PREPARATION for the 2015 SCHOOL YEAR

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- Class considerations for 2015 should be put in writing and addressed to either Mrs Todhunter or Mrs Whybird.
- Enrol your prep student as soon as possible to secure their place.

MEMBERS’ ALLIANCE EDUCATION FOUNDATION ONLINE LEARNING PILOT PROGRAM

Our school is part of an online learning pilot program funded by the Members’ Alliance Education Foundation in collaboration with Dr Peter Waterman from the University of Newcastle. This program is called BOUNCED. Your child has a username and password that allows them to access at home the suite of programs offered by this program. Programs include: Study Ladder, Encyclopedia Britannica, Ziptails. These programs are worth hundreds of dollars and are available to your child for free. Please take advantage of these high quality online learning programs.

WORLD TEACHERS’ DAY

Our teachers do a wonderful job each and every day to ensure the social, emotional, academic, physical and cultural growth of each and every student. Friday October 31, is World Teachers’ Day and we will make sure we spoil the teachers!
Firstly each class will be responsible for a class member presenting a short speech thanking their teacher for the wonderful job they do every day and the teachers will be presented with a card which has been signed by all class members.
Secondly, all teachers will be relieved of their playground duty so they eat their lunch together.
Finally the teachers will be given the traditional treat of an ice cream!!
Thank you teachers!

DAY FOR DANIEL

Friday 31 October is wear red for Day for Daniel. This event will be supported by many students and teachers who wear a red item of clothing. Teachers will include in their activities for the day a lesson on stranger danger, personal safety.

COUNT US IN

On Thursday, Ms Jo Byrnes organized the whole school to participate in a musical event called Count Us In. Across Australia, at exactly 11:30am, participating schools played and sang. Ms Byrnes organised the strings students, drummers, choir to lead the rest of the school as they sang selected songs. It was fantastic. Thank you Ms Brynes for passing on your passion for music to the students of Nerang.
AWARDS DAY and YEAR 6 and 7 GRADUATION
AWARDS DAY and Year 6 and 7 Graduation will be held on Thursday 11 December from 9:15-11:30am. On this day we recognize the fine efforts of children in every class and of course recognize the graduation of our Year 7 students and for the first time our Year 6 students. All parents/carers are invited to attend this special event. Invitations will be sent to the families of individual students who will be receiving an award on the day.

REWARDS DAY not to be confused with Awards Day
On Wednesday 10 December students who have earned the right to attend the end of term Rewards Day activity will be treated to a drama extravaganza. Mr Bland is busy organising another exciting event - the Battle of the Bands. Mr Bland is responsible for teaching our students and the children have benefitted from the passion he brings to this subject. Please keep this date free.

SEXUALITY EDUCATION PROGRAM
A letter will be sent home this week informing you of Sexuality Education in our school. Please read this letter and return the slip at the end of the letter if you do not want your child to participate in these lessons. If you have any questions about this program please do not hesitate to ask. All lessons will be drawn from the Queensland Family Planning Association Sexuality Education Program.

GARDENING CLUB
Miss Lorraine our Kitchen Garden Co-ordinator has started a before school gardening club for interested students. These young people are enjoying the outdoors, developing their knowledge of gardening and contributing to our school.

READ. READ, READ
I attended an orientation evening for my daughter’s high school last night and was pleased to hear that even with our upper primary students heading off to high school the expectation of daily reading is still in place. I cannot stress enough the importance of daily reading from birth on. Sharing a book, newspaper article or a fishing magazine develops reading skills, vocabulary and general knowledge as well as being enjoyable. In the wise words of Dr Seuss:

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.”

Dates to Remember:
Friday 31/10 Day for Daniel Wear something red
Friday 31/10 World Teacher’s Day

Have a great fortnight,
Mrs Todhunter and Mrs Whybird
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.

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.

EXCURSION REMINDERS

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SAUSAGE SIZZLE
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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 – 7.00pm. Come dressed in your favourite Christmas theme. Please look out for more information coming out soon.

P & C MEETING
The next P & C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 18 November at 6.30pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome to come along and find out what is happening within our school.
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.

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

CURRUMBIN FARM SCHOOL
42 eager students left Nerang State School on Monday morning bound for the Currumbin Valley Farm School for a one night camp. 42 students returned weary, hot and full of new experiences on Tuesday afternoon. We all participated in rock wall climbing, site navigation, water testing (where several new species of creatures were discovered), circus acts, screen printing, and animal feeding (without losing any fingers!). We all ate remarkably well, we all behaved remarkably well and had a fabulous time. A huge thanks to the parents for your support and allowing yourselves to have a quiet night at home.

YEAR 4 CAMP
Students from our school have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $60.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

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**SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR POSITION**

**School Crossing Supervisor**

- Casual rates start at $27.50 per hour
- Training provided
- Equal opportunity employer

Ask at school office for an application package. Closing date 7th November 2014

*All staff are required to undergo a medical and working with children Blue Card check, which will be provided by DTMR.*

Queensland Government
A group of our students participated in the Regional Debating competition held at Merrimac State School on Thursday 23 October. All students performed very well and did our school proud. Congratulations to Giulian, Kimberley, Indeja, Annalisa, Ocean, Taliah, Quannah-Leigh and Esaias.
APPLICATIONS FOR 2015 BUS PASSES ARE DUE NOW

ALL NEW PASSENGERS FOR 2015
To ensure timely distribution of bus passes in the New Year, please submit your application before the end of November 2014.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR EXISTING BUS PASS HOLDERS
At the end of each school year, please ensure that the current pass is retained to be used in the new school year until the new pass is issued.

Students with an existing bus pass need only re-apply for a 2015 bus pass if your child
- is moving from Primary to Secondary School
- is repeating a grade
- is changing their home address or school

ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION FORMS
Information on the School Transport Assistance Scheme (STAS), eligibility and application forms is available from TransLink

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO
Surfside Buslines
PO Box 3036
ROBINA
Q 4230

Email schools@tagroup.net.au or Fax 5571 6556

Applications will be processed over the Christmas school holidays. Once applications are approved, bus passes are sent to school for collection. Please allow 10-15 working days from the start of Term One 2015. Prior to Government approval of bus travel assistance, all students can travel by bus to school using a TransLink gocard.

REMINDER
A valid bus pass must be produced TO THE DRIVER or the relevant fare paid via cash or gocard. Information on fares, go cards, zones and bus timetables is available from TransLink http://translink.com.au/ or phone 13 12 30.
23 October, 2014

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

We will be holding a Sausage Sizzle on Tuesday 18 November. We will be offering sausage in bread, steak & onion burgers and soft drinks for sale.

To Order:
1. Complete the order form (1 form per person).
2. Send the form and correct money into the Tuckshop by Thursday 13 November.

Kind regards,

Melissa Butler
Canteen Convener

Mrs Kylie Todhunter
Principal

Sausage Sizzle Order Form

Return to Tuckshop by Thursday 13 November 2014

Student’s Name ____________________________ Class ____________

Order

☐ Sausages with sauce @ $2.50 each ____________

☐ Steak & onion burgers @ $4.00 each ____________

☐ Soft drink @ $2.00 ____________

Total ____________

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Playgroup

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

When: Wednesday 9.00 - 11.00

Nerang Early Years Centre
T 07 5644 9100
eyenquiry@benevolent.org.au
www.benevolent.org.au or find us on Facebook

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1-2-3 MAGIC® & EMOTION COACHING
PARENT COURSE

A three-session program for parents and carers
to help manage difficult behavior in children 2-12 years old
is being held at Studio Village Community Centre
at 87 Village Way Studio Village
on Wednesday Evening or Thursday Morning
5pm to 7:30pm 9:30am to noon
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Learn:
✓ How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking
✓ How to sort behaviour
✓ How to handle challenging and testing behaviours
✓ Choosing your strategy, the three choices
✓ Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour
✓ 7 tactics for encouraging good behaviour

Registration Fee?
The course costs $15.00
Register for this course contacting Nikki Condon at Studio Village Community Centre on 07 5529 8253

What people are saying?
What a relief to come across a program that preserves
the dignity of the child, maintains the self control of
both the parent and the child and is actually easy to
remember when memory is the first thing to go!
I realized quickly that the 1-2-3 Magic can be a
magnificent preventative measure that any parent can
use to avoid raising a child, who later down the line,
needs excessive discipline or grows out of control.

Who’s running it?
The trainer for this course is Nikki Condon who
completed the Parentshop® 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching on 10 May 2010. Studio Village Family Support Worker, Nikki has worked with families, children, young people including teen mums, and the community since the 1990’s with a special interest in building parents confidence to raise happy children.

For more information contact Nikki
phone: 5529 8253  email: family@studiovillage.com.au

Village Family Support Program is funded by the Department of Communities

• An end to the arguing and yelling! • It saved our lives • Simple, sane, effective •

This course is being run by a Parentshop® licensed practitioner.  www.parentshop.com.au