



NAVIGATOR - 2008



TERM 3, July 25th 2008

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Welcome back to what will be an action-packed Term 3. We have really started well with all staff and students excited about the many official events. On Monday 21st July we celebrated the great work of our School Captains, Sub-School Captains and Student Council Executive over the past 12 months and welcomed our new student leaders for the 2008/2009 period. We are very proud of our student leaders and they perform an outstanding and very important role in our school and community. It was great to have the support of past School Captain Ben Murphy as guest speaker and Mr Ken Hayward MLA to recognise the importance of the role of our student leaders. Supporting our students too were our coalition Principals, Ms Passi (Burpengary SS), Ms Harris (Narangba Valley SS), Ms Starmer (Narangba SS), Mr Bloxham (Jinibara SS) and Mr Black (Burpengary Meadows SS). We are all very proud indeed of the work of the outgoing leadership team and wish the incoming student leaders every success and enjoyment for the future twelve months.

Our core business is to ensure your child is learning at the most optimum level. To ensure that this is realised and that your child has the best opportunity to realise his/her dreams it is crucial that we all work closely together and fulfil our respective roles. This includes we as teachers, parents and the students themselves. We as professional educators are here to assist you whenever needed and we are only a phone call away. As parents you need to be engaged with what your child is expected to do for homework and assessment. Please ensure your child has a clear timetable at home to ensure both their family responsibilities and the school responsibilities are effectively met.

Parents please ensure you access your child's Semester One report which went home with your child before the holidays and don't hesitate to contact staff if you require any clarification or assistance in ensuring that effective plans are developed based on this information to ensure maximised learning outcomes for the future. It is hoped that all parents took advantage of the opportunity to meet with your child's teachers at the recent Parent/Teacher Interview night.

Parents please be reminded that school jumpers or jackets only must be worn. These can be purchased from the uniform shop at very reasonable prices. Also MP3 players must not be brought to school as these cause disruption to learning and are at very high risk of being stolen. Please ensure your child wears the uniform as specified in the school diary every day.

Have a great fortnight

Ross MacKay
Principal

DEPUTY NEWS

Welcome back! Semester two is saturated with information opportunities to support students in making appropriate educational choices.

We have already had our parent teacher evening. Thank you to all the parents who attended. Parent-Teacher nights are a great opportunity for staff and parents to meet and for us all to assist our students in achieving the best results they are capable of achieving. If you were unable to attend and have some concerns

regarding your child's progress, please do not hesitate in contacting the school.

Also this week students in year 10 and their parents had an opportunity to attend the year 10 into 11 night. This night clearly outlined the senior pathways enabling students to choose subjects that will assist them in achieving their goals.

Finally, athletics carnival is on Friday the 1st August. It is an action packed day with events, activities, stalls and raffles. Look forward to seeing all students there.

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.
Money will only be accepted by the cashier.**

Parents

For your financial security please do not provide credit card details on permission forms for student activities. You may make credit card payments over the phone. Please contact the school.

MUSICAL

Narangba Valley State High School

Presents

The Wiz

An upbeat musical based on the *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum. Music and Lyrics by Charlie Smalls

SHOW TIMES:

31st July 7.30pm
1st August 7.30pm
2nd August 11.30am
2nd August 7.30pm

**Tickets on sale now! Pay at the school Cashiers Office
or Phone 3385 4502**

\$15 Vip
\$12 Adult
\$10 Concession

CANTEEN ROSTER



Monday -	28/07	Gayle & Need Helpers
Tuesday -	29/07	Julie & Chris
Wednesday -	30/07	Sue & Betty
Thursday -	31/07	Carol & Kharla
Friday -	01/08	Liz
Monday-	04/08	Gayle & Judy
Tuesday-	05/08	Julie & Chris
Wednesday-	06/08	Sue & Diane
Thursday-	07/08	Carol & Kharla
Friday-	08/08	Liz & Jess

EVENTS

SCHOOL EVENTS CALENDAR - 2008

31 st – 2 nd July /August	Musical – The Whiz
31 st July	Yr 11 BCT Excursion to Australia Zoo
1 st August	School Athletics Carnival
6 th August	Dance Excursion
6 th August	Year 8 into 9/10 Subject Selection Night
7 th August	Junior Zone Winter finals
8 th August	12 Music Ext Excursion

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

Musical Camp

The musical camp at the end of term 2 was a wonderful success with students and staff working very hard on what will be another fantastic musical. The exceptional hard-work and behaviour of the students made the musical camp a wonderful experience for both students and staff.

Musical

The last rehearsals are underway for the musical with the show opening on the 31st July. This year's musical THE WIZ is the culmination of two terms of rehearsals and many countless hours of work from students and staff. This year's musical looks like it really is going to be something special. Tickets are available from the school cashier or by phoning 3385 4502.

The shows and times are

Thursday 31/7/08 – 7.30pm

Friday 1/8/08 – 7.30pm

Saturday 2/8/08 – 11.30pm

Saturday 2/8/08 – 7.30pm

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.

See you at the musical
John Coulson
A/Head of Department
Performing Arts

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FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Year 8 into 9 and 10 Subject Selection Evening

Attention all Year 8 Families

On Wednesday 6th August the Year 8 into 9 and 10 Subject Selection evening will be held from 7pm to 9pm in the PALACE. As your child has received the Semester 1 Academic Report it is important to attend this evening to receive lots of information about your child's educational journey from the Middle to Senior Phase of Learning. There will be several subject displays set up with HODs and teachers available to answer your questions. The students will receive a subject selection package and the selection forms will be due to the office by 20th August, 2008 so we can finalise the program for 2009. If you have any enquiries please contact me at the school.

Learning Improvement Plans and Student Achievement

Over the next few weeks you may receive a letter or a phone call regarding your students' achievement in Semester 1. As a school we are committed to improving the achievement of all students and to that end some Year 8 and 9 Students will be assigned a LIP (Learning Improvement Plan) Teacher whose role it will be to provide encouragement to your child. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Liz Senior
A/HOD Middle Schooling

GUIDANCE OFFICER NEWS

Dates for Term 3

3 August University of Queensland Open Day
(<http://www.uq.edu.au/opendays/>)

5 August Brisbane North Institute of TAFE Careers Expo (Bracken Ridge)
- information on employment opportunities and careers from Apprenticeship Providers, Group Training Organisations, Qld Police Service and the Australian Defence Forces.

9 August Faculty of Law - Law Experience Day at Bond University
(<http://www.bond.edu.au/study-areas/law/law-experience/index.html> or call Cherie Daye on 5595 2057)

10 August Griffith University Open Day
(<http://app.griffith.edu.au/open-day/index.php>)

6 September JMC Academy Open Day
(www.jmccademy.edu.au)
(Courses in Audio Engineering, Digital Film and TV Production, Popular Music)

22-26 September Queensland University of Technology (QUT) - Holiday Campus Tours - for high school students and their parents

24 September QUT Information evening for parents, Kelvin Grove Campus (qut.com/futurestudents/events)

Fiona DARLINGTON
Narangba Valley SHS

MESSAGE FROM YOUR SCHOOL NURSE

Jeans for Genes is a major fundraiser of the Children's Medical Research Institute. This includes Jeans for Genes Day (Friday 1st August 2008), events, exhibitions and other Fundraising events throughout the year.

Chances are you probably know someone who has a genetic disease, because one in twenty children are born with some form of genetic fault. There are children with leukaemia, muscular dystrophy, genetic defects and many other disorders. The scientists at the Children's Medical Research Institute are working to try to prevent these diseases before they occur in our children, or where that is not possible to develop better treatments

It's so much fun and real easy to get involved. It's a day where everyone can wear jeans and simply make a donation or buy a badge, whilst supporting a great cause: helping today's scientist for tomorrow's children.

For further information, check out www.jeans4genes.com.au

ENGLISH FACULTY

Gifted and Talented

Twenty-one year 8 Accelerated English students have spoken with award winning Australian author, Susanne Gervay, via an online chat during the Voices on the Coast festival in June. Students chatted with the author about her latest novel, as well as novels they had all enjoyed reading.

The students found Susanne to be inspirational and gave them vital inside information regarding how to become an author and the tricks of the trade.

Tania Waterman
A/HOD English

LOTE NOTE

The LOTE Department at NVSHS is proud to announce the commencement of the annual 3 week Japanese homestay. 25 students from the Senri International School in Osaka, Japan will be learning in classrooms with our students for an intensive English immersion program. We are grateful to the following students who have provided the students with a home and an Aussie family to be part of for the duration.

Year 8

Corey Murphy
Gabrielle Maugueret
Kaitlyn Wilde
Tristian Delroy

Yura Nakajima
Ayaka Wada
Natsuyo Ikegami
Kent Iyama

Grade 9

Emma-Lee Antoneiff
Teighlor Cornwall
Breanna Adams
Rebecca Bray
Katherine Lawler

Nagisa Matsumoto
Wakaba Fukiwara
Hikari Harieji
Kaoru Yamamoto
Ayu Fukuoka

Grade 10

Emily Lane-Chen
Alex Paxton
Carlos Civico
Rebecca Ferriday
Mathew Bonnick
Jessica Brooks

Akane Ono
Kazuma Tawa
Shintaro Takeda
Akiho Nagaoka
Daichi Ishitani
Yumika Tanimura

Grade 11

Shelley Barratt
Corey Larkin

Miumi Izawa
Nobuya Dogoshii

Brad Mommers
Jessica Starr
Demi Fletcher
Melissa Chenery
Lauren Runcie
Alex Steggell
Rachel Kroes
Kim Wesener

Taku Kawamura
Tomomi Kanabata
Fumi Araki
Miyuu Inoe
Rina Ikegami
Natsumi Uki
Arisa Usui
Misaki Tanaka

If you would like to host a student in 2009, please contact Tania Wilson at the school for more information.

The Year 12's will be attending the Japanese Immersion Day at the University of The Sunshine Coast on the 18th of July to have a full day of interaction and communication with native Japanese speakers. NVSHS students have been outstanding at these forums with their language ability, not to mention their exceptional behaviour. We look forward to continued success.

Tania Wilson
LOTE Coordinator.

FANTASTIC SCIENCE

EXTREME SCIENCE

On May 15th I had the pleasure of taking 5 year 10 science student (Amy Beehan, Trent Clark, Taylor Argent, Mitchell Hatch and Karla Jones) to an extreme science day at the Sofitel in Brisbane city. This was an excellent day with talks about different areas of science by prominent scientists. Andy Thomas (Australian Astronaut) was also a guest speaker. He gave an insight of what life is like as an astronaut and what it is like living in space for months at a time. Each student then participated in various workshops: solar energy, sleep apnoea, and x-ray imaging. The highlight of the day for the students was actually meeting Andy Thomas and having a photograph taken with him. They were also determined to get autographs from all the leading scientists.

TITRATION COMPETITION

The RACI chemical analysis competition was on Saturday 17th May at Sunshine Coast University. Once again we had 4 teams participate and once again we are a force to be reckoned with taking out 1st place (for the second year in a row) with a team score of 5 and some 70 points ahead of 2nd place while one of our other teams came 3rd with a score of 110. Congratulations to all students who participated and presented themselves well on the day. A special thank you goes to Sherri Brown (yr12) for stepping in at the last minute (Wednesday before competition) due to another member being unable to attend.

The school wishes Micheal Anstey, Alex Gilmour and Chris Murphy all the best at Nationals in October at UQ. Here's hoping you go one better than last year.

Lastly I would like thank the year 12 students: Jemima McGregor, Sherri Brown and Isabel Barker for their commitment over the last two years that you have participated and hope you enjoyed the time you spend during the competitions.

HEATHER VOLLING
(CHEMISTRY TEACHER)

FROM THE SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

The **QUT Extreme Science Experience** visited recently to deliver workshops informing Year 10 Accelerated Science students of the practical applications of Chemistry in the rapidly growing field of nanotechnology. Mrs Volling's Year 9 Accelerated Science class also ran electrophoresis gels to solve their own crime scene mysteries.

The **ICAS Science competition** results have once again highlighted the depth of scientific talent in the school with Narangba Valley performing well above the state average in every year level. The school was awarded **3 High Distinctions, 21 Distinctions and 36 Credits** which is simply an outstanding result. Well done to all who participated!

HIGH DISTINCTIONS

Alex Gilmour – year 11
Brad Mommers – year 11
Chris Murphy – year 11

DISTINCTIONS – YEAR 8

Tristian Delroy
Eric Lacey-Andrikas
Lachlan Roberts
Jordyn Scott
Joshua Williams

DISTINCTIONS – YEAR 10

Aaron Dohle
Kristiane Fox
Mitchell Hatch
Haylea Hodges
Daniel Horsfall
Kharla Jones
Luke Mitchelson
Nathan Newton
Nathan Parker

CREDITS – YEAR 8

Kiran Sutcliffe
Tom Grieve
Charlotte Clark
Rea Daniels
Jesikah-Rose Davis
Kellie Drew
Teagan Greenfield
Jessica Griffin
Georgia Holmes
Holly Imms
Cody Loudon
Luke Perryer
Martysse Rodgers

CREDITS – YEAR 10

Christopher Archibald
Taylor Argent
Matthew Bonnick
Caitlin Fitzgerald
Alex Hay
Georgina Wood

DISTINCTIONS – YEAR 9

Ashleigh Fleischfresser
Saskia Gilmour
Bryce Shadwell

DISTINCTIONS – YEAR 11

Tyson Clooney
Dean Raphael-Walter
Dale Thompson

DISTINCTIONS – YEAR 12

Laurie Dart

CREDITS – YEAR 9

Adetayo Adeniyi
Alisdair Collins
Tayla Marie George
Candice Grant
Justin Hamilton
Alex Kempin
Katherine Lawler
Rachel Matthews-Frederick
Ruth Meakin
Adrian Randle

CREDITS – YEAR 11

Michael Anstey
Kayne Tonkin

CREDITS – YEAR 12

Josh Atkin
Joshua Burgess
Loren Fabian
Russell Gray
Matthew Trevor

All students in Years 8 and 9 as well as the Accelerated and Bridging Year 10 students have been working solidly on their Science projects for the up and coming **Science Expo**. **All finalists will be on display from 3 – 6 pm in H Block on Friday the 15th August, and students and their families are welcome to attend and check out the displays as we celebrate Science Week.**

Also a reminder that **Science tutorials** are also on **every Wednesday for ALL year levels in H Block, or Mondays and Fridays by appointment with Mrs Gilmour**. Whether it's classwork, homework or you'd just like to improve your problem solving then COME ALONG! We are more than happy to help!

Hannie Gilmour
Head of department SCIENCE

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

To help celebrate the Year of Physical Activity and an Olympic Year, this year's NVSHS Athletics Carnival will be a massive event. Spread out over week 3 of this term, a number of activities will be happening, detailed below. The week of athletics will conclude with a Gala Athletics Day on Friday the 1st of August. During this full school event, track races will be in operation coinciding with novelty races and fete stalls. It will be a massive celebration of physical activity and we would love for everyone to get involved and support their House.

Monday 28th July - Girls and Boys 3000m (First Break)
Tuesday 29th of July - Boys and Girls High Jump Qualifying (First Break)
Wednesday 30th of July - Boys and Girls 1500m (First Break)
Thursday 31st July - Field Events Day. Nominations only and ran during periods One and Two. Events include shotput, discuss, javelin and long jump.
Friday 1st August - All Day Gala Athletics Carnival. Events including 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, high jump and triple jump. Fete Stalls, prizes and Novelty Races.

The South Coast Regional Athletics Days will occur the following Monday and Tuesday at Nudgee College. Good luck in your participation in all events and representative pathways.

Greg McMahon
A/HOD Health and Phys Ed.

VIVACE SCHOOL OF MUSIC

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Flute	Theory
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