



PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Welcome back to what will be an action-packed Term 3. We have really started well with all staff and students excited about the many official events. On Monday 27th July we will celebrate the great work of our School Captains, Sub-School Captains and Student Council Executive over the past 12 months and welcome our new student leaders for the 2009/2010 period. We are very proud of our student leaders and they perform an outstanding and very important role in our school and community. We are all very proud indeed of the work of the outgoing leadership team and wish the incoming student leaders every success and enjoyment for the future twelve months.

As well we have our annual Athletics Carnival tomorrow. This is always a great day of fun and colour as the staff and students get behind their respective houses. Points are scored for a whole host of activities including participation and presentation. I look forward to once again see our many students have a great day of fun and competition.

Our core business is to ensure your child is learning at the most optimum level. To ensure that this is realised and that your child has the best opportunity to realise his/her dreams it is crucial that we all work closely together and fulfil our respective roles. This includes teachers, parents and the students themselves. We as professional educators are here to assist you whenever needed and we are only a phone call away. As parents you need to be engaged with what your child is expected to do for homework and assessment. Please ensure your child has a clear timetable at home to ensure both their family responsibilities and the school responsibilities are effectively met.

Parents please ensure you access your child's Semester One report which went home with your child before the holidays and don't hesitate to contact staff if you require any clarification or assistance in ensuring that effective plans are developed based on this information to ensure maximised learning outcomes for the future. It is hoped that all parents will take advantage of the opportunity to meet with your child's teachers at the Parent/Teacher Interview night to be held on Tuesday 21st July.

Check with your student to ensure you have an appropriate time booked with your child's teachers.

Parents please be reminded that school jumpers or jackets only must be worn. These can be purchased from the uniform shop at very reasonable prices. Also MP3 players must not be brought to school as these cause disruption to learning and are at very high risk of being stolen. Please ensure your child wears the uniform as specified in the school diary every day.

Have a great fortnight

Ross Mackay
Principal

DEPUTY NEWS

Welcome back to Semester 2, the last semester for our year 12's who's focus is now well and truly on their performance in their subjects to maximise the points towards their Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) and their OP score, where applicable.

Uniform

During the colder months it is important that students wear the school's uniform jumpers or jackets. Students without a uniform jumper will be sent to the uniform shop to exchange their jumper for a uniform. Students must present a note explaining the reasons for being out of uniform. Typically students who present to school out of uniform without explanation are required to do community service.

Please note the school's requirements for footwear. Shoes that meet these requirements allow entry to all classes. Some shoes do not meet workplace health and safety requirements for some subjects and students therefore miss out on practical work.

Ms Jennifer Skeahan
Ms Cathy Pfingst

Mr Sean Bennett
Mr Adam Colley

EVENTS

Tuesday 21 st July	Parent Teacher Interviews
Friday 24 th July	FTV Movie World Excursion
Wednesday 29 th July	Yr 11 BCT/Business Excursion
Thursday 30 th July	RACI Chemistry Quiz
Tuesday 4 th August	Yr 8 into 9 subject selection night
Tuesday 4 th August	Yr 10 into 11 sub. selection night
Tuesday 4 th August	English Competition
Thursday 6 th August	Australian Maths Competition

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

On Tuesday the 21st of July, we will be conducting Parent Teacher interviews in the PALACE from 3.00pm to 7.30pm.

Parent Teacher interviews provide a wonderful opportunity for parents / caregivers and students to discuss with their semester one results. It also provides a great platform for discussions relating to learning, academic and behavioural goals for semester 2. An information letter was sent home through form class first day back (July 14th), so we encourage students to organise times that are suitable for both yourself and their teachers. Looking forward to seeing you.

A NOTE FROM STUDENT SERVICES

Parents please be sure to advise the school in writing of any change in family details e.g. Home and work contacts numbers, mobiles phone numbers and emergency contact details for students when you can not be contacted. This information is vital when students become ill or get injured at school.

Students when arriving to school late please go to student services for a late slip, if you don't do this there will be a text message sent out for an unauthorised absence.

Sick students – Parents please do not send students to school when they are showing signs of cold or flu.

When you are feeling unwell at school you must report to sick bay located at student services. The student's service staff will make the necessary phone calls to parents and guardians on your behalf, to arrange for you to be collected from school. Students are not permitted to phone home on their mobiles to inform them of an illness.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

A reminder that all sizes of jumpers are now available (XXXS – XXXXL) at a cost of \$45.00 each. Taslon jackets are also available (XS – XXL) at a cost of \$70.00 each. After purchasing could parents/caregivers please ensure that your student has put their name on their jumper or jacket. We currently have several in lost property without names. If you have misplaced yours please check lost property as we also have some with names. The lost property box can be found at the uniform shop.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries (3385 4550 Direct). Thanks.

Lani

ATTENTION YEAR 10 STUDENTS

SkillsTech Australia VET in Schools Programs 2010

SkillsTech are offering the following programs from their Bracken Ridge Campus for students commencing Year 11 in 2010.

AUR20405	Certificate II Automotive Electrical	1 day/week for 2 years
AUR20705	Certificate II in Automotive Mechanical	1 day/week for 2 years
AUR20305	Certificate II in Bicycle Mechanics	1 day/week for 2 years
39175QLD	Certificate III in Computer Aided Drafting	1 day/week for 2 years
UEE22007	Certificate II in Electrotechnology	1 day/week for 2 years
BCG10103	Certificate I in General Construction	1 day/week for 1 year
AUR20805	Certificate II in Outdoor Power Equipment	1 day/week for 2 years

For further information on these courses please contact Mrs Hawkins, Head of Senior Schooling on 3385 4573 or Mrs Lever, Senior Schooling Aide on 3385 4571.

EDUCATION TAX REFUND

Don't forget to Claim

How do I claim the Education Tax Refund?

- ☺ In your tax return.
- ☺ If you don't lodge a tax return, claim on a separate form or over the phone.
- ☺ If you use a tax agent, make sure you ask them to claim for you.

The Education Tax Refund lets you claim up to 50 per cent of eligible education expenses for school children. If you are eligible, you can get back up to \$375 for each primary student and up to \$750 for each secondary student.

You can claim things like text books, stationery and even internet costs. Remember you need to keep all receipts and expenses to claim.

If you received Family Tax Benefit Part A for a child at primary or secondary school, you will be eligible. Some other people are eligible too. To find out more about this and other information such as what you can and can't claim go to

www.australia.gov/educationtaxrefund or call the Tax Office on 13 28 61.

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

Term 2 was a very successful term for Performing Arts and I congratulate all of our students and staff on their dedication and commitment so far this year. This term will be as equally busy with many fantastic opportunities for our students to develop their skills and demonstrate success.

Grin and Tonic

Drama students from grade 8-12 were a fantastic audience for Grin and Tonic Theatre Company and their Shakespearean show, which visited our school this week. Year 11 students were also given the opportunity to be involved in a workshop with the actors, where they explored what it really takes to perform Shakespeare.

Instrumental Music Students – Symphonic Wind Ensemble

There is no rehearsal this week (Week 1) before school. This has been replaced instead with a rehearsal on Saturday 18th (12-3pm). All students must attend in order to prepare for the upcoming competition in the Queen Street Mall. This is on July 22nd. On this day students will leave school for the Mall after their usual Wednesday morning rehearsal.

Rock the Schools

The rock the schools tour will be at our school Thursday Week 2 (23rd July). This will involve workshops for music students and a free concert in the PALACE at lunchtime. This will be a large performance and lunchtime will be extended to accommodate the performance. I encourage all students to get involved and enjoy the show!

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*

CELEBRATION OF CREATIVITY – COMMUNITY CALLOUT

2009 is the Year of Creativity and to celebrate, Narangba Valley High School is playing host to several events from the 24th to the 28th August. If you have a talent or skill any area related to the visual or performing arts, fashion, design, literature and writing, science or technology and would like to be involved and share your passion with our students please contact Liz Senior on 3385 4555 for more information.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Monday	20/07	Gail and Need Helpers
Tuesday	21/07	Julie & Chris
Wednesday	22/07	Sue & Diane
Thursday	23/07	Heather , Gordon, Carole, Kharla
Friday	24/07	Liz & Need Helpers
Monday	27/07	Cathy & Need Helpers
Tuesday	28/07	Chris & Julie
Wednesday	29/07	Diane and Need Helpers
Thursday	30/07	Gordon, Kharla, Carol & Kaylene
Friday	31/07	Liz and Need Helpers

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

YEAR 8 INTO 9 AND 10 SUBJECT SELECTION EVENING

The Subject Selection Evening for Year 8 students will be held on Tuesday 4th August from 6.00pm to 7.30pm in the PALACE. On this evening you will be presented with information regarding the next stage of your students' high school journey as well as speak with teachers from all faculties about possibilities for your student as they progress from the Middle to Senior School. This is an important evening for your students where they will make important decisions about their future.

MIDDLE SCHOOL LEADERS

Over the coming weeks students in Year 8 will receive information about the development of our Middle School Leadership Team. We will be inviting students to nominate for places within this group and participate in activities that will develop and encourage their skills. As they enter Year 9, these students will become the Middle School Leaders and work across all areas of the school as well as with the incoming Year 8 students in the Team.

PARENT AFTERNOON TEA

Year 7, 8 and 9 Parents are invited to attend the Parent Afternoon Tea on Monday 27th July from 1.00pm to 2.00pm. Hosted by our School Nurse, Helen Cootes and Guidance Officer, Ali Dunbar, the topic of the presentation and discussion will focus around Teenagers and Dating - feeling confident and competent in setting rules and encouraging safe and healthy choices. We request that all parents attending bring a small plate and drinks will be provided. Please RSVP by calling on 3385 4555 or middle.school@narangbavalleyshs.eq.edu.au

If you have any queries related to any of the information above please do not hesitate to contact me.

Liz Senior

Middle School HOD

NEWS FROM THE GUIDANCE DESK

Good Manners – the way to a person's heart

Good manners are about being courteous, polite and respecting others *and yourself*. When you use manners you are considering the feelings of other people, and being the kind of person that others will like and respect. The good thing about manners is they are contagious – what you do encourages others to do the same to you.

Be polite

- say hello (or good morning) and goodbye when you meet someone you know
- say 'please' and 'thank you' as often as possible
- say 'excuse me' if you need to interrupt or pass between people
- Always ask if you want to borrow something, and return it in good order
- Take your turn (or offer others to go first)
- For older children - when answering the phone say hello and who you are, and ask how you can help the person)

Be respectful

- Look after yours and others property
- Offer an older person or a pregnant lady or a disabled person your seat if they are standing
- Open a door to others (don't push your way in first)
- Use nice language not bad language
- Always introduce a friend (this is.....) if you know 2 people don't know each other
- Be aware of your noise level - avoid being loud in a public place – it's not fair on others
- Treat others kindly
- Be aware of others' cultural ways (e.g. it is highly rude in Japan to blow your noise in public)
- Always be aware of others feelings and respect them.