



NAVIGATOR - 2007

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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Queensland Core Skills Test

As I write this, our Year 12 students are currently sitting the QCS Test. These two days of testing held on the 4th and 5th September forms a fundamental component of the OP process for the Queensland Studies Authority. Our students have had an extensive and intensive preparation program over many months to enable all students to give of their very best. It is essential for all students to try their very hardest and give the best performance possible. I wish all students the very best for quality QCS outcomes.

Teacher Aides Day

Friday 7th September we acknowledged and celebrated the outstanding role that the many teacher aides in our school play. They are a key part of our professional learning teams and assist teachers to ensure the best quality learning outcomes for our students. We are very proud of the diverse role they have in the learning processes in our school and on Friday we showed our appreciation for their professionalism and commitment to our students. Well done to you all!!

With the term drawing to a close it is imperative to ensure students are working hard at ensuring all assignments and assessment items are completed to an excellent level and that all dead lines are met. Personal Attribute Reports (PAR) will be distributed before the end of term. These documents are crucial to ensure parents are fully informed as to the progress of your children. These reports show progress academically and behaviourally. Please ask your child for these at the end of Term.

Ross Mackay

Principal

DEPUTY NEWS

Assignments & Exams: Reminder to all students and their families that we are heading in to the busiest part of the term. Students will need to manage their time effectively to ensure that they do not leave all the work until the last minute.

QCS Test: On September 4th and 5th, most of our

Year 12 students sat the QCS Test. This was a very intense time for our Seniors and we hope they did well. Thanks to Julie Price and her Tuckshop assistants for providing a light breakfast for the Seniors. Also, thanks to Samantha Hawkins our Head of Department Senior Schooling for her hard work in organizing the venue and students. Thanks also to staff involved in the supervision and the rest of the student body, who kept away from the PALACE, so our Seniors were able to sit the test in peace and quiet.

Students Truantiing School: A number of students are deliberately truantiing 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. Please remind your sons/daughters that in order to maximize their learning, they need to be in-class and on-time to every lesson. Also, as there is a Duty of Care issue, students who are caught truantiing may be suspended.

Thefts: Unfortunately we occasionally have thefts of student property. Parents are asked to remind students not to bring items such as I-pods, MP3 players and Play Station Portables, to school. These items are banned and they will be confiscated if seen. At times these items can go missing and we may not have time to locate them. So to ensure they do not go missing, leave items of this nature at home.

Subject selection forms for 2008 are now **overdue**, Please check with your son or daughter to make sure they have handed in all the required forms.



SENIOR SCHOOLING NEWS

University of Queensland special entry schemes:

The UQ-Link Special Entry Scheme provides access to University for students who have experienced educational disadvantage as a result of financial hardship. The scheme enables the University to consider eligible students for "special entry" if they do not reach the OP required for their chosen program. In addition, the University offers students admitted through the UQ-Link scheme a special Orientation program and access to on-going student support. Students eligible for the UQ-Link scheme may also



apply for a UQ-Link Residential Support Scholarship, which offers financial assistance with the cost of accommodation in the first year of study.

Other special entry schemes available to students include:

1. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Alternative Entry
 2. Special Consideration of Educational Disadvantage (SCED) through QTAC.
- Please note that all applications are treated in the strictest confidence.

For more information and an application form, see your school guidance officer, visit the website <http://www.uq.edu.au/study/uqlink-entry>, or contact UQ Admissions (07) 3365 2203 (free call 1800 788 728 for schools in rural and remote areas) email: uq.link@admin.uq.edu.au Applications close on 26 October 2007.

Trish Lever
Senior Schooling Aide

ENGLISH NEWS

Students have received excellent results in the International English Competition. Two students in Year 10, (Alex Gilmour and Ryan O'Rourke) were awarded High Distinctions which placed them in the top 1% of the population. Students who achieved Distinctions were placed in the top 10 % of the population and those awarded Credits achieved in the next 20%. Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding efforts and they will be awarded their certificates on the next assembly.



Year 8

ANTONIEFF, EMMA-LE	<u>DISTINCTION</u>
BRUMLEY, KIM	<u>DISTINCTION</u>
FLEISCHFRESSER, ASHLEIGH	<u>DISTINCTION</u>
GILMOUR, SASKIA	<u>DISTINCTION</u>
HOWARTH, COURTNEY	<u>DISTINCTION</u>
LEONARD, ERIN	<u>DISTINCTION</u>
MATTHEWS-FREDERICK, RACHEL	<u>DISTINCTION</u>
O'REILLY, ERIN	<u>DISTINCTION</u>
BENNETT, JOSHUA	<u>CREDIT</u>
GERBER, RENEE	<u>CREDIT</u>
GOODWIN, CHARMAINE	<u>CREDIT</u>
GRANT, CANDICE	<u>CREDIT</u>
HAMILTON, JUSTIN	<u>CREDIT</u>
HEATLEY, GEORGIA	<u>CREDIT</u>
HOGG, KELLY	<u>CREDIT</u>
MULLER, GEORGIA	<u>CREDIT</u>
SMITH, HENRI	<u>CREDIT</u>
TRUDA, DANIELA	<u>CREDIT</u>
WINKELY, OWEN	<u>CREDIT</u>
WOOD, TAYLA	<u>CREDIT</u>
YOUNG, SHARON	<u>CREDIT</u>

Year 9

ELLIOTT, BROOKE	<u>DISTINCTION</u>
HORSFALL, DANIEL	<u>DISTINCTION</u>
ROBERTS, KATELYN	<u>DISTINCTION</u>
EVANS, TANIA JO	<u>CREDIT</u>
FAIRBANK, TRACEY	<u>CREDIT</u>
GOODACRE, CHELSEA	<u>CREDIT</u>
MAY, LUKE	<u>CREDIT</u>
MEYRICK, CHARLOTTE	<u>CREDIT</u>
NEWTON, NATHAN	<u>CREDIT</u>
THOMPSON, MEG	<u>CREDIT</u>

Year 10

GILMOUR, ALEX HIGH	<u>DISTINCTION</u>
O'ROURKE, RYAN HIGH	<u>DISTINCTION</u>
FINLEY, JADE	<u>DISTINCTION</u>
KENNELLY, MATT	<u>DISTINCTION</u>
MOMMERS, BRAD	<u>DISTINCTION</u>
MURPHY, CHRISTOPHER	<u>DISTINCTION</u>
ANSTEY, MICHAEL	<u>CREDIT</u>
GRANT, IMOGENE	<u>CREDIT</u>
THOMPSON, DALE	<u>CREDIT</u>

Year 11

MCKINNON, JAMIE	<u>CREDIT</u>
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Year 12

MOMMERS, VERONICA	<u>DISTINCTION</u>
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LITERACY NEWS

Congratulations to Lara Patty, Owen Winkley and Tayo Adeniyi who won gift vouchers for their excellent poster designs for advertising our "Speed into Reading" Programme. A NVSHS Poster will now be professionally produced that incorporates and immortalises aspects of their designs. Well done!

Mrs Kingston
HOD English

LOTE NEWS

We have some very exciting news in the Japanese Department in the launch of our 'Real Time Chat Program' with The Senri International School in Japan.



Using this program and our LOTE computers we can successfully type in Japanese, speak in Japanese (using the microphones), listen to Japanese (using the headphones) and look at our Japanese friends using the web cameras! We are very excited about the opportunities that this will create for our students and this new door way that we have opened to the world. Stay tuned for more information in your Japanese classes soon.

Mrs. Wilson

LAPTOP PROGRAM



Narangba Valley SHS

Laptop Program 2008

Parent Information Evening for prospective Year 8 students in 2008 who are considering applying for the Laptop Program.

Date and Time: Wednesday 19th September, 6.30pm

Venue: P.A.L.A.C.E.
Harris Avenue
Narangba
Phone 3385 4555

www.narangbavalleyshs.eq.edu.au

Enquiries to:
laptop@narangbavalleyshs.eq.edu.au

YEAR 9 SCIENCE

The following is some of the great work done by students: Good on you Levi and Sheridan. This was done for Yr 9 Science- Physics (Levi's trebuchet) and Earth Science (Sheridan's Rock Identification)

Mr Bauer
Teacher

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE OFFICE

EARLY DEPARTURE FROM SCHOOL

- The student presents a note from their parent/guardian, to **Student Services** on arrival at school.
- An **Early Departure Slip** is given to the student
- It is recommended that collection of students be at lunch breaks (**times given below**) or between classes to minimise disruption to the learning of others.
- Students are able to leave school and come back for appointments **ONLY** when accompanied by a parent or a parent representative (representative must be documented by staff and/or on emergency contact list). Students are unable to walk to their appointments alone and return to school alone eg- they cannot walk to the primary school to the dental van and then return to school.
- Departure during class time is discouraged. Students will not be 'paged' over the PA system for collection. Parents please note: school staff is unavailable to pass on messages to students during the school day.



LUNCH BREAKS

RECESS 1

Mon – Wed & Friday 11.00-11.45am

Thurs 11.00-11.30am

RECESS 2

Mon – Wed & Friday 12.55-1.25pm

Thursday 12.40-1.25pm

LEAVING SCHOOL AT 2.35pm

- The parking area at the front of the school adjacent to Harris Avenue is **a parking area only**. There is no provision for parents to drive through to pick up and set down students.
- To double park creates a hazard for students and prevents other motorists from exiting parking spaces contributing to the traffic congestion in this area.
- You must park to collect your student in the car parks provided. If the car park is full it is recommended that you delay your pick-up time slightly to allow some traffic to clear.
- Please, do not drive into the school grounds under any circumstances.

STUDENTS WHO DRIVE TO SCHOOL

- Details of your vehicle, including registration number, are to be provided to the school

Along with

- A signed letter from parents/guardian advising that you will be driving to and from school and the names of any sibling/s who may travel with you.

IMPORTANT

- Students may not transport any other student unless written permission is received from the parents/guardian of both students.

MEDICATION & ILLNESS

- Parents are asked not to send sick students to school, as there is no provision for students to lie in sickbay for an hour or two until they feel better.
- **No** medication will be administered to students unless a doctor has prescribed it.
- **All** medication must be accompanied by an "**Administration of Medication Form**", which can be obtained from Student Services or the office **and** a letter from the student's doctor outlining the condition for which the medication is required, the dosage, and the expected time the medication will be required for.
- School staff will not administer over the counter medications including paracetamol, aspirin or medications for the management of menstrual cramps.
- Students who become unwell during the day are to report to **Student Services** to contact parents. Mobile phones are **not** to be used for this purpose.



Office Staff

STATEMENT FROM EDUCATION QUEENSLAND

Physical activities, including sports, have inherent risks. Parents should be aware that the school does not have 'accident insurance' to cover medical or other costs in the event of accidental injury. The school recommends that parents should consider private insurance to ease concerns in this regard.

Parents wishing to make a claim for expenses resulting from injuries at school should make a written request to : **The Director, Legal and Administrative Law Branch (PO Box 15033, City East, QLD, 4002)**. The request

must outline the circumstances of the injury, the amount claimed and the reasons the parent believes the school caused the injury. Any such claims will be considered on their merits.

Acceptance of claims is based on demonstrated negligence on the part of the school, and is not automatic. Parents wishing to explore the options available to them should seek independent legal advice.

CANTEEN ROSTER



UNIFORM SHOP

START PLANNING FOR 2008

This year we are going to trial a system that may make it a bit faster for parents to get served.

If you can order your uniforms prior to December, then when you collect these uniforms on either of the Saturdays or the week prior to school commencing, there will be a point of service for payments only. (You will not be allowed to change

MONDAY –	17/09	<i>Adam</i>
TUESDAY -	18/09	<i>Julie, Diane</i>
WEDNESDAY -	19/09	<i>Betty, Sue, Jean</i>
THURSDAY -	20/09	<i>Jean, Heather</i>
FRIDAY -	21/09	<i>Adam, Liz</i>
MONDAY -	24/09	<i>School Holidays</i>
TUESDAY -	25/09	<i>School Holidays</i>
WEDNESDAY –	26/09	<i>School Holidays</i>
THURSDAY -	27/09	<i>School Holidays</i>
FRIDAY -	28/09	<i>School Holidays</i>

any sizes at this point or add any items to the order.) *This point of service will be for collect and pay only.*

As there is only one payment point, please be aware, that this line will also be interrupted at various times with other people paying for the items they have purchased from scratch (there will be a different point of service for these people to try clothes on). Hopefully this will make it a bit faster as you won't have to wait behind others who need to try clothes on.

Your patience and understanding with this trial is greatly appreciated.

Uniform price lists, order forms, and other information is all available from the Uniform Shop.

HOURS

TUESDAY

8.00A.M. - 10.00A.M.

WEDNESDAY

1.00P.M. - 3.00P.M.

THURSDAY

1.00P.M. - 3.00P.M.

STUDENTS CAN ACCESS THE UNIFORM SHOP IN FIRST BREAK EVERY DAY.

Any further information required please phone:

Robyn

Ph: 3385 4502

COMMUNITY NEWS

Burpengary Swimming Club

Summer Season commences on the 7th September 2007 at 6pm. The first two nights are free - \$4.00 per night thereafter. Must be able to swim 25 meters freestyle (with or without flippers) to start. We look forward to hearing from you! 20
Fountain Road Burpengary



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