



NAVIGATOR - 2009



TERM 2, April 23rd 2009

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Welcome back to school. I hope that all students and families have had a restful holiday and that students feel refreshed and ready to engage with studies this term. It is essential that all students hit the ground running for a positive start to your school work this term to set you up for the rest of the year.

On Friday the school will hold its ANZAC Day ceremony at the PALACE and our recently completed ANZAC Place. ANZAC Place is a special place constructed by our SOSE department as our own commemorative location for this important ceremony. The funds for the Place were from grant applications and community donations.

It is crucial to ensure the great reputation of our students is maintained in the broader community. With the economic pressures making it more challenging to gain employment it is critical that we as a school continue to prepare your child to be successful on leaving school to gain the employment pathway of their choosing. An important part of what we do is instilling in children our core values of Respect, Integrity and Commitment.

This is fundamental to the reason why our students are the first choice of many employers in the broader community. Part of the creation of students as being highly desirable also is their personal presentation and modelling pride in all that they do. It is therefore essential that all students come to school each day fully dressed in the correct school uniform. Details of this are in the Student Diary. Please ensure your child has all the necessary uniform elements to be warm and comfortable as the coming winter months approach.

Ross Mackay
Principal
Narangba Valley State High School

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
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30 th April	Expression Dance Excursion
6 th May	QCE Parent Evening
7 th May	Cross Country

CANTEEN ROSTER

Tuesday -	5/05	Julie & Chris
Wednesday -	6/05	Diane
Thursday -	7/05	Kharla, Kaylene, Carol & Gordon
Friday -	8/04	Liz & Need Helpers
Monday-	11/05	Cathy & Janet
Tuesday-	12/05	Julie & Chris
Wednesday-	13/05	Sue & Diane
Thursday-	14/05	Carol, Kharla, Heather & Gordon
Friday-	15/05	Liz & Need Helpers

DEPUTY NEWS

Study Programs: It is timely to remind all parents to ensure that your children have an appropriate study regime at home. It is critical to success for you to engage in discussions with your child regarding both homework and study requirements. It is also essential for all parents to ensure a routine is established whereby an effective amount of time is dedicated nightly for study and assignment requirements. This applies to all students from Year 8 to 12. Our staff would be more than happy to assist parents regarding developing a study program to suit the subjects being studied by your child.

Students late to school: We are having a significant number of students deliberately turning up late for school. Please remind your sons/daughters that in order to maximize their learning, they need to be in-class and on-time to every lesson. Students who are deliberately late and do not have a valid reason, will be given detentions to make up for missed time.

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 students in Yr 10, 11 and 12, boys long tailored navy blue pants are to be worn with a school tie in Terms 2&3. For Yr 10, 11, 12 girls' long tailored navy blue slacks may be worn. The formal tie must be worn by Year 10, 11 and 12 girls in Terms 2&3.

***Please note the following are UNACCEPTABLE: Beanies; denim jeans; cargo pants; track pants with the formal shirt/blouse; long sleeved undershirts; black coloured slacks or track pants.**

Parent- Teacher Night: Many thanks to all staff and parents who attended the recent Parent – Teacher Interviews. If for some reason you missed out on an interview, please call the office on 3385 4555 and ask one of our office staff to assist you in organising contact with the relevant teacher.

Ms Jennifer Skeahan
Ms Cathy Pflingst

Mr Sean Bennett
Mr Adam Colley

MESSAGE FROM YOUR SCHOOL NURSE

At present, student services are experiencing a high number of students presenting at sick bay, after leaving home feeling unwell. Whereas Narangba Valley State High School does not wish for parents and carers to allow their child(ren) to be absent from school for minor ailments, it does have a duty to protect the school community from exposure to infectious diseases. If your child is genuinely unwell, they are best kept away from school, as their ability to learn at this time will be significantly reduced. Also, due to fighting off their current illness, their immune defences will be lowered, and therefore they will be vulnerable to other infections. There are numerous infectious diseases where the student must remain absent from school; with many having set requirements for licence to return. School does have access to the Government provided "Time Out" policy, which provides recommendations for exclusions from school for various infectious diseases. If you are unsure of whether your child should be attending school, please contact the school, or, your local health care provider for advice.

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

NAPLAN – National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy

NAPLAN is being conducted from Tuesday 12th May to Thursday 14th May, 2009 for all Year 9 Students. During this time it is vital that students are present and on time to school. The tests focus on gathering information about the current knowledge and skills of student in the literacy and numeracy areas. Students are familiar with the testing formats as they have previously engaged in the Year 3, 5 & 7 testing program and also have been completing practice activities in English and Maths classes. Closer to the testing period students will receive specific information regarding the items and materials they will be required to bring to school. To familiarise students will the formal testing environment of the PALACE their will be a short practice and information session on Monday 11th May in period 4. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Important NAPLAN Information for Year 8 Students

In order to adequately prepare students for the 2010 Year 9 NAPLAN tests, the formal testing environment of the PALACE and to gather additional information about students knowledge and skills we will be conducting a PRACTICE NAPLAN TESTING SESSION on Friday 15th May, 2009. The session will allow all students to experience the testing environment in a low pressure situation and complete practice tests that will assist teachers plan and prepare future lessons that further cater to student needs. More information will be provided in the coming weeks. Please feel free to contact me for further information.

Liz Senior
Middle School HOD

LEARNING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

A big congratulations to all students in Year 9 and 10 who have been dedicated and worked hard to improve their overall achievement last term. We are continually monitoring your child's academic results and communicating with teachers about ways to support them and keep you informed. The results are fantastic and we remind students to keep up the hard work. For Year 8 Students, we have now reviewed the current reporting information and Year 8 Form Teachers will be contacting parents of targeted students in the coming weeks. Please be aware that the focus of the Learning Improvement Program and Plans are to engage students and families in meaningful conversations about individual achievement, to discuss and offer strategies and ideas that can assist the student in their subjects and overall achievement.

If you have any questions please contact Liz, Bec or your student's Form Teacher.

Liz Senior
Middle School HOD
(Year 8 & 9)

CONGRATULATIONS SUNNY COAST VIPERS

Congratulations to Year 10's Syd Driffield, Steve Dunstan, Mitch King and Tom Waibel for their recent selection into the Sunshine Coast Under 15 AFL Team. For Syd it caps off two years in a row and this tremendous achievement is reflective of the exciting brand of football he plays. For Tom and Steve their selection is just reward for hard work, skill and excellent form that have started with this year. Mitch, who was new to AFL in year 8, reflects a remarkable journey to reach representative AFL, not his native sport of Rugby League. Great work boys and best of luck in the State Titles next month representing the Mighty Vipers and Sunny Coast.

SENIOR SCHOOLING NEWS

QCE Parent Information Evening:

Parents of Year 11 and 12 students are invited to attend the QCE Parent Information Evening being held at the school on Wednesday 6 May at 6.30pm. All Year 11 and 12 students are working towards attaining the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) and must meet specific requirements to receive their QCE at the end of Year 12 - for this reason parents are encouraged to attend the evening. Please RSVP on 3385 4555.

Community Representatives for the QCS Test needed:

On September 1 and 2, many of our Year 12 students will sit the Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test. To maintain the security and the delivery of the test, the Queensland Studies Authority appoints Community Representatives to each test centre. This is a paid position. Community Representatives observe the administration of the QCS Test and report to the QSA on the way in which the test was conducted. Community Representatives are not required to supervise the students sitting the test.

The community representative must be available for the following sessions:

1. **two weeks before test** (approx.) for receipt of security case key (approx. 30 minutes, date to be advised)
2. **during the week before test** (approx.) for receipt of security cases (approx. 60 minutes, date to be advised)
3. **Tuesday 1 September** (Test Day 1) between 8am and 3pm.
4. **Wednesday 2 September** (Test Day 2) between 8am - 3pm.

If you would like to nominate to act as a Community Representative, please contact Rebecca Bratby (HOD Senior Schooling) on 3385 4555.

NARANGBA VALLEY eLEARNING

Operating throughout our school is 25 very exciting new eLearning Projects. These innovative programs run by both teachers and students, captivate student attention by enhancing learning engagement through interactive and open ended tasks using Information Technology. Various programs include web conferencing, animations, music ICTs, podcasting, smart pens and much more. Throughout this year, more and more eLearning projects will begin to become more embedded within our curriculum, creating a new and exciting learning pathway for our students. Stayed tuned for more information and opportunities to catch a glimpse of our new learning pathways embracing future education engrossed by Information Technology.

AFL ACADEMY YR8 vs YR9 CHALLENGE CUP

Reigniting past Viper Traditions, the Year 8 vs 9 Challenge Cup was held late last term to aid selection of our junior Brisbane Lions Cup Teams. As with the norm, the Year 9's had a win in both the girls and boys games. With exceptional football played by a number of students, it sets up an exciting year of football for the Vipers. The Boys Lions Cup squads started off the year with a hard fought loss to AFLQ Powerhouse Palm Beach. However both junior and senior teams are primed for a winning performance against our next opponent Victoria Point. Good luck boys, and we hope you bring home the bacon on Thursday the 30th May.