



PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

A warm welcome back to all students and families. Term 4 is already shaping up to be a busy and exciting one! So much is happening this term that I am sure it will rush by for all students and before we know it Christmas will be upon us.

Summer Uniforms: With the start of Term 4 we are back in summer mode for uniforms. Please refer to your child's diary to access information about the summer uniform. It is essential that the uniform is worn correctly each day. We are proud of our students and our school as I know you are and we wish the broader community to have the same view. This will and does benefit our students from the point of view of gaining employment and other opportunities due to the good reputation of our student body and school. Please note that black shoes must be worn.

Date Claimer: 1. Our gala academic night of the year is "Celebration Showcase". This evening is to be conducted on Tuesday 28th October in the PALACE. It is a fantastic evening where the great work of students and teachers is recognised.

2. We are also having a presentation evening for students sporting achievements. The date of this is being finalised and I will inform you of the details in due course.

Study Programs: We are heading towards the finalisation of our learning programs and it is imperative as we head in to the final assessment period that students give maximum focus to their studies and assignments. Please ensure you discuss this issue with your child and ensure you and they are comfortable with their planning and allocation of time for these assessment requirements. This is crucial to success. In effect for example Year 12 students have three weeks of learning left and Year 11 have four weeks left before the testing period.

Ross Mackay
Principal

DEPUTY NEWS

Update on Information Technology

As many of you will be aware, the Federal Government has a program known as its "Digital Revolution", which is a program aimed at increasing the access of students in Yrs 9 to 12 to Information and Communication Technologies. As a result of this initiative, we have been invited to make a submission in the Second round of applications and thanks go to Mrs Mc Donald (Head of Department – ICT/Business) and the ICT Committee, in ensuring we were able to complete the application by the due date. Further updates, as information becomes available.

Also on the ICT front, a number of teachers have received their notebook computers under the State Governments "Computers for Teachers" initiative. Over the next month, the majority of teaching staff will be receiving their

computer. To support this initiative, the school has arranged many Professional Development afternoons, where staff learn how to use the great software available now and more importantly, how to use ICT resources to engage the "(Digital Generation", more fully in school.

As well as staff giving up many afternoons for their professional development, the school is undertaking many e-learning trials. These trials involve staff being given access to cutting edge software and hardware, with a view to developing units and activities at the very cutting edge of what is technologically possible. All of the initiatives have students as their core focus as we continue to ensure that Narangba Valley SHS really does live up to its motto of "Challenging the Future".

Educational Programs and All Students

It needs to be acknowledged that the key reason for students attending school is to achieve optimum learning outcomes. This focus is supported by Education Queensland and relevant Government policy. All students must ensure they meet their obligation of attending school regularly, being on time, having all the necessary resources to function effectively in classes and meeting assignment, homework and other assessment requirements. Achieving rigour regarding schoolwork at school and at home is essential for your child to experience success. Please ensure that your child meets the expectations in the areas as stated above. I would be happy to discuss issues around these expectations if you wish. Your child can only benefit now and in the long term with your vigorous support of the school.

For post compulsory students legislation indicates that cancellation of enrolments may occur if certain expectations are not realised. The grounds for cancellation for a student who is more than the age of compulsory attendance are:

- (a) the student's persistently disruptive behaviour is adversely affecting the education of other students at the institution or
- (b) the student's behaviour amounts to refusal to participate in the program of instruction provided at the institution.

Examples of this may include:

- persistent and extended truancy
- failure to complete assessment requirements across subjects
- failure to actively participate in teacher guided activities

Student absence from school and/or lateness to school is a serious concern. All students have the responsibility to ensure they discuss with the teacher and catch up any work that may have been missed. Students must be encouraged to take ownership of their own learning and educational progress.

Adam, Cathy, Jennifer and Sean

CANTEEN ROSTER



Monday -	20/10	SFD
Tuesday -	21/10	Julie & Chris
Wednesday -	22/10	Sue & Betty
Thursday -	23/10	Carol, Kharla & Heather
Friday -	24/10	Liz
Monday-	27/09	Gayle & Cathy
Tuesday-	28/09	Julie & Chris
Wednesday-	29/09	Sue & Diane
Thursday-	30/09	Carol, Kharla & Kaylene
Friday-	31/09	Liz

EVENTS

SCHOOL EVENTS CALENDAR - 2008

20 th October	Student Free Day
21 st October	Drama Excursion to QTC
22 nd October	Music Excursion(pm)
28 th October	Celebration Showcase

"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.

UNIFORM SHOP

START PLANNING

Get in early and purchase uniforms for 2009. Most items are available. You can also order now and make regular payments for the rest of the year. There will be a price increase from the beginning of January, so get in early and

place your order. You must order and collect before the end of the year to beat the increase. Order forms are available in the Uniform Shop.

Students going from Year 9 into Year 10 will require a Senior Polo shirt. All students in Years 10, 11 & 12 need to wear a senior tie with their formal uniform at all times. Both of these items are available now.

In your child's diary is the Uniform Policy for the school, so please read carefully before purchasing any part of the uniform. Copies of this policy are also available in the Uniform Shop.

STATIONERY

Stationery lists for 2009 have gone out to students this week. Please complete the appropriate form and return **with payment** to either the Uniform Shop or the office. Payment can only be made by credit card, cheque or money order. **NO CASH CAN BE ACCEPTED.**

If your child did not receive a stationery list, copies are available from the Uniform Shop or the office.

If you have any queries regarding uniforms or stationery please phone 3385 4502.

Thank You
Robyn

MESSAGE FROM YOUR SCHOOL NURSE

Mental Health Week runs from Sunday, 5 October to Saturday, 11 October and is aimed at increasing awareness and understanding of mental health in our community. The theme in 2008 is 'Be Mind Wise'.

Staying healthy means looking after yourself physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. By giving a little attention to these areas each day you can help yourself to stay well and strong.

Some key messages from this year's theme are:
How do we relax, invigorate and nourish our minds?
How do we have a meaningful life in such a busy world?
Promoting life balance.
Becoming aware, promoting balance, taking control, taking action.

Top tips to being mind wise:

Make time each day to look after your mental health
Be kind to yourself and to others
Do things that make you feel good: participate, you'll feel great.
Balance work and leisure time
Enjoy regular exercise: healthy body, healthy mind
Appreciate the good in life
Know the signs
Get help if you need it.
I would like to encourage everyone to put mental health on the top of their agenda this week and throughout 2008.



FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Middle School Newsletter

The MSN will be distributed again in the coming week via email. If you have not signed up please email middle.school@narangbavalleyshs.eq.edu.au and include your student's name and year level in the subject. In addition, if you do not have access to an email account and would like a copy given to your child or posted home please call the office and leave your details.

NAPLAN – Year 9 Students Reports

In the last week of term 3 the NAPLAN, National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy, Reports detailing individual student achievement were distributed. These are the results for the national tests held in May this year. It is very important that you have read this report with your child and identified areas of strength or weakness that may need to be focussed on for future improvement. If you have not yet received this report, the students can collect their report from the office. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to email the middle school account above or call me and I will be happy to assist.

Learning Improvement Plans and Student Achievement

I wish to thank all the teachers, families and students in Year 8 and 9 who have worked so hard to improve their academic achievement. The short term results have been outstanding and I encourage students to keep up the hard work over the last term. This program will roll over into 2009 and we will continue to track student achievement through this program. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Narangba Burpengary Cluster Schools' Public Speaking Competition

Attention all Year 8 and 9 Students.

If you are interested in public speaking and wish to nominate to be part of this event please see Miss Senior for an information sheet. There are prizes and certificates for all competitors with the winners taking away trophies and major prizes. Good Luck to everyone.

Liz Senior
A/HOD Middle Schooling

VET NEWS

2009 sees exciting developments in the increase in offerings of Vocational Education (VET) courses within the school. This will allow students who wish to follow a technical pathway, the opportunity to do courses that will still enable them to receive credits towards their Queensland Certificate of Education.

VET Certificate courses are recognised within the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF), and this may give advanced standing towards a traineeship or apprenticeship and/or credit on entry to higher level courses at TAFE institutes and other registered organisations.

In year 10 all students will study Certificate I in Work Education (30626 QLD), some students will also have the opportunity to study a SRC10206 Certificate I in

Community Recreation and also a BSB10107 Certificate I in Business.

Students in Years 11 and 12 have the opportunity to select from 7 courses

Certificate I in Work Readiness (30625 QLD)- selected students only

BSB20107 Certificate II in Business

MEM10105 Certificate I in Engineering

SAS Furnishing & LMF10102 Certificate I in Furnishing

SRC20206 Certificate II in Community Recreation (Fitness)

SAS Hospitality & SIT10207 Certificate I in Hospitality Embedded VET

Business Communication Technologies (BSB20101 Certificate II in Business)

Information Technology Systems (ICA20105 Certificate II in Information Technology)

Certificate I courses contribute 2 credits to QCE.

Certificate II courses contribute 4 credits towards QCE.

These subjects allow students to prepare for work, provide skills in a more diverse range of occupations and prepare them for future successes.

It will be great seeing so many of our students exploring alternate pathways in 2009.

Should students have any questions about these courses please do not hesitate to contact Miss Speers A/HOD Senior Schooling VET/HEC or the relevant subject HOD.

Miss Speers

JAPAN TOUR 2008

An amazing two weeks were had by 22 Narangba Valley students and 2 teachers this last holiday period. It was a steep learning curve about the demands of travelling and working together for the good of the group. Highlights of the trip included:

Tokyo Station during rush hour

Karaoke

Kiara's birthday dinner

Deers and chasing monkeys at Miyajima Island

Universal Studios Japan - Osaka

Disneyland

Shopping at Harajuku

100 yen shops

Kinkakuji (Golden Pavillion - Kyoto)

Folding cranes for Sadako at Hiroshima

Hondoori (Book Street) shopping in Hiroshima

Treasured memories with Homestay families

Japan Tour 2008 = A trip of a lifetime.

Ms. Lewer and Mrs. Wilson.

Kind regards,

Tania Wilson.

Narangba Valley State High School.

LOTE Coordinator.

FROM THE SCIENCE FACULTY

Students recently highlighted their Chemistry abilities in the Royal Australian Chemical Institute's National Chemistry Quiz. Our students were awarded 14 High Distinctions, 9 Distinctions and 15 Credits which is a fantastic result. Year 11 student Alex Gilmour was also awarded a trophy of excellence by RACI for his top result which is an outstanding achievement.

Congratulations to the following students!

CREDIT - Year 8

Joshua WILLIAMS
Luke PERRYER
Charlotte CLARK
Georgia HOLMES

CREDIT - Year 9

Adetayo ADENIYI
Ashleigh FLEISCHFRESSER
Saskia GILMOUR
Travers MILLS

CREDIT - Year 10

Christopher ARCHIBALD
Jessica BARR
Alex HAY
Lorenzo MAUGUERET
Nathan PARKER
Daniel HORSFALL

CREDIT - Year 12

Matthew TREVOR

DISTINCTION – Year 8

Jessica GRIFFIN

DISTINCTION – Year 9

Adrian RANDLE
Alisdair COLLINS

DISTINCTION – Year 10

Mitchell HATCH
Aaron DOHLE
Kristian ILPOLA
Kharla JONES
Luke MITCHELSON

DISTINCTION – Year 11

Elizabeth HARVEY

HIGH DISTINCTION – Year 8

Lachlan ROBERTS
Tristian DELROY
Eric LACEY-ANDRIKIS

HIGH DISTINCTION – Year 9

Rachel MATTHEWS

HIGH DISTINCTION – Year 10

Kristiane FOX
Nathan NEWTON
Katelyn ROBERTS

HIGH DISTINCTION – Year 11

Jess BEAHAN

Alex GILMOUR
Christopher MURPHY
Dean RAPHAEL-WALTER
Dale THOMPSON

HIGH DISTINCTION – Year 12

Laurie DART
Luke GRZESICZAK

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

Although we are on the home straight for 2008, we still have a lot going on for term 4

DANCE

Our dancers are working furiously towards both the Murrumba Dance Competition and the annual Narangba Valley SHS Dance Night. Last year at the Murrumba Dance Competition we were very successful but this year, with both our junior and senior entries, we intend to really knock their socks off.

Dance night on October 22nd, is our chance to highlight the incredible standard of both our Academy and mainstream classes. The night is open to the public but to assist with management of the night, there will be no door sales. Tickets will be on sale as of this week for \$6 and are available from the dance teachers.

DRAMA

Post musical (which I'm sure everyone would agree was fantastic), the drama department is starting to return back to normal. Scheduled for later in the term, we have several minor performances designed to give parents the opportunity to view the quality of work their students have been engaged in. Our senior drama students also have the opportunity to view quality work as we are off to the QTC to see The Importance of Being Ernest on Oct 22nd.

MUSIC

In the music department, we prepare to say a sad farewell to our graduating Extension Music class. Extension Music is an advanced course for year 12 students which is only offered in select schools. The student's final results have been nothing short of outstanding which means, yet again, Narangba Valley leads the way in academic excellence.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

And finally to our Instrumental Music program. We all wait with baited breath as our much loved IM teacher Leigh Jabs awaits the birth of her first child. Replacing her for the remainder of the term is Mr Alan Kewley who brings with him years of experience and a passion for ensemble work.

Mr Kewley will take on the Concert and Symphonic Wind Ensemble with Mr Hamlin still working with the Stage band and Mr Jarvela with Strings. All lessons will continue the same as will band rehearsal times.

Many thanks to the warm welcome I have received from both parents and students as I return to work after the birth of my third child earlier this year. My thanks also, to Mr John Coulson who looked after the department so brilliantly in my absence.

As usual, don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Keep smiling.

Carol Brodie
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