



NAVIGATOR - 2007

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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

It was with much fanfare and celebration that we farewelled our Year 12s of 2007. The enormous audience (composed mainly of parents and family members) enjoyed speeches and sentiments about our Year 12 students as we said our final goodbyes. What a great group of young men and women they are. A real credit to their families!

I wish all Year 12 students every success and happiness in the future!

Our current Year 10 and 11 students are busily involved in assessment and preparing for the completion of their school year, which is in two weeks time (Friday 30th November). It is imperative that all students have a set and well considered revision program to enable them to achieve at their best.

Congratulations are in order to all students and staff who have produced our outstanding school magazine for 2007. Special thanks to Mr Sharrock for his leadership in this area. "Futurum" is available for purchase and is an outstanding full colour record of all that students and staff have achieved this year. It is an amazing collection of memorable photos and stories. Truly a must have item for both students and staff.

Have a terrific fortnight!

Ross Mackay

Principal

DEPUTY NEWS

Another busy year is rapidly drawing to a close. The final day of school for students in Years 10 and 11 is Friday, 30th November.

Reports for all students in Years 10 and 11 will be mailed out and for Years 8 & 9, they will be distributed at school on Wednesday, 12th December.

It is important to remember, that while we are all looking forward to a well-deserved break, the final weeks of school are very busy and it is a time when final assessment for all year levels is being conducted and reports are being finalised.

Staff and Administration have been reminding students in classes, on assemblies and in notices that the expectation for student behaviour and work remains high and that at all times students are to conduct themselves according to the school's Code of Behaviour, both in the classroom and during breaks. Sometimes there is a tendency for students to think that

rules and expectations are relaxed towards the end of year. This is not the case and some students who engage in inappropriate and unsafe behaviours in the classroom and during break time are learning that the whole school staff, are very serious about maintaining a productive and safe learning environment for all.

Medication Procedures

Reminder that changes to the Department of Education Policy for the Administration of, Routine and Emergency Medication and Management of Health Conditions, has resulted in some changes to our school procedures to do with medication. All students currently on medication need to update their information if there have been any changes to either medication or doses. A copy of the Administration of Medication Form is available from the office. Please note that medication must be in its original container, labelled with the student's name and be accompanied by a letter from a medical practitioner detailing dosage and timing. Any changes to medical details need to be done in writing.

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

RESPECT INTEGRITY COMMITMENT

Congratulations to Ben Browning, Chris Dreier, Leteisha Bain for receiving the Respect Integrity Commitment Award at our Middle School Assembly.

CANTEEN NEWS

The Canteen will be CLOSED on Wednesday 12th, Thursday 13th and Friday 14th of December.

STUDENT SERVICES

Just a reminder to all that Student Services now houses the sickbay.

All students are reminded that if you are feeling unwell please come to sickbay and we will contact your parent or nominated emergency contact and make arrangements for you to go home. Students are **not** to phone parents on their mobile.

The procedure for students arriving at school late is as follows –

- Present to window at student services
- Bring a note explaining the reason for late arrival.
- Obtain a late slip
- Proceed directly to class

Any students who do not follow this procedure will be marked absent on their form roll and a message will be sent to parents, requesting reasons for non-attendance.

Student Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school you can notify us on 3385 4581 or 3385 4523 if the office is unattended please leave a message on message bank. If you are aware of any absences that your son or daughter has had during the year and you have yet to notify us we would appreciate if you could do so by the end of term as these records are a permanent record on your child's school records.

**The staff of Student Services would like to wish all families a
Safe and Happy Christmas**

Karen & Leanne

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

Although it is November, we are still hard at it with several performances still to be presented. Here are a few final items for your calendar:

Wed 14 Nov Instrumental Music Break-up at Burpengary Aquatic Centre from 6pm-8pm. Invitations sent home with students last week.

Tues 4 Dec Final 2007 Music Support Group meeting- all parents welcome. 6:30pm in LAVER staffroom

Thurs 6 Dec Xmas tunes at Morayfield Shopping Centre from 5:30pm- Formal uniform required

Sat 9 Dec Xmas Carols at Narangba Community Concert(time to be confirmed)- Formal uniform required

Students are to contact their Instrumental teacher, Miss Jabs, Mr Hamlin or Mr Jarvela for any further specific details about the above events.

Next year will also be very busy with our tour currently being planned along with a series of twilight concerts to be held once a term.

To support our developing program we will also be reintroducing a small levy for participating students. This will be \$50 per year + \$40 per year if a school instrument is to be borrowed. Instrumental students will

be issued with an invoice for this in early 2008. New students, especially Year 8s are more than welcome to join with a meeting to be held in early 2008 to explain how the program works and why so many students thoroughly enjoy the fun and friendship that instrumental music can provide.

As 2007 draws to its close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the students, staff and parents for making this a very successful year for our Instrumental Music program and we look forward to a bigger and better 2008.

Carol Brodie
HOD- Performing Arts

2008 RESOURCE HIRE SCHEME

Dear Parents/Caregivers

A Reminder that all families have now been invoiced for the amount of \$195 for the 2008 Resource Hire Scheme.

The Resource Hire Scheme has been implemented into this school to ensure that all students have the necessary resources to support their educational requirements. It is also intended as a convenience to parents/caregivers to provide a more economical option to purchasing new textbooks each year.

Please note: all outstanding Resource Hire Fees for 2007 must be paid in full before the payment for 2008 Resource Hire Scheme will be accepted. Non payment of 2007 fees may result in your student not being accepted into the scheme for 2008.

Any enquires regarding this scheme, please contact Lisa Harriss, Business Service Manager, on 3385 4555.

Thank You
Lisa Harriss
Business Service Manager

ENGLISH

Students in Mrs Waterman's Year 9 Accelerated English class have entertained their classmates with newly developed scenes for the Shakespearean classic, 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. Students have been writing, rehearsing and organising props for their debut performance. The audience described the matinee performances as, "entertaining and humorous".

(Photo removed)

Rhian McDonald as Lysander and Christie-Lee Reed as Demetrius

Tuia Chan and Brittney Huntriss

SCIENCE

The Queensland Museum's travelling biotechnology exhibit recently visited and museum staff delivered a program to some of our Year 9 Extension and Year 10 Bridging Science students. Students were involved in a hands-on lab experiment with the extraction of DNA which many proudly wore around their neck in an ampoule. They were also involved in the interactive biotechnology exhibits in the "Biobus" which included relevant careers information. Science staff also attended a valuable professional development session where ideas, activities and resources were shared by Biobus staff.

On the 20th November our Year 9 Extension students were privileged enough to visit QUT's School of Physical Sciences for a "Space Day" delivered by Dr Stephen Hughes. Students got to experience first-hand the first year Physics laboratories and lecture theatres and engage in activities designed to support the delivery of our current curriculum unit of Astronomy. It is the first time a state school has participated AND the first time that girls have been involved in the program. Dr Stephen Hughes has now been partnered with our school as part of the "Scientists in Schools" program, so we look forward to his continued interest and involvement with our school.

From the Science Department

YEAR 9 SOSE

Year 9 SOSE students – creating a plan for the future of our local community

by Rebecca Bratby, Acting Head of Department for SOSE

The Caboolture Council is back in Year 9 SOSE classrooms again this term, involving our students in workshops titled, "Our Community, Our Catchment." While learning about the history of our local area, students have been engaging with photographs and satellite images of the Narangba and Burpengary regions dating back to 1895! Tracking the major changes brought about by human settlement, students have taken on the role of Environmental Impact Assessors and prioritized issues such as: fresh drinking water, agriculture and industry as well as preserving cultural heritage and recreation opportunities.

Through the workshops, students have discovered many things they didn't know about their community.

Did you know?

- Narangba means "small valley."
- It was settled in 1850 with harvesting of hardwood timbers and dairying being the two main industries.
- The first subdivision occurred in 1953 and resulted in the area changing from rural to semi-rural/suburban.

- The growth rate in the Narangba/Burpengary area for the last twelve months was 5.3% - the highest in the Caboolture Shire.
- Our catchment has had the greatest decline in woody vegetation in the whole of South East Queensland. Since 1850, 92.5% of this vegetation has been cleared.

(left to right), Kaycee Anderson, Megan Dicker and Sheridan Budd get their priorities for the local community in order.

Liam Badger and Lachlan Campbell work with Tony, a Caboolture Council Education Officer, to learn more about their local area.

Darrell Buckley's shares his assessment of the priorities for the local community; drinking water and wildlife habitats rate much higher than recreation for this eco-friendly ambassador.

LOTE LEADS THE WAY IN 2008!

A common misconception is that the development of literacy can be confused or hampered by learning several languages at the same time. In fact, research shows that that exposure to as little as one hour per week of a second language in the earliest years of primary school advances the age of reading readiness in English. What we learn to do in one language helps us with any other language we might encounter. This means that our first language and other languages work in partnership to strengthen and enrich our repertoire of literacy practices. Studies also show that learning another language enhances the academic skills of students by increasing their abilities in writing and mathematics.

In fact, research into the acquisition of languages indicates that cognitive development can be greatly enhanced by learning several languages simultaneously. Researchers from University College London studied the brains of 105 people, 80 of whom were bilingual. They found learning other languages altered grey matter – the area of the brain which processes information – in the same way exercise builds muscles. Children in languages programs have tended to demonstrate greater cognitive development and more creative thinking skills. Furthermore, people who learned a second language at a younger age are more likely to have more advanced grey matter than those who learned later.

Finally, through teaching and maintaining Indigenous and community languages, we help to maintain cultural identity and diversity. All communities take a pride in their customs, their way of seeing the world, their way of expressing themselves in language, in art, in music and in day-to-day living. By endorsing multilingualism within the nation's education system, we show that we value the rich cultural diversity which is Australia.

To be continued.....

UNIFORMS

UNIFORM SHOP CLOSED THURSDAY 13TH DECEMBER

A copy of the Uniform Policy for 2008 is now available. 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-

- Girls must always wear a tie with their formal uniform.
- Formal and sports uniforms cannot be mixed.
- Socks are to be plain white and visible above the ankle.

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

HOURS FOR 2007 & 2008

TUESDAY

8.00a.m. – 10.00a.m.

WED & THUR.

1.00p.m. – 3.00p.m.

CLOSED MONDAY AND FRIDAY

ADDITIONAL HOURS FOR 2007/2008

2007 SAT. 8TH DECEMBER 9.00a.m. – 3.00p.m.

2008 TUES., WED & THUR. 22, 23 & 24 JAN. 9.00a.m. – 3.00p.m.

SAT. 19TH JANUARY 9.00a.m. – 3.00p.m.

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

CANTEEN ROSTER

Monday -	3/12	Cathy
Tuesday -	4/12	Julie & Helen
Wednesday -	5/12	Sue
Thursday -	6/12	Heather
Friday -	7/12	Liz
Monday -	10/12	Gayle
Tuesday -	11/12	Julie
Wednesday -	12/12	CLOSED
Thursday -	13/12	CLOSED
Friday -	14/12	CLOSED

Thank you to everyone who has helped out in the canteen this year, your time has been very much appreciated. We look forward to seeing you next year.

EVENTS

SCHOOL EVENTS CALENDAR - 2007

26 th to 30 th November	Year 11 Prefect/Mentor starts
30 th November	Years 10 & 11 Finish
10 th December	Gold Level Excursion – White Water World
10 th December	Transition Day
10 th -14 th December	Yr 10/11 report cards sent home this week Yr 8/9 report cards given out in form class
14 th December	Years 8 & 9 finish

THINK SIMPLE

Climate change is upon us. There is a constant demand to save water, save energy and save our planet. Narangba Valley State High School is working toward saving energy, water and our little piece of the environment but we need your help. Did you know that planting a tree can help decrease pollution and greenhouse emissions? One tree makes approximately 3077 pieces of A4 paper while 1 tonne of paper makes approximately 40, 00 sheets. Recycling half of the worlds paper would save 20 million areas of forested land. Its so easy to recycle and your doing your bit for the environment.

We can all do it if we “**Think, simple**” about how we use the earth.

Yr 10 Geography