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

Hard to believe that it is week 4 of term already. Thanks to all that supported the recent Mother’s Day stall, I trust that all Mum’s were spoilt by their children on Sunday. This fortnight sees us undertake NAPLAN testing for our Year 3, 5, 7 students and celebrate Under 8’s Day on Friday 23rd May between 9am and 11am. Next Wednesday 21st May our teachers will once again spend time with their colleagues from neighbouring schools to assess writing pieces. This moderation is an important networking opportunity for all teachers, and helps ensure consistency of grading as we lead up to Semester 1 reporting.

NAPLAN

On Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 May, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will take part in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy, or NAPLAN, as it is commonly known.

Skills that will be tested include: reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy.

These tests are done here at school and are considered just another part of the curriculum.

It is important for you and your child to know that NAPLAN is not a pass/fail test. It simply looks at what level students are achieving in literacy and numeracy against National Standards and compared with student peers throughout Australia.

NAPLAN cannot be studied for and students are not expected to do so. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that it is just a routine part of their school program, and to urge them to do the best they can on the day.

All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are expected to participate in NAPLAN testing.

Later in the year we will send you an individual student NAPLAN report that you can use to view and monitor how your child is progressing.

More information is available on the NAP website (http://www.nap.edu.au/).

If you have any concerns, please contact your child’s class teacher.
REPORTING PROCESSES 2014
At Nerang State School we believe that all 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.

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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.

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
Since the last newsletter I have had some enquiries around what “tailored dance pants” are? I have included a photo today to provide an example of these pants. These pants are available from stores such as Big W and the like. Further clarification has also been sought about students wearing skivvies under uniforms. This is not in line with school policy and is not acceptable. Thanks to all those that have purchased either school jumpers or navy blue jumpers for the colder weather we are now experiencing. Now that all uniform pieces are in embargo for non uniform pieces has passed. If you child is out of supply a note to indicate why. Uniform infringement notices will be issued for non compliance.

Cross Country
Last week saw the running of our Cross Country events, congratulations to all students that participated and earned points for their houses. Mr Smith has done a comprehensive report on all that occurred and I thank him for his efforts in ensuring the successful day.
Late last week I received a letter from a neighbouring business who wrote to me to tell me of a “girl in a red t-shirt” that demonstrated enormous courage during her race. Nakitta was coming first in her race, when she stumbled and fell. A class mate and an older student leader helped her up and she continued on. Nakitta worked hard the remainder of the race and ended up finishing in 3rd place. The community member wrote to me to ensure this courage was recognised and asked me to include the following poem in the newsletter:
THE RACE – attributed to Dr D.H. “Dec” Groberg

Whenever I start to hang my head in front of failur e’s face,
My downward fall is broken by the memory of a race.
A children’s race, young boys, young men, how I remember well,
Excitement sure, but also fear, it wasn’t hard to tell.
They all lined up so full of hope, each thought to win that race
Or tie for first, or if not that, at least take second place.
Their parents watched from off the side, each cheering for their son,
And each boy hoped to show his folks that he would be the one.

The whistle blew and off they flew, like chariots of fire,
To win, to be the hero there, was each young boy’s desire.

One boy in particular, whose dad was in the crowd,
Was running in the lead and thought “My dad will be so proud.”
But as he speeded down the field and crossed a shallow dip,
The little boy who thought he’d win, lost his step and slipped.

Trying hard to catch himself, his arms flew everywhere,
And midst the laughter of the crowd he fell flat on his face.

As he fell, his hope fell too; he couldn’t win it now.
Humiliated, he just wished to disappear somehow.

But as he fell his dad stood up and showed his anxious face,
Which to the boy so clearly said, “Get up and win that race!!”

He quickly rose, no damage done, behind a bit that’s all,
And ran with all his mind and might to make up for his fall.

So anxious to restore himself, to catch up and to win,
His mind went faster than his legs. He slipped and fell again.
He wished that he had quit before with only one disgrace.
“I’m hopeless as a runner now, I shouldn’t try to race.”

But through the laughing crowd he searched and found his father’s face
With a steady look that said again, “Get up and win that race!!”

So he jumped up to try again, ten yards behind the last.
“If I’m to gain those yards,” he thought, “I’ve got to run real fast!”
Exceeding everything he had, he regained eight, then ten….

But trying hard to catch the lead, he slipped and fell again.
Defeat! He lay there silently, A tear dropped from his eye.

‘There’s no sense running anymore! Three strikes I’m out! Why try?
I’ve lost, so what’s the use?” he thought. “I’ll live with my disgrace.”
But then he thought about his dad, who soon he’d have to face.

“Get up,” an echo sounded low, “you haven’t lost at all,
For all you have to do to win is rise each time you fall.
“Get up!” the echo urged him on, “Get up and take your place!”
You were not meant for failure here! Get up and win that race!

So, up he rose to run once more, refusing to forfeit.
And he resolved that win or lose, at least he wouldn’t quit.

Three times he’d fallen stumbling, three times he rose again,
Too far behind to hope to win, he still ran to the end.

They cheered another boy who crossed the line and won first place,
Head high and proud and happy – no falling, no disgrace.
But, when the fallen youngster crossed the line, in last place,
The crowd gave him a greater cheer for finishing the race.
And even though he came in last with head bowed low, unproud,
You would have thought he’d won the race, to listen to the crowd.
And to his dad he sadly said, “I didn’t do so well.”
“To me, you won,” his father said. “You rose each time you fell.”

And now when things seem dark and bleak and difficult to face,
The memory of that little boy helps me in my own race.
For all of his life is like that race, with ups and downs and all.
And all you have to do to win is rise each time you fall.
And when depression and despair shout loudly in my face.
Another voice within me says, “Get up and win that race!”
Out of Hours School Care
Tenders will soon be called for the Out of Hours School Care provider at Nerang State School. Invitations to tender are released to the market and responses called for in a given time frame. Our current provider; PCYC will continue to operate whilst this process is undertaken. We are looking for some feedback from our parent body regarding the use of this service- How often do you use the service? How many children do you have attend? What features are important to you in this service?
Feedback should be sent to the.principal@nerangss.eq.edu.au

RESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOUR PLAN – Our Best Always
Each fortnight an explicit behaviour lesson is taught to the students. This fortnight’s lesson is focussed on the Star Student Behaviour of Being a Learner. Students will learn to: continue a task until it has been completed; ask for help if they experience difficulty; try their best and give all tasks a go; contribute to class discussions in a positive manner.

BOUNCED ONLINE EDUCATION PROGRAMS
Our school is fortunate to be part of a trial(BouncED) where we and you have FREE access to some amazing educational resources: Studyladder, ZooWhiz, Ziptales, Sunshine and Britannica. To enable us and you to continue to have FREE access to these resources in Semester 2, we must average at least 60% of the school population logging onto BouncED once a week. Please encourage your child/children to log on at home and use these resources. The teachers have set tasks for all classes.

Below is useful information which may help you to make greater use of the educational resources available through BouncED.

POPUPS - This is the main cause of problems with use from home. Please ‘always allow popups’ from BouncED or disable your Popup Blocker altogether. This can be done via the Internet Settings section of most browsers on most devices.

APPLE IPAD - BouncED programs are generally Flash Based and so will not run on Apple iPads unless the ‘Photon Browser’ app is installed. This is a cheap ($5) fix and will allow BouncED to run on the iPad (albeit a little slower than normal!)

LIFE EDUCATION
Thank you to the many parents who allowed their child/children the valuable experience of visiting the Life Education van. Please ask them what they learnt and ask to see the booklet which was provided with follow up activities. Lessons ranged from drug and alcohol education to being cyber-wise.

GALA SPORTS DAY
The first Gala Sports Day of the year will be held on Monday 23 June. The chance for each student from Year 5 -7 to represent their school at this event will depend on each student’s behaviour record in the next 6 weeks. Some children are already on Behaviour Contracts to help them stay focussed on the goal of being able to attend this day.

Dates to remember:
13 – 15 May   NAPLAN Years 3, 5 & 7
23 May       Under 8’s Day – Prep, Years 1, 2 & 3 9.00 – 11.00am
12 June    School photos

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.
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 20 May at 6.30pm in the office staffroom. Everyone is welcome.

HOME READING
• Reading has always been an important skill. In our modern world it is more important than ever.
• Children learn about the importance of reading as they watch family members use reading and writing for everyday purposes.
• Reading with your child at home will help your child in all learning areas of school.
• Children see you reading and writing in everyday life – reading for pleasure, sharing a story with your child, using a recipe, making a shopping list, writing a birthday card or reading street signs. This teaches them that reading and writing are useful skills in today’s world.
• Reading books are graded by difficulty into reading levels known as ‘Book Bands’ (each Book Band has its own colour). Don’t be too focussed on reading ‘levels’.
• It is important for children to read familiar books (not a memorized one) so they can practise reading in a fluent (an ‘entertaining’ pace); phrased (grouping words together as we do when we speech); and expressive manner (using the meaning of the text to reflect emotion and volume in one’s voice). Reading a book again also encourages confidence and provides practice in bringing all their reading behaviours together.
• Children tend to learn in fits and starts – periods of growth followed by periods of consolidation when their progress seems to halt for a while. The periods where you don’t see rapid progress may be worrying, especially after a ‘growth spurt’, but they are important as your child develops confidence in using and applying their newly acquired skills.

WHAT YOU CAN DO AT HOME
• Read aloud to children - often. This helps them to learn the language of books and will encourage them to enjoy books and reading.
• Talk about books, read together and make reading an enjoyable, shared activity.
• Make sure there is a wide range of reading material for your child at home, both fiction and non-fiction.
• Try not to let television intrude on reading time. Make a special time for reading with your child, away from interruption.
• Listen to your child every day, even for a short time. A short, positive session every day is far better than a long, stressful one. It is important that the student experiences success and is eager to read.
• Give books as treats and presents.

HINTS FOR LISTENING TO YOUR CHILD READ
• Before reading, talk about the cover, the title, the pictures, and discuss what the book may be about.
• During reading, discuss what has been read up to that point, and imagine what will happen next time.
• After reading is finished, talk and ask questions about the story and the pictures.
• When reading a harder book together, take turns. Beginning readers can read the repetitive parts and more experienced readers can read a paragraph or a page.
2014 CROSS COUNTRY
The 2014 Cross Country Carnivals were held in week 3 on Monday the 5th May and Tuesday the 6th May at Birchall Park & Nerang SS. The weather turned it on for us this year and the days were hugely successful with nearly all enrolled students attending and participating on the days. Teachers and students enjoyed the carnival and it was fantastic to see so many families and friends in attendance.

After two excellent carnival competitions we must congratulate Page House who triumphed by 39 points over runners up, Browne House. The final standings were:

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Congratulations also to our 2014 Cross Country Age Champions
Prep Girl     Tilaylah P PB  
Prep Boy      Cillian (Killian) S P/1A  
Yr 1 Girl     Chevy G 1B  
Yr 1 Boy      Razlee M-R 1B  
Yr 2 Girl     Pippa S 2A  
Yr 2 Boy      Damon H 2A  
8 Girl        Honey D 3/4A  
8 Boy         Eagan T 3B  
9 Girl        Hayley H 4B  
9 Boy         Damien E 4A  
10 Girl       Shamirrah E 5A  
10 Boy        Charlie M 5A  
11 Girl       Faith T 6B  
11 Boy        Mick M 6A  
12 Girl       Jessica G 6B  
12 Boy        Adam W 6B  
13 Girl       Erin H 7A  
13 Boy        Adam R 7A  

We are all looking forward to another great Cross Country Carnival in 2015.
Yours in Sport
Tim Smith
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 9.00 to 11.00am. Parents and younger siblings are welcome to join us. Please see the attached flyer and Sausage Sizzle note that was sent home to all students.

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

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

“SENSORY MOVIE DAY”
Sunday at 2pm Sunday 25th May at Coolangatta Birch Carroll & Coyle
“Sensory Movie Day” was created for Families with Special Needs.
Children are free to try every seat, flap or stim, lighting stays on dim.
Fire exit doors are monitored for those escape artists.
This movie experience is a positive, non-judgemental experience.
Siblings and extended family welcomed.

"Mr Peabody & Sherman"
Tickets are $8.00 each.
Companion I.D. Card Accepted.
Children 2 years and under are free.

Tickets on Sale NOW!!! Come along and support our event....
Membership Movie Day cards are required to purchase tickets These can be collected from Birch carroll & Coyle Coolangatta cinema before our screening. For more information or to be added to the mailing list email us on sensorymovieday.goldcoast@hotmail.com

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.
Free Entry!

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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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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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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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SUNDAY
01 JUNE 2014

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SOMERSET DRIVE
MUDGEERABA
11am - 4pm

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Yugambeh Didgeridoo Orchestra
Yugambeh Youth Choir

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WEAVING

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LANGUAGE

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12 May, 2014

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Nerang Primary will be celebrating Under 8’s Week on Friday 23 May by providing a fun morning for children in Prep-Year 3.

We will be having activities from 9:00-11:00am followed by a sausage sizzle. (The sausages must be paid for prior to the day.)

The activities will be spread across the top oval and children will move freely from one activity to another.

You are invited to attend with your child. You may be asked to supervise another one or two children as well.

We look forward to sharing this morning with you.

Kind regards,

P-3 Teachers

Mrs Donna Gosling
Principal

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

To celebrate Under 8’s day the Tuckshop will be holding a Sausage Sizzle on Friday 23 May. Cost will be $2.50 each.

To Order:
1. Complete the order form (1 form per person).
2. Send the form and correct money into the Tuckshop by Tuesday 20 May.

Kindest regards,

Donna Gosling
Principal

Melissa Butler
Tuckshop Convener

Sausage Sizzle Order Form

Return to Tuckshop by Tuesday 20 May 2014

Student’s Name ___________________________________________ Class __________

Order

Sausages with sauce @ $2.50 each__________

Sausages without sauce @ $2.50 each__________

Total __________

© Complete by students 2014. This form is for parents' reference only.