

# NAVIGATOR - 2009



TERM 1, February 27<sup>th</sup> 2009

## PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

In spite of the atrocious weather, a great day was had by all at the annual Swimming Carnival. Our new format focussing on fun and participation was a real hit with both students and staff. Students really enjoyed all the novelty pool events and the beach touch football. Our more serious competitors were also well catered for with trials being conducted to determine our school Swim Team for 2009. Congratulations go to all staff particularly Mr Webster on a great day and the first of many in the years to come with this format.

There are some important house-keeping issues I need to mention:

- A reminder to all parents when picking up or dropping students off in the car park area not to double-park. This is quite dangerous and inconsiderate also of other motorists. Please be cautious of pedestrians in and around the school campus at critical times of 8.00 to 8.40 and 2.30 to 4.00pm.
- Mobile phones if brought to school should only be the type with no camera facility available. Phones must be off and out of sight at all times during lessons. The school accepts no responsibility for the loss or theft of phones. We do however encourage all students to deposit the phone at the office at the beginning of the day and retrieve it at the end of the day, for safe keeping.
- Messages for students. Please understand in a school of over 1500 students, giving individual messages to students is not possible and is not a service we can offer. In the case of an emergency then staff can be released to access a child to provide a message but I stress; this is only in the case of an emergency.
- Please note our Parents and Citizens Association has developed a very effective Uniform policy and its current form is in your son/daughter's School Diary. Please ensure your son/daughter complies with the expectations as stated by your P and C Association. Particular attention needs to be given to ensuring students wear white socks that are clearly visible above the ankle, black shoes, no inappropriate jewellery and no make-up. It is important to realise that future references and support documents for your child may be ill-effected if the Uniform code is not adhered to.

I will be on leave for the period 23<sup>rd</sup> February to the 6<sup>th</sup> March. Mr Bennett will be Acting Principal during this time with Mr Shorten as Acting Deputy Principal.

Regards  
Ross MacKay  
Principal

## DEPUTY NEWS

Week 6 – we are well and truly into term 1. Our school curriculum has stabilised as we finalise both academic reviews and staffing. Parents and staff are interacting in information sessions and “meet and greet” opportunities.

Firstly, last Friday night the Performing Arts Department hosted a thoroughly enjoyable “instrumental music trivia night”. Thanks to the performing arts department and the parent support team who organised this event. Well done!

Secondly, we would like to thank all the parents who attended the Year 8 parent night last night. We look forward to seeing you all throughout the year and meeting even more of you at future events.

Next week Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March (yr 9/10) and Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March (yr 11/12) we will be hosting the parent teacher breakfasts. This is a great opportunity to meet some of the teachers your child engages with throughout their time at Narangba Valley SHS.

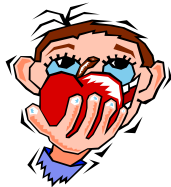
Please keep a close watch on the up coming newsletters for important dates. A key date to put in your diary is the Parent Teacher interviews. These will be held in the PALACE on Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> of April.

Adam, Cathy, Jennifer and Scott

## EVENTS

SCHOOL EVENTS CALENDAR - 2009	
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> March	School Photos
3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent/Teacher Breakfasts
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Alt Trial Day 1
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	QCE Parent info night
4 <sup>th</sup> March	Drama Excursion
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Regional Swimming
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Yr12 Mod & Ancient History Excursion
13 <sup>th</sup> March	Starquest

## CANTEEN ROSTER



Monday -	02/03	Cathy & Janet
Tuesday -	03/03	Julie & Chris
Wednesday -	04/03	Sue & Diane
Thursday -	05/03	Carol, Kharla & Kaylene
Friday -	06/03	Liz
Monday-	09/03	Gayle & Janet
Tuesday-	10/03	Julie & Chris
Wednesday-	11/03	Sue & Diane
Thursday-	12/03	Carol, Kharla & Heather
Friday-	13/03	Liz

## UNIFORM SHOP

Reminder of the opening hours for the Uniform Shop.  
Parents can access the Uniform Shop on -

**Tuesday** 8.00 – 10.00  
**Wednesday** 1.00 – 3.00  
**Thursday** 1.00 – 3.00  
*(Closed Monday and Friday)*

Students can access at first break (11.00) Monday to Thursday (closed for sales on Friday). Apart from Tuesday the Uniform Shop is not open to students before school.

There is a new phone number for the Uniform Shop and that is **3385 4550**. If there is no answer on this phone please leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

If you have ordered uniforms and not paid for them by the end of February, these uniforms will go back on the shelves.

All Maths Mates, English and Biology books are now available.

An order to the suppliers for jumpers and jackets is about to be placed. If you require a size under XXS (jumper) or XS (jacket) please inform the Uniform Shop on the above number. The jumpers are very generous and are a size down from the polo shirts. This order needs to be placed by the 27<sup>th</sup> February so any orders after that date cannot be guaranteed in time for winter.

## P & C NEWS

The Narangba Valley State High School Parents and Citizens Association's general meetings are held on the **fourth** Monday of each month commencing at 7pm in the Common Room.

**The annual general meeting will be held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2009 commencing at**

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**7pm.** The general meeting will follow on from the AGM. All positions will be vacated. Please consider becoming part of the Executive.

## TRIP TO THE GAME ON EXHIBITION

On Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> of February 114 Year 10 & 11 ICT students and 4 ICT students went to the Game On exhibition, situated in the Brisbane Library. A good day was had by all as our class ventured on the humble beginnings of video games, to the far more complex modern gaming consoles. I found the day thoroughly enjoyable, and educational, not to mention, an awesome addition to our gaming unit.

Everything there was interactive and fun. Some of the titles included, from the earlier section of gaming, space invaders and pong. To the modern day releases, such as Halo 3 and Guitar Hero.

The convention itself was well set out, with 2 stories of gaming. It made you appreciate the distance our technology has travelled over the past 40 years. Also there, games were networked together, so a group of people could enjoy playing against each other.

The day was a great success in my opinion and the school should have more days in the footsteps of that.

*Written by Dylan Martin – Yr 10*

## NEWS FROM YOUTH SUPPORT CO-ORDINATOR

Narangba Valley State High School would like to acknowledge and congratulate all of the students that participated in the Save the Children 'Basic Babysitting' program last year. The Basic Babysitting course is an activity-based course that aims to provide students with opportunities to learn practical childcare skills and to increase their understanding of children's needs. The courses, hosted by Narangba Valley State High School were supported and co-facilitated by the Youth Support Coordinator, Michelle Crocker, and our Student Support Team. The program ran twice over four consecutive days from 9am – 3pm. Of the thirty-five graduates whom completed the course 89% of participants have acknowledged a positive change in the way they care for children since they commenced the course. Other positive outcomes from the course include:

- 100% of participants report improvement in their awareness of children's needs and how to keep children happy, healthy and safe; communicate with children positively, the importance of play for children and reported an interest in participating in other courses of the same nature;
- 97% of participants said they felt more able to manage children's challenging behaviours;

- 92% of the participants indicated an interest in looking for part-time childcare employment;
- 88% said that the course helped them to build better relationships with their brothers and sisters; and
- 85% report that the course helped them to build a better relationship with their parents.

Due to the success of these courses we hope to run a "Basic Babysitting" course again this year. All of the thirty five graduates of the two programs celebrated the above achievements with their parents and teachers at a graduation ceremony on the final day of the course. To all the students, parents, members of staff and community organisations involved in the smooth running of the program, thank you for your contribution.

Michelle Crocker  
Youth Support Coordinator

## PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

### **Instrumental Music Trivia Night**

The Instrumental Music Trivia Night was a wonderful evening – thank you to all the parents and students that supported the evening. All funds raised will go to helping the Instrumental Music program. I would like to give a big thank you to the parents support group who organized the evening. I would also like to acknowledge the following business who donated prizes; please support them: *Dale Roche The Good Guys, Intensity Morayfield, Caboolture McDonalds, Dominos Pizza, Action Trophies Burpengary, Nova FM, Lolly World Lawnton, Book Hunter Burpengary, Vera's Imports Burpengary, Dreamy Donuts Morayfield and Coffee Club Northlakes.*

### **StartQuest**

Our annual talent quest StarQuest is on again – Friday March 13th @ 7pm in the PALACE. This year it is going to be massive! Spencer Howson from ABC radio is coming as a guest judge and competition is really starting to heat up. Tickets are available from the cashier for \$6 per person.

### **Instrumental Music Tour**

This year our music tour is planned for the end of Term 1 and is traveling to Northern NSW. This year's tour will involve the Stage Band, and Symphonic Wind Ensemble. The cost of this tour is \$340 and notes have been distributed to students. If your child has missed out on a note they need to collect one from Mr. Coulson ASAP. Please ensure you have purchased a band shirt for tour if you don't have one already by: 27/2/09 for \$35 from the uniform shop.

### **Arts email list**

In order to provide parents with the latest information, a Performing Arts email list is being developed. Recipients on this email list will receive updates via

email about upcoming events and meetings. If you would like to receive these emails please send an email to [jcoul33@eq.edu.au](mailto:jcoul33@eq.edu.au) with EMAIL LIST in the subject line. This is a great way to make sure you're informed about what is going on in Performing Arts.

### **Drama Excursion**

Just a reminder that the Year 11 and 12 drama excursion is on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Students will leave after form marking and will return to school between 4-4.30pm.

*If you have any questions or require further information please contact me at the school. Thank you for supporting the Performing Arts.*

John Coulson  
Head of Department  
Performing Arts

## FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

### **Year 8 Welcome and Information Evening.**

It was great to see so many parent visits with us on Monday at the BBQ and Information Evening. We hope the session was informative and also introduced you to you to the key support staff who will work with your students in 2009. Look forward to a great year for your students.

### **Parent Morning Teas**

A new initiative at Narangba Valley SHS for 2009 is the Year 8 and 9 Parent Morning Teas. The first will be held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March from 10.30am to 11.30 am in the eNVy Dining Room, Administration Building, NVSHS.

The focus of the morning tea will be to meet and mingle with our School Based Youth Nurse, Helen Cootes and Guidance Officer, Ali Dunbar. They will also conduct a short presentation about Adolescents in High School and then have an open floor session where you will be able to volunteer issues and topics for the future morning teas.

This is a great opportunity to meet and work with specialists who can advise and assist as your children grow and develop through their teens. To RSVP or for more information please contact Liz Senior on 3385 4555 or at [middle.school@narangbavalleyshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:middle.school@narangbavalleyshs.eq.edu.au)

### **MSN**

The first Middle School Newsletter (MSN) for 2009 will be distributed electronically on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February. It contains information specific to the Year 8 and 9 Students. If you would like to receive this please email your child's name and year level to [middle.school@narangbavalleyshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:middle.school@narangbavalleyshs.eq.edu.au).

Liz Senior  
Middle Schooling

## MORNING TEA

We extend an invitation to  
parents of Year 8 & 9 Students  
to attend our

*Parent Morning Tea*

*on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2009*

*from 10.30 am to 11.30 am*

*in the ENVY Dining Room,  
Administration Building  
Narangba Valley State High  
School*