FROM THE PRINCIPAL & DEPUTY

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 2014 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 have changed considerably in the past couple of days and this is having an impact on the number of classes that we currently have. As part of Education Queensland's staffing process, we have submitted our Day 8 enrolment numbers and received confirmation of the need to change our class structures. Families of children affected will receive notification by letter.

As well as many new families to our school, we also have quite a number of new staff. I would like to introduce to our school community – Mrs Cath Cargnioni (Year 7), Mrs Kim Kennaugh (Year 6/7), Mrs Cyndi Todd (Year 1), Mrs Marney Appleby (Student Support), Mrs Davida Pokroy (Guidance Officer), Ms Emily Bartlett (Chaplain). On a personal note I’d like to thank the school community for the welcome I’ve received in the last couple of weeks. I’m very much looking forward to becoming an integral part of such a wonderful community.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

Each class teacher will be holding a parent information session in the coming weeks. We encourage 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.

SAFETY IN AND AROUND SCHOOL

As with any return to school the carpark and surrounding streets have been extremely busy of late. 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.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

An ongoing focus at Nerang State School is working to maximise the attendance of all students. Research has been done on the impact that non-attendance has on the 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. If attendance is inconsistent and the absences are forming a pattern, the school will still make contact with you to meet and discuss this as every absence has an impact on the learning of your child.

Please see chart below.
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 invited to be part of a trial of an On-Line Learning Program which provides students with individual access to web-based learning programs across a spectrum of curriculum areas including English and Mathematics. The new program is called BouncED and is now ready for use from home. I am sure that when you see the website you will be as impressed as the students. Please look out for a letter which includes more details of the program and your child’s username and password.

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 for getting your children to do what you want them to do without arguments! The course runs for 3 weeks and costs a gold coin. The course will be run at school. Mrs Talbot needs at least 4 parents in order to run the program so please register your interest at the office. Dates are: 10, 17,24 February for 2 hours from 9:00-11:00am.

VOLUNTEERS

We have a significant number of volunteers in the school and without them many valuable programs would not be able to be provided. We need more volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering your time to: read or write with students; work in the vegetable garden or 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.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

Thanks to a Federal Government initiative called Active After School Communities we are able to offer two afternoons (3:00pm-4:00pm) of free sport to our students in Years 3 -7. Starting in Week 3 on Tuesday afternoons the children can learn to play Hockey, and on Thursday afternoons, Soccer.

Letters have gone home from the school telling you about the program and how to register your child/children’s names. Soccer has been very quick to fill up but there are still places available for hockey. Please return your child’s form quickly as to not be disappointed.

SWIMMING LESSONS FOR YEARS 1-4

Being able to swim is a life skill. Swimming lessons for Yrs 1- 4 start on 18 March for 8 lessons over a fortnight. Please allow your child to participate in this valuable part of the school curriculum. A letter will be sent home soon. The cost is $45.00..

BEING PREPARED FOR LEARNING

It is very important that we provide students with 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.
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 and limit 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 a great fortnight
Donna Gosling and Ros Whybird

FROM THE OFFICE

PAYMENT DAYS
Payments can be made at the school administration office on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 8.00am to 10.30am. Processing will start from next Wednesday 12 February.

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.

FROM THE TUCKSHOP/UNIFORM SHOP

UNIFORM SHOP
A very big thank you to Machelle and Anne for all their help and support with the Uniform Shop and bookpacks during the busy start to our year. Your help is greatly appreciated.

P & C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
The Nerang State School P & C Annual General Meeting is being held on Tuesday 18 February at 6.30pm in our staffroom.
All positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary will be open for nominations.
Everyone is welcome to come along for tea, coffee and cake and to meet our present P & C members and Administration Executive.
P & C Meetings are a wonderful way to support your school and stay informed of all that is happening.

FROM THE COMMUNITY

ORAL HEALTH CENTRE
Students in grades 3-7 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.

JUNIOR TOUCH COMPETITION
(BOYS & GIRLS)
OWEN PARK, QUEEN STREET, SOUTHPORT

TEAM NOMINATIONS ONLY
(NO REPRESENTATIVE TYPE TEAMS)

NOMINATION FEES
8’s AND UNDER & 10’s AND UNDER $700-00 PER TEAM
5 A-SIDE (HALF FIELDS) $840-00 PER TEAM
12’s AND UNDER & 14’s AND UNDER
6 A-SIDE Minimum age - must be attending primary school
Competition commences Saturday 22 February 2014
Team nominations close Friday 14 February 2014
For more information, please contact:
GOLD COAST TOUCH ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED
PO BOX 5290 GOLD COAST MAIL CENTRE 9726
PHONE/FAX (07) 5532 1419
EMAIL: gctouch@bigpond.com
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.
Saturday 15 February 9.30-11.00am
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.

JUNIOR INDOOR SOFTBALL (Tweed/Gold Coast's newest sport)
FREE 'Come n Try' Session

WHEN: Wednesday 12th Feb
TIME: 5pm(NSW time) - 6pm
WHERE: Chinderah Indoor Sports Complex, Chinderah Bay Dr, Chinderah
AGES: approx. 10yrs - Girls 16 / Boys 14
WEAR: Joggers, shorts & t-shirt, if you have your own glove or bat bring it with you.
Inaugural competition commencing...... Wed 19th Feb until Wed 16th April.
COST: $60 per child
EQUIPMENT: Will be available for those that don't have their own.
UNIFORMS: Playing shirts will be loaned for the duration of the competition.
ADVANTAGES: No loss of games due to wet weather, no having to stand out in the hot sun, weekends are still available to go away, go to the beach etc.
Teams are mixed with a maximum of 3 boys per team.

For further information please contact Linda on either 07 5523-2571, 0409 279 934 or via email on tweedsoftball@iinet.net.au

NEARING SOCCER CLUB
Junior Sign On & Gala Day
Boys & girls 5 - 18 years
Small Sided Football games
Face Painting & Sausage Sizzle
Competition ages 7-a-side games
Sat 8th Feb 10:00am – 12:30pm
Glennon Park, Recreation Drive, Nerang

Phone: Phillippa 0422 035 542
Email: nerangsoccerclub@bigpond.com.au
Web: www.nerangsoccerclub.com.au
GOLD COAST BASKETBALL IS OFFERING **AUSSIE HOOPS** (3-6 year olds, includes #5 basketball and reversible singlet) AND **MINIHOOPS** (7-11 year olds, includes, #6 basketball and reversible singlet) FOR 2014 FOR $75.00 (NEW PLAYERS) AND $50.00 (RETURNING PLAYERS no ball or singlet included)

27 sessions in total at a cost of $2.80 per session for new players and $1.85 per session for returning players!!!!!!!!!

TERM DATES ARE BELOW, 8.30-9.30AM AT CARRARA INDOOR SPORTS STADIUM.

**Term 1 - 8 Sessions**  
February 8, 15, 22  
March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

**Term 2 - 6 Sessions**  
May, 10, 24, 31  
June 7, 14, 21

**Term 3 - 6 Sessions**  
July 26  
August 2, 9, 23,  
September 6, 13

**Term 4 - 7 Sessions**  
October 18, 25  
November 8, 15, 22, 29,  
December 6

All registration information can be found on www.goldcoast.basketball.net.au or by clicking the link below:

http://www.foxsportspulse.com/assoc_page.cgi?client=1-4831-0-0-0&sID=162625&&news_task=DETAIL&articleID=27724620

Please email jennelle@gccrba.com.au after reading all of the information for further queries.
1-2-3 MAGIC® & EMOTION COACHING
PARENT COURSE

Learn to manage difficult behaviour in children 2-12 years old
A three-session program for parents and carers
at Nerang State School
3 Nerang Street, Nerang
on Monday 17 February, 24 February and 3 March, 2014 at 9.00am – 11.00am.

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
Register for this course contacting the School Office at Nerang State School on 55814777.

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 parent can use to avoid raising a child who later down the line, needs excessive discipline or grows out of control

Who is running it?
The presenter for this course is Jan Talbot (BAT) who completed Parentshop’s 1-2-3 Magic® & Emotion Coaching practitioner training.

For more information contact Nerang State School on 55814777.

• 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