NEWSLETTER November 11 2014

FROM THE PRINCIPAL & DEPUTY

END OF 2014 DATES TO REMEMBER

- Disco Prep to Year 5: November 27th, 4.30pm to 6.30pm
- Religious Education Christmas Concert: December 2nd, at 9.15am
- Prep Experience Day – 2015 Preps – Thursday December 4th, 9am-11am
- Deadly Choices Oztag Competition-selected students: December 5th
- 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
- Year 6 camp 2015 deposit due by 5/12/14 at 10.30am
- Last day for any payments must be Friday the 5th before 10.30am.

PREPARATION for the 2015 SCHOOL YEAR

- BOOKLISTS - just a reminder that there is still time to get your booklist orders in for
  2015. Please see Melissa or Michelle in the Tuckshop or Uniform Shop before Friday
  with either full payment or $50.00 deposit to secure your students order.
- 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
• If you will be returning late from holidays please let the office know so we can hold a place in a class for your child.

MASTER COOKING CLASS
How lucky were we last week to have Mr Paul Bullpit from MKR take a Master Cooking Class with students from Years 3, 4, 5. The students thoroughly enjoyed Mr Bullpit’s culinary skills as well as his great sense of humour. Thank you Mr Bullpit for giving up your afternoon to pass on your enjoyment of and skill in cooking. A huge thank you to Miss Lorraine who organised this event for us.

SWIMMING
Swimming lessons started this week and were absolutely appreciated because of the hot weather. If you are able to volunteer walking with your child’s class to and from the pool your time will be greatly appreciated.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
The school is reviewing the Religious Education Program to ensure that it is meeting the full needs of students as we support their academic, social and emotional development. Please take the time to complete the online survey so that the wider school community’s opinions can be considered.
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WZH7VZW

AWARDS DAY and GRADUATION DAY
A reminder to all, that this special event will take place on THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER starting at 9:15am. If your child is receiving an award you will receive a special invitation informing you of this. If you are able to attend this day it will certainly mean a lot to your son/daughter. On Awards Day, School Captains for 2015 will be announced. If your son/daughter is in the running for selection your attendance at this ceremony will be appreciated.

STAFFING IN 2015
We are beginning to plan classes for next year. We have a draft plan based on our current numbers. This being said we are very close to needing to form at least one additional class. With this in mind we will not be releasing class lists before the holidays as I don’t want children being disappointed if classes change in the first few days of the new school year.
The current plan for teacher allocation to year levels is outlined below and subject to change depending on numbers.
Prep A Ms Christine Baker
Prep B Ms Sandra Stevens and Ms Michelle Manning
1A Ms Kylie Spence
1B Mr Conan Sternberg
2A To be confirmed
2B Ms Kay Davidson
2/3/4C Mr Dan Gatwood
As we draw closer to the end of the year it is the sad time where we farewell some of our outstanding staff members. Ms Jane Harvey, Ms Cindi Todd, Mrs Kellie Bell, Mr James Henshaw and Mr Ben Murrell are all moving on to work at other schools. We thank them for the fantastic work they have done and their contribution to Nerang State School and wish them well at their new schools.

**PAINT an ARABIAN HORSE COMPETITION**

As previously reported 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 because the horse is nearly finished and we think that it is a winner. The horses will be judged at the Gold Coast Races on Saturday 6 December if you are interested in seeing the outcome. We extend an absolute huge thank you to Mrs Talbot, Mr Green and Mrs Roberston for helping Bree H, Drew K and Zara M plan this huge project. We also thank Bunnings at Nerang for their donation of paint, sandpaper and brushes.
TWILIGHT CONCERT

This week I had the pleasure of attending the Twilight Concert where our students showcased their great talents in instrumental music. I was thrilled to see around 70 students performing for the lucky audience members. A big thanks to Mrs Byrnes, Mrs Futo and Mr Henshaw for their efforts. Congratulations to all students involved- This goes to show just how special Nerang State School is.

Have a great fortnight
Kylie Todhunter and Ros Whybird

REPORT CARDS

Report cards will be emailed to parents on Wednesday December 10th. Please ensure the office staff have your current email addresses. If you require a paper copy of your child’s report card please phone the office on 55 814 777.
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. The payment window closes on Friday December 5th.

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
EXCURSION REMINDERS

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FROM THE TUCKSHOP/UNIFORM SHOP

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 – 6.30pm. Come dressed in your favourite Christmas theme. Please look out for more information coming out soon.

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.

SPORT NEWS

1. My Golf Schools 1 Program

Students have been engaged in a new initiative at Nerang SS this term. In conjunction with Golf Australia, the My Golf Schools 1 Program is an introduction to basic golf skills and techniques using modified equipment. The program is developed specifically for primary school students. Students have found the program enjoyable and are looking forward to another turn next year.

For more information visit www.mygolf.org.au

2. Gala Day #3 – Kirra Beach Activities

Our final Gala Day for 2014 is to be held at Kirra Beach on Monday 1 December (Week 9). Students will travel by bus to Kirra Beach and participate in four activities on the day.

- Beach volleyball
- Beach cricket
- Ultimate Frisbee
3. **9-13yrs Inter-house Swimming Carnival**

The annual swimming carnival is the final carnival for the year and will be held at the Nerang City Pool on Monday 8 December (Week 10).

All students are encouraged to attend regardless of their swimming ability and to wear their house colours. Races will consist of:

- 50m Championship events in freestyle, breaststroke backstroke & butterfly
- 25m participation events in freestyle, breaststroke backstroke & butterfly
- 25m novelty events (for non-swimmers)
- Half hour free swim

Our students will need to practise extra hard if they want to beat the teachers in the Students v Teachers race this year

NERANG BRANCH LIBRARY

Nerang Library will be conducting hands on writing workshop. Young author Elliena Escott will demonstrate her writing and illustrating techniques. For ages 7-13.

When: Friday 16th January
Time: 10-11am

PARKWOOD GOLF COURSE: HOLIDAY CAMP

As a school in the Parkwood area, Sports Camps Australia has an exciting opportunity to offer your students a healthy and active alternative for parents to keep their children entertained in the school holidays.

**Sports Camps Australia in association with Darren Weatherall and Parkwood International Golf are providing a 5 day junior golf camp in the upcoming school holidays.**

Held at Parkwood International Golf Course in the school holidays from the 5th - 9th January, players will be grouped according to age and ability.

Details for this camp and others can be found on our website [www.sportscampsaustralia.com.au](http://www.sportscampsaustralia.com.au), where campers are also able to register.
### STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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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 10th 9.15 to 10.15
Where: In the Hall

Hope you can come and join us for the festivities!!!

BATTLE OF THE BANDS
Join us for a Rock Extravaganza as the years 4 to 7 bands battle it out!!!!!

When: Wednesday Dec 10th, 12-12.45pm
Where: The School Hall
Who: Years Prep to Seven, all Families and Friends
HELENSVALE NETBALL CLUB
2015 SIGN ON DAY

Early Sign on Day Bonus
Saturday 29th November 2014
9am-11pm
Fees $200 (includes team photos)
Fees to be paid in full for Early Bird
Sign on Day
Saturday 31st January 2015
10am – 2pm
Fees $220 (includes team photos)
Netball Courts, Viney Park, Yaun St, Coomera
$100 non-refundable deposit required

Seasons runs from March till September
Training is held on Friday or Wednesday
afternoons & commences prior to season start

NOVA Competition for girls turning 6 years up to 10years
Saturday Competition for girls up to 18years
Open Competition for ladies over 16years
NEW MEMBERS MUST PROVIDE PROOF OF AGE

FOR ALL ENQUIRIES PLEASE
CONTACT PRESIDENT ON 0432 604 277
### 2015 School Calendar

**Queensland State Schools**

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**Final Dates for Student Attendance**
- November 20 is the final date for Year 12 attendance for reception.
- Semester 1 2015 commences for teachers on January 22 and for students on January 27.

- **School holidays**
- **Public holidays**
- **Staff professional development days**
- **School terms**