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

Welcome back to all our students and families for the start of Term 3 and extra special welcome to new students and families. We hope everyone enjoyed the mid-year break and we look forward to the many exciting things we have planned for the term ahead, the inter-House Athletics Carnivals being a highlight. This term is 10 weeks long finishing on Friday 19 September. Assemblies will be held on the Friday afternoon of ODD weeks starting at 2:15pm.

On a personal note I need to inform you that I have recently been appointed Principal of a new school in Pimpama which will open in 2015. As such I will soon leave Nerang to work on setting up this new school. Mrs Kylie Todhunter will replace me as Principal and will continue the great work that has been achieved this year. It has been a privilege to lead Nerang SS for the last six months and I commend the staff and students on the wonderful work they do every day to make sure that Nerang exemplifies the motto of “Our Best Always”. During my time here I have always found the staff to be passionate about making a difference for their students; the students to be willing learners always looking to achieve; and the parents and community proud of the achievements of the school as a whole.
Thank you for the support you have shown me in my time here, I will always remember it fondly. As soon as I have a date for my final day here I will let you know.

Donna Gosling

STUDENT SAFETY IS EVERYONE’S BUSINESS
A reminder that it is everyone’s business to ensure the safety of our students in and around the school grounds. Volunteers are reminded they MUST sign in at the office and receive a badge to wear whilst in the school grounds. We must also be careful to abide by road and parking rules on the roads surrounding the school. The police have advised us that they are soon going to be patrolling the areas around the local schools. Following are some words from our local police:

Keeping Our Children Safe
Officers from Nerang Police Station have been contacted by both the school and concerned parents in relation to people’s manner of driving and behaviour around school zones. Speed limits, drop-off, pick-up and parking rules exist to keep your children, parents and carers safe and to minimise speed and traffic jams around schools. Whilst we appreciate that the drop off and pick up is a particularly busy time of day it does not excuse dangerous behaviour that could come with fatal consequences.
Police from Nerang along with the Gold Coast Road Policing Unit are constantly patrolling our school zones. Some offences that have resulted in the issue of Traffic Infringement Notices include:

- Parents stopping in the middle of the road (double parking) to allow children to get out of the vehicle,
- U-turns over double white lines into on-coming traffic (when the roundabout was only 50 metres down the road),
- Running red lights,
- Speeding,
- Children not restrained (however the parents were),
- Road rage (offensive language whilst the children were in the vehicle) to name a few.

Over the next few weeks you will see an increase in High Visibility Traffic Patrols. We are keeping our roads safe by proactive and targeted traffic enforcement in relation to all school zones within the division. Please remember the road rules and don’t break them just to save a few extra seconds. The consequences will be with you for the rest of your life. Below outlines some of the penalties which apply to traffic offences that are currently occurring within your school zone.

**SPEEDING**
School zone times have been standardised in Queensland to help motorists remember when to slow down. The standard operating times for your school zones is 7–9am and 2–4pm for 40km/hr...

**Speeding**
- <13km over the speed limit $151 and 1 point
- 13-20km over the speed limit $227 and 3 points
- 21-30km over the speed limit $379 and 4 points
- 31-40km over the speed limit $531 and 6 points
- 41km and over the speed limit $1062 and 8 points

**PARKING**
Make sure to take extra care when parking on school grounds and on the roads and streets around the school and follow the signed parking rules at all times. Remember most schools are around residential areas; please be courteous and respectful to these people by not parking over their driveways.
- Stop across footpath $45
- Stop contrary to flow of traffic $45
- Double Parking $45
- Stop contrary to continuous yellow line $45

**OTHER COMMON OFFENCES**
- Seatbelts – As the parent you are responsible that your child has their seatbelt on and if required the correct car seat. Penalties for not wearing a seatbelt are $341 and 3 points. If your child is under 16 and is not wearing a seatbelt, the driver of the vehicle will be issued the ticket.
- U-turns – Illegal U-turns when not signed to do so - $91 and 2 points
- Red Traffic Light - $341 and 3 points
- Cross Double Lines - $204 and 3 points
- Disorderly conduct - $341

My staff and I will continue to work towards keeping your children safe around school zones and your support in this regard is appreciated.

Peter Gordon
Officer in Charge
Nerang Police

**SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY**
We have revised and finalized our School Uniform Policy. This document will be uploaded to our website in the coming weeks. Please familiarize yourself with the changes that have been made and note that this uniform policy will be enforced. Infringement notices will be handed out to be taken home.
SCHOOL REPORTS
Semester 1 School Reports were emailed home in the last week of Term 2. If you did not receive a report for your child please contact the office so this can be rectified. If you have any queries about your child’s report please ask for an interview with your child’s teacher.
We encourage all families to discuss their child’s report with them and to set learning goals for Semester 2.

ATTENDANCE AND WHAT DO WE OFFER YOUR CHILD?
Students are continually reminded that, EVERY DAY counts in their education. Our goal for attendance for each child is 95%. Please help us attain this goal by ensuring that, excepting illness, your children come to school every day. At Nerang State School we provide numerous programs and activities which we hope will provide a reason as to why your children would want to come to school.
Programs starting this week include:

- **GOOD START** Program for our Pacifica students in Year 5 – this program teaches the children about their culture and good nutrition

- **CHILL** – an anger management program for selected students in Yrs 6 and 7. This program is run by the PCYC.

- **JARJUMS** – our culture program for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Mr Simon is teaching the boys the didjigerdoo. Mrs Grehan and Mrs Pieper run this program.

- **MIND UP** – a program run by the Early Years Centre and teaches selected children in Year 2 about how the brain works, self-esteem and friendship skills.

- **RISING STARS** - Mrs Orr’s gifted and talented program for selected children in Years 3, 4, 5.

- **PROJECT 600** – an extension Maths program for Year 4 students supervised by Mrs Orr.

- **LEO** - Learning Engagement Online – an online program to re-engage students through computer programs. Mr Gary Downing leads this program and is helped by our chaplain, Miss Emily and a wonderful volunteer, Mr Peter Webster.

- **TITANS LEARNING CENTRE** - a program to build self-esteem and confidence for students in Years 3 and 4 run in conjunction with Titans Rugby League Club. The teacher is the superb Mrs Wendy Thomas at Mudgeeraba Creek SS.

- **DANCE CLUB** – run on Monday and Friday lunch hours by the school chaplain Miss Emily.

- **STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM** – Years 3 Weeks 1-5; Years 7 Weeks 6-10

- **ROCK CHOIR** – for students in Years 4-7 who love singing. Ms Byrnes, Mr Gatwood, Mr Bland, Mr Houston dedicate a lot of time to this group.

- **MR GREEN’S HOBBY CLUB** – Mr Green is a wonderful volunteer who comes in every Friday to work with selected children in Years 4, 5, and 6. The children build exciting things such as model planes, rockets, cars, hot air balloons. Please see the photos in this newsletter.

- **FITNESS CLUB** – Mr Gatwood runs fitness activities on Tuesday and Thursdays mornings.

NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION of DATA on SCHOOL STUDENTS with DISABILITY
Our school will be involved in the collection of data on school students with disability. The census involves the school identifying the category of disability for identified students and then identifying the level of adjustment needed to ensure the students can access the curriculum.
The purpose of this census will be to ensure that schools are funded appropriately to meet the needs of students who have a disability. As a parent of children at our school you have the opportunity to choose not to participate in this collection of data. Please inform the office if you choose to opt out of this census.
‘N’ FACTOR
Term 2 ended with the ‘N’ Factor. The cream of our many talented children entertained for nearly two hours. We were entertained by singers, a pianist, dancing.

The winners of this competition were:
First Place - Shanae B; Second Place – Jake E; Third Place – Faith T and Charli R

A huge thank you, is extended to Mr Chris Bland and Mr Dan Gatwood, who organised this event and practised with the children so their act was of a high standard.

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY
This week we will be conducting the annual School Opinion Survey. This survey is open to be completed by all parents, all Year 5, 6, 7 students, along with all staff. The purpose of the survey is to provide feedback about various aspects of the school which we then use in planning for school improvement.

We thank those parents involved in advance for taking the time to complete this survey.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
Unfortunately After School Activities will not take place this term. This is beyond our control and we are disappointed. Activities should resume in Term 4.

CANBERRA TRIP - Monday 13th October to Friday 17th October 2014 for Years 5, 6 and 7
Notification has been received from parents that three positions are now available due to children withdrawing from the Canberra excursion.

The total cost of this trip is $1100.00 and we would require a minimum deposit of $500.00 to be paid no later than 10.30am Friday 1st August with the final payment of $600.00 to be finalised by 10.30am Friday 22nd August.

These positions will be given to the first three students who pay the minimum $500.00 deposit.

Additional costs will apply to students already attending the Canberra excursion, if these three positions are not filled.

Notes will be going home with all years 5, 6 and 7 students today.

Dates to Remember:
Thursday 24 July – P-2 Athletics Carnival
Thursday 31 July – Senior Band Workshop
Tuesday 5 August – Showcase Concert
Thursday 7 August – Senior Band Mini Tour

Have a great fortnight,
Mrs Gosling and Mrs Whybird

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.

INVOICE/STATEMENTS
Could all Student Resource Levies and outstanding payments please 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. Debtor statements will be sent home this week.
FROM THE TUCKSHOP/UNIFORM SHOP

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.

FATHER’S DAY STALL
Donations are now being accepted for the up and coming Father’s Day Stall. Can all donations please be sent to the Tuckshop? A class attendance timetable will be sent out closer to the date.

SCHOOL FETE
Our school fete will be held on Saturday 13 September. We are seeking volunteers to help on the BBQ on the day. If you can spare anytime on the day to help, please let Melissa or Michelle in the tuckshop know. Donations for clean glass jars with lids are also required for our Prep classes. Please look out for more exciting fete news coming soon.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

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FROM THE CHAPLAIN
Hi! My name is Emily Bartlett and I am the Chaplain at Nerang State School. I have been working here since Term One of this year and I am enjoying the work I do here very much! The students, staff and parents I have met have been great to get to know.

My role as a Chaplain is to provide social, emotional and spiritual support for the school community. I work closely with the guidance officer and behaviour support teacher, assisting them where possible.

My office is located at the back of the school, I work Mondays and Fridays, please feel free to pop in and say hi, or ask me any questions you may have.

Emily Bartlett
School Chaplain

FROM THE TEACHING LEARNING COACH
Hi, My name is Sharon Bendle and I am a new member of the Nerang State School family. I have been appointed Teaching and Learning Coach for the second semester of 2014. I will be at school full time. One of my primary goals is to develop the capacity of teachers to implement “best-practices instruction” to meet the learning needs of all students and attain the school’s academic goals.

This means I get to work closely with teachers and students to help them achieve the best outcomes both in their learning and achievement.

Sharon Bendle
Teaching and Learning Coach
"Hi, my name is Katie Morgenstern. I’m an Education Queensland Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP). I visit Nerang State School 7 days a term. SLPs work within the educational team to support students with communication difficulties. My role includes assessing students with speech, language, and/or fluency difficulties, providing intervention, and developing and monitoring early oral language and literacy programs.”

Katie Morgenstern
Speech-Language Pathologist
Playgroup

Where:  Nerang Primary State School
        3 Nerang Street
        Nerang QLD 4211

When:  Wednesday 9.00 - 11.00

Nerang Early Years Centre

Community Connection, Education, Development, Child Health, Parental Support & Advice

Our playgroups
Playgroups are provided for children from 0 to 5 years and their parents or carers and are facilitated by experienced Early Childhood Educators. Playgroup programs are designed to meet and support the developmental needs of children and provide exciting and varied opportunities for learning through play.

Children benefit from Playgroup as they:
• Develop their social skills
• Have fun learning through play
• Learn about sharing, co-operation and simple routines
• Explore small and large muscle activities
• Interact with other children and adults in a safe environment
• Play with their parents

Parents/Carers benefit from Playgroup as they:
• Play alongside their children
• Socialise with other parents in the local community
• Share experiences and ideas
• Learn more about the value of Play

Who we are
The Nerang Early Years Centre provides a range of free activities for children, from pre-birth to eight years and their families. The program is run by The Benevolent Society, Australia's first charity. We provide a service that helps improve how children feel about themselves and how they cope with difficult situations.

What we do
The Nerang Early Years Centre is a place where families can access quality information and support around parenting, child behaviour and health for their children. We invite families to participate in play and learning activities that are delivered by professional staff.

We invite you to get involved?
As a parent or carer you can be involved in your child's learning in many ways; join in weekly activities, meet & share with other parents, become a valuable volunteer with many opportunities across our playgroups, attend community forums. We celebrate diversity and encourage parents and carers to share their cultural heritage which we strive to include in our groups and activities.

We are The Benevolent Society...
We help people change their lives through support and education, and we speak out for a just society where everyone thrives.
Friday Family Night

5pm till 9pm
Country Paradise Parklands
231 Beaudesert Nerang Rd
Nerang

www.countryparadiseparkland.com

Last Friday of every month

Fireplace & live music

Bar
No BYO please

Food Stalls

Slot Cars

Coffee

Like us on Facebook
Coomera Comets
Touch Football

Junior & Senior Touch Sign On
5.30pm - 7pm Friday Night
8th & 15th August 2014

Friday Night
Summer Junior
Competition
Boys and Girls Divisions
5 to 18 years old
Start Date: 10th Oct 2014

Monday Night Adult
Competition
Mixed, Mens and
Ladies Divisions
Start Date: 6th Oct 2014

JOIN THE FUN
All games are played at Coomera
Sports Park
Individual and team nominations accepted
www.coomeracommets.net
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.nprs.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.
NOMINATION FORM
NETTA / JUNIOR / SENIOR CLUB CARNIVAL
SUNDAY 24TH August 2014

Divisions: Netta 8/9/10 yrs Juniors & Seniors 11/12/13/14/15/16/17 Open Age & Mixed

Games Commence: 8:00am sharp (Draws will be available from the Club Rooms after 7.30am or via our website)

Venue: 166 Benowa Road Ashmore 4214

Umpires: Each team must supply a correctly attired Badged Umpire
(Umpires may not umpire their own team and may be required when their team is playing)

Awards: Winners and Runners-up awards will be presented (9 per team)

Disputes: Will be dealt with by SCNA Executive Committee

****** FULL CANTEEN FACILITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE DAY ******

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NOMINATION: $80 per Team (including GST) Payment must accompany this form

NAME OF CONTACT: __________________ PH NO: __________________

EMAIL: __________________

NO. OF TEAMS _______________@ $80 PER TEAM = __________________

SIGNED __________________ DATE __________________

CLOSING DATE: Friday 18th August 2014

Payments may be made by direct deposit to
SCNA Bendigo Bank
BSB 633-108 Acc No 1428-06850
Reference-Team name