



Nerang Newsflash

3 May 2024



From The Principal's Pen

Nerang State School Parents and Carers

It has been a whirlwind of energy this fortnight at Nerang SS. We have had ANZAC Day assemblies, Cross Country Presentations and a Year 4 excursion to Numinbah Valley Environmental Centre.

Numinbah visit – from Year 4

4 Bowai recently attended Numinbah Environmental Education Centre to make connections with the local environment and explore First Nations Ways of Learning. Activities included yarning and sharing stories, learning how to make fire, singing and making music around the fire, enjoying a Lemon Myrtle Tea and tasting Davidson's Plum Jam. Students played Traditional Indigenous Games to develop skills for hunting and survival. We walked through Country, exploring bush tucker and technologies; and we built gunyas for shelter in the bush. We had the best time!

"Making the gunyas was so much fun." JR, Oscar, Himani, Lachlan G and Imogen

"I can teach my dad how to use lemon myrtle for tea and for antiseptic."

Ruby

"I will sing the welcome song to my family." Georgie

"The best activity was the game with the possum ball." Koby, Michael, Ashton and Dayne

James, Ashton and Koby loved trying to make fire. The highest temperature they achieved was 50 degrees.



Mother's Day Stall – Tuesday 07 May

You can support our chaplaincy service and get your Mother's Day shopping sorted this coming Tuesday (after the long weekend). Your young person will visit the stall during the day on Tuesday to make a purchase. Please note the stall will also be open on Thursday and Friday lunch times if there are any gifts remaining. Happy Mother's Day to our amazing mums and carers of our little people. Thank you for all you do!

Dates to Remember

Mon 6 May	Labor Day Public Holiday
Tues 7 May	Mothers Day Stall
Mon 13 May	Prep Vision Screening
Fri 17 May	Under 8's Day
Wed 19 June	Athletic Carnival NSHS Yr 6 Technology Enrichment Day
Thurs 20 June	Athletic Carnival
Fri 21 June	Last Day of Term 2
Mon 7 July	First Day of Term 3
Wed 10 July	BUSIT

Mother's Day Stall

Tuesday 7th May
One day only in
the School Hall



Remember your shopping bag 😊

School Expectations

This week I have been out in classrooms and the students have been teaching me about the school rules.

Two of the school expectations that I would like to focus on in the next fortnight are:

Being Respectful: Often our staff are having to give instructions multiple times before receiving a response or action. Please encourage your young people to follow reasonable directions when asked and speak in an appropriate tone and manner when seeking confirmation or explaining a situation.

Being Safe: Our students are eager to get to class and move around our school. It is important that our students move calmly and safely through our concreted areas as rushing has resulted in knocks, bumps and spills on the concrete.

Celebrating Acts of Kindness

Throughout this term, I will be looking for acts of kindness to share on assembly, in class and through the newsletter and celebrate the spreading of kindness throughout our school. This fortnight I noticed kindness in the playground with our students checking on lonely students and inviting them to play as well as kind students bringing their friends to the office if they are unwell. Our school Kindness Squad are on the look out for acts of kindness and we will be giving certificates out next week.

2024 Annual Implementation Plan

In 2024 we will continue to highlight a range of priorities for Nerang State School. One of our priorities is”

Priority 1: Educational Achievement – Cultivating a Culture of High Expectations

Next week, and in weeks ahead, we will be working with our regional office in the South East to review and reflect on our Australian Curriculum planning. They will support us to consider how we can help students to be even more successful in learning and at assessment time.

Arrival Times at School

We are noticing an increase in students arriving at school before 8:45am. Our school day commences at 8:50am. We have minimal supervision from 8:30am and students will spend this time sitting in our undercover tuckshop area as our staff commence duty at 8:50am. There are spots available at Team Kids if you need to drop your child at school before 8:45am.

Photography or Videography in schools

At the last few school events I have noticed excited parents taking photos or filming performances. I thank those I have spoken to who stopped and deleted footage as requested. Due to privacy and consent legislation and to help us keep every student safe, we ask you not to film or photograph young people at school.

Let's Ace School Attendance

School attendance this year so far is 87.2%

ANZAC Day being on a Thursday has reduced our percentage for the year significantly. If your family was away over the ANZAC week and missed the Friday, please ensure you have communicated the reason via text or phone call. One way we can support our young people to attend is to **Set Attendance Goals Together:**

Work with your child to set realistic attendance goals and track their progress. Celebrate milestones along the way and offer encouragement and support.

Going to school every day helps us learn, grow, and have a blast with our classmates. Let's make every day count!

Personal Items at School

Please remind your young learners that personal items such as toys are not items that we bring to school. In the coming weeks I will be asking teachers to gather these items should they arrive at school, ensure these items are looked after for the day and then safely returned home with a reminder. If you are unsure if an item is approved or part of an adjustment plan, please contact your class teacher for advice. Your support is appreciated.

Have a great weekend!

Does your child have a chance of being successful?

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but.....

If your child misses....	That equals....	Which is....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...	Which means the best your child might perform is ...
1 day per fortnight	20 Days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years	Equal to finishing in grade 11
1 day per week	40 Days	8 weeks	Over 2.5 years	Equal to finishing in grade 10
2 days per week	80 Days	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years	Equal to finishing in grade 7
3 days per week	120 Days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years	Equal to finishing in grade 4

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

What sort of start is your child getting?

Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but.....

He/She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly Half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 Weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 Weeks per year	Nearly 1 and a Half years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 Weeks per year	Over 2 and a Half years

Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?

That's when every minute counts the most!!

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RESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOUR PLAN

Be Friendly

- Speak nicely to others
- Follow the rules of the game
- Include others
- Help others when they are hurt or sick



Take Action

Does your child feel overly fearful, anxious, or worried in certain situations?

Many children can feel anxious, fearful, or worried in certain situations. In most situations this is a normal emotion when faced with something threatening. Everyone can feel anxious from time to time. However, some children experience anxiety more intensely or more often than others and it stops them from having fun, going to school, or getting the most out of their life.

Take Action is an evidence-based program for 7- to 12-year-olds experiencing anxiety. Each child session takes approximately 1 hour, and the program runs over 10-12 weeks (either in-person or online). The program also includes six x 1-hour sessions for parents/carers to provide additional education and support on managing children's anxiety.

All children receive a comprehensive assessment before and after the program, and all child and parent/carer workbooks and materials to practice Take Action skills at home are provided. The project has full ethics approval from the Griffith University Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC: 2023/381).

To find out more information and register to complete an initial assessment over the phone, please email us at cadrp@griffith.edu.au.

TERM 2 FUN

Team Kids

YOU'RE INVITED

WINTER DISCO

Let's bundle up and get down at the TeamKids Winter Disco! It's time to shine like a snowflake with hot beats and icy treats. We can't wait to see you for non-stop fun! Will you have the coolest dance moves?

FUN GAMES **BOOK IN TO JOIN** **PARTY FOOD**

OUR mums ROCK

OUR CLUBS

- EPIC GAMES
- CULTURE
- COOKING
- ART ATTACK
- SUSTAINABILITY
- CODING
- LEGO MASTERS
- MINDFULNESS
- S.T.E.M.
- GARDENING
- WRITING
- SUPER SPORTS
- MUSICAL THEATRE

Team Kids

LUNCHTIME LEGENDS

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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.