WELCOME BACK TO TERM 4
We have had a fantastic start to the term with students settling in straight away to the daily business of learning. This term is a very busy term so keep an eye out for notes and emails about all our camps, swimming, high school transition, gala days and special events. A reminder also that Monday 20 October is a Student Free Day. There will be no school on this day.

UNIFORM REMINDER
On the whole students with your support maintain a high standard of uniform. Lately though colourful shoes have been creeping back. A reminder that black shoes are the set uniform. Students must wear closed in shoes (joggers or school shoes) to school every day to keep their feet safe and enable them to participate in sports and play.

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAYS SMOOTH THE WAY
It’s an exciting time for both our Year 6 and Year 7 students who will move to high school in 2015.

No matter where your child will attend high school, taking part in open events, information evenings and orientation or taster days is an important step toward a smooth transition between primary and secondary education.

Term 4 is normally the time that high schools open their classrooms to incoming students, so be sure to check with your chosen high school about upcoming opportunities for you and your child to tour the facilities and meet the teachers. We will continue to work closely with our local high schools to support students to make a smooth transition.

GREAT RESULTS GUARANTEE 2015
In 2014 Nerang State School received $92,425 to improve outcomes for our students. This has been used to employ additional Support Teachers in Literacy and Numeracy, teacher professional development, additional teacher aides to facilitate small group learning support, focusing on phonics and purchase of additional resources for the teaching of reading.

In 2015 the Queensland Government is investing $183 million in Great Results Guarantee funding for state schools. Here at Nerang State School our estimated 2015 allocation is $112,190 to continue the great work we started this year to improve our student’s performance. [www.education.qld.gov.au/resultsguarantee](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/resultsguarantee)

CHATTER MATTERS – GET DETE’S NEW SPEAK ORAL LANGUAGE APP
Oral language skills are important for a child’s literacy and overall academic achievement. Children with a language impairment are six times more likely to have a reading problem than children without. It therefore makes sense to be proactive in the early years of a child’s life and DETE’s new [SPEAK app](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/resultsguarantee) helps this happen.
The SPEAK (Speaking Promotes Education And Knowledge) oral language app has been developed by the Department of Education, Training and Employment as a joint initiative with Queensland Health and Redland City Council to help develop children’s speaking and listening ability.

SPEAK provides lots of fun, free activities, ideas and information for parents, carers and educators to support and nurture oral language development in children from 0-6 years of age.

The information and activities were developed by the department with the help of speech pathologists, educators and health professionals.

The SPEAK app is available for free download from the iTunes store and Google Play. Additional information is available from the DETE apps website.

GET STARTED ROUND 4 FUNDING CLOSING SOON
Queensland families are being urged to get cracking with applications for the Queensland Government’s Get Started vouchers, to help children stay active and healthy through sport and recreation.

The initiative provides kids who can least afford joining a sport or recreation club with vouchers of up to $150 to help with club membership and participation fees.

More than 65,000 vouchers have already been issued across the state, and local sport and recreation clubs have joined the cause with 3500 clubs registered to accept the vouchers.

Applications for this round of the program will close on October 15. More details can be found at www.nprsr.qld.gov.au.

Dates to Remember:

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Have a great fortnight,
Mrs Todhunter and Mrs Whybird

FROM THE OFFICE

STUDENT RESOURCE LEVY
All Student Resource Levies and outstanding payments need to 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.

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.

2015 ENROLMENTS
Nerang State School is now taking new enrolments for 2015. If you or anyone you know is looking to enrol for 2015, enrolment packs are available at the school office or you can contact us on 55814777. Proof of Date of Birth is needed upon enrolment. If your child is born between 1st July, 2009 and 30 June, 2010, they are eligible for Prep in 2015. Please let all your family and friends know to enrol.
EXCURSION REMINDERS

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FROM THE TUCKSHOP/UNIFORM SHOP

P & C MEETING
The next P & C Meeting will be held next Tuesday 21 October at 6.30pm in the Administration staffroom. Come along to meet our P & C Executive, Administration team and find out all that is happening within the school. Everyone is welcome.

UNIFORM SHOP
Uniform Shop hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 2.10 – 2.50pm and Tuesday mornings from 8.00 – 9.00am. Orders can be placed at the Tuckshop with Melissa with either cash or credit card payment and then delivered to the student during the day. No Eftpos payments can be taken outside the Uniform Shop Hours.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

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QUEENSLAND ARBOUR DAY CELEBRATIONS

Four of our senior students along with Miss Lorraine attended The Queensland Arbor Day celebrations at the Gold Coast Regional Botanic Gardens on Wednesday 15 October. The Gold Coast Mayor, students from other schools and some friends of the Botanic Gardens also attended the day. The Mayor Tom Tate unveiled the gum tree corridor signs and we all planted some trees. We had a nice morning tea of sandwiches, juice and fruit. It was a fun morning together. Miss Lorraine

When Elexia, Drew, Shanae and I went to the Botanic Gardens, we enjoyed the day. We met a lot of special people including Mayor Tom Tate.
Ezebella H
OMG. Botanical Gardens was amazing and there were so many things to enjoy and learn about. When Shanae, Drew, Ezabella and I went across the river we saw rubbish and we picked it up. There were eight other schools there and so many other friends and people to meet. I am glad I got chosen to go and would love to go back and see our plants of the future.

Elexia B-W

The Botanic Gardens was a great experience. Learning about the trees was amazing as there are so many different types of trees. Shanae and I had planted Syncarpia Glamulifera. They had made beautiful sandwiches for morning tea. We had a nice track walk around the park which was wonderful to see all the plants and animals. After that we had some fun in the park. Overall it was a great experience.

Drew K

There were so many different tree types, plants and creatures. Overall we had a great experience.

Shanae B

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YEAR 1 WRITING

Long long ago when Mrs Cooper was a little girl, she had to walk to school, but I can go in a car. She had no uniform, but I wear a uniform. Mrs Cooper went on a horse to play, but I play with my friends. She has a garden with fruit and veges but I go to the shop to get fruit and veges. She had cold water but I have hot water. Her life is different to mine.

Kiara B

Long long ago Mrs Cooper had to walk to school but I get a lift in a car. Her mum cooked food. Mrs Cooper eats lots of veges. She rode a horse to school. Miss Cooper had these toys. She had a ball and toy house and I had a ninja turtle.

Levi M

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MR GREEN’S PROGRAM

What amazing artwork Holly and Jonah have created with Mr Green this week. Well done girls.
Wow, what a wonderful week our students and teachers have had in Canberra this week. Tuesday was a highly educational day about our capital city, Parliament House and Australian War Memorial. The highlight of the day was our students role playing the debating of a bill in the House of Representatives. We are extremely proud of the way our students are conducting themselves and there is no missing us with our high visibility orange beanies.

We spent an hour at the National Capital Exhibition and have learnt so much about the history and design of the city and had morning tea in the most important building in the country. We all enjoyed our swim at the AIS although it was a late night for us all.

We all had a fantastic time at Questacon learning about science. They were all fascinated with periodic tables, resonators and pulse rates just to name a few. The artwork of Sidney Nolan, Albert Namatjira and other famous Australian artists was great to see at the National Art Gallery and we all enjoyed lunch in the gardens of Old Parliament House.

We headed towards Cooma to visit the snowy hydro discovery centre to learn about this engineering wonder of the world. After settling into our new accommodation at Berridale, we had a delicious meal and early night ready for our snow trip the next day.

Due to the weather on Tuesday, a good fall of snow fell on Mt Kosciusko giving a wonderful winter wonderland to enjoy Thredbo. We enjoyed building snowmen, performing snow angels, throwing snowballs and sliding down the slope. Before hitting the snow, we visited the Kosciusko National Park Education Centre. We were involved in research about the park and then participated in a games show, heaps of learning and fun.

The trip has gone so quickly and they will be home at 5.30pm this afternoon.
FROM THE COMMUNITY

Nerang SS, NAB AFL Auskick Centre
Sign on & 1st Session: – Wednesday 15th October
Time: 3:10pm 4:10pm
Venue: Nerang SS School oval
Address: Nerang St Nerang
Cost: $65
For more information contact: Adam Dunning on 5594 5722
Or visit www.aflauskick.com.au
Participants receive benefits which includes, Hat, Football, Back pack and much more.

TO REGISTER:

Registration – ONLINE - Three Easy Steps:
1. Register online at www.aflauskick.com.au
2. Print submitted registration form
4. Hand form with payment to your AFL Auskick Co-ordinator at the first session
If you wish to pay cash or cheque you can bring this to the centre on the day.

2015
ENROLMENT EVENING

Merrimac State High School Enrolment Information Evening 2015 will be on Wed 5 November, 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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