

NAVIGATOR - 2008

TERM 2, May 23rd 2008



PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Our year 9 students last week have successfully completed four days of literacy and numeracy testing. These National tests will show us where each student is in regard to literacy and numeracy competencies. It will also show our teachers where we need to focus our energies to ensure students have the full compliment of competencies as expected. This is a great initiative and our staff deserve high praise for their ongoing work in addressing the literacy and numeracy needs of our students.

Also exciting for our school last week was the visit by a contingent of educators from the country of Qatar. Qatar is situated on the Arabian Peninsula bordering Saudi Arabia. Education Queensland is supporting the development of educational services and programs in many schools in Qatar. The group of educators visited our school to learn about our many programs and strategies used to ensure student learning outcomes are of the highest standard.

New staff members we have welcomed recently include Ms Helen Cootes our new School Nurse. Helen brings a wealth of experience from the UK and we are very lucky to have her services at NVSHS. She is available by appointment for students on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Also we welcome Rod Adam and Fiona Darlington, our new Guidance Officers. Rod and Fiona will be sharing this very important service which may also be accessed by students and parents on appointment.

I would like to remind parents that MP3 players are not to be brought to school. Students found with them will have them removed and placed in the office for safe keeping. These may then be retrieved by the student at a time to be negotiated.

Have a terrific fortnight!
Ross MacKay

DEPUTY NEWS

NAPLAN testing was held in the PALACE last week for all year 9 students. Congratulations to all the year 9 students on their participation. By all reports students were focussed and prepared to try their best. Well Done!

Gold level students will be given the opportunity to attend Movie World in the last week of this term. Students are advised to pay attention to the notices for permission form and payment details.

As the temperature has noticeably changed, for the cooler, I remind students that appropriate dress standards must be maintained. Students are expected to wear the uniform as outlined on page 4 of their diaries; school micro fibre jacket or school fleecy jumper and navy track pants. (track pants are not to be worn with the formal uniform).

Adam, Cathy, Jennifer and Sean

CASHIER WINDOW HOURS

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.

OPERATING SYSTEM

Due to the implementation of the managed operating environment from Thursday 22nd May, our current network infrastructure will be inoperable for a short period of time. This will include our message you application. Therefore during this time you will not be contacted via text messaging if your student is absent. I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Jennifer Skeahan
Deputy Principal

UNIFORMS

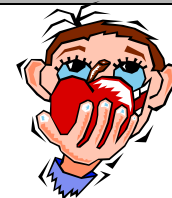
Only school jumpers or jackets are to be worn.

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.

Thank you
Robyn

CANTEEN ROSTER



Monday -	26/05	Cathy & Need Helpers
Tuesday -	27/05	Julie & Chris
Wednesday -	28/05	Sue & Diane
Thursday -	29/05	Carol & Kharla
Friday -	30/05	Liz
Monday -	02/06	Cathy & Gayle
Tuesday -	03/06	Julie & Chris
Wednesday -	04/06	Sue, Betty & Fiona
Thursday -	05/06	Carol, Heather & Kharla
Friday -	06/06	Liz & Judy

EVENTS

SCHOOL EVENTS CALENDAR - 2008

27th May	Yr7 into 8 Parent Night and Faculty Showcase
27th May	Coalition Band Performance
27th May	Regional Trial Day 3 for Sunshine Coast Sport
29th May	Music Extension Evening Yr 12 Senior Assessment Night Yr 11
29th May	ICAS Science Comp
29th May	Round 1 Junior Winter Sport
30th May	Music Night
3 rd – 5 th June	Music Fanfare
4th June	Music Excursion
5 th June	Regional Cross Country

YEAR 8 EXCURSION

A Year 8 excursion is being planned for all Year 8 Japanese students to the Mt. Cootha Botanical Gardens on Friday 6th June 2008. The students will participate in specific Japanese lesson conducted by specialised staff which examines the cultural significance of Japanese gardens and the overall effect of the design features. It promises to be an interesting and enjoyable day. If any parents or guardians were interested in attending the excursion could you please contact the school ASAP.

Attention: Adam Sullivan (07) 3385 4574 or
Administration: (07) 3385 4555

YEAR 10 SDV - SELF DEFENCE

After discussions in Student Development classes concerning the recent attacks in parks at Chermside, year 10E SDV decided to get proactive and learn some self defence.

Wayne Wood from the Daenamoo School of Taekwondo Burpengary joined the class, teaching students easy and useful moves to help students defend and protect themselves in dangerous situations. He also stressed the importance of exercise and meditation (quiet time) for a well-balanced lifestyle.

If you are interested in knowing more, Wayne Wood can be contacted on 3888 9308 or the website:

www.daenamook.com.au

Tania Wilson. SDV Teacher

FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

NAPLAN – Year 9 Literacy and Numeracy Tests

Congratulations to all the Year 9 students who completed five tests over three days last week. Your behaviour and commitment to the literacy and numeracy tests was outstanding. Parents will be sent reports detailing your achievements in semester 2.

Year 7 Visits

Students from Narangba Valley State School have begun to visit our school to familiarise themselves with high school processes. On Monday 19th May students from 7 C took part in a Home Economics class with Mrs Park and were assisted by Year 10 Mentors Bryony, Brendan and Taylor. The visits will continue throughout the year with lessons in Manual Arts and ICT. We hope you had a great time!

Mrs Park explaining the 'Design Process' to Miss Given's class, 7 C.



Liz Senior
A/HOD Middle Schooling

LOTE NOTE

On Friday the 9th of May years 10 and 11 of Japanese classes went to the University of the Sunshine Coast for a Japanese Immersion Day.

The students were split into different groups with different schools and each group was allocated a native speaker. They progressed through a number of different activities and conversations with their native speaker and interacted with different Japanese people and different students in various language situations.

Our students amazed themselves with just how much Japanese they really know and how they could utilise this to their advantage throughout the day. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow as they had success after success with their Japanese communication.

Their behaviour, uniform and language skills impressed many. Well done to all involved!

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

Random Acts of Kindness in the month of May.

Last week, our Random Acts of Kindness promotion was announced on the Junior Assembly and in the school notices. For the rest of May, all students have been encouraged to perform a Random Act of Kindness in front of a staff member. They may be bestowed on a fellow student or a staff member but must be witnessed by a staff member to be considered for a prize. Our Chaplains, Steve and Emma, will help judge the most worthy Acts. Students have been told to submit all Acts of Kindness to the BSC Window. Please discuss with your child the significance of kindness in any society and how they may be able to put this into practice.

Paul Reid
Head of Department Behaviour Support.

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.

DEADLINE FOR RECOGNISED STUDIES

Year 11 and 12 Students who have results from subjects achieved **outside** school during 2006/2007, for example First Aid Certificates, Ballet and Music Results, should provide copies of Certificates & Results to Mrs Lever in Senior Schooling by Monday 26 May if you would like those achievements to appear on your Senior Certificate at the end of Year 12.

Please note – this does not apply to VET subjects – eg. Certificate Courses undertaken through TAFE or for School Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship Results

MESSAGE FROM YOUR SCHOOL NURSE

Each May the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) celebrates Jelly Baby Month, with cute Jelly Baby themed merchandise appearing in stores across Australia. JDRF is the world's largest not-for-profit supporter of diabetes research, investing \$130 million in the search to find a cure for type 1 diabetes each year.

Australia has one of the highest rates of type 1 diabetes in the world, with more than 140,000 Australian children and adults suffering from the disease. Type 1 diabetes cannot be prevented and as yet there is no cure. Long term,

children and adults with type 1 diabetes risk devastating complications such as heart disease, kidney disease and blindness.

That's why JDRF are asking Australians to help save lives and buy jelly baby products from Woolworths and Safeway supermarkets, Amcal pharmacies, Medibank Private retail centres and JDRF's online store during May.

Jelly babies can literally be a lifesaver for people with type 1 diabetes, and are often eaten as a quick source of sugar when blood sugar levels fall critically low.

You can help the foundation find a cure by volunteering to sell Jelly Baby merchandise in shopping centres, on railways stations, in office buildings and at sporting events. For more information contact 03 9696 3866 or www.jdrf.org.au

VISITORS TO OUR SCHOOL

Narangba Valley SHS welcomes visitors from QATAR



Education Queensland International contacted Narangba Valley SHS in Term 1 to invite the school to be part of an international tour for delegates from Qatar. On Thursday 15th May we proudly had the pleasure in welcoming the group from the Omar Bin Al Khattab Educational Complex in Qatar to our school. The focus of the visit was to look at Maths and Science, Excellence and Academy programs and 'state of the art' facilities.

EQI (Education Queensland International) have contacted Mr Mackay to commend him on our school. The delegates from Qatar were so impressed with our students, our staff, the programs we offer, our Excellence and Academy programs and the facilities that they felt Narangba Valley State High School was the pinnacle of their visit to Australia. EQI were also extremely impressed and have enquired as to whether we would be interested in welcoming other international visitors to our school.

Narangba Valley State High School we are proud of you, and you should be proud of yourself.

Jennifer Skeahan
Deputy Principal

STUDENT EXCHANGE AUSTRALIA

Bring home a brother or sister

In June and July 2008, students aged 15-18 years, from over 15 countries will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for 2, 3, 5 or 10 months. Opportunities exist to act as a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity. Hosting can be on 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

MUSIC NEWS

JAMIE DUNN VISIT

There were smiles all around when the senior SAS music classes got Agro last week.

The classes were visited by radio personality Jamie Dunn whose puppet pal won over the young musicians.

Mr Dunn's resume includes two decades behind the microphone at top-rating radio shows in Brisbane and on the Sunshine Coast as the voice of long-running children's television character Agro, and his early days as a singer-songwriter.

Music co-ordinator Mr Paul Berardi said Mr Dunn came to talk to the classes about the radio industry and to give students an informed real-life perspective on how to make it in the entertainment industry.

"The students loved it. Students responded well and enjoyed meeting Agro, as well as asking on-topic questions which prompted Mr Dunn to delve further into the complexities of the career path of a radio personality," Mr Berardi said.

Mr Dunn will be warmly welcomed back to NVSHS in the future.

OTHER UPCOMING MUSIC DATES

- May 23: Music Gala Night in the PALCE will showcase our school's fine ensembles – the Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Concert Band, Stage Band, String Ensemble and Vocal Groups. The free concert begins at 6.30pm.
- May 27: Year 7 to 8 Showcase in the PALACE, featuring our Symphonic Wind Ensemble.

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

Fanfare

Fanfare is a competition which is run by Education Queensland for State Schools for Instrumental Music Student Bands and Ensembles. This year heats for the competition are being held at Narangba Valley State High School. Our student performance times are:

String Ensemble - Tuesday 3rd June at 7.55pm
Concert Band – Wednesday 4th June at 2pm
Symphonic Wind Ensemble – Wednesday 4th June at 5pm
Stage Band – Wednesday, 4th June at 7.45pm

Please feel free to come and support our student performances. Instrumental Music students must arrive to warm-up at least 45mins before their scheduled performance time. Any parents that would like to help out on the night please contact me by email (icoul33@eq.edu.au).

Musical, Raffle & Camp

All musical raffle tickets are to be returned with money ASAP to finalise the cost of the camp for musical students. Please ensure that your deposit of \$25 is paid as there are some students that are still to pay. The camp is compulsory for all students in the musical as outlined in the contract that students and parents signed when agreeing to take part. Please call me at the school if you have any concerns about the payment of this money.

Next weekend musical rehearsals are

Sunday 25th June 12-5pm
Sunday 1st June 12-5pm

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

Regards

John Coulson
Head of Department
Performing Arts

THE MUSICAL

**Narangba Valley State High School
Presents**

The Wiz

31st July – 1st August

Tickets on sale now!

