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TERM 4, November 27<sup>th</sup> 2008

## PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

This week has been a huge week for our Year 12 students. With our Senior Formal conducted on Wednesday evening (19/11) at the Sebel Citigate our students presented as the superb young men and women that they are. All had a thoroughly enjoyable night celebrating the culmination of a great year.

Following this on Friday it was with much fanfare and celebration that we farewelled this fantastic group. The enormous audience (composed mainly of parents and family members) enjoyed speeches and sentiments about our Year 12 students as we said our final goodbyes. What a great group of young men and women they are. A real credit to their families!  
I wish all Year 12 students every success and happiness in the future!

Our current Year 10 and 11 students are busily involved in assessment and preparing for the completion of their school year, which is Friday 28th November.

Parents please note that all textbooks etc need to be returned to school prior to your child embarking on vacation. This is essential to enable effective learning for other students in 2009. All parents please ensure if you wish to be part of the Textbook and Resources Hire Scheme in 2009 that the contract needs to be completed prior to your child's enrolment in 2009. This applies to all students. You may need to check if monies from 2008 have yet to be paid to determine if you are entitled to join the Hire Scheme. Please contact Sue on 33854555 to gain this information if required.

Congratulations are in order to all students and staff who have produced our outstanding school magazine for 2008. Special thanks to all students and staff for their hard work and leadership in this area. "Futurum" is an outstanding full colour record of all that students and staff have achieved this year. It is an amazing collection of memorable photos and stories. Truly a must have item for both students and staff.

I would like to wish all students and parents a very enjoyable and safe Christmas period. We have had an outstandingly successful year and your support for your child and our school is a key factor in our success. Have a wonderful Christmas and I look forward to working with you in 2009! Have a terrific fortnight!

**Ross Mackay**  
**Principal**



## MESSAGE FROM YOUR SCHOOL NURSE

The school has been advised that a student may have a skin infestation known as scabies. Scabies is caused by mites who burrow into the skin to live and reproduce. The mite does not transmit any other infectious disease, but, if not treated, scabies causes ongoing irritation, and resulting sores may become infected. It is also extremely infectious to other people.

Scabies is passed from person to person by close direct contact (regardless of cleanliness); in individual contact, in family groups and institutions. Scabies is less commonly passed on through clothes and bedclothes. Away from the human body mites die within 72 hours.

To ensure the wellbeing of your family, and to aid prevention of further transmission, please check for the following symptoms:

The skin infestation commonly involves the genital areas, buttocks, lower abdomen, wrists, forearms and webs between the fingers. Burrows are often difficult to see, but can most often be seen on the webs between the fingers, around the waist (under the belt line), in the creases of the wrists and elbows, and on the palms and soles of children.

It takes between three and six weeks after the first infestation with scabies for symptoms to appear. Mite droppings in the skin cause an itchy reaction, which may be severe. The itch is often worse at night and after a hot shower or exercise. There may be raised red lumps. Scratching can remove the tops of these lumps causing open sores, which can become infected.

If you notice any of the above symptoms, or have any type of itchy skin irritation, please consult your doctor for advice and, if scabies is confirmed, please ensure your child is treated appropriately before returning to school. Many thanks for your kind attention.  
Helen Cootes – School Based Youth Health Nurse

## EVENTS

SCHOOL EVENTS CALENDAR - 2008	
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Gold Level Movies
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Yr8 Drama Academy Night
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Yr7 into 8 Transition Day
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Yr8 & 9 Finish

## CANTEEN ROSTER

Monday -	01/12	Cathy & Judy
Tuesday -	02/12	Julie
Wednesday -	03/12	Sue & Betty
Thursday -	04/12	Carol, Kharla, Kaylene & Betty
Friday -	05/12	Liz
Monday-	08/12	Gayle
Tuesday-	09/12	Julie & Chris

**Last Trading Day for the Tuck Shop is Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December.**

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

## 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.

## UNIFORM SHOP

Get in early for 2009. Prices of uniforms will rise by approximately \$5.00 per item in 2009 so get in early and purchase now. 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](http://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

All Stationery orders are to be returned to the school by **TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER**. No orders can be accepted after this date.

We wish everyone a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Hope to see all students looking wonderful in 2009 in their correct uniform.

Thank You

Robyn

## VISUAL ART NEWS

### A fantastic achievement

Congratulations to Year 10 student Chelsea Goodacre who recently was awarded first place in a photography competition to raise awareness for Diabetes. Chelsea's work will be used for community education to raise awareness about diabetes. Chelsea has also been awarded \$2000 worth of photography equipment. Well done Chelsea – a momentous achievement!

### Moreton Bay Council Logo Development Project

Year 11 Visual Art students Michele Field and Serinda Mills were recently selected to participate in the Moreton Bay Councils logo development project. They joined 90 other students from schools in the region and participated in a variety of activities that explored the issues and opinions of young people. The students were also involved in creative design brainstorming to aid graphic designers in their task of developing the recently formed council's new logo. The girls were also complemented on their contribution, reminding us of the incredible talent at NVSHS!

On behalf of the Visual Art Department I would like to wish you a safe and enjoyable holiday and we look forward to seeing you in 2009.

John Coulson

A/HOD Visual Arts/ Information Services

