College Principal’s Column

Dear Parents and Friends,

This has been a wonderful term for our school with so much happening and so much being achieved. It is great the way everybody is working collaboratively together in a very open fashion. This is far better than other colleges I have heard about in terms of the way they function each day. We have come a long way and will continue to develop as we grow as a college. This will mean we will reach our Vision and our students will prosper.

Last Saturday was a very exciting time when we had our first college Fair. My thanks go in particular to the organising committee and those students, parents and staff who prepared things as well as worked on the day. It was fabulous to see so many people here on the day enjoying themselves. I received a lot of positive comments during the afternoon and that showed me just how much fun people were having.

The rain held off until after the Fair had finished and I was so pleased to see that we had the best weather possible. This all led to the success that we saw. I want to see as many activities as possible for the whole community to be coming on to our college site seeing all that we do and sharing in all the fantastic learning experiences that occur in our college. The planning committee is thinking about what to do as a follow up for next year so feedback and general comments would be greatly appreciated as we try to get things to the best level we can.

It is essential that students are in full attendance at school all year round. I worry that some families do not send students to school after assessment is complete for the term or they want to start holidays early. All the research indicates full attendance is essential for students to achieve at the very best level that they can with their studies. As our goal is always to assist students to achieve their very best I would ask all families to support our school in this endeavour by making attendance at school a top priority. I realise there has been much flu around this term and we need to work through that. Hopefully next term the same sickness levels will not be seen and we will see full attendance from students at all year levels as a result.

If you have any questions at any time please feel free to call me on 5450 4122 or email me on wtroy1@eq.edu.au.

Wayne Troyahn

Previous issues of the school Newsletter can be found on the school website - go to www.nambourshs.eq.edu.au and go the ‘Newsletter’ link under ‘Calendar and News’.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL PARENTS, CARERS AND VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

All parents, carers and visitors to the school must report firstly to the school Administration to sign in and to make an appointment to see the person they need to see.
Please do not go directly to staff rooms or class rooms under any circumstances.
These processes are in place to help protect students and ensure that the school remains a safe and secure environment.

Student Absentee Line: Report all absentees to:
Senior Campus 5450 4160
Junior Campus 5459 0366

Congratulations to the 2016 School Captains:
Keira Bloomfield, Jacob Claffey, Emilie Orrell and Bonnie Searle

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HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

Dear students, parents and friends
The term has now come to an end and teachers and students now have a chance over the break to regroup and recover for the final push to the end of year. It has been a huge term and I have, as always, been impressed with the hard work and positive attitude of the vast majority of our students and the absolute dedication of our staff. The last few weeks of Term 3 are enormous for teachers - it would be great if students took two minutes to see their teachers this week and say a simple ‘thank you’. Our teachers do lots of stuff above and beyond the call of duty to support our young people on their journey to academic and personal success and deserve some acknowledgment.

The Farm Futures Forum was held on 7 September and was very well supported by the community. The event was incredibly positive with lots of great ideas and offers of support to help our farm continue to grow from ‘Great’ to ‘Extraordinary’. Sincere thanks to Sheldon Free and Ray PEMbleton for organising and conducting the event, and to the many students, staff, parents and community members who share our passion for our farm and gave up their time to be part of the discussion - onwards and upwards!

The other huge event was, of course, our College Fair. I would like to add my congratulations to Sue Walsh, Shelley Keightley and their team for conducting an absolutely sensation inaugural College Fair. I would also like to thank the many staff, students, parents and community members who have all worked so closely together to make the event the fantastic occasion that it was and who attended and supported our College. Well done and thank you everyone!!

Awards Night is on the 3 November and preparations are well underway. We are very fortunate to have as our special guest for the night Dr Keith PEMbleton. Dr PEMbleton is a former student who has achieved excellence in the fields of agricultural science. We very much look forward to welcoming him to our College.

Attendance
The Senior Campus attendance for this Semester currently stands at 88.0% as compared with 88.8% for Semester 1. Term 3 attendance has continued to increase after the earlier ‘illness’ dip.

Year 7 - 89.4%
Year 8 - 85.6%
Year 9 - 80.0%
Year 10 - 85.6%
Year 11 - 88.1%
Year 12 - 90.4%

How can I help my child succeed at school?
Keeping a healthy school-life balance is an important part of success at school. This means not only completing an appropriate amount of homework, but also doing other things such as having time with friends, relaxing, playing sport, being involved in music, social groups etc.

Students who only study and have no balance often don’t do as well at school as those who maintain a healthy balance in their lives. Please note that this balance must include required schoolwork, however!
Thought of the week

The power of imagination makes us infinite.

John Muir

Have a fantastic fortnight and a relaxing break!
Sean Maher

From the Head of Junior

From the Head of Junior

I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone on the success of our College Fair. For those who attended I am sure that you will agree that the event was full of fun, excitement and entertainment with great food, music, stalls and of course the rides!

Events such as this don’t just happen and there is a lot of work behind the scenes that goes into making the event a success for our school and wider community. As mentioned, the success of this event is the result of the collective work of many, but in particular I would like to acknowledge the tireless efforts of some special ladies - Sue, Shelley, Shira, Tracey and Nicky who each made a significant contribution to the success of our College Fair. Thank you ladies for your time, effort and commitment to making the event such a special occasion for all.

I would also like to sincerely acknowledge the work done by the teaching and non-teaching staff across our College in organising the entertainment and stalls for the evening, which were extremely successful.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the local businesses who supported the fair through donations and sponsorship. The amount of support the College received from the Nambour Community was incredible and I thank everyone from the community and surrounds who contributed to making the evening such a success.

On Saturday we held our Prep Open Day which was very well attended by 2017 prep students and their parents. To date we have over 40 students enrolled for Prep for next year and I know there are others who are yet to enrol. Parents/Carers are advised that PREP IS COMPULSORY FROM 2017 for all Queensland children, prior to commencing Year 1. Since Prep started in 2007, there have been noticeable improvements to learning outcomes for children who participate in Prep. Making Prep compulsory ensures all children develop the knowledge and skills provided by the Prep Year that form the foundation for future learning. For more information, refer to the ‘Enrolling your child’ page on the Education Queensland website. Nambour State College is not an enrolment managed or catchment school and as such, enrolments are welcome from those residing outside Nambour.

Our Prep Transition Program will commence in term 4 2016 and information will be provided to those students who have enrolled accordingly. If you have a child starting Prep in 2017 and have not submitted your enrolment forms or advised that you intend to send your child to Nambour State College, I ask that you contact our friendly administration staff on 5459 0333 to ensure you don’t miss out.

Thank you to students, staff and our school community for a very successful and rewarding term 3. We wish all of our students and their families a very safe and happy spring vacation and look forward to welcoming you when school resumes on Tuesday 4 October 2016.

Enrolments 2017

Over the past few months we have experienced continual growth at Nambour State College. To help manage and plan for the future we are asking our families for their support by keeping us informed if you are planning on changing schools in 2017 or letting relatives and friends know that we have available spaces across all year levels. Nambour State College is not an enrolment management or catchment school, and as such, we welcome enrolments from Nambour and our across our neighbouring suburbs to our great College. For enrolment enquiries, please contact our friendly administrative staff.

eSmart

Telstra’s top tips to help balance children’s screen time?

1. Agree limits. Talk to your children about the amount of digital time they’re having and then, based on what you agree is a healthy balance, set ‘switched off’ times of day. Help your children create a media use roster allocating blocks of time for homework, chores and their screen time.

2. Be an offline supporter. Support and encourage your kids in activities that don’t involve a digital device. A ball game or reading a book are all great ways to show kids how they can enjoy themselves without a mobile, tablet or computer.

3. Set family rules. Make sure you’re seen as a positive example. Do you want the dinner table to be a device-free zone? If so, then have everyone (including Mum and Dad) turn off their mobile phones and devices during dinner, or when taking part in family activities. Children are happier following rules if everyone in the family plays by them.

4. Turn off devices before bedtime. Lack of sleep can affect alertness, concentration and memory. For a better night’s sleep try encouraging children to switch off at least one hour before bedtime. Create a charging station and charge all household devices in the one spot overnight.

5. Make the most of parental controls. Many parental controls tools allow you to set time-of-day restrictions
on children’s device usage. Telstra naturally recommends its ‘Telstra Smart Controls’ for mobile devices and ‘Telstra Online Security’ for your home network.

6. Consider the difference between types of screen time. Not all screen time is created equal. Think about the differences between using a device for homework or creative expression versus using it for passive entertainment.

Messages to Students

A reminder to parents/carers, if you need to get a message to your child/ren during the day, please phone the office to ensure the message gets through. Email addresses may not be monitored at all times. Please also be mindful that messages received after 1:30pm may not be able to be passed on due to parades or specialist lessons outside the classroom.

School Uniform

Our school community is proud of our school uniform and takes pride in the way children present themselves. We note that children who present at school in clean and tidy uniforms are often better behaved and more attentive in class. Your cooperation in ensuring your child is wearing the correct uniform is appreciated.

Get ready for swimming in term 4

Term 4 is when all students commence swimming lessons. Information regarding swimming has been sent home with all students and the $20 payment for swimming is due no later than the end of this term. If payment is not received, your child will not be permitted to swim. For assistance with this please contact our office staff.

Canberra Camp 2017

Planning is well underway for our Canberra Camp for our 2017 Year 6 students. At this stage, we are pleased to advise that students will fly to Sydney from the Sunshine Coast and then bus to Canberra for a week of amazing opportunities and experiences including the War Memorial, Australian Institute of Sport, Parliament House, Questacom, Telstra Tower, the snow and so much more. An information session for parents will be held early in term 4.

Student Celebrations

We have amazing children in our school achieving in their chosen interests at high levels. If your child has achieved something wonderful outside school please let us know either through the office, your child’s teacher or email info@namboursc.eq.edu.au

We love to hear about what our children are doing!

Bec Hutton
Head of School (Junior)

GEOGRAPHY NEWS

Geography students from Nambour State college tested their geographical skills and knowledge against students from all around Australia in the 2016 Australian Geography Competition.

Geography teacher, Mr Murdoch said he had received the results and was pleased with how all the students had performed. 5 High distinctions, 13 distinctions and 1 credit are results NSC can be very proud of.

High Distinctions:

Kaia O’Neill, Seth Graham, Brontye Webb, Oliver Milner, Eli Priestley Bliss,

Distinctions:

Thomas Hayman, Kai Newsome, Ryley Haling, Kirsten Borthwick, Sierra Spackman, Tiana Barnett, Kate Evans, Chelsea Ernst, Archie Holland, Tom Bruce, Jake Wilson, Tai Scherer, Alexander Casey,

Credits:

Bridie Sandilands

Over 65,000 students from 670 schools across Australia entered the Australian Geography Competition so the results give us an external benchmark as to how our students are going in certain aspects of geography. Certificates will be awarded at Parade in week one of Term Four.

Melissa Radke
Grade 7 Educator
HOD P-6 – Junior Campus

LIBRARY NEWS

Congratulations to our winner this month, as he received a great book prize from the Library-Senior for his entry in “What Does This Mean?” competition.
This month’s questions was:
Q: What is the Pentathlon?
A: It is an athletic event comprising five sporting events. The ‘Modern Pentathlon’ involves fencing, shooting, swimming, riding, and cross-country running.

By running this competition, we must have inadvertently rubbed some good luck in the direction of Australian athlete Chloe Esposito. As she stormed from behind to win the most memorable ‘Gold Medal’ at Rio 2016.

Unfortunately, we were not lucky enough to grab a photo with our winner this month. However, he was fortunate enough to be the new proud owner of the book pictured.

**LITERACY NEWS**

**Writers’ Workshop with Gary Crew**

Last Friday, selected Year 9 and 10 students were treated to an exclusive writing workshop with the award winning author, Gary Crew.

15 students were able to work closely with him in a workshop that centred around how to develop intriguing questions that drive clever narrative.

Joanne Carter, a talented Year 9 participant, said she learned a great deal from Gary and his approach to narrative writing. Our young writers learned that every word and image is included in narrative for a reason. They learned that there must be a question that drives the writer to keep writing and the reader to keep reading from start to finish.

In just over three hours on a Friday afternoon, when most students are past caring about their lessons, Gary had the whole group joining in activities, sharing responses to thought-provoking questions, and being entertained by his story telling and humour.

Overall, the experience with Gary Crew was amazing and I am sure every participant learned something that will stick with them as they pursue their interest in creative writing. Our College community would like to thank Gary for sharing his time, enthusiasm and knowledge as well as Spiral who organised the workshop as part of the Artworkz Festival.

**Music Department - Nambour State College Fair**

This week the music students from the Junior and Senior Campus were involved in providing quality entertainment for the Fair.

Many groups got up and performed songs from classroom music and songs they had prepared themselves.

A HUGE thank you to Jackson Allan, Jake Gibbs and Brendon Crowther for helping set up on the day of the Fair!

It was a very enjoyable afternoon of entertainment. Well done to everyone involved!
DATES – UPCOMING EVENTS: October 2016

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P & C, TUCKSHOP AND UNIFORM SHOP

P & C

NEXT MEETING:
The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 19th October 2016. The Meeting will be held in the senior campus library at 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start. Please pop in at 6.00pm to catch up, have a chat and a cuppa before proceedings.

We welcome all parents, carers and community members – old and new, and invite you to come along to one – or all – of our P & C meetings. Our meetings are relatively casual and give you the opportunity to speak with like-minded parents and to be involved with the direction that the P & C and the school takes into the coming year and beyond.

Thanks to those parents and interested community members who continue to take the time to attend our meetings. Without you, we would not be able to operate. Thanks to our committee who have worked so well together to accomplish what we have these last 12 months and we look forward to another interesting year.

Our meetings are held usually on the third Wednesday of each month in the school Library, commencing now at 6.30pm. We encourage getting together at 6.00pm for a cuppa and a chat before the start of our meetings.

If you would like any information regarding the school P & C, please call the P & C office on 5450 4121 or email on pandc@namboursc.eq.edu.au

Please get involved with your child’s schooling and come along to a P & C meeting.

WHATS HAPPENING WITH OUR P&C?

P&C FAIR UPDATE

Wow our first Nambour State College Fair was fantastic. Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers that helped make our first Nambour State College Fair a success.

Thank you to the P&C for all their hard work pulling the event together.

Volunteers, sponsors and donations are greatly appreciated.

If you can help please contact our P&C Office on 54504121.

WE WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE ALL THE WONDERFUL SPONSORS TO OUR FAIR.

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- King Kong Sales Nambour
- Nambour Plaza
- Woombye Vet
- Nambour Hairloom
- Bunnings Maroochydore

Thank you to all these wonderful businesses for supporting our very first Nambour State College Fair.

CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE:

NAMBOUR STATE COLLEGE P&C

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

Our wonderful Cattle Team again made us proud at the Noosa Country Show. We only have the one photo at this stage and it was just too cute not to put in the newsletter.

Here we have Lauren with her lovely cow Design Daisy.
We would love more photos of the students and what they do outside of the College please feel free to send them through to: skeig0@eq.edu.au so we can showcase all the wonderful things our students achieve.

ATTENTION: YEAR 11 STUDENTS

RE: 2017 SENIOR JERSEY

ORDER YOUR JERSEY NOW.

The jersey committee has made the final decision about your 2017 senior jersey. The design will be very similar to this year’s jersey with only a few minor changes.

To ensure that we have the jerseys no later than term 2 week 1, the orders have to be in by Friday 27 November, 2016.

The jersey’s cost will be $100.00. They are not compulsory; and it is your choice whether or not to buy one. Your child will be informed when they can start placing their order.

If you have any fees owing your order will NOT be taken until these fees are paid. This is not negotiable.

I will be putting the order in at the end of November and, NO late orders can be accepted. This is to ensure delivery of the jerseys in week 1, term 2. This is the manufacturers timeline.

The jersey payment will need to be made in full, to secure your jersey. No deposits will be accepted. This is also not negotiable.

HOW TO ORDER

1. Pay at the payments counter.
2. Bring your receipt to B-Block staffroom.
3. Try on samples to get your size.
4. Complete the order form

Ms Phelan and the Jersey Committee.