Dear Parents and Friends,

I had an excellent holiday period and I hope that everybody feels as energised and as incredibly excited as I do as we move in to the last period of the 2016 school year for our college in its first year.

We have had an excellent start to term 4 with high student attendance with students in class and focused on their learning. We need to keep that up to the end of the year on all days and no matter what the year level a student is attending. That is the only way that we can truly be seen to succeed with a united method from school and from families. I have seen some very positive things occurring from P-12 year levels and that is great for us all to think about.

I saw many positive things occur during the first three terms this year as we establish ourselves as a college but we have a lot more to be done yet before we are at the level we need to be in all areas. We need to be truly outstanding right across the board and we will be that if we continue in a united fashion at all times as we progress through this term. There will be many celebrations but there is lots of hard work that is needed as well for us to follow the path we have established.

We need to be focused on supporting students in their studies to ensure that they can achieve the best of which they are capable of achieving. All the other things are needed to support that but we have to have a primary objective in supporting students and their learning at all times for the rest of the year and into 2017.

It was wonderful to see many new enrolments in our college to start this term. This tells me that our community is seeing all the good things that we are doing and achieving and are supporting us in this way.

Enrolments for the start of 2017 are already very strong – much better than they have been for a number of years - and that is another positive as growth will be very good for establishing new programs as well that will meet the needs of all our students.

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’.

If you no longer wish to receive this Newsletter - your child may have left the school - simply click on the 'unsubscribe' link on the cover email.

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.
Swimming and Surf Skills

Our swimming and surf skills program provides a strong and coordinated approach to ensuring our students can swim well and stay safe in water. This year in Term 4 students in Prep to Year 6 will have weekly swimming lessons in our school pool; and Years 6 students will also be participating in Surf Skills at Alexandra Headland.

Remember you will need togs, rash shirt, towels and sunscreen for these activities! As per departmental policy, primary school students are required to wear a rash shirt.

Student Free Day

Just a reminder that the Student Free Day for October is on Monday 17 October. All schools have this day as high schools use it for moderation of senior school studies.

Our teaching and non-teaching staff will be participating in professional learning here at school. The focus for the day will be project based learning.

Count Us In

All of our students participate in the annual Australia-wide sing-a-long called Count Us In. Classes will soon be singing and practicing this year’s song called ‘Let it Play’. It is a very catchy song and it may get stuck in your head! If your child would like to practice singing the song at home, here is the Youtube link http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FMJgxt_kxbo

Change of Details

If over the holidays you have moved or changed phone numbers, please let the office know so that we can amend your records.

Prep 2017

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.

Enrolments 2017

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, neighbours 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 across our neighbouring suburbs to our great College. For enrolment enquiries, please contact our friendly administrative staff.
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.

Canberra Camp 2017

A parent information session about the Year 6 Canberra Camp is being offered for any parents/guardians who wish to attend on Thursday 20 October commencing at 3:30pm in the library. A letter has been sent home with Year 5 students regarding Canberra Camp 2017. If you have not received a copy, please contact our office on 5459 0333.

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
Principal
Junior Campus

A MESSAGE FROM OUR DEPUTY PRINCIPAL JUNIOR CAMPUS

It was my great privilege to become part of the Nambour State College team last week as the permanent Deputy Principal in Junior School.

For the past five years, my family and I have lived in Weipa, Cape York, and during this time I worked in a range of positions from teacher, Head of Teaching and Learning (P-3) and prior to my appointment at NSC, I was the Primary Principal. We had a range of amazing experiences living in the Cape, though as a family we are excited to return home to our beloved Sunshine Coast and we have been enjoying swimming in the ocean without the fear of crocodiles!

In the short time I have been at Nambour State College, I have been extremely impressed with the students and the brilliant teaching and leadership team. Students greet me each day with beaming smiles and the whole school has a positive feeling. It is also a very effective teaching and learning environment, with teachers bringing a range of experiences, skills and passions to help students grow and give opportunities to learn, succeed and prepare for positive participation in a global community.

For the remainder of 2016 and into the future, I look forward to continuing to build relationships with the school and wider community. A focus will also be ensuring all students receive high quality teaching and learning experiences to equip them with skills to become confident, active and informed citizens.

If you have any concerns or queries about your child’s learning, behaviours, social and or emotional welfare, please feel free to contact me on 5459 0333, or emars109@eq.edu.au

BARAMBAH CAMP – A JOURNEY INTO THE FOREST

47 EAL students and 6 adults ventured to Barambah Environmental Education Centre for three days at the end of week 1. The centre is nestled into Wrattens Regional Park about 50 km west of Gympie.

At Barambah students learn skills in an outdoor setting. For us, this meant planning and organising a 4 hour hike along forest paths for the next day. If we got lost, which we did, the leaders encouraged students to fall back on their skills to find the correct path. This meant that my group traversed logs through a creek bed as well as lantana and vines. We did find the path again, and no time was lost! We felt well supervised at all times, so it was a chance to make mistakes in a safe setting. Students learnt navigation skills as well as valuable leadership skills. Everyone had a turn to lead the group and radio back to base.
This is the first camp where we self-catered. What would we eat? How well would the students organise themselves in the kitchen? The answer is that we would eat amazing food from a group of exceedingly capable students and the talented Belinda Marc. All of the meals were delicious and on time. Hot breakfasts and hamburgers for lunch, Thai and Italian meals for dinner. You couldn’t have asked for more.

There was more than food and walking on this camp. The fireside singalong was a lot of fun, as was the dancing, the low ropes course, the whale-tail balancing challenge, and the list goes on.

Reflecting on the camp one student said, “The food was first rate!” Another said, “We should stay for longer!” Asked how the accommodation was, one student said, “It was so cold! It was like in the fridge!” We then discovered they had slept with the window open. We were lucky with the fine weather and warm days. The first night, however, was unusually cold reaching about 7 degrees celsius. Barambah provided us with extra sleeping bags for the second night.

Overall, I think I can safely say that we all had a great time. We are looking forward to next year.

Kim Challender
EAL/D teacher

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

Congratulations to Luka Mijnarends who attended SHEP at the end of the school holidays. The State Honours Ensemble Program is an initiative of the Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University.

The program brings together the finest student musicians to work with national and international tutors and conductors. The audition process is extremely competitive and Luka is the first student we have nominated from Nambour State College who has been successful in obtaining a position in SHEP.

Luka was a wonderful ambassador for our school and we are very proud of her!

SAKG

The mulberry tree in the orchard has blossomed over the holidays and is producing lots of delicious mulberries. Our lettuce plantings have also doubled in size with unusually lengthy stems and healthy leaf growth all ready to make delicious summer salads. Our tomatoes probably need a bit of a hurry along as they are still quite small but some are producing fruit. Sweet potato vines are beginning to appear and will continue to grow over the Christmas break. When we return in the New Year, they will be ready to harvest.

Year 4 students love climbing around in the mulch and even on the hottest of days, enjoy the digging and filling of our little garden cart to deposit the mulch around the garden areas. Feeding our hungry worms and deep watering were also essential tasks this week.

Please ensure your child has their water bottle on Thursdays as the weather heats up.

We urgently require helpers in our kitchen program to work with our Year 3’s. Please think about spending a morning in the kitchen with us.

This week Year 3 students made some homemade sweet potato chips (crisps). They had the tough job of peeling our previous harvest and learnt the value of buying a good quality peeler to help them do the job. I believe several students were going to request this as part of their evening meal when they got home. Other students made a spring salad with our lettuce, seeds and homemade vinaigrette. The salad got fancied up with some croutons for some extra crunch.

Maree Pepper (SAKG Coordinator)
DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS OF YEAR 9 STUDENTS

This term, within the HPE curriculum, each Yr 9 class will have two lessons discussing Healthy Relationships and general sexual health information including contraception issues and sexually transmitted infections.

Part of growing up is building a healthy positive identity that ensures our young people think about their rights and responsibilities in relationships, by receiving accurate information and having discussion around these issues.

This term will be a great opportunity for you and your student to have a chat about your family values and expectations, perhaps sharing your own experiences of growing up – what was great for you AND what was challenging. As well, it is timely to discuss the newer challenges of the digital age – particularly social media.

Students will be asked to take home some worksheets that can begin discussion and will have a completed booklet after the second session.

For further information or support – the school nurse is available on Wed, Thurs and Fridays.

For online information –
http://kidshealth.org/parent/emotions/feelings/questions_sex.html
http://au.reachout.com/

YEAR 7

Over the final semester this year, during our Personal Health and Development lessons, our Grade 7 students will be completing “The Daniel Morecombe Child Safety Program” delivered by the classroom teachers in their core classrooms.

The Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum has been developed to support QLD schools deliver key safety messages to students in Prep to Year 9. For while it is the responsibility of adults to keep children safe, providing safety education in schools assists students to be supported and take an active role in managing their own safety where possible. It is designed to provide students with knowledge and skills to help them recognise, react to, report harm and potentially harmful situations. There is evidence that safety education can result in important learning with lasting positive benefits for students, including:

- Lower rates of victimisation for children who have participated in safety education (fewer children being harmed)
- Children being less likely to blame themselves if they have been harmed
- Children telling someone when they have been harmed.

The Daniel Morcombe program is organised around three key safety messages:

Recognise, React and Report, and these key safety messages will be addressed through a series of developmentally structured lessons for our students across the next term on a weekly basis.

The lessons include a range of developmentally appropriate scenarios that will help our students learn to recognise unsafe situations and to develop their confidence to deal with unsafe situations, without causing them undue anxiety.

- Lesson 1: Situational awareness
- Lesson 2: Risk taking
- Lesson 3: Rules, rights and responsibilities
- Lesson 4: Decision making
- Lesson 5: Identifying and responding to abuse
- Lesson 6: Online and mobile phone safety
- Lesson 7: React strategies
- Lesson 8: Safety networks and support
- Lesson 9: Reporting strategies

Please discuss our weekly lessons with your students and if you have any further questions related to this program, your child’s teacher will be more than happy to address these with you.

Melissa Radke
Grade 7 Educator
HOD P-6 – Junior Campus
HOD Humanities – Senior Campus
Nambour State College

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL)

The Junior Campus begins each week with a celebration PBL assembly. Parents and carers are most welcome to attend. Each week we focus on a key behaviour. Below are the targeted behaviours for the next 2 weeks. Please discuss these with your children.
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DATES – UPCOMING EVENTS: October 2016

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POEM IN YOUR POCKET

At the end of Term 3, Nambour State College invited budding poets to recite an original poem as part of our Literacy Week celebrations.

Submissions came from teachers, secondary and junior campus students. The quality of poetry was nothing short of sensational.

Judges had goose bumps during some of the poems as students demonstrated the talent that exists throughout the campus.

Some of the poems were so good that we are currently looking to have some of them used artistically in spaces around the school as we continue to beautify our grounds.

We would like to thank our valued sponsors who supported our College and supplied a range of wonderful prizes. All students who participated received Literacy Week prizes as well as VIVOS or Woori Awards. The following were the major prize winners who will be presented on assemblies next week:

Veronica Marienko and Charlotte Nieuwenhuyen won a $50 cash prize, care of Councillor Greg Rogerson.

Lizzy Marshall will receive a $50 cash prize care, of State Member Peter Wellington.

Emma Little won a $25 cash prize generously donated by the E-Block secondary campus teachers.

Ruth Silwa and Alex Wengert will receive a $20 voucher each care, of Shake it Up Music.

Ryan Allen and Marlee Croft won a $20 voucher each donated by Nook and Cranny.

Emma McMarrin, Olivia Godfrey, Brogan Gingell, Sally Dawson, Connor Robertson and Hollie Lennox will receive a $5 Tuckshop voucher care of our wonderful P&C.

Congratulations students and thank you again to our generous sponsors who made this Literacy Week event possible.

Deborah Ackerman
Head of Department – Literacy and English P-12
Nambour State College

P & C, TUCKSHOP AND UNIFORM SHOP

P & C

NEXT MEETING:

The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 19th November 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.
WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH OUR P&C?

Our P&C is very busy preparing for the arrival of our new 2017 Nambour State College Uniforms. We hope to have these in the last 2 weeks of term.

Watch this space.

UNIFORM FIRE SALE

SENIOR CAMPUS:

October Special: Monday 24th to Thursday 27th

Uniforms at cost price for this week only, sizes and stock limited.

A reminder that the current uniform can still be worn until the year 2020.

JUNIOR CAMPUS:

Wednesday 26th and Friday 28th October.

All uniforms at cost price for this week only.

We are hoping to have the New Nambour State College uniform available the last two weeks of Term 4. Pre orders will be available. Keep watching our Nambour State College P&C Face Book Page for updates.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

NEW SPRING/SUMMER TUCKSHOP MEALS:

- Quiche and Salad $7.00
- Caesar Salad $5.00
- Super Greens $5.00
- Greek Salad $5.00

JUST ADD $1.00 FOR CHICKEN, HAM OR TUNA.

DON'T FORGET OUR JUNIOR CAMPUS HALLOWEEN DISCO

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

In 2017 our college will be starting the progression of our New Uniform by 2020. Our College uniform will be across both campuses and we are asking anyone that has any old uniforms, either Junior campus or Senior campus, if they would like to donate them to the College.

Any donations can be dropped off at either campus to the office.

Thank you.

LIBRARY SNR NEWS

Term 4 is a busy one as we restock our shelves with books no longer needed for class work.

Did you remember to return your book from Term 3? Are you still carrying that book in your bag?
Exciting news to come of a bigger and better eBook selection coming our way soon.

**WHATS HAPPENING AT OUR JUNIOR CAMPUS?**

What a wonderful day we had with our Boat Races.

Lunchtime Swimming

PBL

Well done students receiving swimming certificates.

**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 manufacturer’s 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.*

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Compass Palmwoods Open Day**

**Wednesday 26 October, 2016**

10.00am – 1.00pm

Compass invites you to join us for the Palmwoods Open Day to discuss opportunities for education, training, pre-vocational opportunities & enrichment for people living with a disability. Compass uses an innovative, educational model that allows the young people to make a smooth transition from school or home environment into an increasingly independent future.

Contact us today for more information.