THANK YOUs

This is the final newsletter for 2014. It has been another very busy year with exciting learning opportunities and many fine achievements.

Our students are a fantastic group of boys and girls who constantly amaze and surprise us with their energy, perseverance and inspiration. If you attended Awards Day you would have been a witness to this. In particular we would like to pay tribute to our Year 6s and 7s who have been positive role models of respect and responsibility to our younger students. To these students we say best of luck for the next phase of your schooling - high school.

We would like to acknowledge and thank our wonderful staff – skilful and dedicated teachers, teacher aides, office ladies, groundsman and cleaners, who work tirelessly for the betterment of students and their learning.

We are fortunate at Nerang SS to have many volunteers who work from the grounds to the classroom. Without our volunteers many important jobs/programs, which benefit the school and its students would just not get done. Thank you volunteers!

We very much appreciate the support of our parent/caregiver community for all the hard work, dedication and encouragement you provide to both your children and the staff of our school.

Thank you finally to the P&C who work hard to raise extra money to fund school priorities.

Have a wonderful safe and happy Christmas break and we look forward to seeing you back for the first day of school on Tuesday 27 January 2015.

AWARDS DAY and YEARS 6/7 GRADUATION

Yesterday the efforts and achievements of our students for 2014 were recognized at our annual Awards Day and Years 6/7 Ceremony. The importance of this event is highlighted by the fact that so many invited guests made the effort to attend. Special guests this year included: Dr Alex Douglas, State Member for Gaven, Mrs Tracey Gilmore, Councilor for Division 5, Mr Scott Ison Nerang SHS, Mr Chris Wood, Head of Junior Merrimac SHS, Mr Jeff Stefan and Mr Ben Sanin, Nerang
RSL, Mr Rod Kirkland, Acting Principal
Logan Special School, Mrs Donna Gosling,
Principal Pimpama Junior College, the
P&C Executive, Mrs Carol Randall,
President, Mr Dale Powell, Vice President,
Mr Steve Bell, Secretary, Mrs Anne Panitz,
Treasurer.

Many students were recognized for their
efforts, please see lists below. A highlight
of the ceremony was the entertainment
provided by our students. The Rock Choir
sang ‘Royals’. Thanks to the hard work of
Ms Byrnes, Mr Gatwood, Mr Bland and Mr
Houston who trained this group, they are
high quality. Finally Shanae B of 6/7D sang
a beautiful solo.

At the end of quite a long ceremony one
could not help feeling very, very proud of
our school - Nerang.

Please see lists attached for the winners of
all awards.

REPORTS
Semester Two reports were emailed on
Wednesday updating you on your child’s
progress. If you have concerns about your
child’s report you are most welcome to
contact your child’s teacher. If you don’t
have email access and need a paper copy
of your students’ report please contact the
office immediately.

SEWING CLUB
One of the many activities offered to our
students is Sewing Club. Three absolutely
wonderful volunteers - Marjorie Graham,
Robyn Watson and Beverley Ray-Cars
come to school every Friday and teach a
small group of girls sewing. Last Friday the
girls invited their parents and admin to
watch their Fashion Parade where they
wore and showed off the aprons they had
made. The aprons were as good as
anything able to be purchased in the shops
and the girls were immensely proud of their
achievements. Thank you so much Marjie
Graham, Robyn Watson and Beverley
Ray-Cars.

REWARDS DAY
This week activities were organized to
reward students for their fantastic behavior
during the term, that is, they have
demonstrated the Star Student Behaviours
of being a learner, being respectful, being
responsible, being safe and being friendly.
The children must have had no more than
2 Work Groups to be eligible to attend. If
your child was not invited to attend Rewards Day because they had more than
2 Work groups please discuss this with
them and encourage them to make better
behavioural choices next year.

INTER-HOUSE
SWIMMING COMPETITION
2014: 9-13 YRS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The 2014 swimming carnival was held on
Monday the 8th December at Nerang City
Pool. The day was a huge success with
about 80 students attending and
participating throughout the day. Teachers
and students enjoyed the carnival
immensely and the weather was kind until
second break when the heavens opened &
a lightning storm brought a sudden holt to
proceedings. After a very close competition
we must congratulate Cooper House,
triumphing by a modest 64 points over the
runners up, Page House. The final
standings were:

Cooper.........317 points
Page...............253 points
Browne.........201 points

Congratulations also to our 2014
Swimming Age Champions and in
particular Naturelle & Sarafina Boras who
both smashed school records for their age
groups & qualified in all events for District
trials in 2015…a fantastic effort girls,
congratulations!

9 Girl.... Naturelle B
9 Boy.... Ezias C
10 Girl.... Shorna P
10 Boy... Manuel H
11 Girl.... Sarafina B
11 Boy.... Billy M
12 Girl... Kimberley R
12 Boy… Cameron R
13 Girl… N/A
13 Boy... Jordan C

Age Champions (9-13 yrs) will have their medals presented to them at a special assembly this week.

Already I look forward to another great swimming carnival next year.

Yours in Sport
Tim Smith
HPE Teacher

ENROLMENTS
Please enrol your prep as soon as possible. Please encourage neighbours or friends to do the same if they haven’t already done so.

SCHOOL RESOURCE LEVY
As you prepare for the 2015 year please be aware of the importance of paying the Resource Levy. The Resource Levy pays for resources needed for the primary job of teaching your child in the classroom setting:

REPROGRAPHICS
• Reproduced student workbooks and class materials which complement and/or substitute textbooks
• All photocopying of worksheets and textbook alternative materials, some laminating of special teaching aids

SCHOOL TEXTBOOKS
• Dictionaries, atlases, thesauruses and calculators

COMPUTER SUPPLIES:
Programs and apps

OTHER TEXT MATERIAL:
• Materials for subjects where the instruction is extended through providing practical learning experiences in excess of materials provided by school grants.

The scheme is voluntary and you are under no obligation to join. However, a parent who does not wish to contribute to the scheme is responsible for providing the student with all necessary items and to cover the cost of activities for engaging in the curriculum.

Until 2015
Ros Whybird

With just a day left of school for 2014, I pass on my thanks to the staff, P&C, parents and community groups who have supported the school throughout the year. Your efforts have provided our students with a vast array of opportunities across all endeavours and continued to deliver strong and impressive outcomes for the students.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Our Graduating Students
On behalf of the school community I extend our congratulations to the Year 7 and Year 6 students who will be graduating at the end of the year. Not only is it a historical occasion in Queensland, being the last of the Year 7 students (2014) in Primary and the first of the Year 7 students (2015) in Secondary, but also as it is the end, and start, of the next phase of your schooling. I extend my thanks to your parents and staff for the investment of effort that it has taken to lay the foundations for your future success.

Breakfast Club Thanks
Thanks for your support of the breakfast club.

Smoking ban extended to 5m around school grounds from 1 January 2015
From January 1 next year smoking any tobacco products or using an electronic cigarette within five metres of any state or private school grounds has been banned. This applies before, during and after school hours as well as over weekends and school holidays.

On the spot fines can be issued by environmental health officers, police
officers or other officers authorised by the local government to anyone found in breach of this legislation. The ban does not extend over businesses or residences that share a property boundary with a school.

Please remember to put out your cigarette and dispose of the litter thoughtfully well before you reach the school boundary.


Student advantage — free Microsoft Office software for students’ personal computers
All Queensland state school students are now able to download multiple copies of the Microsoft Office 2013 Suite onto their personal devices. This suite provides students with the latest full versions of Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneNote and more.

https://mishelp.eq.edu.au/studentadvantage/Pages/default.aspx

Keep a watch on our school these holidays
With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school.

If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number — 13 17 88.

The School Watch Program is a partnership between the Department of Education, Training and Employment, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools.

If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local Police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

Keep the number handy — 13 17 88 — and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.

If you would like to know more about the School Watch Program, please call the Department’s Emergency and Security Management Unit on (07) 3034 6013.
Increased resources to empower principals and their school community
The Queensland Government is committed to empowering principals and their school communities to deliver high quality education and to lift outcomes for every state school student in Queensland.

That’s why there has been a significant increase in the amount of resources allocated to schools, as well as a concerted effort to allocate these resources directly to schools.

Now, more than ever, principals have the resources and the autonomy they need to lead school improvement.

The direct allocation of the Great Results Guarantee funding, the Students with Disability Resources, and the Whole School Support – Student Learning Resources give schools the means to lift outcomes for all their students.

Our school is working hard to make the most of the opportunity to work with our community using high impact strategies that will make a positive difference for all of our students.

STAFFING IN 2015
We are beginning to plan classes for next year. We have a draft plan based on our current numbers. This being said we are very close to needing to form at least one additional class. With this in mind we will not be releasing class lists before the holidays as I don’t want children being disappointed if classes change in the first few days of the new school year.

The current plan for teacher allocation to year levels is outlined below and subject to change depending on numbers.

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<td>Special Education Program</td>
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As we draw closer to the end of the year it is the sad time where we farewell some of our outstanding staff members. Ms Jane Harvey, Ms Cindi Todd, Mrs Kellie Bell, Mr James Henshaw and Mrs Marney Appleby are all moving on to work at other schools. We thank them for the fantastic work they have done and their contribution to Nerang State School and wish them well at their new schools.
## 2014 Student Awards

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<td>Outstanding citizens of the school and for demonstrating an excellent attitude to learning.</td>
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THE TUCKSHOP WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY!!!