



NAVIGATOR - 2009



TERM 1, April 8th 2009

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Mid Semester One Reports: The reports pertaining to your child's attitudes, behaviour, performance to date and engagement with the learning process for Term 1 were distributed to students on Wednesday 2nd April. Please ensure you review and discuss the findings on the report with your child and don't hesitate to contact teaching staff to discuss further if you desire.

Winter Uniforms: Parents are reminded that all students must have the correct Winter Uniform ready to start Term 2. Please refer to your child's 2009 diary for details or contact the school for information to be sent out to you. Our Uniform Shop sells all main components of the uniform. Note that for Yr 10,11,12 boys' long tailored navy blue pants are to be worn with a school tie in Terms 2 & 3. For Yrs 10,11,12 girls' long tailored navy blue slacks may be worn. Year 10, 11 and 12 girls must wear the formal tie in Terms 2 & 3. Also please note that the plain black leather/non-porous fully enclosed slip-on shoes must only be worn with the formal uniform and with white ankle socks or black stockings. Please also note that only the school monogrammed jackets and jumpers are permitted. Students without a note from parents explaining the situation may receive consequences if appropriate uniform articles are not worn.

*Please note the following clothing articles are **UNACCEPTABLE**:

Beanies; denim jeans; cargo pants; track pants with the formal shirt/blouse; undershirts; black coloured slacks or track pants, non-school track pants.

MP3 or Music Players: Please note that students are not to bring music players to school. These items are distracting from the core business of learning and create major issues around theft etc. Mobile phones are also not to be used as music players. These items are not part of our school culture and must be left at home. These items will be removed from students if the student chooses to ignore this directive.

Please also note that any student found using a camera or recording device in the school without permission may suffer extremely serious consequences.

Jewellery: Students are reminded that aside from simple small sleepers, small studs and a small signet ring all other jewellery is unacceptable. Health and safety factors for students in and around our school and with school activities require all students to adhere strictly to this policy.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all students, staff and members of the school community a restful and safe Easter break. See you all in Term 2.

Have a great fortnight!
Ross MacKay
Principal

DEPUTY NEWS

A reminder that, the Term 1 reports were given to students on Wednesday 1st April. If you have not seen this report card as yet, please firstly check with your son or daughter, as it may be lurking in the bottom of their school bag.

Further to the Reports, Parent Teacher evening was held on Tuesday 7th April and proved a great opportunity for staff and parents to meet and for us all to assist our students in achieving the best results they are capable of achieving. If you would still like to speak to, or meet with some of your child's teachers, please call the school office and we will arrange for the teacher to contact you.

As we head into the holidays, it is timely to remind parents and students of our uniform requirements. For example, Mondays are a compulsory, Formal Uniform day for all students, with boys in years 10-12, needing to wear a tie as part of their uniform. Also, remember that the school shoes are to be plain black and so if shopping for new shoes over the holidays, please keep this in mind. The strict uniform policy is in force for a variety of reasons, one of which is to do with ensuring safety of all on-site, as students and visitors can be clearly identified.

As we finish the term, we would like to wish all students and their families a safe and restful Easter and we look forward to catching up with our students, when school recommences on Tuesday 21st April.

Ms Jennifer Skeahan
Mr Sean Bennett
Ms Cathy Pfindt
Mr Scott Shorten

TERM 2 FOCUS WEEKS

Over the next term the school will be targeting specific areas of concern in terms of uniform and behaviour. Parents and students are reminded that expectations are clearly outlined in student's learning journey. Those students with infringements, such as, makeup, jewellery, not meeting uniform requirements and truancy will receive an appropriate consequence and parents will be notified.

EVENTS

SCHOOL EVENTS CALENDAR - 2009	
24 th April	Anzac Day Function
24 th April	Yr10/11 Japanese Excursion
28 th April	Careers Expo
30 th April	Expression Dance Excursion

CANTEEN ROSTER



Tuesday -	21/04	Julie & Chris
Wednesday -	22/04	Sue & Diane
Thursday -	23/04	Kharla, Kaylene, Carol & Gordon
Friday -	24/04	Liz & Judy
Monday-	27/04	Cathy & Janet
Tuesday-	28/04	Julie & Chris
Wednesday-	29/04	Sue & Diane
Thursday-	30/04	Carol, Kharla, Heather & Gordon
Friday-	01/05	Liz & Need Helpers

GAMES WEEK

CIICT on games

On the 25-29 May, Narangba Valley SHS will be holding their inaugural CIICT on games week. This week will be an opportunity to showcase students' talents in games design and programming as well as promote games design and/or programming as a career. The week will culminate in a CIICT on games Gala evening on Thursday 28th May at the school. At this event, the winning games will be announced and parents will be invited to attend the evening. There will also be displays of different video and computer games.

In preparation for the week, students in all year levels are making interactive games using a variety of software programs including Scratch, Flash and Gamemaker.

Students in the school will be asked to vote on these games to determine the best game for each year level. Stay tuned for more information.

Lyn McDonald
ICT and Business Head of Department.

ICT NEWS

ICT Support room guidelines – ICT01

Open lunchtime every day!

ICT 01 will be open at lunch 11 - 11.45am for student and staff ICT support.
(Thursdays it will be open second lunch from 12.40 - 1.25pm)

Students can work on assignments, have access to ICT teachers for ICT support, change and reset passwords, print assignments and use ICT facilities for learning purposes

FIELD STUDY

Year 12 Business Organisation and Management students were involved in a field study of a business in the Moreton Bay Region. Their research findings, including the results of their interview of management staff were compiled in an Operations Management Report. Students enjoyed gaining first-hand experience of the operations of a food outlet of their choice.

Kimberly Wesener's reflection on her experience was as follows: *"This assignment task was a fun and interactive one. It has given the students a chance to work with real managers. It has shown us how a business is run and this is a fun and great way to explore business. The managers and businesses that were involved in the interviews for this report have also gained knowledge of working with school students in a different scenario. It has been a very mature and interactive task. It has taught the students facts and given us a taste of what the real world is about."*

Fran Rees, Megan Roberts
Business Teachers

FROM THE SCIENCE FACULTY

Students in accelerated classes and senior sciences have been distributed permission forms for entry into the ICAS Science competition and RACI Chemistry Quiz. **These forms and payment is due to the cashier by the end of week 2 term 2.** All students are welcome to enter – forms are available from the Freeman staffroom.

These competitions provide students and teachers with an opportunity to receive valuable feedback regarding individual progress and comparisons with students across the state. Novel questions are completed under exam conditions and this practice improves general exam strategies and techniques, reduces exam anxiety and contributes in a positive way to their QCS preparation.

Tutorials are also being offered across science subjects. All students are encouraged to seek support in order to maximise their potential.

Chemistry - WED Lunch 1 with Mrs Volling in SC04
Biology – WED after school 3.30pm with Ms Brown
Chemistry & Physics – WED or THURS after school until 3.45pm with Mrs Gilmour

Please confirm your attendance with the relevant teacher in Freeman staffroom beforehand, or make an appointment with your class teacher.

SENIOR SCHOOLING NEWS

QCE Parent Information Evening

All students in Years 11 and 12 are working towards a QCE (Queensland Certificate of Education). This is the formal Senior Schooling certificate issued by the Queensland Studies Authority.

In order to receive a QCE at the end their schooling, students must have met very specific requirements throughout both Year 11 and Year 12. **Students who are not consistently achieving a "C" or higher in all subjects are at serious risk of not receiving a QCE.**

A QCE Parent Information Evening is being held at the school on Wednesday 6 May at 6.30 pm. Parents are encouraged to attend this evening to speak with the HOD Senior Schooling and Guidance Officer and to find out more about the QCE and how they can support their student in working towards their QCE.

To ensure adequate seating is provided, parents wishing to attend the QCE Information Evening must RSVP (by Monday May 1st) by calling the school office on (07) 3385 4555.

Celebrating student success

Congratulations are extended to Jason Patty – a graduate of NVSHS in 2008 and our school nominee for the prestigious "TJ Ryan Memorial Medal" award. In March, Jason was recognised by the TJ Ryan committee for his academic achievements and the leadership qualities he demonstrated in Year 12. This superb achievement provides an indication of the calibre of students we have at Narangba Valley SHS. Congratulations again Jason!

Students interested in pursuing medicine and other health science careers

Students interested in pursuing medicine and other health science careers need to sit the UMAT on July 29, 2009. The UMAT is the "Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test". Only one test session is held each year!

The test is used specifically to assist with the selection of students into the medicine, dentistry and health science degree programs at undergraduate level at specific universities.

Registrations for UMAT2009 are now open and will close at 5pm AEST on Friday 5 June. Late registrations will close at 5pm AEST on Friday 19 June. No further registrations will be accepted after that.

Students wishing to register for the UMAT must download the "UMAT Information Pack" from the UMAT website. Go to: <http://umat.acer.edu.au/>

For further information, please visit the UMAT website or call (03) 8508 7643 or (03) 9277 5746.

Getting reading for the UMAT

MedEntry is an international government accredited Registered Training Organisation specialising in UMAT preparation. MED Entry provides materials, workshops and training for students intending to sit the UMAT. For further information, please visit the website at:

www.MedEntry.edu.au or call (03) 9359 9960.

Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test – Application for Special Provision

The Queensland Studies Authority (QSA) recognises that some students may not be able to sit the test and need exemption or can only sit if we vary the conditions for sitting the test.

Exemption:

If you are OP-eligible and you believe you have valid grounds for exemption, you may apply to the QSA. Your OP eligibility will not be affected by exemption. Exemption does not apply to OP-ineligible students.

Varying the conditions for sitting the test:

If you believe you have valid grounds for variations, you may apply to the QSA.

Applications close on 21 May 2009. Applications received after this date will be processed if possible. Application forms are available on the QSA website. From the QSA homepage at www.qsa.qld.edu.au select Assessment>QCS Test>Special Provisions.

See Miss Bratby for more information or, alternatively, contact the Senior Operations Officer (Test Administration) on 3864 0475 or by email at qcs.spc@qsa.qld.edu.au

Nursing and Health Expo

Discover the world of nursing! Meet with Australia's leading nursing organisations at the Royal College of Nursing's "Nursing and Health Expo". As the only expo in Australia to profile all nursing options under the one roof, RCNA's Nursing and Health Expo will give students direct access to top universities, TAFEs and Hospitals in Queensland.

The expo will be held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre on Sunday 26 April from 10am to 3pm. For further information go to: www.rcna.org.au or call 1800 061 660.

Senior External Examination

The Senior External Examination is a set of subject examinations provided in October and November by the Queensland Studies Authority (QSA). Year 12 students can nominate to sit one or two examinations if they are unable to take the subject at school (eg. Chinese, Philosophy, etc).

Students must have tuition in the subject throughout the year in order to sit the exam. No course or teaching materials are provided by the QSA and student results are based solely on their performance on the examination. A student's result on the examination will appear on their Senior Statement and a sound achievement or better in a subject examination may contribute four credits towards the QCE.

Nominations close on 30 April and the cost of nomination is \$47. Late nominations close 31 August and the fee payable at this date is \$52. For more information about the Senior External Examination, see Miss Bratby or Mrs Dunbar (Guidance Officer) or visit the QSA website www.qsa.qld.edu.au (select 'Assessment' > 'Senior External Examination').

Miss Bec Bratby
HOD Senior Schooling

FINANCE NEWS

2009 Resource Hire Fees and Material Charges are now due. Failure to make these payments may result in your student being excluded from attending extra curricular activities (school formal, camps, gold level excursions etc.). All Year 9 & 10 AFL and Netball Academy students have now been invoiced.

To make payments easier, we offer the following services: Cash, cheque or money order payments; direct debit facilities via internet banking; credit card; or regular fortnightly deductions from your Centrelink payment. Please contact the Business Services Manager for further details.

Thank you
Lisa Harriss
Business Services Manager

FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

Binge Drinking can do Long Term Damage to the Brain

Some teenagers and young people, whether at the legal drinking age or not, are binge drinking on a regular basis. Binge drinking (the consumption of a large number of alcoholic drinks over a short period of time) is detrimental to all age groups; however there is mounting evidence that the developing teenage brain is particularly susceptible to damage from heavy drinking.

A number of recent studies have shown that teenagers who abuse alcohol have problems with memory, learning and other brain functions compared with their peers, and it is thought these effects could last into adulthood. In fact, an alarmingly large number of young drinkers have drunk so much alcohol during a session that they cannot remember what they did. This type of memory loss is called a 'blackout', and it is thought young people may be more at risk of having blackouts than adult drinkers.

So, not only can heavy drinking increase the risk of young people engaging in unsafe sexual activity, and other risk taking activities such as drink driving, it may leave a lasting impact on the brain.

Parents have an important role to play in the drinking behaviours of their children. Such things as discussing with your child your values and beliefs towards alcohol use; identifying safe drinking levels with young people; and most of all, role modelling behaviours you would like your children to adopt; will not necessarily stop young people drinking, but they can reduce the amount and frequency.

If you are unclear about the safe level of alcohol consumption or you would like further information, you can contact your school nurse or the Alcohol and Drug Information Service by phoning 1800 177 833.

ORGAN DONATION

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

<<http://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.

JUNIOR CRICKETERS

Junior Cricketers wanted for Winter Cricket.

Pine Rivers Club Juniors are looking for players in U14 and U16 teams to play in the 2009 Winter Warehouse Competition.

Contact: Barry Horne on 3283 6168 or 0404 071 017 or email: prccjuniors@yahoo.com.au

NARANGBA SCOUTS

NARANGBA SCOUT GROUP

Now has a

VENTURER UNIT

If you are between 14 and 17 years,
This is what Venturer Scouts can offer you?
Adventurous Activities

Exploring a cave, Learning to fly, Climbing a sheer rock
face

Personal Growth

Editing your own film, Making a sculpture,
Discussing issues like marriage and drugs

Leadership Development

Develop leadership and management skills;
Prepare for your career.

Community Involvement

Gain your First Aid Certificate

Plant a Rainforest

In Venturer Scouts, you can do all this and more, depending on your interests. It's the Youth Members not the adults, who plan and run the activities. Each Venturer Scout Unit is managed by its own Unit Council. The Adult Leader is part of the council and is there to offer guidance and support.

**For Enquiries, Contact the Group Leader, Julie Harper,
3491 8959**