



## PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

We have recently held our Year 8 into 9/10 subject selection evening. This night was an excellent opportunity for parents, students and teachers to explore future courses of study and pathways. There was a great many discussions had and hopefully the subject selections will be a little easier as a result. If you have any questions with respect to subject selections for 2010, please don't hesitate to call the school, explain your issue and one of our office staff will put you in touch with the most appropriate person to answer your question.

### **Success in Action Stories:**

Congratulations must go to Mr Steve Jenyns (School Chaplain), Ms Deb Benson and the Chaplaincy committee, for their running of the "Big Day In". We had a great many activities for students and the feedback has all been positive. Thanks again to all involved in organizing another great day for our students.

Also, congratulations to our Yr 9 Netball Academy girls; defeating Pine Rivers SHS 36 to 5 making our Netball Team the District champions. Congratulations to each of the girls who played, the student who umpired and their coach Ms White. Outstanding stuff!

### **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.

**Energy Drinks:** It has come to my attention that some students are drinking various energy drinks e.g. Red Bull, Mother, V etc we have noticed on a number of occasions that there are considerable behaviour changes. Often students are having these for "breakfast" on the way to school. Parents, please realise that these drinks contain caffeine and guarana as well as other combinations of stimulants and other substances. These drinks are certainly not advisable for children. Please do all you can to discourage your child from purchasing or accessing these drinks. Research has indicated that such chemicals do modify behaviour and have a negative effect on young people. I have asked the local supermarket to refrain from selling these items, only to be told that withholding such sales is not their company policy. This is disappointing, however I will continue to appeal to the supermarkets social conscience and sense of community to redress this situation. In the mean time I ask that parents do all they can to ensure your children do not purchase such items.

### **Mobile Phones:**

I would also like to remind parents regarding the use of mobile phones. Students must have phones off in class time unless directed differently by a teacher. It is very important that students who choose to bring a phone to school do not turn them on during class time, if students are found with a mobile on during class time, they may be asked to take the phone to the office for safekeeping and to remove the potential for distraction. Students are very welcome to leave them at the office for safekeeping. These items are very easily lost or stolen and the school takes no responsibility for their loss.

**Parents dropping students at school:** Further to the above situation I have also noted that some parents are dropping students at the local shopping centre rather than at the front gate. This is causing shop keepers and the general public some serious concerns. The welfare of your child can not be assured if they are let off at the shopping centre. We have a well equipped tuckshop which sells healthy foods and drinks to students ensuring they are set up for success for the day. By dropping students at the shops, students are encouraged by various influences to participate in anti-social activities or partake inappropriate food or drinks. I appeal to all parents for your cooperation in this matter and drop your children at the front gate.

### **Uniforms:**

Students are reminded that they must be in full school uniform including black shoes and clearly visible (above the shoe) plain white socks every day. Full Formal uniform is required on Mondays and for all formal occasions and excursions (excluding sports events). The wearing of the complete school uniform is a vital part of our school procedures, as it clearly identifies our students and stands them in good stead for the world beyond school. Students who deliberately fail to comply with uniform requirements, will have letter sent home, to inform you, the parent/caregiver and continued breaches will result in detentions, for offending students. Any student or family that has medical or financial issues around the uniform, are requested to call the school and discuss the matter with the appropriate year level Deputy.

*Ross Mackay*  
*Principal*

## P & C Meeting Postponed

The next P & C meeting will be at 7pm on the 31<sup>st</sup> August. Meeting in ENVY as per usual.

## DEPUTY NEWS

Students and their families are reminded that we are heading in to the busiest part of the term. QCS exams, assignments and curriculum exams will be occurring over the next few weeks. Students will need to manage their time effectively to ensure that they do not leave all the work until the last minute.

Heads of Year are faced with following up a number of students who are deliberately truanting school. We are an extremely large school and we need to focus our energies on the teaching and learning of students and not the chasing of truants. We also are having a 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. Also, as there is a Duty of Care issue, students who are caught truanting may be suspended.

Thanks to all Year 10 students and their parents/caregivers, who have attended the recent SET Plan interviews. Feedback has been very positive, with many students and parents appreciative of the efforts going into ensuring their student makes suitable subject choices for yr 11 and 12.

Finally a reminder to all year 8 students and parents to return the subject selection and resource hire forms. Wednesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> September is the final date for their return.

*Ms Jennifer Skeahan  
Ms Cathy Pfingst*

*Mr Sean Bennett  
Mr Adam Colley*

## EVENTS

Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> August	Arts Council
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> August	Zen Zen Zo Performance
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	Dance Excursion
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	<b>QCS Test</b>
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	<b>QCS Test</b>
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Yr 11 QCS practice
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Regional Track & Field
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Yr 10 Film & TV Excursion
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Yr 12 CPR for life Training Day
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	State Basketball Tournament
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Cut off date for Senior Jersey payment</b>

## PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

### Freak Morice

The results are in from the Urban Upbeat Competition at the Ekka and student band Freak Morice was successful at achieving the award "Most Outstanding Ensemble." Over 200 ensembles entered into this competition, what a fantastic achievement for this upcoming band.

### Year of Creativity Week

Congratulations to the numerous Performing Arts Students who showcased their incredible skill and talent in the Year of Creativity Week. Students from all areas of the Faculty and Performing Arts Academy performed at lunchtime concerts and a special performance for local primary school students.

### Family Fun Day

The Performing Arts Parents Support Group raised \$1050 for Instrumental Music at the recent Family Fun Day at Centenary Lakes. With the help of the P&C Canteen Convener the group sold food and drinks, making a significant contribution to NVSHS music program. I would like to thank the Parents Support Group for their dedication to the Performing Arts Department and all their hard work.

### Zen Zen Zo

World-renowned theatre troupe Zen Zen Zo will be performing and running workshops for Drama students at the school on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Please ensure your child returns forms and payment ASAP. If they have not received a permission letter they can collect one from the Laver notice board.

### Performing Arts Academy Shirts

All students in the Performing Arts Academy are entitled to buy a special Academy Shirt that they can wear on days they have Academy lessons. If you would like to order a shirt, please contact the uniform shop during uniform shop hours (Tues 8-10am, Wed 1pm-3pm, Thurs 1pm-3pm and for students first break Mon-Thurs). Shirts cost \$40 each and all orders must be completed by Monday 14th September.

### Performance Opportunities

Students that have polished performances or acts that would like to perform should speak to Mr Coulson at the school. The school is contacted regularly by various groups who want quality performances, which for students with initiative can be a wonderful way to develop performance skills.

*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*

## FROM THE SCIENCE FACULTY

### ENZYMES A WINNER

Our annual Science Expo was held recently and student work from our school and surrounding primary schools continues to impress our guest judges and parents.

Our special guests judging on the day included Dr Stephen Hughes from the Physical Sciences faculty at QUT, Dr Penny Daines from the Narangba Veterinary Clinic, Matt King Deputy Principal from Burpengary Meadows State School and Kerry Lofgren deputy Principal from Narangba State School.

The finalists were selected from just over 800 students that participated in the event. **The overall winners were: Adetayo Adeniyi (Year 10) in 3<sup>rd</sup> place with her project titled "The Secret Agent"; Chelsea Gardner (Year 8) in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with "Do Plants Respond to a healthy Diet?"; and Tristian Delroy (Year 9) in 1<sup>st</sup> place with his project on "Enzyme Kinetics".** These students will be receiving cash prizes totalling \$500 kindly sponsored by Dr Penny Daines. Staff and students appreciate the continued support from the **Narangba Veterinary Clinic on Young Rd**, which has allowed us to acknowledge and celebrate the scientific successes of our students in a big way.

This year we had a new category called "People's Choice", where Ben Maxwell from Year 8 attracted the most votes with his "Battery Marathon".

So CONGRATULATIONS to the following winners and placegetters from each year level division. These will be awarded medallions and certificates on assembly.

#### YEAR 6/7

##### FIRST PLACE

- Rachael Douglas and Shilane Pallesan with "Fruity Energy" (NVSS)

##### SECOND PLACE

- Angelina Fox and Chloe Stevenson with "Washing Whizz" (NVSS)

##### THIRD PLACE

- Hayden Sanderson and Brayden Gardiner with "The Automatic Dog Walker" (NVSS)

#### YEAR 8

##### FIRST PLACE

- Chelsea Gardener with "Do Plants Respond to a Healthy Diet?"

##### SECOND PLACE

- Ben Maxwell with "Battery Marathon"

##### THIRD PLACE (tied)

- Melody Stephenson-Smith with "The Effects of Music Tempo on the Heart rate of 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls"
- Madeleine Wilson with "Brightest, Boldest, Tie-Dye"

##### HIGHLY COMMENDED

- Kristyn Anderson with "Evaporation"

#### YEAR 9

##### FIRST PLACE

- Tristian Delroy with "Enzyme Kinetics"

##### SECOND PLACE

- Chris Stevenson with "Hooked on Hooks"
- THIRD PLACE
- Jessica Griffin with "Frooty Tooty Which is Best at Slowing Down Brown?"

##### HIGHLY COMMENDED

- Joshua Williams with "Biotechnology"

#### YEAR 10

##### FIRST PLACE

- Adetayo Adeniyi with "The Secret Agent"

##### SECOND PLACE

- Ashleigh Fleischfresser with "Eyes or Ears"

##### THIRD PLACE

- Michael Baker with "Is salt an Effective Medium In the Conductance of Fruit Juices?"

##### HIGHLY COMMENDED

- Rachel Matthews-Frederick with "Seedling Rivalry"

#### YEAR 11/12

##### FIRST PLACE

- Monique Dohle with "The One That Got Away – The Breaking Point of Fishing Line and the Spring Constant"

##### SECOND PLACE

- Karla van Grinsven with "The Battle with Salinity"

Year 10 winner Adetayo Adeniyi.

People's Choice winner "Battery Marathon".

## AFL NEWS

"Former NVSHS student and 2006 Viper of the Year, Bill Driffield, recently played for the Brisbane Lions reserves team on the Gabba. Selected for his outstanding form with Aspley, Bill was one of few shining lights in the Lions loss to AFLQ Powerhouse Morningside. By three quarter the Lions had scored 8 goals, with Bill kicking 3 of them. Bill certainly didn't look out of place playing alongside professional footballers on Queensland biggest stage. Congratulations Bill and we look forward to watching you progress further in your budding football career."

## CANTEEN ROSTER

Monday	31/08	Gail
Tuesday	1/09	Julie and Chris
Wednesday	2/09	Sue and Diane
Thursday	3/09	Carol, Gordan, Heather and Kharla
Friday	4/09	Judy and Liz
Monday	7/09	Gail
Tuesday	8/09	Chris and Julie
Wednesday	9/09	Sue and Diane
Thursday	10/09	Gordan, Carol, Kharla and Kaylene
Friday	11/09	Liz and Jeanette

## **IT'S A MISTAKE!**

In an on-going attempt to increase literacy standards at NVSHS, teachers of all subjects begin their lessons with a writing exercise. A variety of spelling, punctuation and grammar mistakes are deliberately written into a short paragraph highlighting the content of the up-coming lesson. The paragraph is written on to the white-board in the classroom and the pupils are asked to correct the mistakes. This exercise, developed and used extensively throughout the English department, has been used successfully in schools throughout Queensland and is highly recommended by Education Queensland who recognises its value in promoting literacy across the entire school curriculum.

### **CAN YOU FIX THIS PARAGRAPH?**

Try it yourself! Below is an example of the kind of exercise set by teachers. In it, there are: **3 grammatical errors, 10 spelling mistakes and 19 problems with punctuation.**

*what im reely interested in is science  
said toby well in this lesson well be  
having a chance to writ about science  
ms kingston replyed were gonna writ  
letter's too the space agensy nasa wow  
brilliant toby couldnt weight 2 get started*

How many mistakes did you find? This paragraph will be corrected in the next Navigator.



**GIVE a CHILD a CHANCE**

**BE DAZZLED**

***Come and BE DAZZLED by a very exciting  
night's entertainment***

***Enjoy our Combined School Concert to be  
held***

***Hercules Rd., State School Hall***

***Hercules Rd, Kippa-Ring***

***On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 7:00pm***

***Schools from the Peninsula, Deception Bay,***

***Burpengary and Narangba***

***participating.***

**ADMISSION BY GOLD COIN DONATION**

***Non alcoholic drinks, Secret Auction Raffles***

***For further information***

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