PREPARATION for the 2015 SCHOOL YEAR

• Booklists for 2015 have been distributed to all students. If you wish to take advantage of the great service provided by the P&C please return booklists by Friday November 21st.

• Class requests for 2015 should be put in writing and addressed to either Mrs Todhunter or Mrs Whybird.

• Enrol your prep student as soon as possible to secure their place.

• Please inform the office if your children will not be re-enrolled at Nerang SS in 2015

END OF 2014 DATES TO REMEMBER

• Prep Experience Days – 2015 Preps –Tuesday November 25th 9am-11am and Thursday December 4th 9am-11am

• Inter- House Swimming Carnival Years 4-7 Monday 8 December

• Christmas Concert Preps- Year 2, Wednesday December 10th 9.15-10.15

• Battle of the Bands – organised by Chris Bland Drama Teacher - Preps-Year 7 Wednesday December 10th 12-12.45pm, competition between grades 4 to 7, family and friends invited

• Awards Day and Years 6 / 7 Graduation Ceremony Thursday 11 December 9:15am – 11:00am

• Last day of school for 2014 – FRIDAY 12 December

NEW AND EXCITING RESOURCES –
A great deal of work is going into making Nerang State School the best place it can be. One current focus is making sure that classes have access to up to date technology and are working in clean, attractive environments
Your students have benefitted from the purchase of the following resources:

- 2 sets of 15 laptops for Year 4s, Year 5s and Year 6/7s
- 29 new desktops computers to upgrade the lab
- 7 new Ipads
- Bookcases for all classrooms and desks and chair for 6 classes
- Application for a faster band width to improve connectivity
- New carpet in several classrooms
- Blinds to enhance use of Interactive Whiteboards.

**STORY DOGS**

Our school is very fortunate to have Jim, Wendy and Xavier (a beautiful black Labrador) from an organization called Story Dogs come to our school each week to listen to students in Year 2 read. As you can imagine reading to a dog is very motivating and Xavier is a very good listener. Last Friday we had a free dress day to raise money for Story Dogs. Thank you to all who donated money to Story Dogs. $217.35 was raised.

**PAINT an ARABIAN HORSE COMPETITION**

Several of our students with the guidance of Mrs Talbot, our Behaviour Teacher, Mr Green, a volunteer and Mrs Roberston, a parent, are painting a life-size fibre glass model of an Arabian horse. The theme of the project is Colours of the Rainbow. We are very excited about this project and are hoping that our school will win the first prize of $3000. The horses will be judged at the Gold Coast Races on Saturday 6 December if you are interested in seeing the outcome.

**SEXUALITY EDUCATION PROGRAM**

A letter was sent home last week informing you of Sexuality Education in our school. Lessons will start this week. If you DO NOT want your child to participate in these lessons please inform your child’s teacher immediately. If you have any questions about this program please do not hesitate to ask. All lessons will be drawn from the Queensland Family Planning Association Sexuality Education Program.

**TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL**

Excitingly for our Year 6 and 7 students attending Nerang SHS in 2015 they have a taste of high school life on the following dates:

The dates for Nerang SHS are:
- Year 7s going into Year 8 - 12 November
- Year 6s going into Year 7 - 26 November

Have a great fortnight
Kylie Todhunter and Ros Whybird
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.

ABSENT LETTERS AND STUDENT STATEMENTS
Absent letters and student statements will be sent out this week.

UPCOMING CHANGES AT THE INTERSECTION OF SOUTHPORT-NERANG ROAD AND SHORT STREET
The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) will undertake a “Safer Roads Sooner” project at the intersection Southport–Nerang Road (Price Street) and Short Street, Nerang at the beginning of next year. The project is designed to reduce the frequency and severity of crashes at this intersection that also serves Nerang Primary School.

The project will include:

· The intersection will be changed to a left-in, leftout at Short Street.
· The left-out from Short Street will be made a high angle entry which requires motorists to slow down and give way to approaching traffic.
· The right turn into Short Street from Southport–Nerang Road will remain.

Expected impacts:
During these works the following changed traffic conditions will apply:

· Reduced speed limits and traffic lanes / road shoulder closures at various times.
· The right-turn out of Short Street will be closed from the start of the project (expected to commence in January 2015).
· Motorists who currently turn right out of Short Street onto Southport–Nerang Road will need to use an alternate route.

For more information call TMR on Phone: (07) 5563 6600
DATES TO REMEMBER

- Year 5 Camp: November 13th and 14th
- Sausage Sizzle: November 18th
- Twilight Concert: November 25th 3.30pm
- Year 6 Nerang State High School Transition Day: November 26th
- Disco Prep to Year 5: November 27th 4.30pm to 7pm

EXCURSION REMINDERS

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2015 BOOKLISTS

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DISCO

The P & C will be holding a school disco for years Prep to year 5 on Thursday 27 November from 4.30 – 7.00pm. Come dressed in your favourite Christmas theme. Please look out for more information coming out soon.

P & C MEETING

The next P & C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 18 November at 6.30pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome to come along and find out what is happening within our school.

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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**CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

**SAVE THE DATE:**

Families and friends of years Prep to Year 2 are invited to join us for an end of year Christmas Celebration

**When: Wednesday December 10\textsuperscript{th} 9.15 to 10.15**

**Where: In the Hall**

Hope you can come and join us for the festivities!!!
Not-for-Profit
Health and Human Services

Remember you’re not alone.
Around 20% of children wet the bed at night.

Bed-wetting is a very common problem and can be easily treated. Help is available through Ozcare’s Dry Bed Program.
It works ... up to 93% of children have ceased bed-wetting.

The program offers • Information Package • Initial assessment by a Continence Advisor • Follow up reviews • Use of bed-wetting alarms • Ongoing counselling and support • Certificate of Success!!

For further information on this specialised service, contact Ozcare on 5569 6200 or visit www.ozcare.org.au

Shhh - It’s a Secret
Is bed-wetting a problem?

2015 school calendar
Queensland state schools

There are 195 school days in 2015. Semester 1 2015 commences for teachers on January 22 and for students on January 27.

FINAL DATES FOR STUDENT ATTENDANCE
November 20 is the final date for Year 12 attendance for external examinations.