



PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Hope this edition of the Newsletter finds you well and that as we enter flu season, please remember to call the school on 3385 4523 or 3385 4571, if your son or daughter is going to be absent.

We have recently held our Year 8 into 9/10 subject selection evening. This night was a great opportunity for parents, students and teachers to explore future courses of study and pathways. There was a great many discussions had and hopefully the subject selections will be a little easier as a result. If you have any questions with respect to subject selections for 2009, please don't hesitate to call the school, explain your issue and one of our office staff will put you in touch with the most appropriate person to answer your question.

Success in Action Stories

Congratulations must go to Mr Steve Jenyns (School Chaplain), Ms Deb Benson and the Chaplaincy committee, for their running of the "Big Day In". We had a great many activities for students and the feedback has all been positive. Thanks again to all involved in organizing another great day for our students.

Also, congratulations to Nicholas Gray, has has been selected in the Queensland Secondary Schools Cross Country team to represent the school and Queensland, in Geelong.

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.

Mobile Phones:

I would also like to remind parents regarding the use of mobile phones. While it is understood that many students have mobile phones these must not be produced at school or in class. Students are very welcome to leave them at the office for safekeeping. These items are very easily lost or stolen and the school takes no responsibility for their loss. It is very important that students who choose to bring a phone to school do not turn them on during class time, if

students are found with a mobile on during class time, they may be asked to take the phone to the office for safekeeping and to remove the potential for distraction.

Uniforms:

Students are reminded that they must be in full school uniform including black shoes and clearly visible plain white socks every day. Full Formal uniform is required on Mondays and for all formal occasions and excursions (excluding sports events). The wearing of the complete school uniform is a vital part of our school procedures, as it clearly identifies our students and stands them in good stead for the world beyond school. Students who deliberately fail to comply with uniform requirements, will have letter sent home, to inform you, the parent/caregiver and continued breaches will result in detentions, for offending students. Any student or family that has medical or financial issues around the uniform, are requested to call the school and discuss the matter with the appropriate year level Deputy.

Ross MacKay
Principal

DEPUTY NEWS

Thank you to all the parents who have returned the change of details forms. As I stated last fortnight it is important that contact details are kept up to date so that in the unfortunate event of an injury you may be contacted swiftly. If you have changed or do change your details please notify the school directly.

Last Thursday we hosted the "Big Day In". This was organised by the chaplains and the chaplaincy committee. It was a great day for students and a fantastic opportunity our school chaplains to engage with the students. Our chaplains, Steve and Em, are an open and dynamic pair who provide support for all students, appointments can be made through student services.

As we are mid way through this term I would like to remind students to remain focussed as assessment is finalised and exams draw near. Revision and study strategies should already be employed. If not time to start!

Adam, Cathy, Jennifer and Sean

"NEW" CASH RECEIPTING PROCESSES FOR PARENTS

For your convenience parents payments are now only accepted at the main office Parent Foyer between the hours of 8.00am - 3.00pm.

Unfortunately between 1.30pm – 2.30pm we cannot accept Direct Credit through Debit Card accounts on EFTPOS.

Students will continue to make payments at the cashier window before school, and during first and second break.

CANTEEN ROSTER



Monday -	25/08	Gayle
Tuesday -	26/08	Julie & Chris
Wednesday -	27/08	Sue & Betty
Thursday -	28/08	Carol, Kharla & Heather
Friday -	29/08	Liz
Monday-	01/09	Cathy & Judy
Tuesday-	02/09	Julie
Wednesday-	03/09	Sue & Diane
Thursday-	04/09	Carol, Kharla & Kaylene
Friday-	05/09	Liz

EVENTS

SCHOOL EVENTS CALENDAR - 2008

26 th August	Newcombe-Ball Challenge
28 th August	Senior Music Night
29 th August	Yr10 Japanese Excursion
29 th August	Regional Athletics
2 nd &3 rd September	QCS Test
5 th September	Regional Athletics

HOME ECONOMICS DEPT.

Thank you to the person who donated magazines to the Home Economics department at the end of last term.

Thanks Robyn

STUDENTS' BUSINESS

The year 10 Business students conducted fete stalls on Friday 1st August during the School Athletics Sports Carnival. The students planned and prepared marketing plans, conducted surveys, wrote up reports and summarised their groups' experience on PowerPoint presentation. The students enjoyed the experience of working as a team, promoting and producing their salable products. This has all been good preparation for those students intending on studying Business Organisation and Management in year 11 where they study an intensive unit on Marketing.



Teleah Furnell-Milesi from 10A BTE.

LOTE NOTE

Thanks to all who participated in the Japanese Homestay 2008. It was a great success. We finished up with a Christmas in July party and an enjoyable time was had by all. If you are interested in hosting a Japanese student in 2009, please contact Tania Wilson at the school.

Tania Wilson. LOTE Coordinator.



Photo: Arisa, Ayu and Miyu enjoying karaoke (English practice)

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

Family Fun Day

Thank you to the Parents Support Group and Julie and Sue from the Tuckshop who helped organise the food stall at the Centenary lake Family Fun Day! The day was a wonderful success and all profits will be gladly received by the Performing Arts Department. A big congratulations to the students (Erin O'Reily, Daniel Ferguson, Dani Truda, Lara Patty, Tayo Adeniyi, Kahlia Ferguson and Tameka Smith) who performed on the day and so proudly represented the Performing Arts Academy of NVSHS. Well done!

EKKA Performance

Congratulations to the Symphonic Wind Ensemble and Stage Band who played superbly at the EKKA last week. I have received many compliments from audience members who commented on the musicality and professionalism of the band. The Band Dissonance (Trent Lewis, Alex Tomlins, Jake Tomlins and Nicholas Tomlins) also played at the EKKA in the Billy Hyde Music Competition. We are still awaiting the results.

Brass Band Concert

As part of the District Brass Band Workshops being hosted by NVSHS there will be a concert at the end of the term featuring the stylings of our very own students, the Burpengary-Narangba Middle School Coalition Band and the Brisbane Brass Band. This free concert is being held at the PALACE on 18th September starting at 7pm. Please come along, all are welcome. Invitations will be going out shortly to brass students to be part of the workshops associated with this event.

Community Benefit Gambling Fund

On behalf of NVSHS and the P&C I would like to thank the Community Gambling Benefit Fund who approved the schools funding application for \$28000 for the purchase of new lighting and sound equipment for the P.A.L.A.C.E. Anyone who attended the school musical THE WHIZ would have seen this equipment in action which has really boosted the P.A.L.A.C.E's capabilities as a performing arts venue.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate in contacting me at the school. Thank you for supporting the NVSHS Performing Arts Department.

John Coulson
A/Head of Department
Performing Arts

ENGLISH FACULTY

Poetry Slam

Congratulations is in order for Teighlor Cornwall of year 9. Teighlor was awarded 5th placing at the Poetry Slam competition held at North Lakes Pathways last weekend. The competition involved reciting your own original poems in 2minutes. Teighlor recited 3 poems titled: 'Alone', 'Something Real' and 'This World'.

Gifted and Talented - e learning

Mrs Waterman's Year 8 Accelerated English class are currently celebrating and investigating eLearning (the use of digital technologies in teaching and learning) in an online project via The Learning Place. Students are participating in opinion polls and online activities that complement the literacy program currently undertaken in English students are able to post comments and recommendations to other students and their teacher, regarding the novels they are exploring in class.

Thanks
Tania Waterman
Teacher

JUNIOR CRICKET SIGN-ON

Boys and Girls, 6-16 yrs wanted. All gear supplied, no experience needed.

Our actual sign on dates are Sat/Sun 23rd and 24th August and Sat/Sun 30th and 31st August 2008 between 11am and 1pm each day. However we are taking names for team's right up until October.

SIGN ON NOW – Contact Barry on 3283 6168 or 0404 071 017 or send e-mail to prccjuniors@yahoo.com.au

