



NAVIGATOR - 2009



TERM 2, June 19, 2009

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

I had the pleasure of attending Education Queensland's Creative Generation on Friday, June 5 and witnessing first hand the amazing talents of Amy Bryant, Vivian Emsworth-Copland, Nicolas Tompkins and Jake Tomlins. Congratulations to these students, you did yourselves, your families and your school proud.

As you may be aware, a decision has been made at a national level to introduce a range of measures to reduce the spread of Influenza H1N1 09 (Human Swine Flu). These measures are a response to the fact that Australia has moved from the Pandemic Influenza phase Delay to the current phase Contain. The key Government objective of the Contain phase is to limit the spread of the virus. Among these measures is an agreement that all States and Territories move to excluding, for a seven-day period, school students from schools that are returning or arriving from the following overseas countries: Mexico, United States of America, Canada, Panama and Japan. With the increase in the number of reported cases of Swine Flu in Victoria, Queensland Health has also introduced a seven day exclusion period for school students coming or returning from Victoria.

In Queensland we are referring to this period as a seven-day timeout period.

The seven-day timeout period allows time for the illness to appear if the student has acquired the illness. The seven-day timeout period is only considered at this stage necessary for primary and secondary schools. This is because outbreaks overseas have only been reported in school settings to date.

If you have a child who has returned or is to return from one of the affected areas, could you please advise the school and ensure that your child remains at home for seven days even if they do not have symptoms. The seven days includes weekends

and public holidays. If your child becomes unwell, please seek immediate medical advice from your general practitioner.

This seven-day timeout period from school following travel in a country of concern will aid in slowing the spread of the disease and limit the possibility of school closure due to an outbreak in the school.

If your child requires a seven-day time out period please contact the school and we can make arrangements to reduce the impact of this absence from school on their schooling. When there is a change in these requirements the school will inform you immediately.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the school or visit the Department of Education and Training website on www.deta.qld.gov.au

There have been a number of cases recently where students have contacted parents directly to inform them that they are unwell and need to be collected from school. The school policy is that students who are unwell are to report to student services during their breaks or with a letter from their teacher if they become unwell during class time. Student services then contacts the parent/carer and the student can be collected from student services.

With the onset of cold weather I have seen an increase in the number of students wearing incorrect uniforms, especially jumpers and pullovers. A reminder that all students are required to wear the correct uniform at school and travelling to and from school. Thank you for your cooperation with these two issues.

As this is the last newsletter before the school holidays may I take this opportunity to wish everyone a relaxing holiday. I look forward to the safe return of all students on Tuesday, July 14

**Regards,
Jim Box
A/Principal**

DEPUTY NEWS

Firstly, as we move ever closer to the end of Semester 1 our students have all been working furiously on finalising their assignments and completing study for the end of term exams and we wish them well for their end of Term reports.

Secondly, we wait in anticipation for the announcement of our new School Leaders for 2009-2010 and we encourage them to embrace their leadership roles whilst continuing to display the school values of Respect, Integrity and Commitment. Congratulations to all students who took the time to prepare their speeches and deliver them to the student body we are proud of you all.

And finally we wish our Year 12 students all the very best for their final semester of schooling at Narangba Valley SHS and I take this opportunity to remind them how important every piece of assessment and exam is in contributing to their final grades, as they move towards their future goals.

**Ms Jennifer Skeahan
Ms Cathy Pfingst**

**Mr Sean Bennett
Mr Adam Colley**

EVENTS

Mon/Tues 22/23 June	Yr 12 QCS practice
Wednesday 24 June	Brisbane Lions Cup
Thursday 25 June	Gold Level Excursion
Wed 22- Fri 25 June	Yr 12 Cert III Work Placement
Mon 13 th July	Student Free Day
Wed 15 th July	Grin & Tonic Performance
Fri 17 th July	Athletics Carnival

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

Creative Generation

Congratulations to students; Amy Bryant, Vivian Emsworth-Copland, Nicolas Tomlins and Jake Tomlins and former students; Alex Tomlins and Trent Lewis for their incredible performances at Boondall Entertainment Centre as part of *Creative Generation*. The incredible hard work and talent of these students was certainly evident in what was a spectacular show. If you missed out on seeing their performance, you will be able to catch it on Network 10 later in the year.

Grin and Tonic

Year 9-12 Drama students and Drama Academy students need to pay their money and return permission forms to the cashier if they would like to attend the Grin and Tonic performance on 15th July. The performance ***Shakespeare and Human Nature*** by Grin and Tonic Theatre Troupe is a collection of Shakespearean scenes from his most famous comedies and tragedies. This performance is a 'must see' for drama students as they will be able to experience 'live' theatre right here at school and see professional actors at work. It is extremely beneficial for students to witness the incredible skill and focus needed in this area of work. For some classes they will be required to **complete an assignment for assessment based on this performance**. Payment and permission forms are due to the school cashier by the **last THURSDAY of Term 2**. Please note that this deadline cannot be extended and students are not able to pay on the day.

Jazzin' Up the Mall & Urban Upbeat

All members of the Symphonic Wind Ensemble please return your forms for the Jazzin' up the Mall competition. This competition is in early Term 3 and involves students travelling to the Queen Street Mall to perform on July 22nd. Members of the Stage Band please return your forms for the Urban Upbeat Competition. This competition involves students travelling to the Ekka to perform on August 7th.

Please note that there are no costs involved in attending these competitions. If your child can absolutely not attend please let Mr Coulson know ASAP.

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.

SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to Meg Thompson, Lisa Taane and Monica Allen who recently played a curtain raiser game on the Gabba for the Brisbane Lions and Carlton game as part of the AFL's Womens Round celebration. All three girls represented the Northern Mystery youth girls AFL team against the Gold Coast and played quite well. The Vipers are strong advocates of youth girls footy and great to see some of girls performing centre stage on Queensland biggest AFL arena.

Subject Selection Evening – Date Claimer

This year the subject selection evening for students in **Year 8** (into Year 9 & 10) and **Year 10** (into Year 11 & 12) will held in **Week 4, Term 3 on Tuesday 4th August, 2009**. On this evening there will be important information provided through formal presentations as well as faculty displays. Please look out for more detailed information at the beginning of Term 3. If you have any enquiries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Liz Senior – Middle Schooling HOD

Bec Bratby – Senior Schooling HOD

SENIOR SCHOOLING NEWS

TSXPO 2009 – Tertiary Studies Expo

TSXPO is the largest tertiary studies expo in Australia and they are inviting all students from Narangba Valley High School to attend! This year the event will host over 100 exhibitors including all Queensland universities, interstate and overseas universities, private colleges, the Defence forces, TAFE institutes as well as government agencies and employers.

Students who attend the Expo can also participate in competitions and incentives, including the opportunity to secure a bursary to assist with education costs in 2010.

Date: Saturday and Sunday, 18 and 19 July
Venue: Exhibition Building, RNA Showgrounds, Brisbane
Hours: 10am to 4pm both days
Cost: FREE

Year 10 students – subject selection for 2010

At the start of this term, all Year 10 students began a 15 week unit of work in ATP devoted to developing a career and learning development plan. Throughout this unit, students will be working closely with their ATP teacher to identify their skills and interests and to develop an understanding of the different learning pathways on offer in the Senior School. This is all part of the lead up to our Subject Selection evening which will take place in August and the completion of a SET Plan (Senior Education and Training Plan) by every Year 10 student.

As part of the Subject Selection process and their ATP lessons, students will attend talks given by Heads of Department to ensure they are aware of the differences between Authority (OP) and Authority-Registered (non-OP) subjects, as well as the VET subjects on offer in Years 11 and 12. Parents and students are then invited to attend the Subject Selection evening being held at the school.

In the week following the Subject Selection evening, every student in Year 10 will be required to participate in a SET Plan interview on either **August 12 or 13**. The SET Plan will outline the career pathway each student wishes to follow and the subjects they have chosen for Year 11 and 12.

Parent attendance at the interview is strongly encouraged to ensure appropriate pathway choices are made and your student has chosen subjects which will prepare them for success.

We will be sending letters home over the coming weeks to provide further information about the Subject Selection and SET Planning program, including appointment times for SET Plan interviews. If you have any questions, please contact Rebecca Bratby on 3385 4555.

Bec Bratby
HOD Senior Schooling

CANTEEN ROSTER

Monday	22/06	Public Holiday
Tuesday	23/06	Julie & Chris
Wednesday	24/06	Sue & Diane
Thursday	25/06	Heather , Gordon, Carole, Kharla
Friday	26/06	Liz & Need Helpers
Monday	13/07	Student Free Day
Tuesday	14/07	Chris & Julie
Wednesday	15/07	Sue & Diane
Thursday	16/07	Gordon, Kharla, Carol & Kaylene
Friday	17/07	Liz & Judy

FINANCE NEWS

Statements have been recently posted home to all families. These statements may contain:

- any outstanding Resource Hire Fees/Subject/Material Charges from 2007 & 2008
- current Resource Hire Fees
- current Material Charges
- Any offers made to your student.

N.B. *This symbol denotes an Offer. This is not an invoice and payment is only required when a student indicates they wish to participate in the offer/event.

Students with outstanding fees will be unable to attend extra curricular activities i.e. Formal, Gold Level Excursions, Camps, Ski Trip, etc. Year 11 students will be unable to purchase a Year 12 Jersey unless all outstanding fees are paid or an active payment plan in place. All active payment plans for 2009 must be finalised by the end of Term 3, unless specific arrangements have been negotiated with the Business Services Manager.

Our school is now registered with Centre Pay. This will enable families to nominate an amount each fortnight from their Centrelink payment. This is a convenient and economic method of payment for families. You can nominate the specific amount to be deducted each fortnight, and also the period of time for the deductions to commence and cease. Please contact the Business Services Manager for a deduction form. We also offer individual payment plans for families, or payments via the internet. Please contact the Business Services Manager for more information.

Lisa Harriss
Business Services Manager

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NATIONAL CAREERS & EMPLOYMENT EXPO

Explore new opportunities beyond the classroom!

Learn all about student exchange, WEP Australia and the 2009/2010 exchange programs available at WEP's upcoming information evenings.

Don't miss out: 23 June & 28 July '09

7.30 – 9.30pm

Metropolitan Motor Inn

106 Leichardt Street

Spring Hill

A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! Students can choose from over 20 countries to live and study with the support of a loving host family, school and community.

Requesting your information pack is easy!

Contact WEP's office for the cost of a local call 1300 884

733, email info@wep.org.au or visit www.wep.org.au.

WEP Australia is a not-for-profit student exchange

organisation registered with the education departments.

VIPERS NEWS

Junior Vipers pounce by annihilating Park Ridge in the wet.

Score: NVSHS 16.9.105 defeated Park Ridge 0.0.0

Best: Haembo, Bradshaw, Stokes, Thompson, Norton, Kennedy, Simmons, Sharpe.

The Junior Vipers provided a spectacle during their round 4 clash against Park Ridge winning by a huge 17 goals. The Viper boys certainly turned it on with skills that would light up the eyes of any AFL coach. The exquisite performance was highlighted by a best on ground performance from Klentsky Haembo. Klentsky has been a standout performer this year dazzling the crowd with his freakish skills. Jacob stokes is still in fine form kicking 6 goals and Cruz Bradshaw also provided another sterling performance. Morgan Thompson and Tom Sharpe provided first use of the ball for Lincoln Simmons, Lachlan Johnson and Joel Kennedy who are all in outstanding form. Miles Norton was as solid as always with Reif Logan and Fraser Dudley finishing off down forward. With Ryan Witham and Corren Ints still come back in to the team it is going to be a huge clash against Helensvale for the final round of the Brisbane Lions Cup. No doubt our junior Vipers will leave nothing behind to try and knock off the competition leaders. Let's get ready to rumble!!! Go Vipers!!!