



NAVIGATOR - 2008

TERM 2, May 9th 2008



PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Firstly thank you to all for the very warm welcome back to Narangba Valley! It is very much appreciated. My time as Executive Director for Brisbane Central and West gave me a wonderful opportunity to view and support the many high quality Education Queensland schools in that district. One key learning for me is that we too, in our school, have so very much to be proud of. This includes a receptive and interested student body, informed and supportive parent group and an active and highly skilled teaching and support staff team! The experience also provided me with the opportunity to formulate my own ideas as to how we may advance our school further over the next three to five years. The educational scene is very dynamic and to ensure we position our students for success in the most optimum way we must stay ahead of the game. I am very keen to ensure our current Triennial School Review process enables us to develop exciting and progressive strategic plans for the future. I will be publishing the Strategic Plan for the next three years in the next few months.

While on the topic of exciting and progressive enterprises, I must congratulate Ms Senior and Mr McMahon who led a team of outstanding athletes to Melbourne for our girls AFL Academy. The girls did outstandingly well and had the opportunity to learn a great deal. Thanks also to Mr Parkes for his support and the other volunteers who assisted the event.

One very new activity coming up next week is the new National Literacy and Numeracy testing program. 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 14th to 16th May. We wish all students every success with their assessments. Have a fabulous fortnight!

Ross MacKay

DEPUTY NEWS

Congratulations to all of the students who received their gold level certificates and badges at our special assembly last Friday. Thank you to all the parents, family and friends who joined us and acknowledged your commitment, integrity and respect for yourselves, the school and others. The parental support was overwhelming and by far exceeded our expectations. We appreciate the effort taken to join your child on this occasion and envisage making future events a greater success, given your continued involvement.

Next week sees all year 9 students involved in a series of national literacy and numeracy tests. Students have

been preparing for these in their Maths and English classes over the last term. Following a briefing and familiarisation lesson next week, in the PALACE, students will be sitting separate tests over the next three days. We wish them well.

I would like to remind everybody that Vaccinations will occur on Wednesday 21st May. This will involve only those students who have returned their permission forms. The vaccinations set for this date will be for year 8 students and all year 9 and 10 girls. Please pay particular attention to notices for further information.

Adam, Cathy, Jennifer and Sean

CASHIER WINDOW HOURS

New hours effective from Monday 12th May 2008.

Students/Parents: 8.00 – 8.25
11.00 – 11.45
(Thursday 11.00 – 11.30)
12.55 – 1.30

No money will be accepted outside these hours.

Reminder to parents that we accept credit cards payments over the phone.

NOTICE FOR PARENTS

Please do not send students to school if they are sick.

UNIFORMS

With winter fast approaching, your child will need to have a school jumper or jacket. These are available from the Uniform Shop. **Only school jumpers or jackets are to be worn.**



All girls **must** wear a tie with their formal uniform and boys in Years 10, 11 & 12 **must** wear a tie with their formal all year round.

Girls are **not** to wear stockings under their sports uniform.

Please refer to page 4 of your student's diary for the full Uniform Policy including items that are not acceptable to be worn as part of the uniform.

Thank you
Robyn

CANTEEN ROSTER



Monday -	12/05	Gayle & Cathy
Tuesday -	13/05	Julie & Chris
Wednesday -	14/05	Sue & Diane
Thursday -	15/05	Carol
Friday -	16/05	Liz
Monday -	19/05	Help Needed
Tuesday -	20/05	Julie & Chris
Wednesday -	21/05	Sue & Betty
Thursday -	22/05	Carol & Heather
Friday -	23/05	Liz & Judy

EVENTS

SCHOOL EVENTS CALENDAR - 2008

12th May	QYMA Final for Strings
13th May	National Yr 9 Literacy Test
14th May	National Yr 9 Reading Test
14th May	QYMA Vocal Group
15th May	National Yr 9 Numeracy Test
15th May	Extreme Science
16th May	National Yr 9 'catch-up day'
20th May	ILC Maths Excursion
21st May	Yr 8 & 10 Vaccinations
22nd May	Cross Country

SUCCESS IN ACTION

Congratulations to Kyle Marles, one of our Year 11 students, who was recently selected to participate in the Young Endeavour Youth Scheme Voyage. Being chosen as a member of the crew for this exciting challenge is indicative of this young man's high standard of commitment to his ongoing personal development.

Well done, Kyle!

YEAR 9 – NATIONAL LITERACY AND NUMERACY TESTS

A reminder that the National Numeracy and Literacy tests will be held from 13th to 15th May for all Year 9 Students. Could you please assist your child in their

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preparation by ensuring they have the following equipment at school on Monday 12th May for the practice session.

- ★ 2B or HB Pencils, eraser and sharpener
- ★ Blue and/or black pens
- ★ Calculators are also required on Thursday 15th May



Please also assist us on these days by ensuring your students are present and on time on these dates. We all wish the Year 9s the best of luck in the next week.

Liz Senior
A/HOD Middle Schooling

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Members of the Narangba Valley State High School Community warmly welcome you and your family to join us at the

Year 7 into 8 Parent Information Evening & Faculty Showcase

The evening will provide comprehensive information about:

- ★ Our Values Focus
- ★ Our Middle School curriculum, subject choices and pathways into Senior Schooling
- ★ Academy programs in Dance, Drama, Music, AFL and Netball
- ★ Accelerated programs in English, Mathematics and Science
- ★ Enrolment Management Plan

Date: Tuesday 27th May, 2008

Time: 6.45pm to 9.00pm

Venue: The PALACE, NVSHS, Harris

A formal presentation will occur in The PALACE followed by a tour of school facilities with subject displays in all curriculum areas.

THE MUSICAL

Narangba Valley State High School
Presents

The Wiz

31st July – 1st August

Tickets on sale soon!

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

Instrumental Music Levy

Instrumental Music Levies are now due for all students who play in the Instrumental Music Program. This levy covers:

- Replacement and/or purchase of banners, music stands, sound equipment, and other general use items (ie. brass mutes, emergency reeds, spare strings);
- Contribution towards the purchase of solo and small group music;
- Photocopying of ensemble, solo and small group music;
- Contribution towards membership of Caboolture Cluster Music Library and Petrie Strings Library. As ensemble pieces cost between \$90 and \$300 each, one concert may incur \$2400 in print music expenses. It is wiser therefore to pool our resources by being part of a district library.

The levy money received does not cover new or replacement instruments. The P&C Committee or grants usually assist in this area. A separate issue (and a separate fee) is the Instrument Hire Fee, for those who do not own their own instruments. This annual fee of \$40 pays solely for the annual maintenance of the instrument being used by that student. As maintenances are no less than \$100 these days, it is understandable that school instruments undergo maintenances once every two years.

Musical Rehearsals.

Musical rehearsals are well underway and weekend rehearsals start soon. Students involved have a variety of different rehearsals they need to attend and must ensure they are aware of when they are required. They can do this by liaising with their director and by regularly checking the musical noticeboard.



The first whole cast rehearsal is **Sunday 25th May**. Please note that this has changed from the previous Sunday (18th May). There is also a rehearsal on **Sunday 1st June**. These rehearsals are from 12 noon to 5pm.

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

CHIEF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES FOR QCS TEST

The Queensland Studies Authority (QSA) invites expressions of interest from members of the community to nominate for appointment to the positions of chief community representative or community representative for the QCS Test. To maintain the accountability, security and proper conduct of the test, the QSA appoints members of the community to each test centre to carry out duties on behalf of the QSA.

This year the test will be held on Tuesday 2 September and Wednesday 3 September. The pay rates for chief community representative are \$380.68 for 2 days and \$251.02 for community representatives for 2 days.

Members of the community interested in applying for these positions should contact Samantha Hawkins, HOD Senior Schooling on 3385 4573 or collect an applicant package from administration.

The QSA will post appointment notices to successful members of the community in late July.

APPLICATIONS FOR GAP

Applications for Gap Activity Projects departing in 2008 **close Friday 16 May 2008**. With 35 years experience GAP a not-for-profit organization continues to offer young Australians (17-25) the opportunity to volunteer for up to a year in one of 16 countries around the world. Projects on offer range from teaching Tibetan refugees in India, caring for orphans in South Africa, instructing in a summer camp in Canada or helping out at schools within the UK. GAP volunteers are provided with food, accommodation and in most cases weekly pocket money and are given the opportunity to challenge themselves and achieve something unique.

To download a brochure and an application form please visit www.gapactivityprojects.org.au or call 03 9826 6266.

Please note: To be eligible for a GAP project you must be 17 by the time you start your project, not at the time you apply.

CAREERS AND EMPLOYMENT EXPO

On **Monday 26th 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.