



# NAVIGATOR - 2008

TERM 2, April 24<sup>th</sup> 2008



## PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Welcome back to school. I hope that all students had a restful holiday and that you are all ready to charge full speed into your studies this term. It is essential that all students hit the ground running for a positive start to your school work this term to set you up for the rest of the year.

On Wednesday we continued the Triennial School Review process with about thirty students being asked a number of questions including 'What we value most'. The students value their health and safety at the school, the good school reputation, opportunities, both academic and sporting, to excel and, most importantly, the school's values of respect, integrity and commitment. It's great to see that our students appreciate their school and the contributions the school makes to their development.

Over the holiday three of our students achieved outstanding success in public speaking and in performance. Jason Patty contested in and won the Queensland final of the Loins Youth of the Year Competition. As the Queensland winner he now progresses to the National final. Congratulations Jason on this tremendous achievement and best of luck in the National round.

On Saturday April 5 I was fortunate to be in the audience for the Minister's Creative Generation Excellence Awards performance. This performance extravaganza comprised the most talented singers, dancers and actors currently enrolled in year 12 in Queensland State Schools. Two of our students, Trent Lewis and Alex Tomlins, performed on the day. Congratulations to both students, your performances were inspiring.

On Monday the school held its ANZAC Day ceremony at our recently completed ANZAC Place. It is fitting that the school has its own commemorative location for this important ceremony. The funds for the Place were from grant applications and community donations. Thanks for those who contributed to the construction and a special mention to Paul Webster, a teacher at the school, whose efforts enabled us to obtain the flag and flagpole.

Finally, by the time you read this Ross Mackay will have returned as principal and I would like to take this opportunity to thank students, staff and parents/caregivers for the support and cooperation I have received over the last 9 weeks. This is indeed an outstanding school and I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here.

Jim Box  
A/Principal

## DEPUTY NEWS

Welcome back! I trust all are refreshed and keen to build on the PAR reports of last term. Along with the daily curriculum, students have many opportunities to be involved in extra curricular activities offered this term.

Thanks to the commitment of a range of teachers "smart moves" activities will again occur each week day (excluding Thursday due to sport), while musical rehearsals are in full swing and, both the boys and girls AFL teams will be travelling to Melbourne.

Gold level presentation will occur on Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> May. This is an opportunity to acknowledge the students throughout our school who always strive to display the core values of Respect, Integrity and Commitment. Parents of Gold level students are welcome to attend and should receive an invitation via post.

Cross Country will run on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May. Details will be provided through the notices, however for further information students or parents should contact Mr Delroy directly.

Vaccinations will again occur this term on Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of May. For those who have returned their permission forms this will be the second dose of HPV for the girls of year 8 to 10 and the initial dose for Hep B for all year 8 students.

Adam, Cathy, Jennifer and Sean

## CANTEEN ROSTER



Monday -	28/04	Judy
Tuesday -	29/04	Julie & Chris
Wednesday -	30/04	Sue & Diane
Thursday -	01/05	Carol & Kharla
Friday -	02/05	Liz & Need Helpers
Monday -	05/05	Holiday
Tuesday -	06/05	Julie & Chris
Wednesday -	07/05	Sue, Betty & Fiona
Thursday -	08/05	Carol, Heather & Kharla
Friday -	09/05	Liz & Need Helpers

## EVENTS

### SCHOOL EVENTS CALENDAR - 2008

29 <sup>th</sup> April	Drama Excursion
29 <sup>th</sup> April	QYMA Strings(pm)
30 <sup>th</sup> April	Twilight Concert(pm)
1 <sup>st</sup> May	Zone Finals
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Yr 8 Japanese Botanic Gardens Excursion
7 <sup>th</sup> May	TSR Workshop 3 / 2.35pm-5pm
7 <sup>th</sup> May	QYMA Vocal Group(pm)
8 <sup>th</sup> May	QYMA Stage Band(pm)
9 <sup>th</sup> May	Yr10/11 Language Immersion day Ex

## UNIFORMS

### GETTING COOL?

Jumper and Jackets are now available at the Uniform Shop. School jumpers and jackets are the only ones to be worn by students.

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

***Please refer to your child's diary (page 4) for the Uniform Policy.***

### **QUICK REMINDER ON SOME UNIFORM ISSUES**

**GIRLS CANNOT WEAR SLIP ON SHOES WITH  
SPORTS UNIFORM – FORMAL ONLY  
NO STOCKINGS CAN BE WORN UNDER SPORTS  
UNIFORM**

**NO CANVAS SHOES  
SCHOOL JUMPERS AND JACKETS ONLY  
NO UNDERSHIRTS**

Thank you  
Robyn

## A REMINDER ABOUT PROCEDURES AND POLICY

- Students arriving late to school must report to student services to explain their lateness (preferably a note) before going to class. Consequences do apply for unexplained lateness.
- If on a particular day a student is unable to wear the correct uniform, a note from parents or guardians explaining the situation is required. Students need to report to the uniform shop, and hand in the note. Students will be provided with the appropriate uniform for the day.

## STUDENT SERVICES

Don't forget if your son or daughter is going to be absent from school you can call **Student Services** on **3385 4581** or **3385 4523** if the lines are busy please leave a message stating your students name, year level and reason for absence as well as the days or dates they are going to be absent for.

Each fortnight we send out letters to students who have a number of unexplained absences. If you are in receipt of a letter please phone Student Services or write reasons for absences on the letter and return it to our office, this will allow us to amend any unexplained absences against your child's name.

Many Thanks  
Karen & Leanne  
**Student Services**  
**33854581 / 3385 4523**

## ENGLISH NEWS

Jason Patty won the State Final of Lion's Youth of the Year! This is certainly an achievement and the whole school community is extremely proud of Jason. He was up against some tough competition in the Queensland finals but once again Jason spoke with intelligence, humour and authority, impressing the judges and entertaining the audience. He certainly is a remarkable young man with a great future ahead of him. (Other State winners have included people such as Peter Beattie!) We wish Jason all the very best for the National Final in Darwin on the 12th May.

Elizabeth Kingston  
Head of Department, English

## CAREERS AND EMPLOYMENT EXPO

On **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> of May** the Caboolture Careers and Employment Expo will be held at the Morayfield Community Hall (behind Bunnings) from 9am to 6pm. Students are encouraged to attend this event with their parents between 3pm and 6pm. This is a valuable opportunity to gain current information on post grade 10 and 12 pathways as well as talk to industry experts. Displays will include QUT, Defence forces, job network agencies, Centrelink and many more.

## NURSING AND HEALTH EXPO

Discover where a career in nursing can take you!

Meet with some of Australia's leading nursing organisations including universities, TAFEs, hospitals, health services, aged care facilities and more!

**Nursing and Health Expo**

**10am to 3pm**

**Sunday 20 April 2008**

**Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre  
South Bank QLD**

**Further Information**

[expo@rcna.org.au](mailto:expo@rcna.org.au) / [www.rcna.org.au](http://www.rcna.org.au) / 7800 061 660

## NURA GILI INDIGENOUS PROGRAMS

From 28<sup>th</sup> June to 5<sup>th</sup> July 2008, Nura Gili Indigenous Programs at the University of New South Wales will run the annual winter school for Indigenous high school students in years 10, 11 and 12.

An invitation has been extended to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to the University of New South Wales to participate in the week-long residential program. Students will travel to Sydney and stay on campus where they will participate in a program designed to introduce and familiarise prospective students to tertiary studies and university life.

Students will be asked to nominate an area of interest and will spend a part of the week doing activities, projects and excursions with this faculty. This program runs at no cost to students. All travelling, meals and accommodation are provided by UNSW.

Applications close on the 28<sup>th</sup> May 2008. Please contact Ms Pflingst ASAP for further details and application forms.

## FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

**NAPLAN – Year 9 Literacy and Numeracy Tests**

From the 13<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> of May all Year 9 students will participate in the **National Literacy and Numeracy Tests**. Over the three days students will complete three literacy and two numeracy tests in the PALACE. Classroom teachers have been preparing the students and will give them specific instructions about what they need to bring and do on these days.

To further prepare the students and make them feel comfortable about completing test in an 'exam setting' in the PALACE, they will assemble at the PALACE on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May in period four to familiarise them with the processes they will follow on the test days. Could you please ensure your students arrive to school on time and avoid any appointments or unnecessary absences during the testing period. Once the tests have all been marked a report will be forwarded to parents detailing your student's achievements.

**Year 7 into 8 Parent Information Evening & Faculty Showcase**

On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May the **Year 7 into 8 Parent Information Evening & Faculty Showcase** will be held at the PALACE from 6.45pm to 9.00pm.

The evening will provide prospective parents and students for the 2009 school year with details of our curriculum offerings and pathways into senior schooling, including Extension and Academy Programs, Students Support Programs and an insight into our whole-school values ethos. Additionally, the Faculty Showcase component of the evening allows parents and students to tour the school to see the outstanding facilities, programs and student work, and to meet with staff, who make Narangba Valley State High School such a quality educational institution.

If you know any families within this region with children attending Year 7 this year please inform them that this event is on and will be a great opportunity for them to visit the school, meet the staff and see the programs we have to offer.

If you have any queries about either of these events please do not hesitate to contact me on 3385 4555.

Liz Senior  
A/HOD Middle Schooling

## INFINITY & BEYOND

**Fran Rees, Business Teacher**

Students enjoyed a journey through 'Infinity', a business on the Gold Coast, as part of their studies in the subject of Business Organisation and Management.

Year 11 and 12 students were asked to consider what makes the business a success in a competitive marketplace. Their focus of study was a number of key business areas, such as, Marketing, Operations and Human Resources and Management processes.

Comments from students were: *"It was unreal. It was an experience I will never forget. I encourage everyone to go!"*  
- Kayla Liras

*"A unique adventure – one that everyone should experience."* – Lauren Runcie

*"Infinity was awesome!"* – Elyse Middleton

*"For me, Infinity was fun and an unforgettable experience. I want to go back."* - Kim Wesener

## ICT NEWS

**From Lyn McDonald, ICT and Business Head of Department**

**What is a MOE?**

The Managed Operating Environment (MOE) is the One Network initiative which will merge curriculum and administration networks in schools to create one secure, reliable access point to information in schools for teachers and administrators. MOE will also focus on connectivity, including bandwidth and wireless technology.

**Why are we getting a MOE?**

EQ are increasing the level of centralised support and management to reduce the overall support costs for schools. Logins will be managed at state level and remote management of network and service centres will allow for greater support from regional technicians.

### When is the MOE coming?

We are scheduled for May 12 2008, Week 5, Term 2 and the rollout can take up to two weeks.

### Who does the MOE rollout?

A team of EQ deployment technicians will work with ICT Head of Department and School Technicians.

### What impact will the MOE have on parents and students?

The entire school will be without any form of computer use for up to two weeks. This impacts on lesson delivery, email communication, internet use and administrative functions. The school is developing survival plans in order to manage day to day administrative functions so that the impact on parents and students is minimised.

### **Privately owned laptops**

The school technicians are unable to connect privately owned laptops to the schools' network. If students bring their own laptops to school they can only operate them in a standalone environment. Students are of course responsible for these items.

## SCHOOL NURSE

Hi, my name is Helen Cootes and I am the School Based Youth Health Nurse for Narangba SHS whilst Devi Moodley is on extended leave. I will be at the school every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9:15am.

My nursing background includes general nursing, primary care/public health, teenage pregnancy and sexual health. I will take this opportunity to outline the purpose of the School Based Youth Health Nurse Program.

Today, with increasing knowledge of the unique health issues of adolescence and the health of young people, the role of the school based youth health nurse has moved towards supporting and providing information on a range of different health topics. I will be providing health education sessions, and a whole school approach to health promoting activities. I am available for students, staff and the school community on a consultation basis to provide information, advice and support for any individual concerns.

Some reasons for accessing my services include:

- 1 Health concerns
- 2 Nutrition and exercise
- 3 Puberty
- 4 Sexual health
- 5 Relationships/peer pressure/bullying
- 6 Smoking, alcohol and other drugs
- 7 Help with health related assignment information
- 8 Personal and family problems
- 9 Overall anything that affects health and wellbeing

As I am employed by Qld Health, information is kept confidential, unless a young person presents as being at risk from harm. Please speak to me about this, if you have any questions.

I look forward to meeting many of you over the next few months  
Helen Cootes  
School Nurse

## SCHOLARSHIP

'It takes a whole community to educate a child'

**PO Box 8762 Gold Coast MC QLD 9726**  
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Yalari Limited, is a not for profit company committed to the empowerment, motivation and support of Indigenous children throughout Australia.

Yalari has a vision of providing and supporting Indigenous students from regional, rural and remote communities access their senior schooling at some of the leading boarding schools throughout Australia.

Yalari is advising Parents/Guardians, Community Organisations and Communities that there are places available for students to apply for a scholarship under the Rosemary Bishop Indigenous Education Scholarship Program in 2009.

Scholarships are open to students willing to start their senior education in Year 7 in NSW, VIC, WA and TAS. For students in QLD and SA they will begin in Year 8.

Application Forms for Students and Parents/Guardians can be accessed on the Yalari website: [www.yalari.org](http://www.yalari.org)

For more information: **Yalari Office: 07 5570 3162**

**Applications close for 2009 enrolment: Friday June 27 2008**

**Late Applications will not be considered.**

## PEER HELPERS TO MENTOR STUDENTS

A big round of congratulations is in order for the first group of graduating Peer Helpers trained in Lifeline Peer Skills Program for 2008. These students consisted of the Year 10 Mentor group and the students who volunteered to be Peer Helpers. Students who wish to be a Peer Helper only need to demonstrate a Commitment to the school by assisting other students during one lunchtime each week. Some of their roles will be:

- Inducting new students into the school during lunch breaks.
- Assisting younger students to "fit in" especially in the beginning of each school year.
- Encouraging other students to seek assistance in times of need.
- Wearing their Peer Helper Badge when on roster.

In closing, I would personally like to acknowledge the large contingent of young men in this group who have willingly stepped up to this task. I look forward to the positive influence this group will have especially on the younger boys in the school. This program fits in with our vision of students 'supporting one another' through their school

years. Thankyou to Ms Lewer and Ms Greenway (HOY 10) for their commitment to making this program a success.  
Paul Reid  
HOD Behaviour Support.

## PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

Welcome back to term 2, one that will prove to be very busy for the Performing Arts Department. Some highlights from last term...

**Creative Generation** - A massive congratulations needs to go to the students who have been selected to be part of Creative Generations State Schools on Stage (30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> May, Tickets on sale soon from QTIX). Dissonance (comprised of Alex Tomlins, Nicholas Tomlins, Jake Tomlins and Trent Lewis) were chosen to perform as the only stand alone band in the performance. Vivian Emsworth-Copland also had the opportunity to participate in pre-show workshops. In addition, Trent Lewis and Alex Tomlins were selected to participate in the Creative Generations Minister's Awards for Excellence in the Arts, which involved them staying in Brisbane and participating in classes and workshops with industry professionals culminating in a performance at the Brisbane Powerhouse.

This is a momentous achievement for our students and one that wouldn't have been possible without the work of Music Teacher Rachel Scammells, who organised the students' participation in the event and provided much need support to them throughout this process.

**Music Tour** - The music staff (Paul Berardi, Leigh Jabs, Bruce Hamlin, Timo Jarvela and Rachel Scammells) took 70 students on a performance tour of Central Queensland. This was a very successful adventure for our students as they received the opportunity to play for a variety of different audiences at a range of performance venues. The personal/social development opportunities were also invaluable.

**Drama Excursion** - I received an email from a member of public congratulating our senior students on their maturity and behaviour at a recent excursion to the Queensland Performing Arts Complex in Brisbane. The email read...

*I attended a QTC play at the Cremorne Theatre ...about 5 weeks ago. I was seated among senior students from your school and I was amazed at the exemplarily behaviour of these students. They were fully engaged by the play, considerate to the other members of the audience and gave such a courteous and friendly response to older people that the memory of these wonderful young people has stayed with me*

It is not often someone goes out their way to write such a lovely message - congratulations to the drama department

### Reminders

**Drama Excursion** - Senior drama students have the opportunity to attend a performance of the Australian classic *Summer of the Seventeenth Doll* at the Roundhouse Theatre in Brisbane. Places are limited and money is due ASAP.

**Musical Camp** - All students involved in the musical are expected to attend the musical camp. The Deposit (\$25) is now due. The P&C music support group has organised a raffle to reduce the cost of this camp. Students will be selling raffle tickets so your support is greatly appreciated. I would like to thank the music support group for their continued support and generosity. Tickets for the musical will be going on sale this term. Stay tuned for more information.

I would like to thank the school community for their continued support of Narangba Valley State High Schools Performing Arts Department. If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Regards  
John Coulson  
Head of Department  
Performing Arts

## BRISBANE GANG SHOW

Two of NVSHS students have been chosen to perform in the Brisbane Gang Show at the Schonell Theatre in July 2008. Congratulations to Kaitlyn Burnett and Haylea Hodges for being successfully selected from over 140 cast applications.

## SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Congratulations to Nicholas Gray (Grade 10 NVSHS) who travelled to Canberra over the holidays with the Queensland team to take part in the Special Olympics. Athletes from all Australian states were participating as well as international teams from Indonesia and Afghanistan. On Friday the athletes took part in a street parade and that night in the Opening Ceremony at the Australian Institute of Sport.

The swimming carnival was on Saturday morning at the Institute of Sport and Nicholas competed in four events: the 50 metre freestyle and breaststroke and in the 100 metre freestyle and backstroke. He won a medal in each event getting a total of three silver medals and one bronze.

On Sunday Nicholas competed against Afghanistan in the highest division for cricket skills. He was awarded a gold medal in this competition.

Nicholas thoroughly enjoyed his experience in Canberra and is looking forward to the end of the year where he will again be swimming for Queensland.

## SMART MOVES TIMETABLE FOR TERM TWO

Smart Moves is a NVSHS sports initiative designed to increase physical activity amongst our student body during First Lunch Break. Our Term One sports were a huge hit, with students given opportunities to try new sports, meet new people, gain points for their house and have some fun. It is to encourage all students to give Smart Moves a try in Term Two. Any student with any queries or ideas regarding Smart Moves, are invited to discuss these with Mr. McMahon or any of the HPE or Smart Moves staff. Below is the timetable and teachers involved with our term two Smart Moves Sports.

Greg McMahon  
HPE HOD

Area:	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Oval	Hockey / Austag Mr. Delroy	Rugby - Mr. Doyle	Soccer Boys Mr. Sullivan
Outdoor Multipurpose Courts	Basketball – Mr. Murton and Mr. McMahon	Lacross - Mrs. Jordan (Hayward)	Volleyball – Mrs White

Area:	Thursday	Friday
Oval	Junior Sport	Soccer - Girls
Outdoor Multipurpose Courts	Junior Sport	Futsal Mr. Wester

## NVSHS CROSS COUNTRY

The school cross country will be held on Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> May, at the Redcliffe foreshore from 9am till 10.30am. This is a nomination only event and a normal school day for all other students. Students will return to school by 11am and will need to bring school equipment for period 3 and 4 for that day.

All students must run the event. The distances are as follows: 13 boys, 13 girls and AWD events 3km, 16 boys and older 6km, all other ages are 4km.

Permission forms are to be collected from Mr Delroy at Freeman staffroom and \$5 plus permission notes to be returned to the cashier by 5<sup>th</sup> May 2008.

Sunshine Coast trials are on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2008 at Buderim, the school can nominate a maximum of 6 students per age group.

Parents are more than welcome to attend the cross country morning, but students must travel to and from Redcliffe on the bus.