From the Principal and Deputy ....

Our school vision is ‘to develop successful life-long learners, who strive, with resilience, respect and responsibility to do their ‘Best Always’.’ I have been thrilled to see this vision embedded across everything happening at Nerang State School this year. The quality learning that I see every day in classrooms shows that we are life-long learners building our success, the behaviour of our students shows the respect they have for themselves and others. As we do our best always let’s celebrate some of our early successes for 2015.

Success in Learning - Our students involved in extension programing in Solid Pathways and Impact.

Success in the Arts - Our choir being showcased to the wider Gold Coast community at the Closing the Gap celebrations.

Success in Sports - Two of our students with Regional Swimming success.

Success in the Community - Being a part of a sustainable, caring community and supporting Clean Up Australia Day.

HOW TO BE A STRONG PARTNER IN YOUR CHILD’S EDUCATION

As a parent your involvement is absolutely critical for your child’s success at school. Following are 5 tips to help you, help your child succeed. Another 5 will be in the next fortnight’s newsletter.

1. Stress being on time and attendance daily! Research shows that school attendance is the single most important factor in your child’s school success. Is your child on track to achieve 95% attendance for Term 1?

2. Prioritize schoolwork. Stress that school and homework comes before friends or sports. Limit or restrict TV, computer, videogames, phone use during school nights. Set high expectations that you expect your child to do his/her schoolwork to the best of his/her ability, and then make sure he/she does by following through.

3. Set high educational aspirations for your child. Be involved from the get go! Know what’s going on in your child’s classroom/school. Monitor your child’s school progress. Read the school newsletters, volunteer, show up to school events, and answer each communication.

4. Partner with the teacher. Show up to every parent teacher interview, parent information session. Call for an appointment if you see your child struggling. Maintain ongoing communication with the teacher and the school. Stay connected! Don’t let that report card surprise you. Know how your child is doing.
From the Principal and Deputy con’t . . .

5. Show daily interest. Create daily rituals such as in the car, during the family meal or every night before your child goes to bed to discuss school. Ask: “What did you do in school?” not “How did you do?” Don’t let a day go by that you don’t talk about what happened in your child’s classroom and what he/she is learning.

REPORTING PROCESSES 2015

At Nerang State School we believe that all are students can and will learn. We aim:
- to provide opportunities for all students to acquire the fundamental literacy, numeracy and citizenship skills
- to know where each student is at academically, socially and physically and provide programs leading to learning outcomes consistent with the student’s potential
- to evaluate and report on the progress of each student’s knowledge, skills, efforts and attitudes using a variety of approaches

The table below summarises the school’s REPORTING PROCESSES for 2015. The summary highlights that the school uses a variety of reporting approaches at regular intervals to ensure you are well-informed of your child’s progress.

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<td>Formal written report Semester 2 - interview may be requested</td>
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ACTIVITIES and PROGRAMS happening in our school this term
- Good Start’ health and cultural program for our Year 4 Pacific Islander students on Friday afternoon
- ‘Deadly Choices’ health and cultural program for our indigenous students from Years 1-6 on Friday afternoon
- TEAM UP - a PCYC Leadership program for our school leaders on Wednesday afternoon

The following clubs/activities are offered during lunchtimes: Enviro Club, Gardening Club, Craft Club, Debating Club, Rock Choir, Story Time, Kids Club, Table Tennis, instrument practice, Playground Leadership and choirs.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent teacher interviews will be offered in Weeks 9 and 10. Please look for a letter from your child’s teacher informing you of dates and times available to discuss your child’s progress and strengths and weaknesses in Literacy, Numeracy and Social Developments.
RESOURCES LEVY

Your child’s Resource Levy is now due. Statements to families who haven’t paid will be posted this week as a reminder. Payments plans and Centrepay are methods of payments strongly encouraged, please see the office for more information. Attendance at extra-curricula activities is only allowed if the Resource Levy has been paid.

Positive Behaviour for LEARNING

Our school is introducing a new school wide behaviour initiative, this will be known as

PBL - Positive Behaviour for LEARNING.

PBL is a whole-school approach to creating a safe and supportive environment that has a strong evidence-base and is used in many Queensland State Schools.

A safe and orderly school environment is important for learning. Disruptive classroom behaviour is known to interfere with learning and is a cause of stress and concern for students, teachers and families.

As a school community we want to:

- Provide a positive learning environment for your child to improve academic outcomes
- Have a positive climate within the school and classroom environment
- Improve the way problem behaviour is being managed within our school
- Raise the positive public profile of our school.

We have formed a PBL committee which represents our whole school community. The PBL committee members are: Ros Whybird, Ian Houston, Kylie Spence, Daniel Gatwood, Chris Bland, Ben Murrell, Jan Talbot, Katrina Pirrone & Vicki Pieper

SWIMMING

Swimming lessons start on Monday 24 March for Years 1 - 4. Swimming is an important part of the curriculum and children are expected to participate.

Please see the office immediately if you have not seen the notice regarding swimming. The cut-off date for payment (Friday 13 March) cannot be extended as the number of swimming coaches has to be finalised (ratio is one swim coach to 9 children). If payment is a problem please see the office so that a payment plan can be organised - we want every child to have the opportunity to learn this vital life skill. Volunteers are needed to help supervise the walking of children to and from the pool, please see your child's teacher if you are able to all. All help is absolutely appreciated.

OUR SWIMMING HEROES - Serefina and Naturelle B

Serefina B - Year 6 and Naturelle B - Year 4, recently represented our school at the District Swimming Carnival. Both girls performed at a very high standard and progressed to the Regional Swimming Carnival. To qualify for the regionals, the girls had to be in the first four swimmers in each event.

Serafina came second in butterfly, first in breast stroke and third in freestyle. Naturelle came first in breast stroke and second in freestyle.

The regional swimming trials took place this week at the fantastic new Southport Olympic Pool. Several hundred competitors from all over the Gold Coast competed over two nights. Both, Naturelle and Serafina qualified for the next round - the State Championships!!

Naturelle qualified in two of her four events (50m breast-stroke & 100m breast-stroke) and Serafina qualified in four of her five events (50m breast-stroke, 50m butterfly, 100m breast-stroke & 100m freestyle).

Serafina will also represent the South Coast region in the relay. The State Championships will take place over three days (23 to 25 March) in Brisbane. Good luck girls.
CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY
We have a group of children in the school who are dedicated to making a difference to the world’s
environment; these children belong to the Enviro Club. The Enviro Club organised Clean Up the School as
their contribution to Clean Up Australia Day. All classes cleaned up an area of the school which needed
attention on Monday.

NATIONAL CLOSE THE GAP DAY
Thursday 19 March, is National Close the Gap Day. Our choir has been invited to sing at the Gold Coast
University Hospital on this day. William Bond one of our Year 6 students will sing a solo. Please support the
choir and the school by coming along to watch at 12:30pm. Please see the flyer in this newsletter. A big
thank to Jo Byrnes for preparing the choir at such short notice.

SOLID PATHWAYS
Solid Pathways is a Critical and Creative Thinking online program for high-
achieving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.
The program supports students by developing life-long skills that will assist
them to cross over various areas of the curriculum, growing their
confidence in and expectations for themselves as learners and set them up
for long-term success.
Teaching online allows the Solid Pathways Program to reach a possible 1800 high achieving students
spread across 4 Queensland Education Regions. Students have the opportunity to connect with similar
peers and extend their learning. Students engage in a weekly 1 hour web-
conference with their peers and
teacher.
Two of our indigenous students have been selected into the Solid Pathways program for their academic
excellence. Well done to Keara and Josh!

NEWS FROM 5B
School’s back. This means a new class, a new teacher and new friends but
don’t let your friends get in the way of your learning. Already at school, we
have learnt about adaptations, factors’, sizzling starts, a new language and
new skipping tricks. I think some people have automaticity over their times
tables. Did you know that camels and polar bears have implanted goggles
to protect their eyes from icy, cold water (polar bear) and sand storms
(camels)? In LOTE we have been learning Japanese. Now we know how to
greet people in Japanese. We even know how to say and write our names
in Japanese.
In sport we have been getting ready for the Jump Rope for Heart
Foundation. Many people are raising money for this campaign. We
have elected our very own class, behaviour, and sport captains. The
two class captains are Jasmyne and Thomas; behaviour captains
are Xhavanye and Percy, sports captains are Shorna and Kane.
Maths is a very important subject. We have maths skills most days
with Mr Bland. So that’s our experience. What’s yours?
Written by April and Jasmyne
Some excellent homework by Harley, Shorna & Zorana
Have a great fortnight!
Kylie Todhunter and Ros Whybird
**From the Office ....**

**Late Arrivals and Early Departures**

If your child arrives late to school after the bell has gone, please make sure they come to the Office first to get a late sign in slip. Also if you need to collect your child early, make sure you visit the office to sign your child out.

Following these simple guidelines ensures our class rolls are correct and most importantly that there is minimal disruption to the class with children arriving late and then being directed to the office to be signed in.

Late arrivals and early departures should be avoided if possible as they impact on the learning of your child and the whole class.

**Excursion Reminders**

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Payment for excursions can be made in person at the office or via EFT directly to the school bank account.

**School's Banking details are:-**

Account Name: Nerang State School  BSB: 064-430  A/C No: 00090411

Please use the student’s personalised code and Excursion Reference e.g. Abcde1 Gala Day

N.B. when paying by EFT please make sure you still send in the relevant permission note.

**Change of Student Details**

Have you changed address, email or contact phone numbers recently?

It is vital that we have up to date details for your child in our Oneschool database system. If any of your personal details have changed, please let us know by writing a note and sending it to school with the student, completing a change of details form available from the office or simply email us at: admin@nerangss.eq.edu.au

**Medication for Students**

If for any reason your child requires prescription or non-prescription medication to be administered during school hours, a permission form must be completed by a parent/carer. **ALL** medication must have a chemist label attached showing the name of the student, dosage required and time to be taken. This medication must be kept at the office and collected at the end of the school day.

**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, camp/excursions and other related fees. Please ask at the school office for further information.
**Uniform Shop .....**

**Uniform Shop Opening Hours**

Uniform Shop hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 2.10pm - 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 ...**

**Ordering Instructions**

Lunch orders should be written on paper bag with child’s name, class, the required order and whether it is for 1st or 2nd break.

Lunch bags can be handed to the tuckshop directly or put into the class tuckshop box. First break orders will be sent to the class in the box and second break orders students will collect from the tuckshop.

**Student of the Week Awards ....**

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Community Noticeboard ....

Benowa State High School
Year 7 2016 Scholarships
Scholarships for 2016 open on
Monday, 2 March and close
Thursday, 2 April 2015.
Scholarship Applications will be
available on our website from
Monday, 2 March.
benowashes.eq.edu.au

Benowa State High School
is pleased to invite
Year 6 Students
and their Parents/Guardians
to our
2016
Junior Secondary
Expo Evening
on Wednesday 11 March 2015
at 5.00pm to 7.00pm
in the Sports Hall
Program information now available for collection
from our School office. For more information please
visit benowashes.eq.edu.au

Fun Run
Every runner makes a difference!
Sunday, 26th April 2015 at
Robina’s Cbus Super Stadium, Gold Coast
A fun running festival for all ages and
abilities including a half marathon
The Gold Coast Bulletin Fun Run isn’t just a fun
run, it’s a family event to promote a Healthy
Body, Healthy Mind with a portion of the entry
fee going to local charity.

Enter now at www.gcbfunrun.com.au
SMOKE-FREE SCHOOL

SMOKING IS BANNED AT THIS SCHOOL AND FOR 5 METRES BEYOND THE SCHOOL BOUNDARY

Compliance is a condition of entry and on-the-spot fines apply
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
3x Saturday Mornings 9:30am to noon Starting On 7 March 2015

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 Parentsquo; 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
Aim for the Top!

The Benowa State High School FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM is an academic excellence course which runs from Year 7 to Year 10. Past and present students consider it "motivating" and "rewarding". They say that the close-knit group of staff and students, fluency in another language and the exchange programs are highlights of their secondary education.

Benowa State High School will host an Expo Evening for parents and students interested in this program on Wednesday 11 March commencing at 5pm in the Sports Hall with subject displays occurring in W Block. Please come along and find out more about this unique course.

The Entrance Test [Maths & English] for students wishing to apply for the 2016 Immersion Program will be held at Benowa State High School on Wednesday 20 May from 12:15pm to 2:45pm.

For more information, contact the French Immersion Department at Benowa SHS on 5582 7362.

Gabrielle Bert
French Immersion Coordinator
gbert13@eq.edu.au

Parli italiano...?

Host an Italian student!

Open your home to a true blue Italian student arriving in July! It is much more than just pizza, pasta and the leaning tower of Pisa, and by hosting an Italian student in your home, you will get to learn all about Italy first hand!

Students are arriving in July and staying in Australia from 8 weeks to 5 months, they'll attend school, and live as part of your family - another son, daughter, brother or sister! Interested? Be quick to give us a call on 1300 131 736 to find out which students are still searching for families.

The Hosting Team at the AFS National Office on 1300 131 736 or at aus.hosting@afs.org
Deadly Families Festival 2015
Who’s ya mob

FREE community event celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Culture.

Where: Broadwater Parklands, Southport
When: Saturday 21st of March
Time: 10am - 2pm

Live entertainment, workshops, activities, Indigenous performers, face painting, modern bush tucker, Didgeridoo performance, reptile show, GC Suns and more. A great day out for the whole family, without spending a cent. Everyone welcome, see you there! ALL FREE!!!

This is a drug and alcohol free event.