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

Thank You and Goodbye
My final day at Nerang will be this Friday 8th August. As I’ve communicated previously I will leave to take up the Principalship of the new Pimpama Primary school. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Nerang SS and will reflect fondly on my experiences here. Kylie Todhunter will start at Nerang on Monday 11th August 2014 and I’m confident it will be business as usual. Once again can I thank everyone that has made me feel part of the Nerang Family.

School Opinion Survey
Thank you to all that have taken the time to respond to the recent School Opinion Survey that was sent home to each family. We look forward to reviewing our survey results when we receive our school report later this year.

Attendance
A reminder that one of the focus areas for 2014 is to ensure Every Child, Every Day is Learning.
To ensure this is a possibility all students are required to be at school for the duration of each day each week. If you are experiencing difficulty in getting your child to school for any reason please contact the office so that we can offer some support if possible. Each week the administration team take stock of any unexplained absences and you will receive a phone call from us to determine how we can support you in this endeavour. If your child is away with an extended illness a medical certificate is required.

Additional instrumental music funding
Great news for our music department — from next year, our Year 4 students will be able to study woodwind, brass and percussion instruments, a year earlier than the current Year 5 starting point. If your Year 3 student is interested in joining our woodwind, brass and percussion program next year, please talk to Ms Futo or Ms Byrnes.

It is hard to believe but next week marks the halfway mark of Term 3 and what a week it will be.
It will be a week of special events:
• NAIDOC Day – celebrating our aboriginal and indigenous peoples’ achievements and their culture – Monday 11 August
• Pat Flynn – author visit to celebrate Book Week – Wednesday 13 August
• Nerang Library visit to celebrate Book Week – Thursday 14 August
• CyberSmart presentation on how to be safe online for Years 6 and 7 – Thursday 14 August
• Book Week Parade – children will dress up as their favourite book character – Friday 15 August
NAIDOC DAY  
(National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee)
On Monday we will celebrate NAIDOC Day. Mrs Rhonda Grehan and Mrs Vicki Pieper have planned a day of activities for the students. Everyone is invited to attend the whole school assembly at 9:15am which will start the day of celebration. On this day we will have a special delegation of Vietnamese educators who are interested in seeing how we recognise this important cultural celebration.

Agenda for the day:
9:15 – 9:45am – whole school assembly
- Welcome to Country
- Explanation of NAIDOC celebrations
- Year 4 children sing National Anthem in Yugembeh language
- Welcome by elder Aunty Pat
- Songs and dance by Gowonda Jarjums (our aboriginal and Torres Strait islander students)
- Didgeridoo playing

Activities for the rest of the day include: cultural talks, art activities and boomerang throwing (foam boomerangs).

CYBERSAFETY PRESENTATION
Cybersmart is a national cybersafety and cybersecurity education program managed by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA), as part of the Australian Government's commitment to cybersafety.

On Thursday 14 August, Year 6 and 7 students will hear information which will empower them to be safe online.

Our students, as digital citizens, need to recognise the importance of protecting their private information online, the value of taking responsibility for themselves and their actions, and the necessity of treating others with an appropriate standard of behaviour online.

Cyber issues include: cyberbullying, digital reputation, excessive internet use, identity theft and scams, social networking. All parents are welcome to attend this presentation at 9:00am in the hall.

Dates to Remember:
Monday 11th August – NAIDOC Celebrations & Vietnamese Delegation visiting
Tuesday 12th August – NSW Maths Test (Specific students)
Wednesday 13th August - PAT FLYNN - Author visit
Thursday 14th August – Nerang Library Visit & Year 6/7 Cybersafety Presentation
Friday 15th August – Bookweek Dress Up Parade & Assembly
Tuesday 19th August – P&C Meeting 6.30pm
Friday 29th August – Gold Coast Show Day Holiday

Have a great fortnight,
Mrs Gosling and Mrs Whybird

FROM THE OFFICE

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.

INVOICE/STATEMENTS
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. Debtor statements have been sent home.
FROM THE TUCKSHOP/UNIFORM SHOP

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.

FATHER’S DAY STALL
Donations are now being accepted for the up and coming Father’s Day Stall. Can all donations please be sent to the Tuckshop? A class attendance timetable will be sent out closer to the date.

SCHOOL FETE
Our school fete will be held on Saturday 13 September. We are seeking volunteers to help on the BBQ on the day. If you can spare anytime on the day to help, please let Melissa or Michelle in the tuckshop know. Donations for clean glass jars with lids are also required for our Prep classes. Please look out for more exciting fete news coming soon.

P & C MEETING
The next P & C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th August at 6.30pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome to come along, find out what is happening in our school. You can also meet our P & C committee and administration staff.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

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PROJECT 600
This semester, Nerang State School will again participate in the online Maths project called ‘Project 600’ (so named because there was a target for 600 schools to participate – this target has been exceeded). Last semester we had ten Year 7 students involved in the project and this semester, twelve of our Year 4 students have met the criteria to participate in a weekly web conference for 70 minutes. Students are also provided with virtual classroom activities and these are completed independently at school or at home.

Project 600 aims to:
• improve the Numeracy skills and general capabilities of Year 4 students from South East Region
• provide teachers and school leaders from participating schools with teaching resources and PD opportunities in relation to online learning and the teaching of numeracy
• engage parents in supporting their child’s participation and progress in the project

LEARNING JOURNAL
This term, students will be starting a new journal (they may know it as their ‘Learning Journal’, ‘Reflection Journal’ or it may have another name, depending on the class). These journals are where students -
• record their daily attendance
• track their effort and behaviour
• set their learning goals and plan how they will achieve them
• record their spelling, tables and other test results
• reflect on their learning (e.g. what 3 things they learnt that day/self-assessment of a task, perhaps a piece of writing or art work/what skill they improved on today/etc.)
• store the goals of the unit they are studying and the criteria for the assessment piece

Ask your child about their journal and what their personal learning goal is at the moment.

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

2014 INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
The 2014 athletics carnivals were held in week 2 at Nerang SS. The days were a huge success with nearly all enrolled students attending and participating on the days. Teachers and students enjoyed the carnival and after an outstanding few days of competition we must congratulate Cooper House who triumphed by a massive 138 points over the runners up, Page House. The final standings were:

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Congratulations also to our 2014 Athletics Age Champions:

8 Girl… Honey D  8 Boy… Eagan T
9 Girl…. Harmony H  9 Boy…. Jayden F
10 Girl…. Shorna P 10 Boy… Manuel H
11 Girl…. Faith T 11 Boy…. Billy M
12 Girl… Zara M 12 Boy… Klese H
13 Girl… Erin H 13 Boy… Adam R

Congratulations to our 2014 District Qualifiers. These students will represent NSS at the district trials at Griffith University on Wednesday 6 & Thursday 7 August 2014:
10 Years… Shorna P, Manuel H, Joshua P, Charlie M
11 Years… Faith T, Billy M, Mick M
12 Years… Zara M, Klese H, CJ I
FROM THE COMMUNITY

2015 ENROLMENT EVENING
Merrimac State High School Enrolment Information Evening 2015 will be on Tues 19 August, 2014 in the school library.

Starting times are as follows:
Students entering Year 7 in 2015 at 5.30pm
Students entering Year 8 in 2015 at 6.30pm

All prospective students and parents are welcome to attend this information evening. Staff will be on hand to provide information on enrolment, curriculum and facilities.

Enrolment packs will be available from Merrimac SHS Admin or @ www.merrimacshs.eq.edu.au

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Dunlop Court, Mermaid Waters 4218
Q SUPERCENTRE, P.O. Box 5610, Oxenford 4218
P: 07 5595 8868  F: 07 5595 8600
the.principal@merrimacshs.eq.edu.au

Playgroup
Where: Nerang Primary State School
3 Nerang Street
Nerang QLD 4211

When: Wednesday 9.00 - 11.00

Nerang Early Years Centre
T: 07 5644 9100
eyenquiry@benevolent.org.au
www.benevolent.org.au or find us on

benevolent
Friday Family Night

5pm till 9pm
Country Paradise Parklands
231 Beaudesert Nerang Rd
Nerang

www.countryparadiseparkland.com

Last Friday of every month

Come one, come all!

Fireplace & live music

Bar
No BYO please

Food Stalls

Slot Cars

Coffee

like us on Facebook
Coomera Comets
Touch Football

Junior & Senior Touch Sign On
5.30pm - 7pm Friday Night
8th & 15th August 2014

Friday Night
Summer Junior
Competition
Boys and Girls Divisions
5 to 18 years old
Start Date: 10th Oct 2014

Monday Night Adult
Competition
Mixed, Mens and
Ladies Divisions
Start Date: 6th Oct
2014

JOIN THE FUN

All games are played at Coomera
Sports Park
Individual and team nominations accepted
www.coomeracomets.net
Fact Sheet for Parents/Carers/Guardians

What is Get Started?
Get Started is one of three funding programs that comprise the Queensland Government’s Get in the Game initiative to support sport and recreation at the grassroots level.

Get Started assists children and young people who can least afford, or may otherwise benefit from, joining a sport or recreation club.

Important dates
The following dates apply for round 4 and 5 of the program.

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*Note: The round may close earlier if all available vouchers allocated for that round are issued prior to the advertised closing date.

What funding is available?
A maximum of $150 per voucher is available to help pay the cost of sport or recreation membership and/or participation fees.

Who can apply?
Individuals eligible to apply for a voucher are children and young people from the age of five and under the age of 18 who are residents of Queensland and:

- hold or whose parent, carer or guardian holds a Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- other children/young people identified by two referral agents.

One voucher per calendar year
There is a limit of one voucher per child/young person per calendar year. If a child receives a voucher in Round 3 the child is not eligible for another voucher until Round 5 in 2015.

Before applying for a voucher
- Confirm that the club your child/young person is interested in joining is registered for Get Started by checking the club locator available on our website.
- Contact the club to find out the activity details – cost of membership and/or participation fees, and any additional costs and equipment required.
- Read and understand the terms and conditions on our website.


How do I apply for a voucher?
A QGrants account is required to apply for a voucher. You can register for a QGrants account at any time.

I don’t have a QGrants account
- Create a user account by clicking on the link on our website at www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/funding/getinthegame/getstarted.html – you will need your own email address.
- Enter the required details and click ‘Submit’.
- An activation link will be sent to your registered email account – open the email and click on the link.
- Enter details required to apply for a voucher, including:
  - name, address, telephone number and email address of the parent, carer or guardian
  - a valid Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card number, or if the child or young person is being referred, the contact details of two referral agents and an email, letter or signed fact sheet from the referral agent
  - name, age and date of birth of the child/young person.

I have a QGrants account
Login to your QGrants account by clicking on the link on our website and enter required application information.

If you are eligible, a voucher with a unique reference number will be generated. The voucher will also be emailed to the email address you used to register.
NOMINATION FORM
NETTA / JUNIOR / SENIOR CLUB CARNIVAL
SUNDAY 24TH August 2014

Divisions: Netta 8/9/10 yrs Juniors & Seniors 11/12/13/14/15/16/17 Open Age & Mixed

Games Commence: 8.00am sharp (Draws will be available from the Club Rooms after 7.30am or via our website)

Venue: 166 Benowa Road Ashmore 4214

Umpires: Each team must supply a correctly attired Badged Umpire
(Umpires may not umpire their own team and may be required when their team is playing)

Awards: Winners and Runners-up awards will be presented (9 per team)

Disputes: Will be dealt with by SCNA Executive Committee

****** FULL CANTEEN FACILITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE DAY ******

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NOMINATION: $80 per Team (including GST) Payment must accompany this form

NAME OF CONTACT: ___________________  PH NO______________

EMAIL: __________________________________________________________

NO. OF TEAMS ______________@ $80 PER TEAM = ____________________

SIGNED ______________________ DATE__________________________

CLOSING DATE: Friday 18th August 2014

Payments may be made by direct deposit to
SCNA Bendigo Bank
BSB 633-108  Acc No 1428-06850
Reference-Team name
Gold Coast Health Service District
Child and Adolescent Oral Health Service

Date: 31 July 2014

To the School Administration Staff,

Dental Health Week is the first week of August and we would like to ask your assistance in spreading the word. As the Child and Adolescent Oral Health Service operate through the school system we are asking if you could please include the following slogan on your school electronic sign board during the week of 4 – 10 August.

*Who is spoiling your kids rotten? Dental Health Week 4 - 10 August*

If you could also include the following article in your school newsletter for this week it would assist us with informing parents of Dental Health Week and the free dental service available for eligible school children.

**August is Dental Health Awareness Month**

*Dental Health Month* aims to raise public awareness as around ¼ of Australians have untreated dental decay and only 39% of Australian adults visit the dentist for a yearly check up. As most dental diseases are completely preventable, we need to focus on early intervention and prevention to keep enjoying good oral health.

Let’s keep our teeth for life, and help our children do the same!


Gold Coast Child and Adolescent Oral Health Service

*In the case of a dental emergency, telephone the Oral Health Client Service Centre 1300 300 850 Monday to Friday 8:00am – 4:30pm excluding public holidays.*

Thank you, your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Regards,
Child and Adolescent Oral Health Staff
The second annual **Gold Coast SUNS Sleepout** is back at Metricon Stadium on

**SATURDAY 9 AUGUST**

**FROM 2PM**

With activities for the whole family including;

- **FOOTY ON THE BIG SCREEN**
  GC SUNS v Carlton (in Melbourne)

- **LIVE MUSIC**

- **TWO GREAT MOVIES**
  Smurfs 2 & Grown Ups 2

- **FOOD & BEVERAGES**
  Available for purchase

**PLUS** the opportunity to sleepout in our world class stadium!

The Gold Coast SUNS are challenging the community to support this event through participating or donating to our three youth homeless charities.

If you are looking to donate, participate or find out more, please visit [goldcoastfc.com.au/sleepout](http://goldcoastfc.com.au/sleepout)

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