



NAVIGATOR - 2007

TERM 3, AUGUST 2 2007



PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Athletics Carnival

In contrast to last year's Athletics Carnival we had perfect weather for the 2007 Sports Day. Prior to the day we had a number of pre-carnival events run with the competition particularly hot. Even the staff was right in the spirit of things with some good-natured rivalry between the four houses. On the day we had the majority of students dress in house colours and did a great job of participating in the events or supporting their teammates. Congratulations however go to Rafter as the winning house. Age champions were also named and all will receive their various awards at Celebration Showcase to be held later in the year. Congratulations are in order to Ms Hayward, Ms Kross, Mr Delroy and Mr McMahon and the many staff who assisted for making the day such a great success!!



Parent Messages for Students

Parents are requested not to contact the office staff to pass on messages to your children unless it is an emergency. You would appreciate I am sure, that given we have nearly 1600 students in the school that the ability to take and pass on messages is extremely difficult and hence is limited to passing on messages of an emergent nature only. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Student Smoking

Although a practice by a small minority of students, parents are requested to clearly understand that any student found smoking in school uniform in the grounds or outside in the vicinity of the school will be suspended from school. It is completely unacceptable for both the health and well-being of your child and that of other children and brings our school in to disrepute. Students are also not permitted in the grounds with lighters, matches etc. Please ensure your child fully understands this expectation.

School Uniforms

Congratulations are in order for the vast majority of students who are representing themselves and our school so well. As a result our students are achieving an outstanding reputation in the community. This all bodes well as our young people go to look for jobs and courses in the future. It also enables us as a school to provide them with glowing references for employers to consider. This being said though we do have a small minority of students, both boys and girls who still do not meet our uniform expectations. As parents please ensure your children pay particular attention to the following:

- Boys must wear black lace up shoes
- Girls may wear slip on shoes as per the uniform policy **ONLY** with the formal uniform.

- **ONLY** school jumpers or jackets are to be worn.
- White socks must be worn which are clearly visible above the shoe.
- The following are unacceptable at all times: tights being worn under skirts, scarves, beanies, canvas shoes, head bands, bandannas, undershirts.

Ross Mackay

Principal

DEPUTY NEWS

2008 Timetable: As many of you would be aware we are currently going through the subject selection process for the 2008 school year. Some important dates are as follows:

Tuesday 31st July Subject selection forms for Yr 10's going into Yr 11, due.

Friday 3rd August, Subject selection forms for Yr 9's going into Yr 10, due.

Friday 3rd August, Subject selection forms for Yr 8's going into Yr 9, due.

Please be aware that the failure to hand in a subject selection form, may restrict the subjects available for your son/daughter to study in 2008.

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.

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.

Winter Uniforms: Parents are reminded that all students must have the correct Winter Uniform. Please refer to your child's 2007 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 and12, 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 senior tie must be worn by Year 10, 11 and 12 girls at all times with the formal uniform.

***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.

SOSE DEPARTMENT

The SOSE department is eagerly anticipating the upcoming term. All students in Year 9 SOSE will be participating in a series of workshops delivered by the Caboolture Shire Council. Students will be learning about the Greenhouse Effect and Renewable Energy options for the future. In Term 4, students will also be learning about the local community and the features of our catchment area. It is hoped that through practical, hands on activities students will become active participants in creating a sustainable world for the future.

Also coming up in the SOSE department is the Gould Group's Climate Change Pledge. The Gould Group is one of Australia's oldest environmental organizations and is attempting to spread the word about how we can all help minimise the strain we place on the environment. Students at Narangba Valley High School will have the opportunity to pledge their desire to reduce negative impacts upon the environment. We look forward to a strong Commitment from our planet's future decision makers!

Please feel free to contact the SOSE department for future information.

CLIMATE CHANGE PLEDGE

This term, students from Narangba Valley State High School will make a climate change pledge as part of a national environmental initiative being launched by Gould Group, Australia's oldest environmental education organisation.

Politicians, community leaders, young people, old people and everyone in between are being asked to think seriously about the kind of Earth they would like to live on in the future.

The Climate Change Pledge is aimed at providing children and parents a simple and positive way to participate in the climate change discussion with the students making the pledge being given a certificate of appreciation to take home for display.

The Pledge

"My pledge is to contribute to the sustainable use of the earth's resources to reduce the impact of climate change from my actions.

I promise to keep the world beautiful by keeping its soil, water and air clean and free from litter.

I promise to reduce my waste, energy and water use.

I promise to care for the environment - its wildlife, plants and animals and encourage others to do the same."

The Aim



By making the pledge, students commit to taking daily action to reduce their effect on the environment. Those students making the pledge know that they don't have to completely change the way they live. Instead, they can do things like:

- Turn off lights, computer, TV, etc when you leave a room.
- Use heaters and air conditioners responsibly.
- Conserve water by turning off taps, having shorter showers, using grey water on the garden and using water-efficient devices.
- Recycle paper, cardboard and plastics.
- Buy paper, tissues and toilet paper made of recycled materials.
- Always put rubbish in the bin - otherwise it will most likely end up in our water supply.
- Avoid products with lots of packaging.
- Use energy efficient light-bulbs.
- Walk, ride a bike or use public transport to get around instead of always using the car.
- Plant a tree!

The timing of the pledge ties in with the Caboolture Council 'Renewable Energy' and 'Greenhouse Effect' workshops which are running throughout Term 3 as part of the Year 9 SOSE unit, 'Our Future Planet'.

For more information about the Climate Change Pledge visit www.gould.org.au

Miss Rebecca Bratby
Acting HOD SOSE/LOTE

ENGLISH NEWS

Debating:

Congratulations to the Year 10 debating team of Chris Murphy, Ryan O'Rourke, David Bugden and Jordan Brandon (expertly coached by our Debating Co-ordinator, Mr David Oliver) who has the distinction of being the first Debating Team at NVSHS to win a round of the finals. They beat Mountain Creek SHS in the first final by 2 points - a wonderful and convincing win. We wish them good luck in the second finals' round when they will be debating the winner from the St. Rita's College or Villanova College match.

Year 8 English:

Congratulations also to the winners of our brochure competition - Justin Hamilton, Katherine Lawler and Erin Leonard - who were presented with their prizes by Mr. Mackay on the last Middle School Assembly. Year 8 students, as a part of their english assessment, had to design and write a brochure telling year 7 students about life and work at secondary school from a student's perspective. Mr. Mackay was very impressed with the standard of work done by the year 8 students and had a difficult time during the holidays choosing the winners. The winning brochures will now be published and used to distribute at Primary Schools in the district to inform students about the excellent opportunities available at NVSHS.

Literacy

All year 8 classes have now commenced the "Speed into Reading" programme. They have 35 minute lessons,

four times a week, that are designed to improve their reading, comprehension, memory, oral language and inferential thinking skills. Classes have been allocated on the basis of the students' results from the TORC 3 test and appropriate lessons have been prepared for each class. This programme has been designed in conjunction with a leading world researcher on Learning Theory from the University of Queensland, Dr. Carol Christensen, and NVSHS had some outstanding results last year with the year 9s who are currently doing the programme as well.

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LOTE NEWS

A very sad sayonara was said to our 14 Japanese homestay students on Saturday morning. The students have enjoyed 3 weeks with us at school and in the homes of our wonderful homestay families who have gone above and beyond to make their time in Australia special. The students also had the pleasure of very "Australian" classes such as:

AFL session with Greg MacMahon

Cooking ANZAC biscuits with Samantha Hawkins

Drama lesson with Carol Brodie

Australian Geography lesson with Tracey Duxbury and

Australian slang lesson with Ian Cossart (which was just bonza mate!)

The sayonara party speeches were highly entertaining with the Japanese students using the Aussie slang that they had been taught. A very big thank you to all who were involved in such a fantastic homestay for 2007. If you are interested in hosting a student from Japan in July for three weeks in 2008, please contact *Tania Wilson* at the school or email twils36@eq.edu.au

CABOOLTURE COUNCIL WORKSHOP

Working together to protect the environment.

In Term 3 and 4, Year 9 SOSE students will be working with the Caboolture Shire Council to learn more about their local community and environment. Each week, students will attend workshops focussed on 'Renewable Energy', 'The Greenhouse Effect' and 'Our Community, Our Catchment.' These specially developed programs complement students' class-work and will enhance their understanding of issues affecting the environment in today's society.

A SOSE Extension class will take part in an additional workshop in Term 3, completing an Energy Audit of the school; they will survey students and teachers and closely monitor the school's power usage. They will then create an action plan and present a report of their findings to help cut resource usage/wastage within the school and help protect the environment. This 'real world' application of the SOSE curriculum is very

exciting and we look forward to seeing the results of the students' hard work.

Miss Bec Bratby
Acting HOD SOSE/LOTE

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.

OUTSTANDING EFFORT

Outstanding efforts by students of Narangba Valley High School are on display!

Van de Graaff, Schrodinger, Lamarck ... which class are they in? Actually these are famous scientists who have protégés at this school. Our students have been very busy doing their own scientific investigations.

They make fabulous presentations of their work and these will displayed at the Discovery Expo Awards and

Display Evening: August 17, 5 -7pm, H Block, Narangba Valley High School.

Everyone is invited to attend.(Some classes will be lucky enough to see this display during school time).

**Contact Freeman Staffroom for any enquiries:
Phone 33854553**

UNIFORM SHOP

Term 3 still requires students to wear winter formal uniform. This means boys in Years 10, 11 and 12 should be wearing long navy trousers and tie with their formal shirt.

Girls should be wearing a tie with their formal uniform at **ALL** times. Tailored navy pants can be worn in winter. Black stockings are acceptable to be worn with their formal uniform but not underneath their sports uniform. Girls should also not be wearing any ¾ pants under any of the uniforms.

School jumpers and jackets are the only ones acceptable to be worn to school.

**All items are available from the Uniform Shop
Price Lists are available from the Uniform Shop**

START PLANNING NOW FOR 2008.

Call in to the Uniform Shop and get all the information about prices, ordering and additional opening hours for 2008.

CANTEEN ROSTER



COMMUNITY NEWS

Volunteers Wanted

**Do you crave convivial company and fun?
Do you want to help a worthy cause?**

Learning Support needs parent volunteers for assistance with individuals and small groups of students.

We have a small number of year 8 students who are having difficulty in some practical classes such as cooking and sewing. In addition, all of our year 8 students are beginning their Literacy Program this semester. One or two parent helpers would be of great assistance in both these areas.

If there are any parents with a little time on their hands during the day, who would like to assist us, and who have a blue card or would like to apply for one, please contact Susan in the ILC on 3385 4566 or Judy in Rafter Staffroom on 3385 4574.

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| MONDAY – | 6/08 | Adam |
| TUESDAY - | 7/08 | Julie, Dianne |
| WEDNESDAY – | 8/08 | Sue, Betty, Jean |
| THURSDAY - | 9/08 | Jean |
| FRIDAY - | 10/08 | Liz |
| MONDAY - | 13/08 | SHOW DAY |
| TUESDAY - | 14/08 | Fiona, Julie |
| WEDNESDAY - | 15/08 | STUDENT FREE DAY |
| THURSDAY - | 16/08 | Jean |
| FRIDAY - | 17/08 | Liz |