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

DISCIPLINE AUDIT
Next week Nerang State School welcomes Bronwyn Braithwaite. Ms Braithwaite is employed by Education Queensland as an auditor, coming into schools to assist school communities to improve their practices. Our discipline audit will take place on Wednesday 4th June 2014. During her time here Ms Braithwaite will speak to staff, parents and students alike to engage in conversations about behaviour and student engagement. After the audit day we will be provided with Feedback around our current situation and strategies for moving forward.

CANBERRA TRIP 2014
Next week we will be hosting two information sessions about the upcoming Canberra Trip for those families that have signed on. Please keep an eye out for communication coming home about these meetings. We would love to see you at either meeting to hear the most up to date information about the trip.

UNDER 8's DAY
Last Friday was Under 8’s Day and what a fun morning was had by the children. For two hours the children enjoyed playing musical chairs, exploring an ambulance and fire engine, bouncing in a jumping castle, having their faces painted and many more interesting and fun activities. Our playground leaders were a wonderful help and joined in the fun. The support given to the school by the Nerang Library, the Queensland Fire Brigade, the Benevolent Society and the PCYC was greatly appreciated. A big thank-you to Mrs Baker for organising the day.

THE BIG FAMILY FUNANZA
This Saturday 31 May our school will participate in the BIG FAMILY FUNANZA at the Paradise Country Parklands from 10:00am-4:00pm. Besides promoting local schools and services there will be lots of fun for the whole family. Many thanks to our chaplain Miss Emily for putting the display together.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
School photos will be taken on Thursday 12 June. Please ensure your child is wearing correct school uniform. A reminder that our school uniform policy states that school shoes should be black or white in colour and that school jackets should be navy blue. Photo money should be sent to school on Photo Day. Your child will hand their photo money directly to the photographer, no money will be handled by the school office.
GALA SPORTS DAY
The first of three Gala Sports Days for 2014 will be held on Monday 16 June. The school will field rugby league, soccer, AFL and netball teams to play against Tallebudgera and Gilston primary schools.
A few reminders about eligibility of students to attend this event:
• Students must pay their money by the cut-off date Wednesday 4 June – money after cut-off date will not be accepted
• Students whose Student Resource Levy has not been paid are ineligible to attend
• Students who in the next three weeks receive 2 Work Groups/ in-school suspension/suspension for unacceptable behaviour will not be allowed to represent the school.

HEAD LICE
Head lice seems to be in plague proportions judging by the number of parents who have shared their frustrations about the cost of the treatment, time involved in the treatment, and recurring infestations of their child’s hair. To effectively rid the school and our students of head lice it would require all parents/carers commit to checking and treating their child’s hair on the same day/same weekend. We are making the long weekend of June 7, 8, 9 June, Nerang State School’s NITSBUSTED WEEKEND. An information sheet will be sent home before this weekend.

SCHOOL REPORTING
Unbelievably only 5 weeks remain until the end of term. Teachers are busy preparing to write end of semester reports on your child/children. Please ensure excellent attendance right up to the end of term as teachers finalise units of work, complete testing of concepts covered and collect other data necessary for report writing. Reports will be sent home in the last week of the term. Please inform the office if you require a second copy of your child’s report. Holidays start on Friday 27June.

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.

1, 2, 3 MAGIC EMOTION COACHING - PARENTING SUPPORT
Mrs Jan Talbot, Behaviour Teacher, will run the 1, 2, 3 MAGIC EMOTION COACHING course. If you are interested in attending, this course will be run over two Mondays – 9, 16 June from 9:00am-11:00am. Please register your interest by leaving your name at the office.

LOST PROPERTY
Has your child lost a school jacket? Please check the Lost Property bin. The jackets are brand new but unnamed so they cannot be returned to their owners. Please label all your child’s/children’s clothing so that it can be returned to them.

Dates to remember:
12 June School photos
30 May Merrimac SHS Visit Years 5 – 7 at 2.15pm in the hall
06 June Inter-house Spelling Competition
16 June Gala Day #1 Years 5 – 7

Have a great fortnight,
Mrs Gosling and Mrs Whybird
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 student’s account to pay for their Student Resource Levy, camps/excursion and other related fees. Please ask at the school office for further information.

INVOICE/STATEMENTS
Invoices/statements have gone home for years 5, 6 and 7. Could all Student Resource Levies and outstanding payments please be finalised as soon as possible. Payments can be made at the school office on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 8.00 – 10.30am.

UNIFORM SHOP
Winter Jackets are now in stock 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 and Thursday afternoons from 2.10 – 2.50pm or Tuesday mornings from 8.00 – 9.00am.

P & C MEETING
The next P & C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 17 June at 6.30pm in the Staffroom. Come along, meet our P & C Committee and find out what is happening within the school. All welcome.

SCHOOL DISCO
The P & C will be holding a school disco on Thursday 19 June with a Music theme. Times are Junior school (Prep – Yr. 3) from 4.30 – 6.00pm and Senior school (Yrs. 4 – 7) from 6.00 – 7.30pm. Entry cost is $5.00 with an optional Meal Deal for an additional $5.00 which includes a drink, pizza and a treat. Parents are to drop their child/ren to the door and then collect them from the door at the correct finish time.

THANKYOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU
We would like to say a very big thank you to Machelle and Sue for the wonderful handmade gifts, donations and all your help with the Mother’s Day stall. We would also like to thank Dale for his help with our Under 8’s Day barbeque. Your help is always invaluable and greatly appreciated.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

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MANAGING DIFFICULT MOMENTS
Praise and other kinds of acknowledgement are motivating, and are often needed to help children (and adults) change their behaviour. Psychological research has shown that following up a person’s good behaviour with something positive makes it more likely that the behaviour will happen again, but is this enough?

The following suggestions will also contribute to a calmer household:

**Pick the battles**
- Especially as children get older the battlefield can, if not monitored, become ‘out of control’ – As children grow and assert their independence they, at times, push the boundaries. Friends and technology become a focus rather than family; safety can be ignored; messiness and mood changes can create disharmony in the family. Picking and choosing which battle to tackle is an art to acquire. Here is a tip - Focus on the most important issue at any one time rather than a plethora of problems.
- Remember: Safety is a priority not to be negotiated. If children / adolescents perceive that nothing they do is right then often they give up listening.

**Be clear in your expectations**
- Is what you have asked your child/ adolescent to do clear enough? Saying ‘I want you to pick up the clothes off the floor in your room, is clearer and achievable than ‘your mess is annoying me’.

**Ensure the expected behaviour is realistic and achievable**
- Sometimes we ask children to do things that are too difficult for them to do without help eg. expecting a child to be in charge of young siblings is not realistic nor safe

**Monitor your own behavior**
- Are you managing your own emotions when you are requesting your child to do the same (yelling at a child because of their angry outburst is actually reinforcing that yelling and loss of control is ok)
- Do you say one thing and do another (eg. getting annoyed about mess when you are messy)

**Catch Your Child/ Adolescents Being Good**
- Keep a record of the behaviours you are pleased with and share the positive observations with your child

**Have reward strategies up your sleeve for those 'hard to change' behaviours:**
- Ask your child about what they like. If they suggest the reward, it will be more motivating.
- Make sure the reward is realistic for you to give (and preferably not costing money)
- If the child becomes bored by use of the same reward, use a menu of items to create variety. When your child meets his/her behaviour expectation, he/she selects one reward from the menu.
- A mystery reward is also very motivating for most children.
- If a child wants to earn a big reward (e.g. computer game, movie, etc.), you could use a token system. Each day he/she could earn tokens that can be exchanged later for a bigger reward.
- Emphasise social rewards and privileges over material rewards. Material rewards (e.g. toys, money, etc.) are expensive and often don’t work. Many children enjoy having time to spend with their parents or carers. Rewards involving time and activities with parents or carers (no matter what age), can be reinforcing and promote good relationships at the same time

**Follow through with consequence**
- Is it fair and related to the misdemeanor
- Does your child understand why they are given the consequence
- Will there be opportunity for your child to learn from their mistakes eg. parent/child discussion about the problem at hand, problem solving with your child around better choices, and if necessary, role playing of appropriate behaviour

**Homework for the week ahead:**
Double the amount of praise you give your child for his/ her good efforts in the coming week, and monitor its success. Keep a track of negative responses you use in conversations with your child.
(You may need to expand your own vocabulary so you have a variety of positive comments ready to encourage your child).

If you have reached this line, then, **well done for taking such an interest in reading these strategies.** Good luck with your implementation.

Adapted from: www.kidsmatter.edu.au
DISTRICT CROSS COUNTY
Eight students represented our school at the District Cross Country trials held at Runaway Bay Sports Centre last Friday. These students were Patrick M, Mick M, Faith T, Joe R, Kleese H, Adam W, Jessica G and Adam R. All students did us proud finishing in the top one hundred in each age represented. Special mention goes to Adam R for 3rd in Under 13 boys and Adam W for 25th in Under 12 boys.

FROM THE COMMUNITY

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…

Tuesday September 16th from 5:30pm to 6:30pm - School Hall
(Refreshments served from 5:15pm) All children welcome

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 braveforaspersgers@griffith.edu.au

THE CHILD AND ADOLESCENT ORAL HEALTH SERVICE
The Child and Adolescent Oral Health Service have relocated to Ashmore State School due to the arrival of the Life Education Van. All existing patients’ current treatment will be completed on site at Ashmore State School. If your child did not receive an offer of care pack and you would like to arrange for your child to receive oral health care please contact the Oral Health Call Centre on 1300 300 850. Monday to Friday 8.00am – 4.30pm excluding public holidays.

GRiffith University OCD PROGRAM

Obsessive Compulsive Disorder in Children and Adolescents
GRiffith University

Does your child worry excessively about certain things? Does your child engage in senseless and time consuming habits, routines or rituals? Does your child constantly seek reassurance from you? Your child may be experiencing Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder (OCD) and Griffith University can help.

A research team at Griffith University is offering an OCD assessment and treatment service for children and teenagers aged 7 to 18 years. After an initial assessment, eligible children will take part in the OCD BUSTERS Program. This program, held at Griffith University aims to reduce levels of OCD symptoms in children and youth. For further information call – (07) 55528317 or email the OCD Busters Team on ocdbustersgc@griffith.edu.au
Free Entry! The Big Family Funanza

Featuring:
- Community & Family Expo
- The Big Picture
- Lions Biggest BBQ

Images of the Community by the Community for the Community

Entertainment Galore
Singers, Dancers, Musicians
Family Games
Dads Activites
Aboriginal Dancers

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Fresh Food

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Cartoon Camps are back!

CARTOONING CAMPS

Hi Mum - can we go to this really cool program?

It looks exciting! They will teach you how to draw!

There will be fun water play, games, art, cartooning & special treats!

We can dress up each day with different themes.

I can taste my cards.

We’ll learn how to draw animals, famous characters & you don’t need to know how to draw in advance!

PERFECT! I’m calling Mrs. Brown & Mrs. Smith to see if they want to book their kids to come as well!

Woo Hoo!

bookings@cartoonkingdom.com.au

www.illustrating-man.com.au

Monday July 7th - Friday July 11th
Brisbane & Gold Coast
Tel: 02 9343 0833 or 02 9011 7729

Short Day (9:30am - 3:30pm) $35  Long Day (8am - 6pm) $40
Night Camp (Tuesday & Thursdays 6pm - 9pm) $20
Is your child at school or starting next year? Would you like $500 to help pay for uniforms, books, excursions or a laptop?

To be eligible you need to:
- have a Health Care or a Pensioner Concession Card
- have a child at school now or starting next year
- have some form of household income, for example, your partner or yourself may have casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal employment.

Saver Plus can match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to $500. Saver Plus is looking for new participants so enquire about signing up today!

To find out more, phone or SMS your name and postcode to 1300 610 355, or email saverplus@bsl.org.au
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FREE ENTRY

SOMERSET COLLEGE

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11am - 4pm

FREE ACTIVITIES & TICKETED WORKSHOPS:

ART

WEAVING

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BOOMERANG

LANGUAGE

SONG

FREE CONCERT:

FEATURING:

William Barton (ARIA Award winner)
Yugambeh Reconciliation Orchestra
Yugambeh Didgeridoo Orchestra
Yugambeh Youth Choir

INFO & BOOKINGS:

http://yugambeh.com/mobo/
E: yugambehmobo@gmail.com
P: 07 3807 6155 – Tue to Fri
Help our school win $20,000 cash from Pacific Fair

Pacific Fair Shopping Centre is giving our school the chance to share in $45,000 cash! All we have to do is spend $75 or more between Monday 26 May until Sunday 22 June at any Pacific Fair store to receive points for our school. If our school has the most points per students at the end of the promotion...we will win $20,000 for our school!

**STEP 1.** Spend $75 dollars or more in centre.

**STEP 2.** Take your receipts to customer service.

**STEP 3.** Watch your school’s tally grow in centre or at pacificfair.com.au.