

NAVIGATOR - 2007

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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

What an outstanding night our Celebration Showcase was this year! This gala evening is the night of the year we recognise and celebrate outstanding student performance. This is in all the various academic endeavours to sport and to cultural activities. Our students have really excelled in 2007. I mentioned in my speech, that although only the award recipients were mentioned on the night, there were many hundreds of other students who have worked extremely hard all year and achieved wonderful levels of performance. The talent didn't stop with our acknowledging our highest performing students as the audience was treated to outstanding performances by our dancers and musicians. To top it off this year our teachers decided to present as a cohort of educators in academic gowns. What a marvellous spectacle it was to see our highly skilled teaching staff in their academic colours and presenting as one. Our Junior Dux for 2007 is Ryan O'Rourke and our Senior Dux is Samantha O'Rourke. The Spirit of Success medal went to Laura Platt and the Caltex All Rounder Award for 2007 was awarded to Jessica Van Grinsven. Congratulations to all! We are so proud of you!!

As well we have had the inaugural Valleywood "eNVy" Awards. This brilliant evening highlighted the outstanding talent and the great work of our Film and Television students and staff. It was just a brilliant evening with 20 finalists being presented in four categories. Ms Benson and Mr Coulson really outdid themselves with the organisation and the format of the evening. It was just superb with the enthusiastic audience being treated to the wonderfully creative efforts of our students.

Congratulations everyone!

This coming Friday we farewell our Year 12 students of 2007. I wish each and every student all the very best for a wonderful future ahead. I hope that each student receives the outcomes from their study that they deserve and find careers and lifestyles for the future that provide them with happiness and fulfilment. Thank you Year 12s of 2007 for all you have done to assist our school to be what it is today!

Ross Mackay

Principal

DEPUTY NEWS

The past fortnight has been extremely busy with Year 12 students sitting their final exams. We wish all Year 12 students the best for their future as they graduate on Friday, 16 November. SAs are published on 20 November and will be displayed in the Resource Centre. Year 11s head into block exams next week and students finish on Friday, 30 November. Year 10 SET Plans are now due and students are completing their final assessment. Year 10s finish on 30 November. Year 8 and 9 students will need to be studying for their final assessment of the year.

Please note that to ensure all students have a smooth and effective engagement with learning in 2008, all students must be in attendance by the second day of the new school year. **It is essential that you notify the school of any explained absence.**

As the hot weather is upon us it is advisable for students to wear a hat and sunscreen when out on the oval. Keeping hydrated is extremely important otherwise students can become ill quickly if not drinking sufficient water.

From

Sean Bennett, Adam Colley, Jenny Bullen, & Rae Ellis.

TRANSITION DAY

Year 7 into 8 Transition Day is Monday 10th December commencing at 9.00am and finishing at 2.00pm. The day will commence in the P.A.L.A.C.E.

Please direct any enquiries to Rick Cass

Rick Cass
Middle Schooling Head
of Department



ENGLISH NEWS

Congratulations to Erin Leonard in Year 8 who was awarded a Highly Commended in *The Courier Mail* Literary Awards for her short story entitled, "Disaster". These awards are very prestigious and winners are judged from entries from both state and private schools all over the State. Erin attended a ceremony at the Bardon Professional Development Centre in Brisbane and was a wonderful ambassador for our school. We look forward to more great writing from Erin in the future.

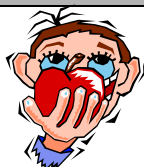


Elizabeth Kingston
English Head of Department.

HOST FAMILIES REQUIRED

Students from Sweden, France, Austria and Canada will all be attending a High School in your area, and are waiting for a host family. The student's interests include swimming, dancing, singing and sports. If you would like to share your home and life style with a student, while learning about theirs please contact Margaret Wall, STS State Coordinator for more information on 3204 2156.

CANTEEN ROSTER



Monday -	19/11	Cathy
Tuesday -	20/11	Julie & Fiona
Wednesday -	21/11	Sue & Jean
Thursday -	22/11	Carol & Jean
Friday -	23/11	Liz
Monday -	26/11	Adam
Tuesday -	27/11	Julie & Diane
Wednesday -	28/11	Sue & Betty
Thursday -	29/11	Carol & Jean
Friday -	30/11	Liz & Jeanette

EVENTS

SCHOOL EVENTS CALENDAR - 2007

7 th to 14 th November	Year 12 Block Exams
15 th November	AFL/Netball Gala Dinner
16 th	Year 12 Finishes – Graduation Ceremony

November 19 th to 26 th	starts at 7.45am for group photo
November 30 th	Year 11 Block Exams
November	Years 10 & 11 Finish

MEDICAL INFORMATION UPDATE

There's only a matter of weeks to go now until the end of the study year. Students everywhere are now preparing themselves for the 'big push' through those last assignments and end of year exams, and can probably just make out a small point of light at the end of the tunnel.

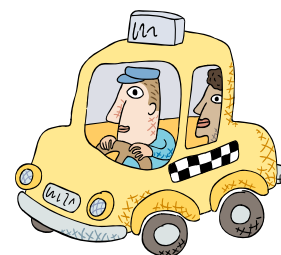
Traditionally, the end of the study year brings parties and party weather. 'Schoolies Week' is probably the most widely known period of celebration, however, people may also get together on a smaller scale to let their hair down. As this season rapidly approaches, here are a few things you can be mindful of to help you get you and your friends through this time in one piece.

- Wherever possible, have someone drive you and pick you up from where you will be celebrating, or share a taxi with friends. This can keep the cost down and is a small price to pay for getting home safely.
- Take some drinking water with you.
- Make sure someone you trust knows where you are going to be in case something goes wrong. This may be a parent, older sibling, or friend.
- If possible, have a mobile phone either on you or someone in your group to use in an emergency.
- If you are going to be outside, don't forget sun protection. Take sunscreen with you, as well as protective clothing and a hat if possible.
- Try not to let others who may have been drinking or using other drugs drive.

Before you go out to a party – **remember you are in control....** you are responsible for setting limits and sticking to them. The choices you make will determine whether it is one to remember or one to forget.

To the Grade 12's, Best of wishes in your exams and your new endeavours. Hope you all have a safe and happy holiday.

Devi Moodley
School Nurse



2008 MUSICAL



Yes it's that time again. Although we have decided what our musical will be for 2008 - we want to hold off in telling everyone until we have thoroughly checked the script and music scores to ensure that it will provide the best opportunity for our students to show off their abundant talents. We should be able to release the title in a few weeks so stay tuned!

In the meantime, auditions for leads will start to take place before the end of the school year with our expected performance dates to be at the end of term 2, 2008.

Being a part of a school musical is a fantastic opportunity to develop friendships and to create memories that will last a lifetime. I strongly encourage all students to consider how they can be a part of the experience and I also welcome the input of parents. If you have any experience in costume making, set construction or advertising, or even if you don't but would like to be a part of the process, please let us know.

Carol Brodie
HOD- Performing Arts

STATE TITLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the following students who are now the Queensland Champions after winning the state title for CISCO Networking Challenge. The boys competed against Year 12 students and had to carry out a series of networking challenges including the configuration of routers. Many thanks to Mark Casey who organised the team and who provided excellent tuition to help prepare these students.

Well done to all!



Photo from Left to Right:
Aaron Hamilton (Yr10), Trent Lewis (Yr11), Mark Casey (ICT Teacher), Dale Thompson (Yr10), Sam Maher (Yr11)

UNIFORMS

In the last newsletter, a copy of the Uniform Policy for 2008 was attached. Please read carefully and if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me (Robyn) on 3385 4502. If you did not receive a copy, they are available at the Uniform Shop.

A couple of quick points regarding the uniform policy –

- Slip on shoes of any kind are not to be worn with the sports uniform
- Stockings are not to be worn under the sports uniform
- Boys in Years 10, 11 & 12 are to wear a tie with their formal uniform all year round.

Please remember to get in now and order your uniforms for 2008.

HOURS FOR 2007 & 2008

TUESDAY 8.00am - 10.00am
WED & THURS 1.00pm - 3.00pm

****CLOSED MONDAY AND FRIDAY****

ADDITIONAL HOURS FOR 2007/2008

2007

SATURDAY 8th DECEMBER
9.00am - 3.00pm

2008

TUES, WED & THURS
22nd, 23rd & 24th JANUARY
9.00am - 3.00pm

SATURDAY 19th JANUARY
9.00am - 3.00pm

STATIONERY LISTS

Stationery lists for 2008 have been distributed to students. If your child did not receive one, they are available from the office or the Uniform Shop.

These lists are for you to complete and return to the office or the uniform shop with payment by the 4th December. Payment can only be made by credit card, cheque or money order. **NO CASH IS ACCEPTED.**

Thank you
Robyn Millyard
Uniform Shop Convenor

