



NAVIGATOR - 2009

TERM 2, May 8th, 2009



PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Coming up next week is the National Literacy and Numeracy testing program (NAPLAN). This program is to be conducted nationwide and will provide us with invaluable data on how our students in Year 9 are progressing. The tests will be conducted over three days from the 13th to 14th May. We wish all students every success with their assessments.

Congratulations are in order for all students, staff and community members who participated in our recent Anzac Day Ceremonies. Approximately 700 students respected our fallen service men and women in a superb ceremony highlighted by representatives of the Army Cadets and the RSL. Following this a solemn wreath laying ceremony was conducted at our purpose built special place we call 'Anzac Place'. Thank you again to all the students and members of the community for making this such a special day.

Have a great fortnight!

Ross Mackay
Principal
Narangba Valley State High School

Smartly dressed do better on tests

Students who remember to tuck their shirt in and do their hair could be doing more than just following mum's advice. A study has found that the physical appearance of high school students is linked in their academic success. The research from the University of Miami Health Economics Research Group is said to be the first to show a link between the way students look and their grades. The study, which will be published in the upcoming issue of the journal *Labour Economics*, found a list of 'non cognitive' factors, or factors that are apart from a student's intellectual capacity, that can impact on success in the classroom. For boys, the top non cognitive factor linked to academic success was good grooming, for girls it was their personality rather than their looks. Rodney Chester. *The Sunday mail* 26/4/2009

ANZAC DAY SERVICE

On Friday 24 April the school remembered those who gave their lives in battle for their country. Year 8 and 12 students observed the ceremony in perfect silence, befitting the sombre mood of the service.

Our great thanks to those who appear in the order of service below, whose efforts provided a service of such high quality. Thanks also to the members of the Formal Events Committee and the school's Performing Arts Department.

Order Of Service

Cadets at Anzac Garden

<i>Official Party Arrives - "Ariso" Composed By Bach</i>	-	Alex Gilmour & Jenni Thompson Narangba Valley Army Cadets
<i>Australian National Anthem - Vivian Emsworth - Copland</i>	-	School Captains
<i>Welcome Address</i>	-	Des Kearton
<i>Guest Speaker</i>	-	"In Flanders Fields"
<i>Reading</i>	-	Dr. John McRae
<i>written by</i>	-	Kirsti Van Der Zeil
<i>Last Post</i>	-	Peter Corleje & Aaron Hamilton
<i>Des Kearton - RSL</i>	-	All
<i>Mum's Advice</i>	-	Peter Corleje & Aaron Hamilton
<i>Rouse</i>	-	School Captains
<i>Ode To The Fallen</i>	-	School Captains
<i>Vote of Thanks</i>	-	"Lone Pine VC's" composed by Ralph Hultgren Narangba Valley SHS
<i>Departure</i>	-	Narangba Valley Army Cadets
<i>Symphonic Wind Ensemble - Laying of the Wreath</i>	-	Narangba Valley SHS String Quartet

DEPUTY NEWS

Study Programs: It is timely to remind all parents to ensure that your children have an appropriate study regime at home. It is critical to success for you to engage in discussions with your child regarding both homework and study requirements. It is also essential for all parents to ensure a routine is established whereby an effective amount of time is dedicated nightly for study and assignment requirements. This applies to all students from Year 8 to 12. Our staff would be more than happy to assist parents regarding developing a study program to suit the subjects being studied by your child.

NAPLAN: A reminder that the Year 9 Naplan testing starts next Tuesday 12th and runs until Thursday 14th May. More details inside.

Duke of Edinburgh: Our Duke of Edinburgh students are going on an overnight hike next week. We wish them and

their supervising teachers Rachel Scammells and Greg Mc.Mahon.

Anzac Day: As always, our Anzac Day ceremony at the school was a moving memorial to Armed Forces and the sacrifices made to secure the freedoms and lifestyle we enjoy today. Also, I would like to congratulate one of our Yr 11 students Haylea Hodges. Haylea represented the Girl Guides and participated in the Dawn Service held at Deception Bay, where she read a poem, as part of the formal ceremony. Congratulations to Haylea on her excellent reading and personifying the school values of Commitment, Integrity and Respect.

Winter Uniforms: Parents are reminded that all students must have the correct Winter Uniform ready to start Term 2. Please refer to your child's 2007 diary for details or contact the school for information to be sent out to you. Our Uniform Shop sells all main components of the uniform. Note that for students in Yr 10,11 and 12, boys long tailored navy blue pants are to be worn with a school tie in Terms 2&3. For Yr 10,11,12 girls' long tailored navy blue slacks may be worn. The formal tie must be worn by Year 10, 11 and 12 girls in Terms 2&3.

***Please note the following are UNACCEPTABLE: Beanies; denim jeans; cargo pants; track pants with the formal shirt/blouse; long sleeved undershirts; black coloured slacks or track pants.**

Ms Jennifer Skeahan
Ms Cathy Pflugst

Mr Sean Bennett
Mr Adam Colley

CANTEEN ROSTER

Monday	11/05	Cathy & Janet
Tuesday	12/05	Julie & Chris
Wednesday	13/05	Sue & Diane
Thursday	14/05	Carol, Kharla, Heather & Gordon
Friday	15/05	Liz & Need Helpers
Monday	18/05	Gail & Need Helpers
Tuesday	19/05	Chris & Julie
Wednesday	20/5	Sue & Diane
Thursday	21/5	Gordon, Kharla, Carol & Kaylene
Friday	22/5	Liz & Need Helpers

EVENTS

SCHOOL EVENTS CALENDAR - 2009	
13 th May	Brisbane Lions Cup
14 th May	AFL Tour Year 10
19 th May	District Maths Team Tournament
21 st May	Excellence in Art Excursion
22 nd May	Drama Excursion
25 th May	Brisbane Lions Cup
25 – 29 th May	CLICT on games week

FINANCE NEWS

Thank you to parents/guardians who have paid Resource Hire Fees and Material Charges for 2009. All outstanding

Resource Hire Fees and Material Charges must be paid by the end of this term or alternatively, payment plans activated. Students with outstanding fees will be unable to attend extra curricular activities i.e. Formal, Gold Level Excursions, Camps, Ski Trip, etc. All active payment plans for 2009 must be finalised by the end of the current school year.

Our school is now registered with Centre Pay. This will enable families to nominate an amount each fortnight from their Centrelink payment. You can nominate the specific amount to be deducted each fortnight, and also the period of time for the deductions to commence and cease. Please contact the Business Services Manager for a deduction form. We also offer individual payment plans for families, or payments via the internet. Please contact the Business Services Manager for more information.

Lisa Harriss
Business Services Manager

REQUEST FOR QCS REPRESENTATIVES

If you would like to nominate to be a Chief Community Representative or a Community Representative for the 2009's Queensland Core Skills Testing, please contact the school office on 3385 4555 to obtain more information.

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

ANZAC DAY

Music Students and the Symphonic Wind Ensemble performed at the school commemorative service on the 24th April. Jenny Thomson (violin) and Alex Gilmour (piano) played for the official party processional, and the Symphonic Wind Ensemble performed throughout the ceremony including the National Anthem, which was sung by Vivian Emsworth-Copland. Drama student Kirsti Van Der Zeil also read John McCrae's poem *In Flanders Field*, with sincerity adding to overall dignity of the occasion. All these students displayed incredible maturity and contributed significantly to the overall impact of the event.

DRAMA NIGHT

Year 11 students showcased their skills at their drama night last Tuesday. Students had to perform scenes from contemporary Australian Plays to an audience of peers, family and friends as part of their practical assessment. Thank you to the Year 11 drama teachers who dedicated their time to making this evening a success and a big congratulations to the Year 11 students who did such a tremendous job.

DRAMA EXCURSION

Year 11 and 12 drama students have the option to attend a Brechtian Theatre production performed by the Queensland Theatre Company. There are limited seats available so pay now to avoid disappointment. All money (with forms) is due by 11th May 2009 to the school cahier. Students attending this excursion must be in complete formal uniform or they will not be allowed on the bus (including shoes and jewellery). The bus will be departing from the Palace at 8.30am on 22nd May.

INSTUMENTAL MUSIC

A few students have missed their lessons and/or rehearsals for Instrumental Music over the last couple of weeks. Parents, if your child is ill or due to emergent circumstances will miss lessons, please remember to provide a note to Instrumental Music Teachers when your child returns to school or at their next lesson. When students are away, it does affect the balance of the entire ensemble and means rehearsals are not as effective. The success of our program relies heavily on the support of parents to minimize student absences wherever possible.

INSTRUMENTAL LEVY AND HIRE CHARGES

Last term student accounts were levied for Instrumental Music. Many of these fees remain outstanding. Please speak to the registrar about payment arrangements or the cashier to organize payment. This term any students who are using a school instrument will be invoiced for the school hire charge of \$40. This will be added to accounts in the next coming weeks and a letter will be sent home with students to notify you that this has occurred.

Email List: If you would like to join the Performing Arts Email List please email jcoul33@eq.edu.au with EMAIL LIST as the subject.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR SCHOOL NURSE

Just a quick message to inform students and their families that Devi Moodley, the original school health nurse, will not be returning to the school.

Helen Cootes will continue to work within the role. The new designated days for the service are every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, and alternate Wednesday's. The procedure to arrange an appointment with the nurse remains the same.

CLEANERS CELEBRATION

On the 19th March Christine Butler celebrated 25 years with Education Queensland. Christine is a highly valued member of our cleaning staff and was awarded the bronze 25 year medallion and celebrated with her fellow colleagues and Administration Staff. The school community appreciates Christine's dedication and loyalty to maintaining such high standards and work ethic throughout her career.

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

NAPLAN – National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy

A reminder that NAPLAN is being conducted from **Tuesday 12th May to Thursday 14th May, 2009** for all **Year 9 Students**. During this time it is vital that students are present and on time to school. On Monday 11th May in period 4 students will attend a short practice and information session in the PALACE.

The required items that students need from Monday 11th to Thursday 14th May are

- 2B and/or HB pencils,
- Blue and/or Black biros
- Eraser
- Sharpener and
- Water bottle

In addition, students are required to bring their calculator on Thursday 14th May.

Please note that PACERS or MECHANICAL PENCILS ARE NOT TO BE USED.

The students have been preparing through activities embedded in Maths and English lessons as well as completing explicit tasks.

If you would like to give your child practice questions to complete at home they can be found at

<http://www.qsa.qld.edu.au/assessment/8021.html> .

Important NAPLAN Information for Year 8 Students

On Friday 15th May, 2009 all Year 8 students will be involved in a PRACTICE NAPLAN Session. The aim is to prepare them for the 2010 tests, the formal testing environment of the PALACE and to gather additional information about students' knowledge and skills. They will attend Form Class as normal and then be guided through the testing process in the PALACE by their teachers. The students are required to bring the above items as well as their lunch.

If you have any questions about the Year 9 or practice Year 8 tests please do not hesitate to contact me.

Liz Senior

Middle School HOD

PARENT MORNING TEA

All parents of Year 7, 8 & 9 Students are invited to attend the Parent Morning Tea on Monday 18th May from 10.30 to 11.30 in eNvy in the Administration Building. The focus of this morning tea is about students and relationships.

Please RSVP to Liz Senior by Thursday 14th May on 3385 4555, middle.school@narangbavalleyshs.eq.edu.au or by delivering the slip in this newsletter to the office. We look forward to seeing you there.

Parent Morning Tea.

Yes, I will be attending.

Name: _____

Contact Number: _____

My student is in Year ____ Please return to Liz Senior.

SENIOR SCHOOLING NEWS

Community Representatives for the QCS Test needed

On September 1 and 2, many of our Year 12 students will sit the Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test. To maintain the security and the delivery of the test, the Queensland Studies Authority appoints Community Representatives to each test centre. **This is a paid position.** Community Representatives observe the administration of the QCS Test and report to the QSA on the way in which the test was conducted. Community Representatives are not required to supervise the students sitting the test. The Community Representatives must be available for the following sessions:

1. **two weeks before the test** (approx.) for receipt of security case key (approx. 30 minutes, date to be advised),

2. **during the week before the test** (approx). for receipt of security cases (approx. 60 minutes, date to be advised),
3. **Tuesday 1 September** (Test Day 1) between 8am-3pm,
4. **Wednesday 2 September** (Test Day 2) between 8am-3pm.

If you would like to nominate to act as a Community Representative, please contact Rebecca Bratby (HOD Senior Schooling) as soon as possible on 3385 4555.

QCE Parent Information Evening

On Wednesday 6 May, a QCE Parent Information Evening was held at the school for parents and students in Years 11 and 12. The evening was well attended and provided an opportunity for families to learn more about the requirements of the Queensland Certificate of Education and what their student can do to gain QCE points. It was fantastic to see so many families at the evening and I look forward to meeting with you again throughout the course of your student's Senior Schooling!

Academic Mentoring Program for Year 12 students

The Academic Mentoring program is underway in Term 2 with a number of our Year 12 students linking up with mentor-teachers on staff. The aim of the program is to connect students with a mentor with whom they engage in honest conversations each week, sharing information about their learning goals, critically reflecting on their successes and identifying areas requiring improvement.

Students participating in the program demonstrate great initiative and commitment to their studies. Their enthusiasm for the program is a testament to the high-quality relationships within our school community and the professionalism of our staff. Many thanks to those who are giving up their time each week to make sure our students are on-track and focused in their final year of schooling.

Free Workshop – Young people in training, career pathways and the workforce

The Caboolture Area Schools Industry Links Scheme (CASILS) is hosting a free information evening for all parents of 13 to 19 year olds. The workshop will assist students and their families make informed decisions about career pathways, education and training options, youth services and factors affecting the youth labour market. The workshop will be held at Caboolture State High School Hall (Lee St, Caboolture) on Tuesday 19 March from 7-9pm. For more information or to RSVP, please contact CASILS on 5497 8699.

Students interested in pursuing medicine and other health science careers

Students interested in pursuing medicine and other health science careers need to sit the UMAT on July 29, 2009. The UMAT is the "Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test". Only one test session is held each year! The test is used specifically to assist with the selection of students into the medicine, dentistry and health science degree programs at undergraduate level at specific universities.

Registrations for UMAT2009 are now open and will close at

5pm AEST on Friday 5 June. Late registrations will close at 5pm AEST on Friday 19 June. No further registrations will be accepted after that. Students wishing to register for the UMAT must download the "UMAT Information Pack" from the UMAT website. Go to: <<http://umat.acer.edu.au/>>

For further information, please visit the UMAT website or call (03) 8508 7643 or (03) 9277 5746.

Getting reading for the UMAT

MedEntry is an international government accredited Registered Training Organisation specialising in UMAT preparation. MED Entry provides materials, workshops and training for students intending to sit the UMAT. For further information, please visit the website at: <www.MedEntry.edu.au> or call (03) 9359 9960.

Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test – Application for Special Provision

The Queensland Studies Authority (QSA) recognises that some students may not be able to sit the test and need exemption or can only sit if we vary the conditions for sitting the test.

Exemption: If you are OP-eligible and you believe you have valid grounds for exemption, you may apply to the QSA. Your

OP eligibility will not be affected by exemption. Exemption does not apply to OP-ineligible students.

Varying the conditions for sitting the test: If you believe you have valid grounds for variations, you may apply to the QSA. Applications close on 21 May 2009. Applications received after this date will be processed if possible. Application forms are available on the QSA website. From the QSA homepage at www.qsa.qld.edu.au select Assessment>QCS Test>Special Provisions.

See Miss Bratby for more information or, alternatively, contact the Senior Operations Officer (Test Administration) on 3864 0475 or by email at gcs.spc@qsa.qld.edu.au

Bec Bratby

HOD Senior Schooling