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Nerang Newsflash

OUR BEST ALWAYS



WE ALSO TALK ABOUT

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From The Principal's Pen

Yesterday afternoon, there was a disappointing event involving Nerang State School students on the way home from school. This event risked damaging the reputation of the school and is a timely reminder about the responsibilities and protocols for getting home.

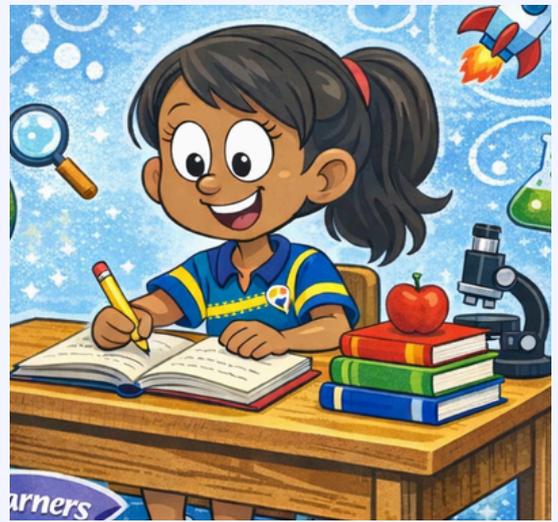
At the end of the school day, it is important that every student gets home safely. Once the afternoon bell rings, students should head directly home or to the place arranged by their family. We ask families to talk with their children about not loitering in the local area after school. Students knowing their afternoon routine is important for reducing anxiety during the school day, so consistent and clear routines are important.

We have also noticed some students attending shops or other activities after school while still wearing their school uniform. When students are in uniform, they are representing our school and are expected to follow the behaviour expectations outlined in our Student Code of Conduct.

Families play an important role in supporting safe travel home. Please make sure your child knows how they are getting home each day and you know the route they are taking to get home.

Dates To Remember

Fri 20 Mar	Books in Homes Assembly Harmony Day
Wed 25 Mar	Parent Teacher Interviews AST Breakfast
Tues 31 Mar	Cross Country
Wed 1 Apr	Yr 5 Story fest
Thur 2 Apr	P-2 Easter Concert Last day of Term 1
Fri 3 Apr	Good Friday Public Holiday
Mon 20 Apr	First day of Term 2
Fri 24 Apr	ANZAC Day Assembly



School Expectations

*Our Best Always
at Nerang State
School is when we are
learners.*

*We will be successful if we
engage with curiosity in our
learning.*

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent Teacher Interviews - Wednesday 25th March

Bookings are now open for our Semester 1 Parent Teacher Interviews. Interviews will take place on **Wednesday 25 March from 3:10pm in the school hall**

This is a valuable opportunity to connect with your child's teacher, celebrate progress and discuss learning goals for the term.

Helpful questions you might ask:

- How is my child progressing academically?
- What are my child's strengths?
- What areas could they continue to improve?
- How can we support learning at home?
- Are there any goals we should be working towards this term?

We look forward to seeing you there!

Please book using the QR code below or
<https://eq.sobs.com.au/pt3/parent.php?schoolid=70419>





This Fortnight's Focus:

Being a Learner

Being Curious and Engaged in our Learning!

Ask questions, explore,
and do our best!



We are Learners

We are Curious

We are Safe

SOCIAL STORIES AND GRAPHIC NOVELS

At NSS, we use social stories to help students understand feelings, friendships and social situations. These stories use simple language and clear pictures to support children in recognising emotions and learning positive ways to respond. Many of our students also enjoy reading graphic novels and comic-style books, where pictures help bring the story to life and make meaning easier to understand. Because this format is so engaging, we are beginning to use comic-style stories to help some students explore social situations and problem solving.

Using visual stories is a powerful way to support students to feel safe, confident and ready to learn.

Sometimes My Brain Gets the Story Wrong!



Sometimes I see or hear things that make me feel like someone is being mean to me.



They are laughing... Are they laughing at me?

When my brain thinks someone is being mean, my body can feel upset.



My chest feels tight.

I feel angry.

I feel like I am being bullied.



Sometimes my brain guesses the wrong story. I can be a **Brain Detective** and check the facts!



Let me investigate!

People laugh for many reasons.



That kick was funny!

Oops! I slipped!

Sometimes people are just playing.



Sometimes people are actually being unkind.



Adults help me figure out the difference.



- ✓ Take a deep breath
- ✓ Check the facts
- ✓ Ask a teacher for help
- ✓ Walk to a safe place.

YEAR 3 AND 5 NAPLAN

NAPLAN is still underway and going well at Nerang State School. We did not experience any of the reported issues with the platform on the first day and were able to complete all testing scheduled for this day. We continue with the testing schedule next week and have been so proud of our learners who have engaged so positively with the program so far.

More information about supporting your child during NAPLAN can be found here:

<https://education.qld.gov.au/parents-and-carers/school-information/naplan>

Make sure they get a good sleep the night before



Have a brain-boosting breakfast



Wind down with some fresh air and outdoor play



Encourage them to do their best - it's not a pass or fail



2026 NAPLAN SCHEDULE



NERANG STATE SCHOOL'S 2026 NAPLAN TEST SCHEDULE

Week 7	Monday	Tuesday	DAY 1: 11th March Wednesday	DAY 2: 12th March Thursday	DAY 3: 13th March Friday
			Year 5 Writing (E Block Labs) 9.00am	Year 5 Reading 9.00am	Catch up session 1 (if required)
			Year 3 Writing (Library) 9:00am		
Week 8	DAY 4: 16th March Monday	DAY 5: 17th March Tuesday	DAY 6: 18th March Wednesday	DAY 7: 19th March Thursday	DAY 8: 20th March Friday
	Year 3 Reading 9.00am	Year 5 Conventions of Language 9.00am	Year 3 Conventions of Language 9.00am	Year 3 Numeracy 9.00am	Catch up session 2 (if required)
				Year 5 Numeracy 11.30am	
Week 9	DAY 9: 23rd March Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Security period No testing permitted	Security period No testing permitted	Security period No testing permitted	

Year 3:

Writing: 40 minutes
Language Conventions: 45 mins

Reading: 45 minutes
Numeracy: 45 minutes

Year 5:

Writing: 42 minutes
Language Conventions: 45 mins

Reading: 50 minutes
Numeracy: 50 minutes

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Proud Nerang State School student, Thomas, recently competed at 2026 Oceania BMX Continental Championships held at the world-class Sleeman Sports Complex SX track. This track is especially exciting as it is set to be used for the 2026 UCI World Championships as well as the 2032 Summer Olympics. Competing in the 6 Sprocket Boys division, Thomas raced with determination and great sportsmanship throughout the day. He delivered an impressive performance, winning three out of his four motos and giving it his all on the track.

This event serves as a major Trans-Tasman battle, where Thomas was not only able to compete against riders from New Zealand, but also meet new friends from all over Australia and NZ, making the experience even more special.

It was a fantastic effort and a great experience racing at such a prestigious venue. Well done, Thomas!



Proud Nerang State School Community Leader, JR, recently volunteered alongside the Nerang Scouts for Clean Up Australia Day.

JR spent the day helping clean up areas around our Nerang Community, showing great pride in looking after the environment. Events like this are a wonderful reminder of community spirit and how we can work together to make a real difference.

At Nerang State School, we are always proud to see members of our school community stepping up and leading by example.

Well done JR!



CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

Go, Go!

RACE. RUN. HAVE FUN!

Date: Tuesday 31 March

★ Time: Morning session

Running Club Practice: Friday mornings
8:30am to 8:45am

It's not about winning,
it's about trying your best!

Seek Within... Strive Beyond

Nerang
State High School

Quality Arts

AUDITIONS

FOR Y6 GOING INTO Y7 IN 2027



DANCE, DRAMA & MUSIC

AUDITIONS

TERM 1, WEEK 10

MONDAY 30 MARCH, 3.30 – 5PM

H BLOCK

TO REGISTER, CONTACT LISA HORNER ON LHORN107@EQ.EDU.AU

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

BYSTANDER TRAINING FOR COMMUNITY AND SPORTING GROUPS

Be someone who does something

Wednesday 11 March 2026 | 6 – 8pm
Gold Coast Sports and Leisure Centre

Who: Community and sporting groups

Learn about: Leadership and bystander confidence, and promoting a culture of gender equality, safety, respect and inclusion

Outcomes: Challenge deep-rooted attitudes that normalise problematic behaviour such as gender-based violence, sexual harassment, bullying and racism

Catering provided and certificate for your group upon completion.



Scan
to book

Be there.
GROUP

CITY OF
GOLDCOAST.



DISCO

YEAR 3-6 STUDENTS

Nerang Uniting Church,
5 Nerang River Drive, Nerang



Friday
27 March 2026
4pm -7pm



Tickets and Meal Deals must be booked via QR Code

ENTRY TICKETS \$5 each

MEAL DEALS \$5 (Hot Dog and drink)

Full supervision - no pass outs




**PARENT
TEACHER
INTERVIEWS**

WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH 2026
IN THE HALL



Book here:
<https://bit.ly/4qSE7SB>





REMINDER

Tuck shop orders **must** be ordered on the **Qkr! App** by **9:00am** on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday. Be sure to check the correct day & date, to avoid disappointment.



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