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

ADMINISTRATION CHANGES
Ros Whybird is on Long Service leave for Weeks 9 and 10. For these weeks, Leanne Hines-Smith will be Acting Deputy Principal. We welcome Leanne to our school.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
REPORTING PROCESSES 2014
At Nerang State School we believe that all are 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
• evaluate and report on the progress of each student’s knowledge, skills, efforts and attitudes using a variety of approaches

The school uses a variety of reporting approaches at regular intervals to ensure you are well-informed of your child’s progress. Parent-teacher interviews were offered at the end of Term 1 and are again offered at the end of Term 3. You should have received a letter informing you of when your child’s teacher will be available for interviews. Please take advantage of this valuable opportunity to be updated on your child’s progress.

GALA SPORTS DAY # 2
What a wonderful day of fun and competition was had by all on Monday 1 September. Our students’ behaviour and sportsmanship were outstanding with a deputy principal from a neighboring school ringing the principal to acknowledge the behaviour of our students. Well done!
Students from Years 5,6,7 participated in League Tag, Cricket, Netball and T-Ball. The students played against several local schools and our teams had their share of wins, losses and draws.
Thanks to Mr Smith for organizing this wonderful activity for our students and to Mr Houston, Mrs Ryvachuk, Mrs Harvey, Ms Daylight and Mrs Kennaugh for coaching and refereeing on the day.
GOLD COAST SHOW
For the very first time the school entered the cooking and garden sections of the Gold Coast Show. This has been a successful enterprise with many prizes gained. Winners were:
Angel P - Best Decorated Cupcake - Very Highly Commended
Guilian G - Highly commended for his Pikelets
Annalisa – Third Prize and Highly Commended for her Anzac Biscuits

In the Garden/Horticulture section the school won:
First Prize for beetroots, carrots, citron
Second Prize for pawpaw and lettuce

A big thank to Lorraine Walden, our Kitchen and Garden specialist, for organizing our participation in the show this year.
A big thank you also for her efforts in nurturing the garden with the help of Years 4 and 5.

TITANS’ LEARNING CENTRE
The Titan’s Learning Centre runs a fantastic social skilling program which supports a number of our Years 3&4 students each year. The program aims to develop self-esteem, self-image and resilience as well as specific social skills such as friendship skills, to enable them to cope with issues they may experience in the higher year levels. The students are inspired and motivated by regular visits by some of the Titans Rugby League players. Two of our Year 3 students will start at the Titans’ Learning Centre at Mudgeeraba Creek SS next term.

SPELLING BEE CHAMPIONS
Congratulations to our spelling bee champions. Students, staff and parents were very impressed with the spelling skills of our students. Thank you Mrs R and your team for organizing this great event.

Our champions are;
Senior School:  Annalisa R  Runner Up: Billy M
Middle School:  N’Che M  Runner Up: Om S
Junior Scholl:  Billie W   Runner Up: Jordan B

READING VOLUNTEERS
Nerang State School is very fortunate to be a part of the Nerang Reading Project. This project provides volunteers to support our students develop their reading skills. This year Nerang has benefited from over 700 volunteer hours in our school. We offer our sincere thanks to these volunteers.

TEACHER AIDE DAY
Friday 5 September was Teacher Aide Day when we acknowledged and thanked the work of our fantastic teacher aides.
NERANG STATE SCHOOL SCARECROW AT THE SHOW
Thanks to Mr Cochrane and his team for creating this magnificent scarecrow for display at the Gold Coast Show.

STAR BEHAVIOUR AWARDS
An impressive 27 students were recognized during week 9 for displaying wonderful characteristics that go together to help build a positive school culture. Students were recognised for honesty, wearing school uniforms proudly, maintaining a clean learning environment, using respectful manners and listening. Congratulations to all students and your individual good deeds have been added to your positive behaviour data page.

Dates to Remember:
Friday 19 September – Last day of Term 3
Monday 6 October – Public Holiday
Tuesday 7 October – First day of Term 4

Have a great fortnight,
Mrs Todhunter and Mrs Hines-Smith

FROM THE OFFICE

SCHOOL WATCH - Keep a watch on our school these holidays
With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number – 13 17 88.

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.

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.
**FETE NEWS**
What a wonderful day we had on Saturday for our school fete. We would like to say a very special thank you to all of our volunteers who came and helped on the day especially Genesis Church, Machelle Rosin, Tess Cameron and the P & C Committee. We would also like to thank the whole school community who turned up to support our school. A fabulous day was had by all.

**FATHER’S DAY STALL**
We would like to say a very special thank you to Machelle and Sue for all their help and support with our Father’s Day Stall. We raised a wonderful $750.00 for our school. We hope all of our fathers’, grandfathers’ and special carers’ enjoyed their presents.

**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.

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**STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS**

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PARENTS TEA AND COFFEE
Starting in term 4 there will be tea, coffee and snacks provided at the school kitchen at 2:15pm on Monday afternoons. Our school chaplain, Emily, will be hosting this new drop in time. Come along, enjoy a nice hot drink, relax and have a chat before the students are out of class for the day.

BMX SPECTACULAR
On the 18th of September at 2:00pm, we are having some of Australia's best BMX riders come to Nerang State School to show us their world class skills! They’ll bring in their ramp and perform some of the biggest and most cutting edge stunts. It will be a Rewards Day activity - Make sure you don't miss out on this incredible show!

NED KELLY – HERO OR VILLIAN
I know Ned Kelly is a hero because he saved Dick Shelton from drowning and had to be the man of the house. He protected his sister from Fitzpatrick and he stood up for the Irish.

While Ned Kelly was walking to school beside the river, he heard a kid yelling from the freezing river, “Help”. Ned Kelly jumped in the freezing icy river and saved the kid, Dick Shelton. Ned got a green sash from his parents that he treasured.

I strongly believe Ned is a hero because he saved his sister Kate from Fitzpatrick. Ned grabbed a heavy rusty shovel and whacked him on the head.

When the Glenrowan Inn was aflame, Ned Kelly was behind the police. He could have escaped but he came back for his friends and brother, and that’s what makes Ned Kelly a hero.

I know that the Irish Colonial Boy, Edward “Ned” Kelly is a hero because he saved his sister and stood up for the Irish. Most people would think he is a hero, but I know he is a hero. Ned Kelly, number 1 for me!
A team of researchers at Griffith University are investigating a parent-based program for young children with Asperger’s Syndrome/High Functioning Autism and comorbid anxiety difficulties. Anxiety is common in children with Asperger’s Syndrome/High Functioning Autism and can lead to difficulties in friendships, family life and school. However, the earlier anxiety is treated the less impact it is likely to have on a child’s development and future. The Fun with Feelings Team is seeking parents of children aged between 4 and 6 years to partake in the study.

The treatment program involves parents attending 10 weekly, group sessions that run for approximately 90 minutes. These sessions are held at Griffith University Gold Coast Campus. Parents will also be asked to complete questionnaires up to 3 times during the study at times separate to the treatment program.

This is being offered free for families who are eligible to participate.

For more information contact Julia Cook or Dr Caroline Donovan
Phone: 37353326
Email: funwithfeelings@griffith.edu.au
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.
FREE FAMILY FUN
School holidays in paradise

Saturday 20 – Friday 26 September
Surfers Paradise Beach & Foreshore

Weekend Features
- Peppa Pig weekend performances
- Barbie and Peppa Pig meet & greets
- Foreshore attractions & beach activities
- Fireworks 7pm Saturday 20 Sept

Weekday fun for all ages
- Daily feature show in Cavill Mall
- LEGO day, craft day, animal day, music day, and superheroes & fairytales day
- Fireworks 7pm Friday 26 Sept

for full schedule of events visit surfersparadise.com