Welcome to our e Newsletter for 2014
Welcome to our e-newsletter for Nerang State School. Our e-newsletter will be published fortnightly; and aims to provide a wide range of interesting updates and items of interest for our school community.
A hard copy of our e-newsletter is also available on request from the school office.

From the Administration Team

Welcome back to Term 2
I trust that all families had a restful, safe and happy Easter break. It is great to see all of our students back at school ready for another term. This term sees Mother’s Day stall, Cross Country, National Testing, Under 8’s Day, Gala Sports Day – WOW lots to see and do!

NAPLAN
During the month of May, students from all state and non-state schools across Australia participate in testing under the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN).
The national tests assess the skills of all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. These tests provide an important measure of how all students are performing against national standards.
NAPLAN was developed collaboratively by the Australian Government, state and territory governments and non-state school sectors. These tests replace the previous state and territory based tests conducted prior to 2008.
Teachers from Years 3, 5 and 7 are currently preparing our students for this process. One of the areas that we work hard on in supporting and preparing our students for is the actual test conditions on the day. This can be new for many students and we want to ensure that they are comfortable with the process in front of them. Results are made available later in the year when each child who has sat the test will receive an individual report.
The dates for NAPLAN testing are: Tuesday 13 May, Wednesday 14 May and Thursday 15 May. If your child is in Year 3,5,7 please try to avoid making any doctor’s appointments etc or taking holidays over these dates.

REPORTING PROCESSES 2014
At Nerang State School we believe that all our students can and will learn.
We aim:
• to provide opportunities for all students to acquire the fundamental literacy, numeracy and citizenship skills.
• to know where each student is at academically, socially and physically and provide programs leading to learning outcomes consistent with the student’s potential.
• to evaluate and report on the progress of each student’s knowledge, skills, efforts and attitudes using a variety of approaches.
The table below summarises the school’s REPORTING PROCESSES for 2014. The summary highlights that the school uses a variety of reporting approaches at regular intervals to ensure you are well informed of your child’s progress.

| Term One          | Orientation sessions to meet parents/cares and give details about the new year level – Week 3  
|                   | Benchmark Testing  
|                   | Face to face interview with parents/carers to discuss student progress, strengths and weaknesses in Literacy, Numeracy and Social Developments  
| Term Two          | Students in Years 3,5,7 participate in NAPLAN  
|                   | Benchmark testing  
|                   | Formal written report distributed – teacher or parent/carer may request interview  
| Term 3            | Informal interviews when/if requested  
|                   | “Brag Week” class presentations to highlight students’ work if a social action has not already been held  
|                   | Students in Years 3,5,7 receive results of NAPLAN testing  
| Term 4            | Benchmark Testing  
|                   | Formal written report distributed  

Report Cards Emailed
At the end of Term 2 and Term 4 this year report cards will be emailed home. Please ensure our office staff have your most up to date email address on record. If we don’t have an email address reports will be printed for collection. Reports will be emailed directly from the One School staff. Our advice to parents is to add OneSchool.application@dete.qld.gov.au to your list of safe senders to ensure your child’s report card does not end up in your junk folder.

Enrolling for Prep 2015
Is your child born 1/7/2009 to 30/6/2010? If so they are eligible to attend Prep in 2015. We would like to invite any interested parents to an information session on Thursday 8th May from 9.00am. On this morning we will give you an introduction into what to expect in Prep, a short tour of the school including the current Prep classrooms and some further information on subsequent sessions to transition your child to prep. If you are interested in attending please come along to see what we can offer you and your child. Enrolment paperwork will be available on the day.

Website Launch
During the course of Term 1 our school website has been revamped. I’m pleased to advise that the new website has now been launched www.nerangss.eq.edu.au
Please jump on and have a look when you have a chance. The new website format also enables access to live feeds of newsletter etc through the Q School app (which is available for Iphone and Android) Click on the link in the new website for further information.

Anzac Day Services
Last Thursday Nerang SS was fortunate to have Mr Terry McDonald speak to our student body about the significance of Anzac Day. We thank Mr McDonald for the time he took out of his day to work with us. Thanks to the student leaders, Year 4 classes and all classes involved in the presentation of wreaths at our service.
Friday 25th April saw the holiday to commemorate Anzac Day. I’m proud to say that there were a large number of our students and their families in attendance at both dawn and 9.30am service times at the Nerang RSL. Thank you to all for taking the time out of their long weekend to support our returned service people and to keep the spirit of the Anzac’s alive.

Discipline Audit
Education Queensland believes that clear and consistent school discipline is an essential component of a high performing education system. Children and young people need self-discipline as part of their social development in order to achieve their academic and life goals. In 2013, the Queensland Government introduced comprehensive audit requirements for state schools in the area of discipline. During 2013 and 2014 all Queensland state schools will have a discipline audit conducted at the school site. Our school will have our audit later this term.
Winter Uniform
As the weather becomes colder (and wetter) it is time to start looking at the requirements of the winter uniform. As listed in the policy Winter uniform states “Navy jumpers with the school logo are available from the uniform shop, however, a plain navy jumper or jacket is also acceptable. Navy tracksuit pants or tailored dance pants are allowed to be worn with either the sports or formal shirts. Leggings should not be worn. Girls have the option of wearing navy or flesh coloured stockings under the dress only.”

Dates to remember:
5 May  Years 3 – 7 Cross Country (Permission Slip required)
6 May  Prep – Year 2 Cross Country
7 – 14 May  Life Education (Friday 2 May last day for payment)
8 May  Prep information Session 9.00am
13 – 15 May  NAPLAN Years 3, 5 & 7

Have a great fortnight,
Mrs Gosling and Mrs Whybird

FROM THE OFFICE

STUDENT FINANCE STATEMENTS
Student finance statements were sent home. It would be greatly appreciated if outstanding monies could be finalised as soon as possible. Payments can be made on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday mornings from 8.00am to 10.30am.

CENTREPAY OPTION
Nerang State School encourages the use of the Centrelink Centrepay option. Centrepay is a free direct bill-paying service offered to customers receiving Centrelink payments. Through Centrepay you can choose to pay bills by having a regular amount deducted from your payments and transferred electronically to the school account. These payments can then be credited to your students account to pay for their Student Resource Levy, camps/excursion and other related fees. Please ask at the school office for further information.

FROM THE TUCKSHOP/UNIFORM SHOP

UNIFORM SHOP
Winter Jackets will be in stock next week at a cost of $35.00. Orders can be placed through the Tuckshop with the correct money or the Uniform Shop on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday afternoons from 2.10 – 2.50pm or Tuesday mornings from 8.00 – 9.00am.

P & C MEETING
Due to the school holidays and Easter in April, the next P & C Meeting will be on Tuesday 15 May at 6.30pm in the office staffroom. Everyone is welcome.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL
We will be holding our Mother’s Day Stall at the Tuckshop on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 6, 7 and 8 May. Gifts are priced from $1.00 to $10.00. Please see the class timetable below.

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SEVEN STEPS TO WRITING SUCCESS

In the Student Free Days at the beginning of the year, all our teaching staff were in-serviced on a program to improve student writing – ‘7 Steps to Writing Success’. Each step is explicitly taught for a two week period and practiced daily.

Authors use seven main techniques to make their writing interesting. What ARE the Seven Steps?
1. Plan for Success
2. Sizzling Starts
3. Tightening Tension
4. Dynamic Dialogue
5. Show, Don't Tell
6. Ban the Boring Bits
7. Exciting Endings

Which story start is more interesting?
a) I woke up that morning, got dressed and ate breakfast.
b) The lock on the bear’s cage looked old, and the bear looked cross.

Which is the better dialogue?
a) The teacher told us to stand back from the cage as the bear was growling loudly, but Jeremy didn’t listen.
b) ‘Stand back,’ said the teacher, but Jeremy didn’t listen. Suddenly the bear growled loudly. ‘Jeremy!’ cried the teacher, ‘get away from the bear. NOW!’

Which sentence ‘tells’ and which ‘shows’?
a) I was really scared.
b) My heart was thudding loudly in my chest and brain.
See, simple isn’t it? (Hint, answers are all (b)!!)

UNDER 8’S DAY
We will be celebrating Under 8’s Day on Friday 23 May. Preps and Years one, two and three will be involved in activities on the top oval from 9.15 to 10.45am. Parents and younger siblings are welcome to join us.

NERANG STATE HIGH SCHOOL 2015 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING
This is your invitation to our Jnr Secondary Parent Information Evening. It will be an invaluable opportunity for you to learn about Nerang State High School’s 2015 Jnr Secondary innovations including:
✓ Why 2015 will be our most exciting year yet!
✓ The COMETS Academic Signature Program!
✓ The Quality Arts Signature Program!
✓ Student Leadership Initiatives!
✓ Speak to our Heads of Department, administration and teaching staff
✓ Student Performances and much more…
✓
Wednesday May 14th & Tuesday September 16th from 5:30pm to 6:30pm - School Hall
(Refreshments served from 5:15pm) All children welcome
COUNTRY PARADISE PARKLANDS – ‘BIG PLANT’
Please join a ‘Big Plant’ on 24 May at the Country Paradise Parklands on Beaudesert Road Nerang. This is a Gold Coast City Council Community Project which starts at 8:00am. Bring your own hats, gloves and water. There will be a free BBQ afterwards.

GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY STUDY
A team of researchers (the BRAVE Team) at Griffith University are investigating an internet-based program for children suffering from anxiety who also have a diagnosis of Asperger’s Syndrome. We are seeking children aged between 8 and 12 years to take part in the treatment study. This is being offered free for families who are eligible to participate. For more information contact the BRAVE Team: Phone: (07) 3735 3325 or Email braveforaspergers@griffith.edu.au
Indoor rock CLIMBING

Experience the thrill of climbing a 10 metre rock wall at the Tallebudgera Active Recreation Centre.

Open every Saturday and Sunday from 10.00am to 2.00pm!
$10 per person (All equipment provided).
Enclosed shoes must be worn.
THE BIG FAMILY FUNANZA

Featuring

THE BIG PICTURE

Lions Biggest BBQ

FREE ENTRY!
10am-6pm

Community & Family EXPO

Images of the Community
By the Community
For the Community

Entertainment Galore
Singers, Dancers, Musicians
Dads Activities
Aboriginal Dancers

Family Games
Motorised Cars
Jumping Castle

Giant Slide
Coffee
Fresh Food

Markets
Devonshire Teas

...and lots more!

SAT. MAY 31 COUNTRY PARADISE PARKLANDS,
231 BEAUDESERT NERANG RD, NERANG.

For more info visit: www.countryparadiseparklands.com Email: countryparadiseinnerang@gmail.com Like us on:
**The Mozi Run**

Supporting education in Mozambique

5km Emerald Lakes Circuit
The Boulevard CARRARA
SATURDAY
24th MAY 2014
2PM START

**REGISTER ONLINE**

www.TheMoziRun.org

**HOW TO PARTICIPATE**

1. Just come for the 5km run or lake walk.
   * $10 per person
   * $25 per family.

2. Help raise funds for Mozambique
   Find people to sponsor you.
   Create your ONLINE FUNDING PAGE
   when you register.

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- 55” LED 3D TV
- IPAD MINI
- FAMILY RAINFOREST TOUR WITH 2 COURSE LUNCH
- RAW BODY BOARDS


You can win awesome prizes from Adidas
School Fun Run if you raise $10 or more in sponsorships.
Create your ONLINE FUNDING PAGE when you register. Send links to your Fundraising Page by Facebook, Twitter or email.
You can collect cash sponsorship using the CASH SPONSORSHIP PACK that is available at the school administration office.
The sponsorship pack and cash donations must be handed in at the registration table before The MoziRun begins.

**REGISTRATION & MORE INFORMATION** : www.TheMoziRun.org
ENQUIRIES: 5534 8050 mozirun@missioneducate.org

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