

NAVIGATOR - 2007

TERM 3, JULY 17 2007



PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Welcome back to an exciting Term 3. We have really started well with all staff and students excited with the many official events held recently. On Monday 16th July we celebrated the great work of our School Captains, Sub-School Captains and Student Council Executive over the past 12 months and welcome in our new student leaders for the 2007/2008 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 Darren Webster (Owner Kangaroo Bus Lines) as guest speaker and Mr Ken Hayward MLA and Councillor Flannery to recognise the importance of the role of our student leaders. Supporting our students too were our two coalition Principals, Ms Passi (Burpengary SS), Ms Harris (Narangba Valley SS), Ms Starmer (Narangba SS), Mr Bloxham (Jinibara SS) and Mr Black (Burpengary 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.

Furthermore we had the unexpected pleasure of having our Prime Minister Mr Howard utilise the PALACE facility to launch nationally the 20th Anniversary of Red Nose Day. This event attended by 2000 invited guests was a great opportunity for our staff and students to showcase to the broader community the wonderful talent of our student body and the excellence in learning outcomes achieved by our teachers. Congratulations to all involved on giving up your personal time to highlight what is an outstanding state school.

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.

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 in the school diary every day.

Have a great fortnight

Ross Mackay
Principal

DEPUTY NEWS

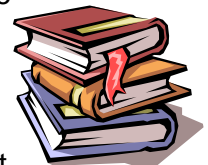
The Parent Teacher evening will be held on Tuesday 17th July; all parents are of course invited, as Parent-Teacher nights are a great opportunity for staff and parents to meet and for us all to assist our students in achieving the best results they are capable of achieving.

The Parent teacher interviews will start in the afternoon and run until early evening. Booking sheets were handed to all students in Form Class on July 10th. Parent teacher interviews will all be held in the PALACE.

Sean Bennett
Deputy Principal

YEAR 10 SUBJECT SELECTION NIGHT

On Tuesday 24th of July all Year 10 students and their parents are invited to attend the year 10 into year 11 subject selection evening. This **information night is extremely important** as parents and students will have the opportunity to speak with members of the administration team, heads of department and teachers. This night will assist students in making the difficult decisions related to **choosing subjects** their senior phase of learning. During the evening students will also receive their subject selection handbook and subject selection forms.



Prior to this evening students will receive a "letter of subject status" informing them of subjects eligible for selection in order to maximise success during their senior phase of learning. It is essential that students and parents bring this letter with them on the evening of 24th of July to discuss any queries with school personnel.

Please note that student selection forms will have to be handed to students form teachers on the morning of Friday 27th of July.

Date- Friday 24th of July
Time- 7.00 - 9.00pm
Venue- Palace

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

During May around 90 students across all year levels participated in the ICAS science competition. These competitions provide our students an opportunity to apply their knowledge to unfamiliar questions under formal exam conditions, contributing to good QCS and exam preparation. They also assess their abilities compared with other students state-wide, providing valuable feedback on both the individual and sample cohort's performance. It was very pleasing to see that our students performed well above the state average, with our school awarded 3 High Distinctions, 14 Distinctions and 20 Credits.

This is an outstanding result and congratulations are due to the following students for their success:

HIGH DISTINCTION:

Year 10: Michael Anstey, Alex Gilmour

Year 11: Luke Grzesiczak

DISTINCTION:

Year 8: Adrian Gray-Randle, Saskia Gilmour, Justin Hamilton, Travers Mills

Year 9: Daniel Horsfall, Joshua Ross-Daly

Year 10: Aaron Hamilton, Brad Mommers, Ryan O'Rourke, Dean Raphael-Walter, Dale Thompson, Kirsti van der Zeil

Year 11: Isabel Barker, Matthew Trevor

CREDIT:

Year 8: Brianna Daly, Alex Kempin, Curtis Maher, Bryce Shadwell

Year 9: Christopher Archibald, Bronwen Ashley, Aaron Dohle, Joshua Lie Tully, Daniel Rawle, Katelyn Roberts

Year 10: Shelley Barratt, Jessica Beahan, Monique Dohle, Alicia Feldman, Elizabeth Harvey, Kristy Johnston, Le-Sharnie Lovi

Year 11: Nathan Ward, Katherine Lamb, Jason Patty
Certificates will be presented on assembly as they become available.

The current focus for the majority of our years 8 to 10 students is the "Discovery Expo" science project due the end of week 4 this term. These projects allow students to demonstrate their investigative skills on a project reflecting their interests. The best projects will be chosen to compete for prizes at our Discovery Expo to be held later this term.

And a reminder that all students are welcome to access specialist teachers for tutorials Monday (Chemistry), Wednesday (Biology) and Thursday (Chemistry & Physics) afternoons from 2.45-3.30pm.

DATE CLAIMERS: RACI Chemistry Quiz

Thursday 26th July

Year 11 Biology Camp

Monday 20th July – Tuesday 21st July

Hannie Gilmour

Head of Department – Science

NVSHS Athletics Day

The NVSHS Athletics Day is on **Friday 27th** of July. All students are expected at school this day and can wear their house colours for the occasion to promote house spirit.

On Thursday the **26th of July**, all discuss, shot put, long jump and javelin events will be held during periods 3 and 4. This is for serious competitors only, with nomination forms on the Laver Staffroom notice board.

Let's all make this year's athletics carnival the best NVSHS has ever seen!

Greg McMahon

Head of Department – Physical Education

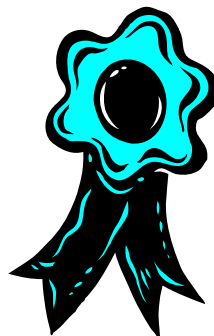
LOTE

Narangba Valley has the pleasure of hosting students from Japan for the next three weeks. Many Narangba students are showing great interest in learning about Japan and its culture through this contact. A big thank-you to all host families for looking after these students and giving them a 'home' to live in while they are here. Tanoshii desu ne!

Tania Wilson

LOTE Department

GOLD LEVEL



Congratulations to the students who have received Gold Level Status for Semester 2. These students applied mid-year and teachers have recommended them due to their very high standard of behaviour and believe they have consistently demonstrated Respect, Integrity and Commitment in all aspects of their schooling at Narangba Valley State High School.

To celebrate the high standard of learning and behaviour of these students, they will be invited to participate in celebratory activities this semester. The new Gold Level Students will be presented with their certificates at their relevant Year Level Assembly in the coming weeks. Congratulations also to the dedicated students who have retained their Gold Level status throughout the year, keep up the great work!

**Gabrielle Lewer, Meredith Fraser, Mark Agnew,
Courtney Greenway and Liz Senior
Heads of Year**

BULLYING SEMINAR

Invitation to all current and prospective parents

Topic: What does Narangba Valley SHS do about bullying.

More than just glossy brochures!

NEW DATE – Wednesday 1st August.

Date: Wednesday 1st August 2007
Time: 7.00pm – 8.00pm
Venue: H Block (Enter gate 1 and proceed to the 2 storey building closest to the tavern.)

The night will involve a definition of bullying in its varying forms. Both proactive and reactive strategies will be discussed in detail. The night is NOT to discuss individual circumstances or situations regarding bullying. 30 minutes will be devoted to a presentation of a DVD showing parents the "Method of Shared Concern". This involves a six-step process that has been proven highly successful in actually stopping bullying.

Please RSVP your interest by Friday 27th July 2007
(Paul Reid 3385 4558 or Leonie Schilling 3385 4569)
Email:
behavioursupport@narangbavalleyshs.eq.edu.au

Paul Reid
HOD Behaviour Support

Tertiary Studies Expo

Saturday & Sunday 21 & 22 July 2007 - 10.00am - 4.00pm - **Free Admission** - Exhibition Building, RNA Showgrounds, Brisbane.

Universities & Faculty Representatives from around Australia & Overseas; Advisors from Professional Associations; Private Education Colleges; Government Agencies; Scholarship & Financial Assistance Info; TAFE Institutes; Post Graduate Course Info & Employers; Seminar Presentations & more!

www.tsxpo.org

Trish Lever
Senior Schooling

Academic Mentoring Program

Narangba Valley State High School is extending an invitation to parents, friends and associates of the school to nominate Corporations, Businesses or Professions who would like to join our Academic Mentoring Program.

This program offers a unique opportunity for gifted students to enhance learning through links with Corporations, Businesses and Professions.

Student outcomes include . . .

- increased relevance to study and future employment
- motivation and vision to achieve career goals
- focus, diligence and commitment
- employment possibilities (part- or full-time)
- opportunity for bursaries
- access to possible Corporate resources and networks
- professional relationships

Corporate outcomes include . . .

- building employer's personal pride in one's own profession
- organisational and staff pride in Community Service (giving something back)
- high productivity through motivated staff
- marketing potential to other Corporations and the community
- financial benefits through tax claims
- addressing community responsibilities and needs

A number of students from Narangba Valley State High School are currently part of this program.

The rewards for both parties are invaluable, and takes only a small amount of time.

If you would like to know how you can be involved please contact the Principal, Mr Ross Mackay. Phone 3385 4555, Fax 3385 4500, or email

the.principal@narangbavalleyshs.qld.edu.au

LATE ARRIVALS

STUDENTS ARRIVING AT SCHOOL LATE MUST GO TO STUDENT SERVICES TO COLLECT A LATE SLIP

A short note from parent / guardian to authorise their student's late arrival ensures the records reflect an authorised late arrival. If a student is late to school without a note from their parent / guardian they will be given 10 minutes community service at morning tea. If they fail to do that they will be given a detention from their Head of Year. Due to this new procedure we do not recommend the use of a phone message to authorise late arrivals, as we are unable to clear the phones prior to community service notice being handed out.

Also any students requiring an Early Departure Slip must bring a note to Student Services in the morning **Prior to Form Class** to receive their slip.

Each fortnight letters are sent out to parents stating the dates of any unexplained absences. If you are in receipt of one of these letters could you please sign the letter and supply an explanation for the absence in the space provided and return it to student services. This will enable us to amend your child's school records accordingly.

We would like to thank you for your assistance in the above matters.

Karen & Leanne



Student Services

Absence Line – 3385 4523 / 3385 4581

CANTEEN ROSTER

MONDAY –	23/07	Adam, Barbara
TUESDAY -	24/07	Julie, Dianne
WEDNESDAY –	25/07	Jean
THURSDAY -	26/07	Jean, Carol
FRIDAY -	27/07	Liz, Adam
MONDAY -	30/07	Cathy, Adam, Barbara
TUESDAY -	31/07	Julie
WEDNESDAY -	1/08	Sue, Jean
THURSDAY -	2/08	Jean, Carol
FRIDAY -	3/08	Jeanette, Liz, Adam



BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT

Update from the Behaviour Support Centre

I am fortunate in my role to participate with students in the many support programs or activities offered at Narangba Valley State High School. In Term 2, 10 Boys graduated from the "No- Limits" program which involved an 'outdoor' excursion to the Luther Heights Youth Camp at Cooloom. I watched first hand and was proud of the efforts of our students, when they physically challenged themselves, overcoming their preconceived fears and discovering their hidden potential. The beginnings of untapped leadership potential were abundant all around.

This term, we look forward to training our very first "Peer Helpers" after they graduate from the Lifeline Peer Skills Training. I have written in previous newsletters of the role peers play in their concern for each other and how this training will assist them in their natural desire to help. Students have had to indicate an interest to either myself or our Youth Support Coordinator to be considered. Some of the invitation/permission letters have been mailed home already, although several vacancies still exist for additional students to be included in the program should you child express an interest. Peer Skills training will occur on the 9th and 10th August over two full school days.



Moving on to the subject of Bullying, I would draw your attention to our Parent Night on this topic to which there is a separate invitation included in this newsletter. Each year, our school participates in the National Safe School Week program where we focus on participating in one national activity. At Narangba Valley State High School, we have presented each form class with the opportunity to sign the "Promise Petition" whereby they made a conscious decision to actively promote a safe and supportive environment here at this school. Over 55% of surveyed students through years

8-12 were prepared to make that written commitment in front of their peers. I would like to convey to them that I RESPECT them for their public COMMITMENT to our school values. Please take the time to discuss with your child their participation in this activity for it will allow them to display some INTEGRITY around 'making good' on their commitment.

As always, I look forward to working with parents in my desire to support students on their journey through high school and adolescence in general.

Paul Reid

Head of Department – Behaviour Support

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