



NAVIGATOR - 2009



TERM 3, July 31, 2009

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

On Monday 27th July we celebrated the great work of our School Captains, Sub-School Captains and Student Council Executive over the past 12 months and welcomed 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. It was great to have the support of Mr Cameron McCrae our very first male School Captain from 2005 as guest speaker. Mr Mark Ryan MP, Mr John Sullivan MP and Councillor Bob Millar were also in attendance to recognise the importance of the role of our student leaders. Supporting our students too were our coalition Principals, Ms Passi (Burlingary SS), Ms Harris (Narangba Valley SS), Ms Starmer (Narangba SS), Mr Bloxham (Jinibara SS) and Mr Fox (Burlingary Meadows SS). 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.

Our new School Captains are Nathan Newton and Kristiane Fox. Our Student Representative Council President is Lauren Darben. Congratulations!

I recently received news of the approval by the Commonwealth Government of the construction of a Language Learning Centre at Narangba Valley State High School. This is exciting news for our school community and will ensure the quality learning outcomes experienced by our students continue to be the hallmark. More information on this exciting project will be revealed as it comes to hand. This is excellent timing too as in 2010 we launch the start of our French language program to compliment our fabulous Japanese program. This will enable students ultimately to study one or both languages through to Year 12.

Parents please ensure your student has all plain black shoes and white socks clearly visible above the ankle. Our uniform is a key element in building the character and high expectations which flow on to high quality learning outcomes. Your cooperation to ensure your child is correctly dressed is essential. Have a great fortnight.

Ross Mackay
Principal

DEPUTY NEWS

This last fortnight we have hosted a number of memorable events. In the first week students were able to showcase their athletic talents and their ability to support their houses in the annual athletics carnival. All students involved created a fantastic atmosphere and had a great day. Looking forward to next year! The second week provided

parents and staff an opportunity to converse about student's positive actions as well as any concerns. Parents couldn't wait for their appointment with quality coffee prepared by our hospitality students. Parent/Teacher evening was well attended, thank you. This week congratulations goes to our new school leaders and thank you to our previous leaders. Also thank you to all staff, students and parents for making this morning a success.

As we progress through the term there are many more important dates to remember. A note for year 8 and 10 parents that subject selection night is on Tuesday the 4th August. The evening will be split in two with year 8 into 9 information being provided from 6pm to 7:30pm. From 7:30pm, year 10 students and their parents will be provided with information and time to interact with teachers regarding their subject choices for year 11 and 12. Year 10 parents should have received information regarding recommended subject choices for your child as well as a Senior Education and Training Plan (SETP) interview time. If you have not yet received these please contact the school.

Unfortunately there are a number of students who are wearing items of clothing that are not supported by the school's uniform policy. Please refer to your child's student diary if unsure about the uniform expectations. Students out of uniform and who have not followed the correct processes are issued consequences.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the staff, students and parents of the 2009 ski trip, for a great trip and look forward to many more.

Ms Jennifer Skeahan
Ms Cathy Pfingst

Mr Sean Bennett
Mr Adam Colley

EVENTS

Tuesday 4 th August	Year 8 into 9 subject selection night
Tuesday 4 th August	Year 10 into 11 subject selection night
Thursday 6 th August	Australian Mathematics Competition
Monday 10 th August	SHOW HOLIDAY
Tuesday 11 th August	Dukes Bronze Expedition
Wednesday 12 th August	Student Free Day – EKKA people's day
Wed / Thurs 12 th / 13 th August	SET Plan Interviews
Friday 14 th August	Science Expo

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

Jazzin' in the Mall

The NVSHS Symphonic Wind Ensemble put on a smashing show as part of this years *Jazzin' up the Mall* competition. The Ensemble conducted by Ms Elisha Edwards showed us their talent by performing in the Queen Street Mall. A big congratulations to all the students involved for their hard-work!

Rock the Schools

On Thursday last week "Rock the Schools" came to Narangba Valley State High to host music workshops and a free lunchtime concert. This outstanding educational initiative provided students with a hands-on music and business learning experience via a live performance and music industry workshops.

This program is only offered to thirteen Queensland schools and was a wonderful opportunity for our students.

Strings Ensemble

The rehearsal time for students in the Strings Ensemble has changed to Friday afternoons after school (2.35pm-3.30pm). All students in the Strings Ensemble will need to attend these rehearsals every week.

Stage Band – Urban Upbeat

Members of the Stage Band please remember you have a performance at the Ekka on Friday 7th August. Students need to be at school by 7.30am to depart by 8pm, in the band uniform with instruments and music. Any students who need to borrow a band shirt please contact Mr Coulson.

Senior Investiture Ceremony

Violinist Jennifer Thompson and vocalist Amy Bryant performed at the Senior Investiture Ceremony for student leaders this week. Their performances were of an exceptionally high standard and along with the wonderful performance by the Symphonic Wind Ensemble gave the ceremony a special touch. I would like to thank the students and staff that gave up their time for this event

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

FROM THE SCIENCE FACULTY

Narangba Valley students recently participated in the ICAS Science Competition with outstanding success. Overall our school was awarded **2 High Distinctions, 20 Distinctions and 32 Credits**.

Year 12 student Alex Gilmour achieved the top score in Queensland in his division which is an amazing personal achievement.

Congratulations to the following students for their success:

YEAR 8 – CREDIT

Kody BARR
Dana BURKE
Liana CASON

YEAR 8 – DISTINCTION

Jonathon ARCHIBALD
Taylah GERLOFF
Holly HAMILTON

Jordan CROCKER
Caitlin DOHERTY
Michael GARRIS
Liana HANCHARD
Anneka JONES
Tayla JONES
Rachel KEMPIN
Aishah LEITNER
Brett OBRIEN
Harrison SLATER
Melody STEPHENSON-SMITH

YEAR 8 – HIGH DISTINCTION

Jack DRAPIER

YEAR 9 – CREDIT

Natalee NEWTON
Ellen RIGBY
Lachlan ROBERTS
Martysse RODGERS
Sarah STONE
Joshua WILLIAMS

YEAR 10 – CREDIT

Alisdair COLLINS

Bryce JARNIEVIC
Sean LIETULLY
Clayton MAJOR
Benjamin MAXWELL
Chris MELLOR
Ryan PALFREY
Cameron SMITH

YEAR 9 – DISTINCTION

Charlotte CLARK
Tristian DELROY
Jessica GRIFFIN
Christopher STEVENSON

AFL NEWS

Seniors and Juniors Grand Finalists in the Brisbane Lions Cup!!!

It was a massive day of girls AFL last Monday the 20th of July with both senior and junior vipers participating in the Girls Brisbane Lions Cup at Zillmere. The viper girls certainly did impress with both senior and junior vipers making it to their respective grand finals. Unfortunately Kedron was too strong for our senior girls, winning by 8 goals in an electric final. Our senior girls certainly showed plenty of fight with Meg Thompson, Michelle Field, Lisa Taane, Tayla Whitehead, Kishana Shamsheer and Monica Allen putting up a strong fight all day. Fortunately the tide changed in our favour with the junior vipers putting on a show, winning their grand final against Corpus Christi by. The girls came out firing for the grand final putting on 6 unanswered goals and blowing the opposition away 46 to 1 point. It was tremendous team effort during the final game but no one could go past Mindy Russo's performance who was the heart and sole of defence all game! Well done Junior Vipers!!! Good luck for the next round which will be played on the 20th of August at Zillmere. Go Vipers!!!

Cyber Bullying

Bullying comes in many forms but one of the most sinister forms is through technology (the internet or mobile phones) in the form of MSM messaging, emails, face book etc. Psychologist Michael Carr-Greig is a founding member of the national centre for bullying. He works for Beyond Blue, and he's also been called upon to help counsel the students in the latest loss of life through cyber bullying. He states that cyber bullying is worse than school yard bullying as it can continue 24/7. Because the bully doesn't need to see its victim the bullying is often more intense, and more frequent and can be far more damaging. Cyber bullying is difficult to get away from as today's youth are in many ways so deeply dependent on

their phones and computers to develop or increase their social network, that banning them would be what the kids would call 'social death'.

Here are some ideas:

- Talk to your child about bullying – ask them if it has or is happening to them either face to face or through the mobile or internet. If it is happening act now.
- Supervise your child's internet and mobile usage (with teenagers this may be more difficult but as children need 8.25 to 9.25 hrs of good sleep each night encourage the mobile to be turned off and left outside the bedroom.
- Limit internet usage. Where possible have the computer in a public area)
- Watch for changes in your child's behaviour – Are they withdrawn or not themselves? Are they sad/tearful/angry/ not enjoying things they may have once enjoyed? Is school work affected? These factors may indicate depression. It may also indicate that your child is unwell.
- As bullies thrive on secrecy, if you, the parent know about bullying then report it – to the school or police and ensure follow up with you occurs.

Michael Carr-Greig states that to help children be resilient:

- They need to have an adult in their life who they feel safe with (and will feel comfortable talking to)
- Children need to learn social and emotional skills – both at home and at school.
- Provide a balanced life for your child – school is one part of their life. Involve them also in the arts, music, sport, leisure.
- Teach your child to self- talk positively – it's just as easy to say something nice about yourself as it is to put yourself down
- Provide spiritual awareness – being connected to something/someone that transcends this world helps with people to cope with problems.

If you need more help on this issue, these numbers may be useful Lifeline 131114 or Beyond Blue 1300 224 636 or speak to your Guidance Officer at your school.

Year 12 Engineering Manufacturing

This year 12 engineering students undertook a working in teams activity.

To facilitate this, the students designed and manufactured outdoor seating that could be used around the school grounds.

Students working from developed drawing used workshop machines to cut materials, drill assembly holes, and welded the frames.

With the generous support of local business Sunstate Coasting of Narangba these frames were galvanised and students then assembled the bench seats

With the aid of Charlie Kempson & Greg Gault the school grounds man and janitor a working bee was conducted and the seats were cemented and dyna bolted in place around the school grounds.

Pictured after assembling the seats are Blake Bryant (the foreman self appointed)

Will Hovel (welder extraordinaire) Mitchell Hannam, Jerry Buchanan, the (somebody has to do it) team.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Monday	03/08	Cathy
Tuesday	04/08	Julie and Chris
Wednesday	05/08	Sue and Diane
Thursday	06/08	Gordan, Heather and Kharla
Friday	07/08	Judy and Liz
Monday	10/08	Show Day Holiday
Tuesday	11/07	Chris and Julie
Wednesday	12/07	Pupil Free Day
Thursday	13/07	Gordan and Carol
Friday	14/07	Liz

BRAINS POP IN ENGLISH

Mrs Waterman's Year 8 Accelerated English class was treated to an exciting online education resource called *BrainPOP*. The students watched animated characters Tim and Moby (hosts on the *BrainPOP* show), who talked about the famous 16th Century writer William Shakespeare. *BrainPOP* covers a range of topics and learning activities. The students then completed a quiz, and participated in other activities via *The Learning Place*.

Tania Waterman
A/HOD English

NVSHS BIG DAY IN

Big Day In' will be 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. The event is brought to the school community by school chaplain Steve Jenyns and the Chaplaincy Committee.

Many of the record number of students who attended '*Big Day In'* last year wrote down what they "got out of" the event. Following are a handful of these quotes:

"It was awesome and I can't wait till the next *Big Day In'*" (grade 8)

"That being unique is something to be embraced." (grade 10)

"*Big Day In* was really fun, helpful and inspires you to think about the things that go on in your life." (grade 12)

"Much fun, loads of cool music." (grade 12)

"My daughter spoke about it for half an hour when she got home! I think it spoke to them because of what he (lead singer of *Selahphonic*) has been through." (mother of grade 8 student)

Attractions this year include interstate bands *Selahphonic* and *Iron & Clay* plus several other live artists. Lunch time is packed full with live bands, jumping castle, paint wall, seniors lounge, dance competition and a 'Red Day' menu at the Tuck Shop. A wide range of quality presenters will facilitate dynamic, relevant sessions throughout the day.

Along with a variety of universally accepted positive messages and values the sessions on this day will contain an element of spiritual and God-related content in line with Education Queensland's role description that school chaplains are to offer emotional and spiritual support to students. The intent is not to convert students from one viewpoint to another but to provide support as requested. Thursday 13th August is considered a school day in terms of attendance. Parents who prefer their child to not attend 'Big Day In' activities are welcome to opt out of involvement. Alternate supervision will be available for these students throughout the day.

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 (**now overdue**)
- current Material Charges (**now overdue**)
- Any offers made to your student. (excursions etc.)

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 (Year 12), Gold Level Excursions, Camps, 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.

If you believe you should have received a statement but have not yet to date, please contact the school to check your mailing address details are correct.

Lisa Harriss
Business Services Manager

AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS WEEK

A group of Year 10 Business students are participating in a national online business simulation challenge called Australian Business Week. Over the next 5 or 6 weeks, these students will make a variety of decisions about the finances, marketing and operations for a large electronics retailer.

"The first day of ABW already greatly informed me of the many decisions that have to be made in a business before you can even begin. Calculations, predictions and risks all had to be under consideration to generate the best possible outcome for our business. I found that debates and disagreements among our group proved effective in comparing and contrasting various options, in which to find the best solution to each decision. I believe we worked productively and will achieve a strong opening result."

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. After receiving the Academic Results for your students and discussing their progress with teachers at last weeks interview session you will be able to make more informed decisions with your student about their future.

PARENT AFTERNOON TEA

Thank you to those Year 7, 8 and 9 Parents who attended the Parent Afternoon Tea last Monday. Focussed around *Teenagers and Dating - feeling confident and competent in setting rules and encouraging safe and healthy choices* much discussion was generated and our school nurse, Helen and guidance officer, Ali provided valuable advice. Thank you also for the delicious treats!

In Term 4, we will trial an Evening Parent Meeting to cater to those who are unable to attend the morning or afternoon sessions. To make this a viable event we need at least 50 parents to attend. We will advertise the date and topic later on in the term. If you are interested in attending could you please ensure that you RSVP by the requested date.

SPORTING FRIENDLIES - NETBALL ACADEMY STUDENTS

Congratulations to the Year 10 Netball Academy Class who have begun their coaching and umpiring sessions with the students from our local primary schools. The Sports Friendlies are run in term 3 and provide the primary school students to enhance their skills in their selected sport as well as engage in some friendly competition. Mrs Liz White has prepared the Academy students very well and they are rising to the challenge of coaching large groups of students and teaching them new skills. Great work and good luck for the rest of the term.

Year 7 Student Visits – NARANGBA VALLEY STATE SCHOOL

Beginning this week all Year 7 Students will visit our school to familiarise themselves with the school grounds, practice moving around between classes, trial some of our elective subjects and meet our Year 10 Mentors. We welcome them to our school and look forward to seeing them in 2010.

Liz Senior
Middle School HOD

REMINDER FOR TAFE STUDENTS

Students undertaking TAFE courses either at TAFE or School will have received an enrolment form for Semester 2 of TAFE. You must re-enrol in your course for Semester 2 to be able to complete the work and receive results. You can Enrol and Pay at any TAFE campus or ring the TAFE Contact Centre on 131 248 (to pay by credit card). You MUST ensure you have your enrolment form as TAFE will require the module codes to successfully enrol you. Payment cannot be made at school. TAFE will not issue results to students who have not paid for their Course. Please ask your TAFE instructor or call Samantha Hawkins in the Senior Schooling Office at school on 3385 4573 if you have any queries.

INVESTITURE

Monday 27th July saw the induction ceremony of our Senior Leaders for 2009-2010. The event welcomed Principals from our five neighbouring Primary schools, local Councillor Bob Millar, State MP Mark Ryan, Federal MP John Sullivan along with P and C President Marcel Van Grinsven, many proud parents and our inaugural School Captains as our special guests.

Narangba Valley SHS was proud to welcome back 2003-2004 school Captains Cameron McCrae and Sara Cornwall. Cameron delivered a speech to the new School Leaders, students, staff and guests that was reflective, uplifting, and motivating. We are truly appreciative of the time he spared from both work and university on the day. This left our newly inducted School Leaders excited and well prepared for their journey ahead. We wish them every success over the next 12 months.

Adam Colley
Deputy Principal

KOKODA CHALLENGE

Narangba Valley High students recently took part in the 48km Kokoda Challenge held in the Gold Coast Hinterland on the weekend of the 18th of July. 2 teams of 4 students and a teacher took part with both teams completing the walk in under 12 hours. This will be an annual event that the school will be a part of. Congratulations to both teams.

Paul Webster
Sports Co-Ordinator