solo piano recital of *Hungarian Rhapsody No.6*.

The **Best Drama Award** was awarded to David Bugden and Ryan O'Rourke for their performance of *Fatal Beatings*.

The **Best Music Award** was awarded to Dissonance (Trent Lewis, Alex Tomlins, Jake Tomlins & Nicholas Tomlins) for their performance of *The Misunderstood*.

The **Best Dance Award** was awarded to *Xtreme Emerge* (Amy Bryant, Eliza Black, Hayley Heiskari, Demi Kruger, Amanda Veittheer, Shanice Robinson, Fina Rata, Tegan Dixon, Michelle Field, Ivan Amongo) for their performance of *Trip Hop*.

Thank you to all the staff that organised the evening and assisted on the night to make StarQuest 2008 a big success.

Music Tour

All money for the music tour is now due. Please ensure that you have made full payment to the Cashier. Any students going on tour that have special dietary requirements and have not already handed in a diet form please collect one immediately from Mr. Coulson

If you have any questions/concerns regarding the above please do not hesitate to contact me at the Laver Staff room.

*John Coulson
A/HOD Performing Arts*

WINTER CRICKET

Players needed to fill U14 and U16 teams for Winter Cricket. This is a proper competition with finals. Matches are played Saturday afternoons from 11.45am to 4.30pm with qualified umpires. Full coaching, bowling machines available for training. Season starts 1st Saturday in May and finishes in August 2008. Anyone interested in playing Winter Cricket please contact Barry Horne on 3283 6168 or 0404 071 017.

SMART MOVES AT NVSHS

NVSHS's Smart Moves Sports Program is under way to help increase physical activity amongst our student body. This lunchtime sports program has been highly successful thus far with a number of students participating each day in a range of sports. A big thank you to the teachers who are running these activities and to our student leadership group who have been helping out each day. Below is a list of the sports and teachers involved.

Monday: Boys Basketball - Mr. Murton and Mr. McMahon (outdoor courts)
Hockey - Mr Delroy (oval)
Tuesday: Girls Basketball - Ms Hayward and Mrs Edwards (outdoor courts)
Rugby - Mr. Doyle (oval)
Wednesday: Netball - Mrs White (outdoor courts)
Soccer Boys: Mr. Sullivan (oval)
Thursday: No Smart Moves due to Junior Sport
Friday: Futsal - Mr. Carle (outdoor courts)
Soccer Girls - Mr. Webster (oval)

Feel free to drop in, have some fun, meet some new friends and get a bit fitter. Each time you participate you also earn a point for your house. HPE in 2008 - 'Get on Board'.

Regards,
Greg McMahon HPE Head of Department

DESIGN COMPETITION

Design Competition

Design a logo for your House Team

Are you bored with our current house logos and banners?

Do you think you can design something better?

Would you like to win a prize for the best design?



The design must be based on:

- Freeman Fury - Yellow
- Laver Redbacks- Red
- Rafter Roos – Green
- O'Neill Dolphins – Blue

Designs should include:

- The name of the house
- A logo to represent the colour and mascot (eg fury, redbacks, roos, dolphins) of the house

Designs can be handdrawn or digitally created. They should be in colour. Winning designs will be selected and professionally made into a BANNER for each house which is being funded by the Student Representative Council

All entries must be clearly marked with your name and grade and submitted to the office or emailed to logodesign@narangbavalleyshs.eq.edu.au Closing date for entries is April 4 2007