



PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Queensland Core Skills Test

Our Year 12 students have just sat the all important QCS Test. These two days of testing held on the 1st and 2nd September form a fundamental component of the OP process for the Queensland Studies Authority. Not all students however sit the QCS Test as this is largely dependant on their OP eligibility. Our students have had an extensive and intensive preparation program over many months to enable all students to give of their very best. It is essential for all students to try their very hardest and give the best performance possible. I wish all students the very best for quality QCS outcomes. I would also like to congratulate all staff who have assisted bringing our students to this point particularly our two HOD Senior Schooling that we have had this year namely Ms Bratby and Ms Hawkins and also our HOD English Ms Kingston.

Energy Drinks (Parents please note!)

I am very concerned at the increasing trend of some students to consume energy drinks. Recent research indicates that particularly for students that there are very worrying physiological and psychological changes that occur due to ingesting energy drinks. This includes changes to blood pressure, heart rates and mood swings. I have seen some students buy these at the local shops and drink them on the way to school in the morning. It is highly inappropriate for students to be buying these drinks. As parents I ask you to ensure your child is not let off at the shops in the morning and also do all you can to ensure your child does not partake of these caffeine style drinks. I am very concerned about both student's health and their ability to engage with learning.

Teacher Aides Day

Friday 4th September we acknowledged and celebrated the outstanding role that the many teacher aides in our school play. They are a key part of our professional learning teams and assist teachers to ensure the best quality learning outcomes for our students. We are very proud of the diverse role they have in the learning processes in our school and on Friday we showed our appreciation for their professionalism and commitment to our students. Well done to you all!!

End of Term Reporting and Assessment

With the term drawing to a close it is imperative to ensure students are working hard at ensuring all assignments and assessment items are completed to

an excellent level and that all dead lines are met. Personal Attribute Reports (PAR) will be distributed before the end of term. These documents are crucial to ensure parents are fully informed as to the progress of your children. These reports show progress academically and behaviourally. These reports will be posted out to parents at the end of term.

Ross Mackay
Principal

DEPUTY NEWS

Uniform

A reminder to parents and students about the uniform standards. Student uniforms are checked by form teachers each morning and discrepancies noted. Students can expect to be challenged about their uniform if it is not up to standard. Consequences such as community service and detention apply to uniform breaches.

Fuel for Learning

In light of the recent information about brain function delivered by world-renowned presenter John Joseph during our week of creativity celebrations, there are a number of concerns regarding the food that students are using to fuel their brains for learning. Sugary snacks are certainly not appropriate and in fact have been proven to be detrimental to learning. The so-called energy drinks such as "mother, V and Red Bull" are full of stimulant that impedes concentration and are banned from sale in Education Queensland schools. Students are however bringing these drinks into school after purchasing them from outside suppliers. The school seeks the support of parents to ensure that their children have the best possible chance for achieving learning outcomes by fuelling their brains with health food.

End of Term

As we approach the end of term it is most important that students maintain their work ethic right to the end. At this time of year there are a number of assessment items due and students should be working to complete these by the due dates. Parents and students are directed to the Student Learning Journal for procedures around absence and illness during assessment.

Reports will be mailed home in the last week of school. Have a happy and safe holiday.

Mr Adam Colley
Mr Sean Bennett

Ms Jennifer Skeahan
Ms Cathy Pfingst

UNIFORM NEWS

Once again we seem to have an overflowing lost property box. Please check for any lost items. Items without names will be donated to a charity at the end of term, so please come and look. Electronic devices, wallets and jewellery are handed to the office for safe keeping and can be claimed from there.

Just a reminder that orders and payment for Performing Arts Academy shirts can be made up to and including the 14th September. This is the last time this year that orders for these shirts will be accepted. Please contact the uniform shop on 3385 4550 if you have any queries.

Thank you.
Lani

DIGITAL REVOLUTION

Local Federal Member can't hold back the Digital Revolution

Local Federal Member of Parliament, Jon Sullivan, is seen here with some of the many computers being rolled out across Narangba Valley High School. The computers have been funded by the Federal Government, as part of the "Digital Education Revolution" and are being located all around the school.

With the teachers each receiving a laptop as part of the State Governments "Computers for Teachers" initiative, Wireless Network access across the school and the 315 Digital Education Revolution computers, Narangba Valley students are at the forefront of education in the Information Age. With a range of state of the art computers from PC's to Mac's to Laptops, Narangba Valley students are embracing the use of Information Technology across the school.

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

Drama Night

Congratulations is in order for our Year 12 Drama students who performed for friends and family at their final drama night of the year. The assessment work that the students presented was of an exceptionally high standard, clearly demonstrating the incredible talent we have here at Narangba Valley State High School. A big thank to the drama teachers involved for the extra hours of they put in, to make the evening a success.

Instrumental Music Students

A reminder to **all** Instrumental Music Students that you are performing at the Music Awards Night on Wednesday 16th September at The P.A.L.A.C.E. **It is essential that all students attend.** Students are to wear the band uniform, which comprises of black tailored pants, black leather shoes and socks and the band shirt. Students that have

not purchased a band shirt need to see Mr Coulson or their band teacher to arrange to borrow one on the night.

Symphonic Wind Ensemble

Congratulations to the Symphonic Wind Ensemble conducted by Ms Elisha Edwards for another wonderful performance at Burpengary State School. Your performance work and commitment to your music is outstanding...keep up the fantastic work!

Email List

If you would like to join the Performing Arts Email List please email jcoul33@eq.edu.au with EMAIL LIST as the subject.

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

*John Coulson
Head of Department
Performing Arts*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Monday	14/09	Cathy
Tuesday	15/09	Chris
Wednesday	16/09	Diane
Thursday	17/09	Carol, Gordan and Kharla
Friday	18/09	Liz
Monday	5/10	Gail
Tuesday	6/10	Chris and Julie
Wednesday	7/10	Diane
Thursday	8/10	Gordan, Carol, Kharla and Heather
Friday	9/10	Liz and Judy

EVENTS

Wednesday 16 th September	Reports Distributed
Thursday 17 th September	Gold Level Activity
Thursday 8 th October	Vaccinations – Yr8 and Yr10
Wed – Fri 14 th – 16 th Oct	Biology Camp

2009 Intercept Youth Parliament

The annual Intercept Youth Parliament was held on Thursday 27 August 2009. A small group of Indigenous and Pan Pacific Islander Students were invited to attend. The objective of the day was to show students from years 10 to 12 from various Schools around Brisbane, the Parliamentary process. As well as giving students the opportunity to meet sitting members of Parliament and represent the youth of Queensland for a day. Schools were assigned to either represent the Government or the Opposition. Students were then allocated real seats on the floor of the Queensland Parliament, for the day's proceedings. As part of the Youth Parliament day, Students were required to prepare speeches arguing either for, or against a Youth Protection Bill.

Key points of the Bill were: * Providing a curfew for young persons under the age of 18 between the hours of 10pm until 6am.

* Enabling Police to search and detain persons under 18 years of age, who are believed to be in breach of curfew.

* Raising the drinking age from 18 years to 21 years of age.

All the Schools in attendance argued their points heartily and had a lot of fun doing so. The Bill was defeated, during a conscience vote.

After the proceedings involving the debating of the Bill, selected students were able to participate in an adjournment debate and speak about any subject close to their heart. Some of the topics being debated, struck a chord with many of the students and Parliamentarians in attendance.

I would like to thank the following students; Haylee Crook, Solomon Vuki, Nathan Tofilau and Sonny Kolo, for their hard work researching and writing their speeches and for their outstanding behaviour on the day.

Ms S Collins
Indigenous Support Worker
Narangba Valley SHS

PEER MENTORING IN JAPANESE

Grade 12 students have been visiting Grade 8 Japanese classrooms to assist students with writing electronic pen pal letters.

The students have mastered the Japanese writing program and with the help of their senior mentors they were able to produce interesting and grammatically correct correspondence.

These letters will be sent through the email to The Senri International School – Osaka Japan, where eager Japanese friends wait to receive them and write back! A great team effort!

Kind regards,

Tania Wilson.

THE BIG DAY IN

'Big Day In' was held on Thursday 13th August during Ekka Week. This special annual event is designed to bring inspiration, positive role modelling, a music festival atmosphere and loads of fun to students.

Attractions this year included interstate bands *Selahphonic* and *Iron & Clay*. Lunch time featured live bands, jumping castle, paint wall, seniors lounge and dance competition. A wide range of visiting presenters facilitated sessions throughout the day.

Many of the record number of students who attended 'Big Day In' this year reported they enjoyed the activities and gained valuable insight out of the sessions.