

NAVIGATOR - 2008



TERM 4, November 14th 2008

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

What a fabulous night our Celebration Showcase was again this year! This gala evening is the night of the year we recognise and celebrate outstanding student performance. This is in all the various academic endeavours and cultural activities. Our students have really excelled in 2008. The talent didn't stop with our acknowledging our highest performing students as the audience was treated to outstanding performances by our dancers and musicians. It was great to see our teachers presenting as the high quality educational fraternity that they are in academic gowns. What a marvellous spectacle it was to see our highly skilled teaching staff in their academic colours and presenting as one. Our Junior Dux for 2008 is Angela Zhang and our Senior Dux is Jason Patty. The Spirit of Success medal went to Ashleigh Lawler and the Caltex All Rounder Award for 2008 was awarded to Jason Patty.

Congratulations to all! We are so proud of you!!

Prior to this we were amazed at the talented work of our artists. At the Art Exhibition last Monday evening our hugely talented students presented their outstanding works. We were all so impressed not only by the technical quality of their work but by the very profound statements that many had made through the various media used. Just so impressive! Huge congratulations are in order to Mr Coulson and the art teachers for their commitment to our students.

We have also this week had our Sports Awards where our elite sportsmen and women were acknowledged both at the school, district and national levels.

This was an afternoon celebration as a trial of a new model to recognise our sports achievers. Your feedback would be most welcome by Ms Pfingst and Mr McMahon.

The busy week didn't stop there with the presentation of the Music Awards evening. Our fabulously talented students treated the audience to outstanding performances during the presentation of the various awards. The accolades just keep coming for our brilliant staff and students!
Congratulations to all!

As well, we have had the "Valleywood" Film and Television Awards. This brilliant evening highlighted the outstanding talent and the great work of our Film and Television students and staff. It was just a superb evening with the finalists being presented in

four categories. Ms Benson and Mr Coulson really outdid themselves with the organisation and the format of the evening. It was just superb with the enthusiastic audience being treated to the wonderfully creative efforts of our students.
Congratulations everyone!

This coming Friday the 21st November we farewell our Year 12 students of 2008. I wish each and every student all the very best for a wonderful future ahead. I hope that each student receives the outcomes from their study that they deserve and find careers and lifestyles for the future that provide them with happiness and fulfilment. Thank you Year 12s of 2008 for all you have done to assist our school to be what it is today! We as a teaching and support staff will miss you!!!

Ross MacKay
Principal

DEPUTY NEWS

Over the last fortnight we have had our final opportunities to showcase our current year 12 student's work in the Visual Arts department. Two fantastic evenings were held where student work was open for all to enjoy. The beautiful, the controversial, and the realistic art displayed were perfectly complemented by our Yr 12 hospitality student's offerings. This was followed later in the week by our prestigious FTV 'eNVy' awards. Again the work presented showed the commitment, dedication and talents of our students.

Performing Arts also took opportunity last week to acknowledge the hours of practice and performance our music students undertake to support all the major events of Narangba Valley SHS. Thank you to all our students involved in our music programs.

Our year 12 students have begun their final round of assessment. We wish all Year 12 students the best for their future as they graduate on Friday, 21st November. The Year 11 students will follow in their footsteps with 6 days of exams from the 17th November. Year 10s and 11s final day of attendance is the 28th November. Year 8 and 9 students will need to be studying for their final assessment of the year.

Adam, Cathy, Jennifer and Sean

CANTEEN ROSTER



Monday -	17/11	Cathy & Judy
Tuesday -	18/11	Julie & Chris
Wednesday -	19/11	Sue & Betty
Thursday -	20/11	Carol, Kharla & Kaylene
Friday -	21/11	Liz
Monday-	24/11	Gayle
Tuesday-	25/11	Julie & Chris
Wednesday-	26/11	Sue & Diane
Thursday-	27/11	Carol, Kharla & Heather
Friday-	28/11	Liz

Last Trading Day for the Tuck Shop is Tuesday 9th December.

The Tuck shop will be closed on *Wednesday 10th, Thursday 11th and Friday 12th* December 2008, students are reminded to bring a packed lunch on those days.

EVENTS

SCHOOL EVENTS CALENDAR - 2008	
17 th -24 th November	Yr11 Exam Block
19 th November	Yr12 Formal
20 th November	Yr10 Drama Academy Performance(pm)
21 st November	Graduation Ceremony
21 st November	Yr12 Finish
25 th November	Yr 11 Drama Night
28 th November	Yr 10, 11 Finish

UNIFORM SHOP

Get in early for 2009. Most uniform items are in stock for you to purchase now and beat the price increase that will happen in 2009. Please read the Uniform Policy carefully before purchasing items. This can be found in your child's diary or a copy is available from the Uniform Shop.

The Uniform Shop is open at the following times.

UNIFORM SHOP CLOSED THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER

REGULAR HOURS

**TUESDAY
8.00 — 10.00**

WEDNESDAY

1.00 — 3.00

THURSDAY

1.00 — 3.00

BACK-TO-SCHOOL HOURS

2008

SAT. 6 Dec.

9.00 — 12.00

2009

TUES/WED 20 & 21 Jan.

9.00 — 3.00

THURS. 22 Jan.

9.00 — 3.00

SAT. 24 Jan.

9.00 — 3.00

TUES/FRI 27 & 30 Jan

8.00 — 10.00

WED/THUR 28 & 29 Jan

8.00 — 10.00

and 1.00 — 3.00

There are various ways uniforms can be purchased these are:-

Uniform Shop is open for parents in the hours mentioned above.

Students can access the Uniform Shop at 11.00am (first break) every day.

Parents can phone 3385 4502, order and pay by credit card for student to collect.

You can order online

(www.narangbavalleyshs.eq.edu.au). Payment can then be made in person or over the phone as above.

Ordering for back-to-school can be done on an order form available from the Uniform Shop.

STATIONERY

Stationery lists for 2009 have now gone out to students. 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 require a Year 8 stationery list these, are available from the Uniform Shop, Office or the Office of your Primary School.

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

CASHIER NEWS

Parents are advised that the school **administration office will be closed for financial transactions from 3.00pm on Thursday 11th December 2008.** No payments can be received after this date as all finances must be closed off for the end of the school year.

The Office will re-open on Thursday 22nd January 2009.

ENGLISH FACULTY NEWS

Congratulations to two very high achieving English students; Ryan O'Rourke from Year 11 and Tristian Delroy from Year 8. Both of these students were recently awarded a "High Distinction" in the Australasian English competition for scoring in the top 1% of the population. Well done!

Also the English Faculty would like to wish our year 12 students all the best as they finish their secondary school education. It has been a pleasure teaching you and we are sure you will succeed in anything you choose to do. We will miss you.

ACCELERATED ENGLISH PROGRAM

Year 9

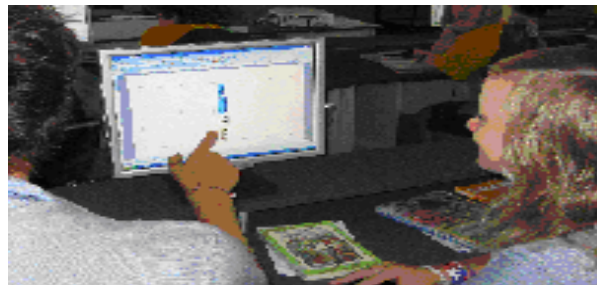
We take pleasure in advising you all that Michael Baker (Year 9 Accelerated English) has submitted the winning Haiku poem "Twilight" into the Secondary category of the Online Poetry Competition at *The Learning Place*. Michael has won a Certificate of Merit and a one hour online chat for his entire class with acclaimed author Libby Hathorn.

Year 8

As the assessment period is quickly approaching, students in the Year 8 Accelerated English Program are busy completing an assessment item. This involves creating a new dust jacket for a novel, or designing a website for a new edition of a previously published novel.

The English computer hub has been a hive of activity, with students using technology to enhance their productions. It has given students an excellent opportunity to share their skills, and to help each other with their projects.

The students' final work will be on display in the Resource Centre in the last two weeks of term.



Year 8 Accelerated English students working together to create an eye-catching dust jacket

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

Our Stage band, directed by Bruce Hamlin, took out the silver awards at the Prestige Music Awards "MusicFest" competition held last Friday at Calamvale. This is a huge competition which pits primary and secondary schools, both private and public, against each other.

Our silver award (which Mr Hamlin thinks should have been gold as our students were fantastic!) was added to by fantastic results in many individual categories. They include Best drummer- Jake Tomlins, Best Trumpet solo- Aaron Hamilton and Best Trumpet section- Aaron Hamilton, Peter Correlje, Trent Lewis and Michael Anstey. Could you please join me in congratulating these students (and Mr Hamlin) who have, yet again, showcased the quality of our Instrumental Music program.

If you have never previously been involved in Instrumental Music, we offer one of the most extensive programs in South East Queensland. Students are able to access training in brass, wind, strings and percussion and, including our anticipated student numbers for 2009, we are also one of the largest programs with nearly 120 of our students learning and developing their skills as musicians. To further our program we also have on offer Vocal training with a private tutor. This arrangement is based on a user pay system but in most cases, we are able to timetable the lessons into the student school day.

Anyone interested in being involved in either our Instrumental or Vocal programs for 2009, should contact Ms Brodie (A/HOD- Performing Arts) for more details.

Well done to everyone in IM. 2008 has been another fantastic year.

Carol Brodie

MIDDLE SCHOOLING NEWS

Narangba Burpengary Cluster Schools' Public Speaking Competition.

This annual event was held on Tuesday 11th November at Narangba Valley State High school and was a fantastic display of the talent of students from our school and the local primary schools. The theme this year focussed around Education Queensland's Year of Physical Activity with students presenting important statistics about this issue and ideas and tips on how to stay active. Many students also included information about personal experiences and talked about how they had influenced their lives.

A big thank you to our MC Miss Neale-Diversi and our judges Mrs Trappett, Jason Patty and Lyn Roberts from the Burpengary State School P & C.

Congratulations to all the participants and to our winners below.

Division One: Year 4/5

1st Place – Myles Lawler (NVSS)

2nd Place – Amber Pollock (JSS)

3rd Place – Sahibjeet Bains (JSS)

Division Two: Year 6/7

1st Place – Chantelle Richards (NVSS)

2nd Place – Chloe Litherland (BSS)

3rd Place – Madeline Wilson (NVSS) and Caitlin Hallan (JSS)

Division Three: Year 8/9

1st Place – Michaela Bakewell

2nd Place – Lachlan Roberts

3rd Place – Tristan Delroy

Liz Senior
A/HOD Middle Schooling



Josh Williams, Felicity Paddison, Lachlan Roberts, Michaela Bakewell and Tristan Delroy

SENIOR SCHOOLING NEWS

Successes in the Senior School

There have been many successes in the Senior School in Term 4 and congratulations are extended to all students in Years 10, 11 and 12 who have

excelled in academic, technical, sporting or cultural activities.

Special congratulations are extended to Trent Clark, Jessica Beahan and Paris Benoit. These three students recently received recognition for their community involvement and commitment to the school through the *Australian Defence Force's 'Long Tan Leadership Awards'*. Each student was recognised for their individual leadership and received certificates and monetary prizes at a recent school awards presentation. Well done!

Further congratulations are extended to all students who received awards through Narangba Valley's annual *Celebration Showcase* ceremony on the 28th of October and Sports Awards ceremony on the 6th of November. It was wonderful to see so many senior students achieving success. Additional recognition is extended to Sarah Turner (Year 12) who received the Age Champion award for swimming this year – as she has done every year since Grade 8. This is certainly an achievement to be proud of.

Apprenticeship news

GJ Glass at Eagle Farm are looking for two FULL TIME APPRENTICES for Certificate 3 Engineering - Fitting and Turning. They may also have positions for Glass Glazing and Electrical.

Contact is Jeff Neden 3815 4446 or email jeff_neden@gjames.com.au he is happy to receive phone calls from students to get their contact details initially as he realises that they have exams and schoolies coming up. Resumes are good but he can get to that further into the process.

Special offer for high school students – Blue Cards

Many students will, or may wish to, enter the building and construction industry through a variety of occupations. One of the requirements to be able to get onto a construction site is the successful completion of the construction industry induction – also known as the Blue Card.

Occupational Health Services Australia (OHSA) is a leading safety and training provider that offers the Blue Card online and has helped thousands of people to get onto site and into work. As a special offer to high school students moving into the building and construction industry, OHSA are offering all high school students the opportunity to complete the Blue Card on-line through www.bluecard.net.au/ for just \$45. This is a significant saving off the face-to-face course cost of \$70 and the normal online price of \$60.

If you would like any further information contact OHSA on 1300 647 200 or go to the website at: <http://www.ohsa.com.au/>

Miss Bec Bratby
A/Head of Department – Senior Schooling

VISUAL ART/ FTM NEWS

Endpoint

Congratulations to all the staff and students involved in the incredibly successful exhibition of senior student work, *ENDPOINT*. A collection of works was displayed inside and surrounding the PALACE Amphitheatre, creating a unique and powerful exhibition of work. The event was also fully catered by the NVSHS Hospitality department, once again demonstrating their incredible culinary prowess. Thank you to all who helped make this evening a success.

Park opening

Last week Visual Arts students were invited to attend the opening of the new youth space and park *The Avenue*. The year 11 SAS Art students collaborated with local artist David Atkinson to help come up with new and innovative art works for the space. Their work is first class and is to be applauded, along with their maturity and behaviour at the opening.

The eNVy's

The second annual Film and Television Awards, 'the eNVy's' also went off without a hitch, acknowledging the creative works and hard work of senior Film and Television students. The brainchild of Mrs Debra Benson (Film and TV Coordinator), the eNVy's is a fantastic opportunity for students to get dressed up, share and celebrate their work and that of their peers. It was a splendid evening with a wonderful atmosphere that can only be attributed to the respect, commitment and integrity of teachers and students involved.

Thank-you to all members of the school community for your continued support of the Visual Arts and Film and TV Department.

Regards
John Coulson
A/HOD – Visual Art/Information Services

MESSAGE FROM YOUR SCHOOL NURSE

Skin Cancer

The 16th-22nd November is National Skin Cancer Action Week. Skin cancer is one of the most preventable cancers, but, despite this, Queensland continues to have the highest rate of skin cancer in the world.

Over exposing your skin to the sun at any time increase your risk, but that risk is greatest during the summer months. Six doses of sunburn between the ages of 12-25 years of age double your chances of developing melanoma, the most deadly of all skin cancers. A tan does not protect you from skin cancer, in fact a tan is a sign of skin damage. It takes

just 10-15 mins for skin to burn during those hottest hours from 10am to 2pm.

You can reduce your risk by:

Seeking shade during your breaks

Keeping sunscreen in your school bag and put it on before school, before outdoor activities, before walking home.

Wearing a hat – preferably wide brimmed

Wear close fitting sunglasses that offer 100% UV protection

Don't Turn Your Back On A Mole

You need to seek medical advice on moles when:

A **new mole** appears

A mole **increases** in size

The outline becomes **notched**

The **colour changes** from brown to black or is varied rather than uniform

The surface becomes **rough** or **scaly** or **ulcerated**

It **itches** or **tingles**

It **bleeds** or **weeps**

It looks **different** from others

If you have any doubt about a mole, consult your **doctor NOW**.

For more information, check out the sun safety promotion board in the school library, or, make an appointment with the school nurse.

Helen Cootes (Youth Health Nurse)

PODCAST MAKES MATHS NOT SCARY

by Mandel Bastion-Mc.Cabe (Year 10 Accelerated Maths Student)

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Mr Towers' Maths podcast presentation was a new and more interesting way of learning. The class was more engaged in the presentation than they would usually be by just watching a teacher write on the board. The

humorous pictures and variety of music made the presentation fun. It was easier to understand what to do and how to do it. I believe the class benefited from the podcast and learned much from the experience.

"It was a pleasure to see knowledge that I gained from Professional Development provided by the school being able to be implemented in the classroom with such positive results" - Mr Towers

