



PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Queensland Core Skills Test

Our Year 12 students have just sat the all important QCS Test. These two days of testing held on the 2nd and 3rd September forms a fundamental component of the OP process for the Queensland Studies Authority. Not all students however sit the QCS Test as this is largely dependant on their OP eligibility. Our students have had an extensive and intensive preparation program over many months to enable all students to give of their very best. It is essential for all students to try their very hardest and give the best performance possible. I wish all students the very best for quality QCS outcomes. I would also like to congratulate all staff who have assisted bringing our students to this point particularly HOD Senior Schooling Ms Bratby and HOD English Ms Kingston.

Teacher Aides Day

Friday 5th September we acknowledged and celebrated the outstanding role that the many teacher aides in our school play. They are a key part of our professional learning teams and assist teachers to ensure the best quality learning outcomes for our students. We are very proud of the diverse role they have in the learning processes in our school and on Friday we showed our appreciation for their professionalism and commitment to our students. Well done to you all!!

End of Term Reporting and Assessment

With the term drawing to a close it is imperative to ensure students are working hard at ensuring all assignments and assessment items are completed to an excellent level and that all dead lines are met. Personal Attribute Reports (PAR) will be distributed before the end of term. These documents are crucial to ensure parents are fully informed as to the progress of your children. These reports show progress academically and behaviourally. Please ask your child for these at the end of Term.

Ross MacKay
Principal

DEPUTY NEWS

As we head into the school holidays, it may be worth a reminder to students about the following topics.

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 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.

Hoping all our students have a safe and well earned break over the holidays and we look forward to seeing them back at school on Monday 6th October.

Adam, Cathy, Jennifer and Sean

CANTEEN ROSTER



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| Monday - | 06/10 | Judy |
| Tuesday - | 07/10 | Julie & Chris |
| Wednesday - | 08/10 | Sue & Betty |
| Thursday - | 09/10 | Carol, Kharla & Heather |
| Friday - | 10/10 | Liz |
| Monday- | 13/09 | Gayle |
| Tuesday- | 14/09 | Julie & Chris |
| Wednesday- | 15/09 | Sue & Diane |
| Thursday- | 16/09 | Carol, Kharla & Kaylene |
| Friday- | 17/09 | Liz |

EVENTS

SCHOOL EVENTS CALENDAR - 2008

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| 8 th October | Yr 8 and 10 Vaccinations |
| 13 th -15 th October | Biology Camp |
| 15 th October | Twilight Concert/Vocal Night |
| 17 th October | Gold Level BBQ & Activities |

"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.

Thank you to those parents who have provided their credit card details to pay for the Resource Hire Scheme for 2009. Please note that processing of these will commence in Week 2 Term 4 unless you have indicated otherwise. For students currently in years 8 to 11, receipts will be sent home with your student. For students currently in year 7, receipts will be posted home.

MATHS DEPARTMENT NEWS

Some of our Maths students have recently received outstanding results in various Mathematics competitions and tournaments. These include:

- Our Junior team placed second in the Yr 8 Regional Problem Solving competition. The team, consisting of Buyeong Gang, Tristian Delroy and Carly Booth, comprehensively beat all the other teams in the region bar one (Sunshine Coast Grammar).
- Over 120 students sat the University of NSW International Maths Competition. Our students on average scored above the state mean in every category in every year level. 18 students received a distinction, while Alex Gilmour, Luke Grzesiczak and Laurie Dart scored in the top 1% in QLD, receiving High Distinctions.
- 28 students also sat the Westpac Maths Competition with 11 students receiving distinctions and Daniel Horsfall, Alex Gilmour, Chris Murphy and Aaron Hamilton all receiving High Distinctions, again placing in the top 1% of students in QLD. Alex Gilmour's final result was so high that he is considered to be one of the top 10 Maths students in Queensland – well done Alex!

Just a final reminder that Wednesday afternoon Maths tutorials are still being offered every Wednesday afternoon in H11 from 2:45 – 3:30 pm for any students seeking help with their Mathematics.

SENIOR SCHOOLING NEWS

As we approach the final term of the school year, many exciting opportunities are advertised for Senior students. Make sure you don't miss out on the range of scholarship opportunities and activities being promoted for Senior students! Read on to find out about some of the upcoming events and programs you can access:

Year 12 - QTAC Applications

QTAC is the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre and handles the tertiary applications for all Queensland and Northern NSW universities, TAFE Qld institutes and selected colleges. QTAC Guides were provided to all Year 12 students earlier in the year and replacement can be purchased from local newsagencies. There is a myriad of courses available for Year 12 school leavers. Applications opened on July 1 and the on-time due date is September 30. Late applications are generally accepted, however these incur a fee. QTAC applications should be submitted electronically via the "Twelve to Tertiary" application available at www.qtac.edu.au Applicants can list up to six

preferences and advice on ordering preferences in the QTAC guide (pages 7 to 8).

If you have any questions about the QTAC application process, please see the Guidance Officer. They are available to talk through the process with you and can give you a handout to take home which guides you step-by-step through the applications. Good luck and remember to get your application in by September 30!

Year 12 – Registering for ‘SmartOP’

Are you finishing Year 12 this year and OP eligible? SmartOP registration is now open! Through form classes, all OP eligible students have been provided with a special bookmark, explaining the SmartOP process. To access your OP and FP (field position) results on this service you will need to register your QSA student number and PIN between 8 September 2008 and 5pm on 18 December 2008. If you're not sure of your QSA number, check with your form teacher or see Miss Bratby.

Once you have registered with SmartOP, you can then access the service to get your OP and FPs from 9.00am, 20 December 2008 to 12 January 2009. Register NOW for 2008 SmartOP at www.smartop.qsa.qld.edu.au

University of Queensland special entry schemes

The UQ-Link Special Entry Scheme provides access to University for students who have experienced educational disadvantage as a result of financial hardship. The scheme enables the University to consider eligible students for “special entry” if they do not reach the OP required for their chosen program.

In addition, the University offers students admitted through the UQ-Link scheme a special orientation program and access to on-going student support. Students eligible for the UQ-Link scheme may also apply for a UQ-Link Residential Support Scholarship, which offers financial assistance with the cost of accommodation in the first year of study. Applications for UQ-Link Residential Support Scholarships are made online via the QTAC website. The applications are separate to the QTAC applications for tertiary study.

Other special entry schemes available to students include:

1. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Alternative Entry
2. Special Consideration of Educational Disadvantage (SCED) through QTAC.

All applications are treated in the strictest confidence. For more information and an application form, see the school Guidance Officer, visit the website

(<http://www.uq.edu.au/study/uqlink-entry>) or contact UQ Admissions on: (07) 3365 2203 or by emailing: uq.link@admin.uq.edu.au Applications close on the 27th of October 2008.

Charles Hawker Scholarships

The Charles Hawker Scholarships, valued at up to \$60, 000 over four years, are the most generous privately funded scholarships in Australia. Current Year 12 students can apply for the scholarships and selection is based on personal qualities and experience as well as academic ability.

To make the most of this extraordinary opportunity, visit: www.hawkersscholarship.org or phone (08) 8127 1654. Applications for the 2009 scholarships open on December 1st, 2008 and close on January 9th, 2009.

Teaching Scholarships

The Pearl Duncan Teaching Scholarship program honours the first Indigenous Queensland to receive qualifications in teaching, Ms Pearl Duncan. These 15 scholarships are available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who aspire to become teachers with Education Queensland through studies at a recognised Queensland university.

The scholarships provide financial assistance of up to \$20, 000 (before tax) over four years to recipients studying teaching degrees in Queensland universities. Applications are invited from Year 12 graduates. Applications for the scholarships close on 13 October, 2008.

Bec Bratby
A/HOD Senior Schooling

P&C NEWS

Education Queensland has launched a new model constitution for P&C Associations that meets the requirements of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006. P&C Associations are required under the Act to have a constitution.

The 2008 Narangba Valley State High School P&C Association Model Constitution will be available at the school office for a period of seven (7) days, for your perusal. Should you have any questions or queries in relation to the new constitution we would ask that you complete the “Comments” page contained in this folder.

Next P&C General Meeting: 7pm – 27th October, 2008 – Common Room – Administration Building. All members of our school and local community are welcome.
Narangba Valley P&C Association Executive Committee

BRING HOME A BROTHER OR SISTER

In February 2009, students aged 15-18 years, from over 15 countries will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for 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

ORGAN DONOR

Register your INTENT to be an

Organ donor

Did you know that 16 and 17 year olds can register their intent to donate on the Australian Organ Donor Register? All you need is your Medicare card number, and the number that is next to your name on the card. Visit a Medicare office or go On-line to www.medicareaustralia.gov.au and fill out a registration form. If registering On-line, a confirmation will be posted to you. Sign it and send it back in the supplied pre-stamped envelope.

Whatever your personal choice might be, it is extremely important to discuss your thoughts with YOUR FAMILY.

The more of your family that knows of your decision, the more probable your last wishes will be respected.

BASEBALL

UNDER 16s

WE WANT YOU!

Do you want to play baseball?

Narangba Demons Baseball Club is gearing up for the new season to commence October 11. If you were born in 1993 & 1994, the Club is

offering **HALF PRICE** Player Fees.

ENQUIRIES:

Gail Hodgson – 33856970 Fred Koolstra - 0414 262367

BASEBALL – A GREAT SPORT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

PINE RIVERS CRICKET CLUB

Players urgently needed for Saturday morning Cricket. We are short in most age groups and are desperately seeking more boys and girls, especially in our Under 10, 11, 14 and 16 teams. We also have vacancies in our In2Cricket programme for the younger ones so no matter what your age if you want to play, give me a call ASAP. Call Barry on 3283 6168 or 0404 071 017