



Nerang Newsflash

19 April 2017



From the Principal and Deputy

STAFF CHANGES

- Mr Garth Callaghan - Long Service Leave - Weeks 1,2,3 - replaced by Acting Principal Mrs Belinda Coulahan
- Mrs Heather Gibson - Maternity Leave Terms 2 and 3 - replaced by Mrs Chan Moodley on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays on Year 6 Special Education Program; replaced by Mrs Bernie McKinnon on 2 Jalumm on Thursdays and Fridays
- Mrs Cath Cargnoni - Acting Principal at Numinbah Valley SS - Weeks 1,2,3,4 - replaced by Ms Hayley Kannan

MAKE-UP SWIM LESSON from Term 1

Due to the cancellation of school at the end of Term 1, there is one swimming lesson to be completed. **This lesson will occur on Thursday 20 April** and follow the timetable from Term 1. If you can volunteer walking to and from the pool for this last lesson the help would be greatly appreciated.



Thank you for allowing your child the opportunity to take part in the swimming program which helps to develop a valuable life skill. Thank you to all the parents/carers who volunteered their time to walk the children to and from the pool. Swimming lessons for Years Prep Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 will take place in Term 4.

BRAVEHEARTS Prep -Year 3.

Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure! Education Program presented by *Bravehearts* which was to be held on Friday 31 March has been re-scheduled to Friday 2 June at 12:00pm. All parents/carers welcome to attend.

ANZAC DAY

SCHOOL SERVICE:- All parents/carers and friends of the school are cordially invited to attend the school's ANZAC DAY service on Monday 24 April at 9:00am in the hall.



COMMUNITY SERVICE:- As is the tradition, our school choir will sing at both the Dawn Service and Morning Service at the Nerang RSL on Anzac Day 25 April. All other students are invited to participate in the Anzac Day March to the Cenotaph at the Nerang RSL.

Times: **Dawn Service: Meet Ms Byrnes at 4:30am at the RSL for the service to start at 4:45am.**

Anzac Day March: Meet Mrs Whybird at 9:20am in Lavelle Street for the march to the Cenotaph for the service to start at 10:02am.

Please encourage your child to march with the school on this special occasion. Children are to march in school uniform.

We are supporting the RSL by selling Poppies and badges for ANZAC Day. The Poppies are 50c each and metal badges are \$5.00. These items can be purchased during lunch breaks where our school leaders are selling them outside the tuckshop or they can also be purchased directly from the office.



Dates to Remember



Thu 20 Apr	Make Up Swimming Lesson Yr 1-3
Thu 20 Apr	P&C Meeting @ 6.30pm
Fri 21 Apr	Student Banking Sign On @ 2pm
Mon 24 Apr	ANZAC Day Service
Tue 25 Apr	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Mon 1 May	Labour Day Public Holiday
Tue 9, Wed 10 & Thur 11 May	NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5
Thu 18 May	P&C Meeting @ 6.30pm
Thu 27 Apr	P&C Student Disco
Fri 2 Jun	Rescheduled Bravehearts Prep - Yr 3
Fri 2 Jun	P&C Trivia Night
Fri 9 June	Rescheduled Yr 2 Science Excursion
Thu 15 Jun	School Photo's

TERM 1 INTERIM REPORT

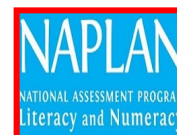
Term 1 Interim Reports have been sent home today, once again there was disruption due to the cancelling of the last days of Term 1. This interim reports indicates how your child is progressing with regards to English, Maths, Science, History/Geography, Behaviour and Attendance and the level of achievement your child is expected to achieve at the end of Semester 1. If your child's teacher indicates they would like a parent-teacher interview please make contact to make an interview time, similarly if you have concerns with regards to this report please contact your child's teacher.



Parent teacher interviews will be offered at the end of Semester 1. In a new process, Semester 1 Report Cards will be handed to parents/ carers at the interviews which will be held in the last weeks of the term.

NAPLAN

During May, students from all state and non-state schools across Australia participate in testing under the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN).



The national tests assess the skills of all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. These tests provide an important measure of how all students are performing against national standards.

Teachers from Years 3, 5 are currently preparing students for this testing regime. One of the areas that we work hard on in supporting and preparing our students for the actual test conditions on the day. This can be new for many students and we want to ensure that they are comfortable with the process in front of them. Results are made available later in the year when each child who has sat the test will receive an individual report.

The dates for NAPLAN testing are: Tuesday 9 May, Wednesday 10 May and Thursday 11 May. If your child is in Years 3 or 5 please avoid making any appointments or taking holidays over these dates.

BEHAVIOUR FOCUS Weeks 1 and 2

This week's behaviour focus is *Be Respectful* - Put up your hand to speak

An explicit lesson will be taught about the importance of students putting up their hand to speak in class. Teachers will discuss how putting up your hand to speak allows everyone to be heard; it makes people feel valued and it ensures a calm classroom.



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

An ongoing focus at Nerang is working to maximise the attendance of all students. Our attendance goal is 95% (which is only one day of absence per term). Attendance certificates for students who achieved 90% and 95% in Term 1 have been given to the students.



STUDENT BANKING - SIGN ON DAY

There will be an account opening session held on Friday 21 April @ 2.00pm outside the hall. Please come and see us if you have any questions.

Garth Callaghan and Ros Whybird

P&C News

DISCO - THURSDAY 27 APRIL 4.30PM TO 7.30PM

All students are invited to attend our first disco of the year!

Entry is \$5.00 per student and a fantastic meal deal is on offer for \$5.00 also (pizza, drink & treat!).



Snack and Chat

Please join us for afternoon tea on Friday's out the front of the school hall, between 2.00pm - 2.30pm. Come along, invite a friend and join me and others from our wonderful school community for a cuppa and cake before assembly starts at 2:35pm each week. Look forward to seeing you there! For the coffee lovers, 'Chappy's Coffee Machine' will be up and running. Grab a latte or cappuccino to enjoy while watching assembly. They are only \$2.00 for small and \$2.50 for a large!



Chappy Katie