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.

WELCOME Mrs Gosling
It was remiss of me to not formally introduce our new principal for 2014 in the last newsletter. So it is with great pleasure I welcome Donna to Nerang State School and our school community. Donna has settled into her new role quickly and will value add to our school. Please feel free to come and introduce yourself as she is very keen to get to know her new school community.
Ros Whybird
Deputy Principal

PARENT/TEACHER INFORMATION AFTERNOON
This week parents/carers had the opportunity to attend a session where classes outlined the year ahead, homework expectations, upcoming events, behaviour expectations and goal setting. Thanks to those parents/carers who attended. Another chance arises in Weeks 8 and 9 when you will be invited to hear about your child’s literacy & numeracy progress. IF during the year you have any questions, please contact the class teacher to arrange a suitable meeting time.

BEFORE SCHOOL SUPERVISION
There is no supervision of students before school. The first bell rings at 8:47am; this is a signal for children to have a drink, go to the toilet and move to their classroom. The second bell rings at 8:50am and school commences. The closer your child/children can be dropped off at the above times the better.

Before school care is offered on site by the PCYC which opens at 6:30am. This service does cost, for more information ring 0437 733663. If children have to arrive before 8:00am, and we strongly discourage this practice, they must sit outside the office. From 8:00am the children must either be sitting at the upper school assembly area or be at Breakfast Club in the kitchen classroom until the 8:30am bell rings. From 8:30am – 8:47am the children can move around the school quietly; they are not allowed to play because there is no supervision. An exception to this is on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30am when Mr Gatwood runs a Fitness Club on the top oval. Please discuss these rules with your child/children.
PUNCTUAL ARRIVAL / PHONE MESSAGES TO STUDENTS
Please make sure that before you send your children off to school you have given them clear instructions as to how they are to go home. While the office ladies are only too willing to help relay phone messages to children in class when there is an unexpected change of arrangements or an emergency, these phone calls do interrupt the flow of the classroom and impinge on the office ladies' time.

Please also be reminded that the school day starts at 8:50am and the roll is marked immediately at the start of the day. If children are even 5 minutes late they must get a late slip from the office and this again impinges on the office ladies’ time. Please try to ensure your child/children are ready to start school at 8:50am.

Bounced Online Computer Program
Many parents have emailed me with difficulties accessing Bounced. Before you can access Bounced at home the teachers have had to set tasks for the students. The teachers have had technical difficulties, making setting tasks impossible; these problems are being sorted slowly. Please be patient but we expect that within the next week or so all teachers should have tasks set for children to complete at home.

RESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOUR PLAN
The school’s Responsible Behaviour Plan is a key strategy for achieving and maintaining a safe, supportive and disciplined learning environment for our students. Rules have been developed around five Star Student behaviours: I am a Learner, I am Respectful, I am Responsible, I am Friendly and I am Safe. A practice for our school community members is to be consistent about using this common language. The five Star Student behaviours will appear prominently under the tuckshop’s servery thanks to the artistic signwriting skills of Jerome Washington’s mum, Jacinda.

Individual class rules have been devised under each of the headings and are displayed in each classroom. As well as class rules each class has its own reward system. Information sheets about the Rules, Rewards and Consequences for the whole school as well as class rules and rewards system have all been sent home for you to read. Please remind your child/children that more than two Work Groups could make them ineligible to attend their class’s end of term Rewards Day activity.

Each fortnight week an identified lesson is taught in all classrooms. The lesson for this fortnight is about Being a Learner and Being Respectful - Raise your hand to speak and Be a good listener.

ASSEMBLY PRESENTATION TIMETABLE
Assembly presentations are a great opportunity for each class to share with the rest of the school what they have been learning. Class presentations also give parents/carers an opportunity to view your child has been learning at school. Children love to perform for their parents and feel very proud when they see their parent/carer at school to see them. Please see the schedule below as to when your child/children’s class will be performing on assembly.
EATING FRESH TOP TIPS for a HEALTHY LUNCH BOX

Busy kids need a healthy school lunch to boost their energy and to help them concentrate and learn during the school day. Research strongly indicates that a diet of raw or less processed foods, with no refined sugar, will improve brain capacity and growth, as well as temperament within children.

Please limit the number of packets in your child’s lunch box. The types of foods which are commonly inside the packets are usually highly processed foods containing a lot of sugar and salt eg sweet biscuits, chips, roll ups etc.

Helpful tips for adding fresh fruit and vegetables to lunch boxes
- Kids like fresh fruit cut and ready to eat. Fruit salad is the ideal lunch box solution: it is colourful, easy to eat and bursting with vitamins.
- Offer different seasonal fruits each day for a change in flavour, colour and texture.
- Freeze fruit in the summer or for sports days. Simply pop the frozen size into a sealable plastic bag or airtight container.
- If you’re adding tomato to sandwiches, place the tomato between fillings and not directly onto bread. This will prevent the bread becoming soggy.
- When using avocado, mash or drizzle with a little lemon to prevent the avocado from discolouring.
- Add leftover roast pumpkin or sweet potato to sandwiches, wraps and roll fillings. Naturally sweet and loaded with beneficial antioxidants, roast vegetables team well with a range of fillings.
- Make salads or salad sandwich fillings interesting by using a range of vegetables like grated carrot, snow pea sprouts, lettuce or rocket or baby spinach, sliced celery, tomatoes, avocado and cucumber.

INSIGHTS BY MICHAEL GROSE – No. 1 Parenting Educator

If you want the best outcomes for your child or young person then it’s important that you become involved in as many aspects of your child’s education as practical.

The involvement of parents helps break down the mystique about school that can exist for some children. Their chances of success are better when they see school as an extension of home rather than merely an institution for learning.

Positive parent participation demonstrates to children that you value learning as well as their school. Children copy many of their parents’ views so your positive attitude to school and learning is catching.

GREAT RESULTS GUARANTEE

Nerang SS has received some additional funding from the Great Results Guarantee initiative and we are in the process of determining the strategies that we will implement to ensure this money helps to better support our students and improve outcomes. I will be discussing the guarantee with the school community in greater detail once drafted. You can read more about the guarantee at www.education.qld.gov.au/resultsguarantee

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

Make 2014 the year when your child doesn’t miss a day of school. Research shows that students who have good patterns of attendance are more likely to achieve at school. If students aren’t at school or don’t stay the whole day, they are missing valuable lessons. Check out the new Every Day Counts videos live on DETE TV.

http://www.youtube.com/DETQueensland

Every minute of teaching time counts - at Nerang SS we believe that every student has the right to learn and every teacher has the right to teach. Following is a copy of the Class Behaviour Support Plan enacted in all classrooms. Please talk with your child to find out how their day went using the language in the chart.
# Class Behaviour Support Plan

## Level 1
- **Star Student Behaviour** - acknowledgement of appropriate behaviours
- Establishment of Classroom Rules/Expectations/Consequences
- Establishment of Classroom Rewards System
- Signed by student/parent as an acknowledgement of classroom rules/reward system

## Level 2
- **Rule reminder** of appropriate behaviour eg Are you being a learner? Are you being safe? Are you being respectful? Are you being responsible? Are you being friendly?
- Redirect and clarify consequences, re-locate
- Self-Reflection by teachers on curriculum, modified learning programs, structures

## Level 3
- **Time Out 1** in class, move name down on Star Student Behaviour Chart
- Each class Time Out area displays: Sit quietly - Take a breath - Cool down - Have a think - Do your work
- Following Time Out, teacher to engage student in conversation re improved behaviour in class. Acknowledge and reward efforts in the right direction.
- If behaviour continues **Time Out 2** in class and student’s name is moved again on the Star Student Behaviour Chart

## Level 4
- **Buddy Class** Time Out and student's name is moved on the Star Student Behaviour chart
- Minimal engagement of student on arrival
- Student to complete task set by teacher
- Positive acknowledgement of completed work before student returns to class.
- Two Buddy Class referrals in the same day requires a Work Group
- Three Buddy Class referrals in a week - requires a Work Group.
- On return to class, teacher to engage student in conversation re improved behaviour in class and may develop an individual behaviour contract with targeted behaviours rewarded. Acknowledge and reward efforts in the right direction.

## Level 5
- **Work Group** - teacher completes Work Group slip, enters on One School and puts in staff room. Student completes Work Group. A student may have 3 Work Groups before moving to next level.
- Work Group slip posted/emailed home for parent signature.
Level 6

- **Parent Teacher interview** when 3 Work Groups have been recorded in the same term.
  In consultation with parents/teacher/BAT a behaviour plan is devised and regular communication organised. Referral for extra support with BAT, FSW/Chaplain etc may be organised.

Level 7

- **Guidance Officer involvement, BAT involvement, review of Behaviour Plan, playground plan.**

Level 8

- **Out of School suspension** - if student has another series of 4 Work Groups recorded an out of school suspension is given
- Referral to other agencies counselling, 3R Program, The Annex, Paediatricians could be considered
- **Child and Youth Mental Health may be part of re-entry conditions**

Please keep in regular contact with your child’s class teacher to ensure you are aware of how your child is travelling. Ros and I enjoy making “Happy Hour” calls to parents each week to highlight wonderful things that are happening in the classrooms.

**FROM THE OFFICE**

**PAYMENTS**
All Student Resource Levies are now due. Payments can be made at the school administration office on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 8.00am to 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.

**EXCURSION REMINDERS**

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NEW TUCKSHOP MENU
Our school Tuckshop is open every day from 8.30am. Tuckshop orders are to be taken to the Tuckshop or the classroom box before 9.00am. The child’s lunch order must be clearly written on a paper bag, either brought from home or from the Tuckshop for a 10c charge, with the students’ name and class written at the top. Please see the attached 2014 Tuckshop Menu.

NEW JUNIOR SEASON 2014
SCNA is looking for all different standards of players to join our Saturday morning competition. 5 – 14 year olds.
Sign on days are 1, 8 & 15 February from 9.00am – 12.00pm. Games start 1 March, 2014.
SCNA is hosting free development skill clinics for new players aged 10-14 years.
Friday 28 February 5.30-7.00pm
Clinics are also being held for those interested in learning the great skill of umpiring.
We are looking forward to meeting you.
SOUTHPORT CARRARA NETBALL ASSOCIATION
166 Benowa Road, Ashmore. Phone: 5539 5195 / 5597 2448 Email: scna@scna.org.au, Website: www.scna.org.au

NERANG LIBRARY - GET SET FOR PREP
Thursday 27 February 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Nerang Branch Library
Cnr Price & White Streets, Nerang
Bookings essential
Book via the online calendar at: goldcoast.qld.gov.au/library
Select event and activities or ask staff for assistance.

ASHMORE BMX
We are holding a “Come & try” day on February 22nd from 1-3pm @ Ashmore Bmx Club, Currumburra Rd, Ashmore.
For more information please contact the Club on Phone: (07)5597 1737 or Mobile: 0410 536 697
Website: www.ashmorebmx.com.au

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT ORAL HEALTH SERVICES
Students in grades 1 – 7 have been provided with an offer of oral health care examination card to take home. If your child is enrolled in one of the grades listed above or are new to the school and did not receive an examination card and would like to arrange for your child to receive oral health care please contact the Oral Health Call Centre 1300 300 850. Monday to Friday 8.00 am – 4.30 pm Excluding Public Holidays.
If your child requires disability access please identify this requirement with the Call Centre Operator.

ROBINA STATE HIGH SCHOOL – YEAR 7 2015 ENROLMENT INFORMATION NIGHT
Robina SHS welcomes Year 7 students in 2015. We warmly invite interested parents to join us for an enrolment information session on Thursday 6 March. This session will provide an overview of our school, our curriculum, our specialised programs and our approach to Junior Secondary Education.
Date: Thursday 6 March, 2014
Time: 5.30 pm – 7.00 pm
At: RSHS Performing Arts Complex
For more information, please contact our office on 5562 3444 or visit our website at www.robinashs.eq.edu.au
NERANG STATE SCHOOL TUCKSHOP MENU 2014

Monthly specials will be advertised in the school newsletter.

Tuckshop opens each day at 8:30am to purchase breakfast and to order lunch.
Breakfast is toast with vegemite, jam or honey 30c per slice, Hot Milo 60c per cup.

All sandwiches are made on wholemeal bread. All salads consist of lettuce, carrot, tomato, beetroot, cucumber, cheese, egg and (corn only in tub). Please advise if you would not like any of these ingredients when ordering.

**Ordering**

Tuckshop orders are to be taken to the Tuckshop or to the classroom box before 9am.

- The child’s lunch order must be clearly written on a paper bag, either brought from home (or from the tuckshop for a 10c charge) with the student’s name & class written at the top.
- Frozen items are not put in tuckshop boxes. The order will be stamped and the children will have to bring their bags back to collect ice cream during play time each day.

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18th February 2014

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENT (ICAS) 
FOR YEAR 2 TO 7 STUDENTS

Dear Parents/Caregivers

During the school year Nerang State School offers opportunities for children in Years 2-7 to enter the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS), from the University of NSW in various learning areas.

ICAS provides an opportunity for students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. It provides teachers, parents and students with comprehensive reporting of results in the various subjects. This year we will participate in English, Mathematics and Science. The tests are an excellent preparation for national tests and the students report is useful for highlighting your child's strengths and weaknesses.

All students receive a Certificate and an Individual Student Report indicating which questions they answered correctly and their score compared with the rest of the students tested. The certificate and individual student report are also suitable for your child to include in a portfolio.

Certificates are awarded for each year level as follows:
- High Distinction to the top 1% of entrants
- Distinction to the next 10% of entrants
- Credit to the next 25% of entrants
- Participation to all other participating students

A UNSW medal is awarded when the highest score in each year level in each state in each subject is judged to be sufficiently meritorious. Students must sit on the official sitting dates to be eligible for a UNSW medal.

The competition cost is $8.80 per competition. If you would like your child/children to participate in any or all of the competitions this year, please send the completed form and money to the office by Friday 28th February 2014 before 10.30am.

For any enquiries in regards to the ICAS competitions please contact our Head of Curriculum Ms Lesley Orr by email lorr3@eq.edu.au

Please note that permission slip and payment must be handed into the office by Friday 28th February by 10.30am. No late payments will be accepted as tests must be pre-ordered.

Donna Gosling
Principal

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Total amount enclosed $_______

Parent/Caregiver Name __________________________ Signature: __________________________

Date: __________________________
NOMINATION FORM

YHES HOUSE CHARITY CARNIVAL

SUNDAY 16th March 2014

Divisions: Netta 8 yrs, 9yrs, 10yrs,
          Juniors 11yrs, 12yrs, 13 yrs, 14yrs, 15yrs, 16yrs, 17yrs,
          Mixed

Games Commence: 8.30am sharp
Umpires: Yes please, supply your own
Scorers: Each team will require a scorer
Draw: Will be available from the Club Rooms at 8am
Awards: One trophy per team for Winners and Runners Up

Closing Date for Nominations: Monday 10th March 2014

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

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NOMINATION: $80 per team (including GST) Payment must be made with nomination
Payments can be made by direct deposit to:
SCNA
Bendigo bank
BSB: 633-108
Acc No: 1428-06850

Name of Contact Person: ___________________________ Ph No. _______________________

Email of Contact Person: ___________________________

SIGNED __________________ DATE __________________

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