Welcome to our e Newsletter for 2015

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 Principal

Welcome to all of our families for the 2015 school year. It was a great pleasure to meet many of you on the first day as we settled students into their new class groupings. It has been a very positive and smooth start to the school year.
Our numbers changed considerably in the first week and we are pleased to report that as from Monday we were able to start a Prep/1 class. We thank all parents who were willing to change their child from their originally stated class. All children have settled beautifully with their new teacher Mrs Gemma Martin. As part of Education Queensland's staffing process, we will submit our Day 8 enrolment numbers on Thursday and this will confirm our staffing for this year and of any further need to change our class structures. There is a very high possibility that this will happen for us again. Should there be a need for any changes, I will communicate these with the families that will be affected.
STAFFING for this year, at this stage, is as follows. We welcome back all our old faces and a special welcome to our new faces, names of whom I have put in italics.
Prep A – Sandra Stevens and Michelle Manning
Prep B – Christine Baker
Prep/1C – Mrs Gemma Martin
1A – Mrs Kylie Spence
1B – Mr Conan Sternberg
2A – Mrs Kay Davidson
2B – Mr Michael Gurney
3A – Robyn Kay
3B – Ms Lesley Gilgren
2/3/4C – Mr Dan Gatwood
4A – Mr Jaye Cochrane
4B – Ms Rhonda Daylight
5A – Mr Chris Bland
5B – Mrs Kim Kennaugh
6A – Mr Ian Houston
6B – Mrs Wendy Ryvachuk
Specialist Teachers: Ms Jo Byrnes, Mr Tim Smith, Mrs Cath Cargnoni,
Support Teachers include: Mrs Marney Appleby, Mrs Sonja Billings, Mrs Jenny Rosewell, Mr
Ben Murrell, and Mrs Jan Talbot
Guidance Officer: Mr Rod McLeod
Chaplain: Mrs Emily Bridglands

SCHOOL LEADERS 2015

At the end of last year it was with a great deal of pride that the following children accepted
leadership roles for 2015. Congratulations to our School Captains: Serefina Borus and
Quannah Leigh Arthur. Further school leaders are to be finalised over the coming weeks.

Parent Information Sessions
Each class teacher will be holding a parent information session in the coming weeks. We
courage you to attend these sessions so together we can work to establish a positive
partnership for your children, our students. These sessions provide the opportunity to meet
your child’s teacher and for them to share with you the learning that is ahead. If during the
year you have any concern the class teachers are available to meet with. Please contact
them directly to organise a suitable time.

School Attendance

An ongoing focus at Nerang State School is working to maximise the attendance of all
students. Our attendance goal is for 95% (which is only one day of absence per term).
Research has been done on the impact that non-attendance has on not only the immediate
success and development of our students, but also on the long term effects of learning,
employment and career choices. I encourage you as parents and caregivers to ensure that
your child is attending school each and every day.
Should your child be absent, you must ensure that you contact the school via a phone call or
email or a note to the teacher to let us know about the absence. If not, then the absence will
be recorded as unknown. After 3 consecutive days, you will be required to provide evidence.
This could be in the form of a doctor’s certificate or notification of a holiday. Unexplained
absences will be followed up with a letter asking for the absences to be explained. This is an
important departmental requirement. If attendance is inconsistent and the absences are
forming a pattern, the school will make contact with you to meet and discuss this, as every
absence has an impact on the learning of your child.
To encourage students with their attendance, children who attain 95% attendance each term
will go into a draw for an I Pad. This will be drawn in the last week of school year.

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Being Prepared for Learning

It is very important that students have the tools they need for learning each and every day. This means that they need to have all of the correct books and stationery. If you have not yet completed the requirements on the list please do so as soon as possible.

Lunchtime Activities

There will be a number of before school and lunchtime activities organised for the students. Please watch the newsletter for information around these activities so that you can encourage your child to attend, if a particular activity may be of interest to them.

Starting this Friday is Gardening Club. Gardening Club will be taken by Miss Lorraine (Kitchen Garden Specialist) and will be limited to ten students from Years 3-6. The first 10 students who turn up at the Garden Shed on Friday morning at 8:00am may participate. If your child misses out this term there will be another opportunity next term.

Also starting this Friday is Sewing Club. Sewing Club is run by two wonderful volunteers. Once again the number must be limited due to having a safe supervision ratio. Once again if your student misses out this term there will another opportunity in Term 2.

Safety In and Around School

The roads around the school have been more than usually busy as a result of the sewerage works in Short Street. Please be vigilant in ensuring you are only parking in designated bays (not bus zones) or across access points to school or surrounding businesses. If we are all conscious of this we can continue to make student safety a priority. Nerang Police have offered their services to ensure the safety of our students.

Responsible Behaviour Policy

Last week and this week all parents/carers should have received information regarding Class and Playground Rules, Consequences and Rewards. The rules have been developed collaboratively, are owned by and familiar to all students. The rules are designed to encourage learning, responsibility, respect, safety and friendship.

We are very proud of the proactive and preventative strategies we have in place to ensure that school is a safe, disciplined learning environment for your child. Please look out for these information sheets so that you are fully aware of the school’s Responsible Behaviour Policy.

BouncED On-Line Learning

Students at Nerang State School have been part of a trial of an On-Line Learning Program (BouncED) which provided students with access to web-based learning programs across a spectrum of curriculum areas including English and Mathematics. Unfortunately BouncED is unavailable for use at this time as it is being overhauled to improve the efficiency of its platform and to improve the user friendliness of it.

The new BouncED will not be available until July however we will soon be advised as to how we can access the individual programs which we are allowed to have access to for free.

Assemblies

Assemblies will be held in the hall every second Friday afternoon from approximately 2:10pm in odd weeks, that is Weeks 3,5,7,9. At Assembly we recognise the fine efforts and achievements of our children, and classes showcase their learning to the rest of the school. We will inform you if your child is to receive an award or is performing so that you can attend. Children feel so proud of themselves when they know their parents/carers have come to see them.

1,2,3 Magic Emotion Coaching Program
Starting in Week 4 our Behaviour Teacher, Mrs Jan Talbot will run the 1,2,3 Magic Emotion Coaching Program. From all accounts the program is MAGIC, getting your children to do what you want them to do without arguments!
The course runs for 3 weeks and costs $5 (the cost of the booklet). The course will be run at school in the Science Meeting Room. Mrs Talbot needs at least 4 parents in order to run the program so please register your interest at the office.
Dates are: Wednesdays 18, 25 February and March 4 for 2 hours from 8:50-10:50 am.

Volunteers
We have a significant number of volunteers in the school and without them many valuable programs would not be able to be provided. If you are interested in volunteering your time to: read or write with students; work in the vegetable garden; help with cooking classes; serve in the tuckshop, to name just a few activities please give the office a ring.

Uniform
In line with Education Queensland’s Sun Safe Policy the school uniform consists of a blue broad-brimmed hat or a gold one for preps. This is the only hat that can be worn at school. No baseball caps or similar are allowed. Shoes should be predominately black or white – no coloured shoes please. Students are also reminded that nail polish should not be worn to school.

Active After School Communities
The wonderful Federal Government initiative called Active After School Communities, no longer exists. A new physical fitness program will replace AASC; this program will start in July. Further information about this program will be published later in the year.

Swimming Lessons for Years 1-4
Being able to swim is a life skill. Swimming lessons for Yrs 1-4 start on 24 March for 8 lessons over a fortnight. Please allow your child to participate in this valuable part of the school curriculum. A letter has been sent home. The cost for the 8 lessons is $45. A payment plan can be organised in advance if you inform the office in advance.

Top Tips for a Healthy Lunch
Busy kids need a healthy school lunch to boost their energy and to help them concentrate and learn during the school day.

• Always include fresh fruit and vegetables. Vary the selection to keep it interesting.
• Offer a variety of whole grains, rolls, pita breads and flat bread
• Include a serve of protein – lean meat, egg, chickpeas, tuna
• Add a chilled bottle of water, please no fruit juice
• Limit the number of packet food eg burger rings, potato chips, twisties etc.

Look out for the next newsletter for interesting ideas to help you add fresh fruit and vegetables to lunch boxes.
FRESH IS BEST!!

Have your say on the draft Education Accord

Public consultation continues on the draft Queensland Education Accord. You are encouraged to have your say on the 30-year vision for education in Queensland by completing the online survey.

For more information visit the Queensland Education Accord website.

SMOKING BANNED 5 METRES OF SCHOOL GROUNDS

Smoking any tobacco products or using an electronic cigarette within five metres of any state or private school grounds has been banned. This applies before, during and after school hours as well as over weekends and school holidays.

On the spot fines can be issued by environmental health officers, police or other officers authorised by the local government to anyone found in breach of this legislation. The ban does not extend to businesses or residences that share a property boundary with a school.

Smokers are asked to put out your cigarette and dispose of the litter thoughtfully well before you reach the school boundary.


FROM THE OFFICE

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. Statements will be going out in the next couple of weeks.

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.

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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PARENT MESSAGES

Please ensure you only call the office to pass through messages to your children in an emergency. Any calls after 2.30pm through to the office can’t be guaranteed to be passed on to students.

LATE ARRIVALS AND EARLY DEPARTURES

Just a reminder that you need to bring your children to the office for a late note if they arrive after the bell, and to the office for an early slip to take to the class teacher if you are collecting them early.

DENTAL VAN

The dental van has arrived on campus, please call this number if you would like to make an appointment. On ☏ 1300 300 850

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.

TUCKSHOP

You should have received new tuckshop menu.

P&C

The P&C AGM will be held Tuesday the 17th of Feb at 6.30pm in the staff room, all parents are welcome.

We are looking for volunteers to take over the student banking program. It only involves about 15 mins once a wk. Please contact the office if you are interested in taking on this role.
Carrara JAFC NAB AFL Auskick Centre
Sign on & 1st Session: – February 13th
Time: 4:30pm – 5:30pm
Venue: Metricon Stadium
(behind the Basketball stadium on the grassed area next to the Suns facility)
Address: Broadbeach Nerang Rd Carrara
Cost: $70
For more information contact: Darcy, 0438 132311
Or visit www.aflauskick.com.au
New Participants receive benefits which includes, Hat, Football, Back pack and much more. Returning Participants receive a Draw String Pack & AFL club TShirt of the nominated team they support.

TO REGISTER:

Register & Pay online by 22nd Feb to receive your free tickets to a GC Suns Game -
1. Register online & pay online at www.aflauskick.com.au
2. Please print your receipt and bring to the first session

AFLGC Sign on Day
Sign on & 1st Session: – February 14th
Time: 9am to 1pm
Venue: Metricon Stadium
Address: Broadbeach Nerang Rd Carrara
Meet Suns Players, Rides & Activities, Watch the Suns Train.
Entry Via Gate 6
Nerang Soccer Club
Junior Sign On Day
U6’s – U18’s – Boys & Girls
Saturday 7th February 2015
9.00am to 12.00 noon
All enquiries to Phillippa Mengel - 0422 035 542

NERANG SCOUTS
The Nerang Joey Scouts are having a Bring a Friend night on Monday, 9th February from 5.45pm until 6.45pm. Joey Scouts is for ages 6 - 8 years, girls or boys. For queries contact nerangscouts1@bigpond.com or visit the Scout Den at 3 Hope Street, Nerang this weekend only from 10am - 2pm Saturday or Sunday.
Playgroup

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

When:   Wednesday 9.15-11.15

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

facebook
Learn to manage difficult behaviour in children 2-12 years old
A three-session program for parents and carers
at Nerang SS
[ 3 X Wednesdays]
on Feb. 18th, 25th & March 4th, 2015 from 8:50 – 11:50 AM.

Learn:
✓ To engage your children’s cooperation by positively noticing and encouraging them
✓ To set clear expectations and help them to develop frustration tolerance
✓ To help children’s brains to develop filters for behaving well
✓ To resolve family conflict quietly
✓ Some simple strategies to practise being a calm parent

Registration Fee?
The course costs $5.00@ to cover the workbook cost) – certificate course if you complete all 3 sessions
Register for this course contact the Office at [Nerang SS] on [55814-777 ]

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 realised quickly that 1-2-3 Magic can be a magnificent preventative measure that any

Who is running it?
The presenter for this course is Jan Talbot
Behaviour Teacher ]
Gold Coast
Junior Rugby League

GOLD COAST
DISTRICT JUNIOR
RUGBY LEAGUE
SIGN ON CARNIVAL

SIGN UP TO PLAY RUGBY LEAGUE IN 2015!

SAT 7 FEB, 2015 9AM - 2PM
CBUS SUPER STADIUM

TOUCH FOOTBALL COMPETITION:
- Junior rugby league clubs and schools can enter
  - Available age groups - under 10 & 12
  - Maximum 12 players per team
  - $30 registration per team • Prizes for winning teams

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:
- NRL coaching clinic • Dressing shed tours • Meet Titans players
- Titans Inflatable • Face Painting • Pass the ball challenges
- Colouring-in and design your own jersey competition

Proudly supported by
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TO REGISTER YOUR TEAM EMAIL THROUGH:
Team Name | Age Group (under 10 & 12) | Contact Name | Phone Number | Email Address
TO - GARY@GOLDCOASTJUNIORRUGBYLEAGUE.COM.AU
REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 30 JAN 2015

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE GO TO GOLDCOASTJUNIORRUGBYLEAGUE.COM.AU
# 2015 School Calendar

## Queensland State Schools

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**School Holidays**: Days marked in orange indicate school holidays.

**Public Holidays**: Days marked in blue indicate public holidays.

**Staff Professional Development Days**: Days marked in green indicate staff professional development days.

**School Terms**: Days marked in yellow indicate school terms.

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There are 195 school days in 2015. Semester 1 2015 commences for teachers on January 22 and for students on January 27.

**Final Dates for Student Attendance**

November 20 is the final day for Year 12 attendance for receipt.