I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff and parents for their support last Friday during the very inclement weather experienced by Queensland. I would remind parents that on such occasions to make sure you check the school website, use the QSchools App or check Facebook for updates. It is also important to make sure you have the push notification available on the QSchools App turned on to receive instant updates. Whilst we were wet we remained open and safe. Well done staff.

As a result of the bad weather the student leader investiture was postponed and held on Wednesday the 25 February. Congratulations to all our leaders and their families.

School Captains: Bronwyn K and Ananya S
School Vice Captains: Nicholas M and Harley L
Student Chairperson: David A
Tarra House Captains: Breanon Q and Samuel J
Tarra Vice House Captains: Molly H and Jackson M
Nudgee House Captains: Madison B and Matthew S
Nudgee Vice House Captains: Jessica P and Ryan T
Coen House Captains: Annie D and Bh youths A
Coen Vice House Captains: Lauren L and Callan H
LEAP Group Representatives: Bella H and Lochlan B (Year 4) and Charli B and Charlee M (Year 5)

The state wide Principals Conference is being conducted in Brisbane on Thursday 26 and Friday 27 February.

This year we are conducting a Quadrennial School Review. These are conducted every four years and they help decide the strategic plan for the next four years. Over the coming months we will be surveying our community over a number of points. The School Council will be the committee to oversee the review. Along with our review there will be a Full School Review completed by the School Improvement Unit. Full school reviews are conducted by a review team appointed by the School Improvement Unit in consultation with the school and region. Generally, the review takes about three days and is a comprehensive examination of a school’s performance and operations that takes into account school context and needs.

Please be on the lookout for a number of surveys we wish to conduct using Survey Monkey. These surveys will help us inform our Quadrennial School Review and suitable changes to improve delivery at our school. Our first survey will be about Report Cards. Please make your voice count when these surveys come up.

We are planning to use an online booking system for interviews held later this term. It will be a similar system to the high school. This will hopefully help with loss of notes and disjointed communication when trying to book time slots. More information to follow.

Finally, it is with great sadness that we say farewell to Mrs Tracey Sharpe for a time as she has accepted an Acting Principal role at Elimbah State School. Tracey has been at Narangba Valley State School for 10 years and has provided a significant contribution to our community. I wish her all the best in her endeavours.

Mrs Amanda Blanch will assume the Acting Deputy Principal role in charge of years 5 and 6 in absence of Mrs Sharpe. We welcome Mrs Michelle Plank who will take up the position of Acting Head of Curriculum/Deputy Principal looking after year 2.

Coming Events:
26 & 27 February – Principals Conference
27 February – Clean Up Australia Day in Schools
15 and 17 March – Photo Days
13 March – Term 1 Parent Forum
I have spent time in all of the Prep and Year 1 classrooms recently and it is fantastic to see the wonderful learning that is occurring. Our Prep students have settled into routines very well and have already begun learning their sounds in preparation for learning to read. They are enjoying learning a variety of new things, making new friends and celebrating success. Our Year One students, continuing on their learning journey, are off to a flying start. They are enjoying explicit teaching focuses, group work and a number of hands-on activities across the curriculum.

All of the teachers are extremely busy organising classroom routines and procedures, establishing learning goals and planning engaging lessons for the students. Many of the exciting learning experiences the teachers plan rely on parent helpers. It is wonderful to see the number of parent volunteers who assist in the classrooms. However, there are some teachers who need more parent volunteers. I know the teachers appreciate the help and will always welcome new helpers. Volunteers are valued and we recognise their importance as part of the school community. If you have some available time to assist in classrooms please speak with your child’s teacher or even the teacher next door. Just a reminder that parent volunteers must complete our volunteer training session first.

Parents, it is important that our classes are settled and our teachers are available to begin teaching at 8:50am. Please ensure you are not hanging around inside or outside the classrooms at this time having conversations as it can be very distracting for the students. Another busy and important time is from 2:30 – 3:00. Once again we would ask that parents are not waiting directly outside classroom doors and windows. This is very distracting for our students and they are missing important learning and key messages once they have noticed their parent waiting outside.

Karla Cochrane, Deputy Principal Year Prep and Year 1

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Tracey Sharpe all the best in her new role as A/Principal of Elimbah SS. Tracey has been an inspiration to myself, and the staff and students that she has mentored at NVSS. I look forward to working with the Year 5 and 6 students and families in her absence.

NOVA News

In 2015, NVSS will enter two teams into the Caboolture Netball Associations competition being held on Saturdays. These teams will train in conjunction with the NOVA teams and form an integral part of netball development at NVSS. I’d like to take this opportunity to thank the Narangba Dynamos Netball Club, who the NVSS NOVA teams will be affiliated with. Competition begins in March and the girls are looking forward to competing as a school team. GO NOVA!

Bike Safety!

Please be reminded that students travelling to school by bicycle are required by law to wear a helmet. Riding a bike is fun, but accidents happen. Please ensure your child is wearing a helmet EVERYTIME they ride.

Amanda Blanch - HOC / A-Deputy

If you have a complaint or concern,

Our school has a process by which concerns and issues can be usually quickly and efficiently resolved. I quote from our school’s Parent Handbook: "If you have any issues/concerns regarding your child then the classroom/specialist teacher is usually the first point of contact. Please make an appointment to ensure sufficient time can be allocated to satisfactorily discuss your concerns.

If your issue/concern is unable to be dealt with, or discussed with the classroom/specialist teacher, then make an appointment to speak with an Administrator. All efforts will be made to resolve all issues/concerns as quickly as possible so your child can engage fully in school life; in the case of school operations then these can be clarified and enacted. Further information regarding relevant procedures are available at http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/about/pdfs/making_a_complaint.pdf".

Often I know that parents wish to see teachers briefly before school. Teachers are happy to catch up with parents briefly before school. However, teachers have been directed to start lessons at 8:50. Parents wishing to discuss matters which will take longer than a few minutes need to make an appointment. Please remember that teachers often need to talk to a number of parents before lessons begin. It is expected that all children should arrive at school by 8:40am so that all necessary preparations can be made for the day’s lessons.

Year 4 Living History Incursion
This is proposed for Friday, 20 March, 2015. The students will participate in a variety of participatory activities relating to early Australian colonial history. As this event is on Friday and is an incursion, students can wear their usual uniform or their sports top. Letters outlining more information and seeking parental permission have been sent home to Year 4 parents.

Our Bus Zone

The bus zone is a designated area on Young Road set aside for the use of buses only. This area is very busy with buses and pedestrians, including small children. THIS AREA IS NOT A DROP OFF AREA. PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THIS AREA. Illegal parking in this area can put lives at risk and has at times impeded the flow of necessary traffic in the area. Police do patrol this area, and fines have been issued in the past for illegal parking.

School’s Clean Up Day

Clean Up Australia Day for schools will be held on Friday, 27 February. We have once again registered our school for this event. Each year level will be assigned an area of the school to clear of rubbish. Participation will enable us to focus on a variety of issues in relating to the care of our environment.

Graeme Hughes - Deputy Principal Year 3 and Year 4

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the wonderful staff, students and parents at Narangba Valley State School. I am very sad to be leaving this amazing learning community and have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunities to cultivate positive relationships and student learning outcomes over the past 10 years. While sad to be leaving Narangba Valley State School, I am very excited to be offered the opportunity to be the Acting Principal at Elimbah State School for the next six months. I look forward to future informal catch ups when I am out and about and would like to wish everyone here at Narangba Valley State School all the best for the rest of 2015.

Tracey Sharpe - Deputy Principal Year 5 and Year 6

CURRICULUM LILYPAD

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NVSS is adopting another new curriculum focus this year. It is an area which has always been part of our numeracy program but we are targeting the sequential development of these basic number skills to improve speed and accuracy. To achieve success, number facts need to be taught frequently and for short periods of time. However, before learning number facts, it is important that your child understands the meaning behind them and can demonstrate this knowledge by using concrete materials. There are many practical opportunities you can use within the home. Real life situations such as - washing the dishes, cooking or shopping experiences can be used to teach the basic concepts of adding, subtraction, multiplication and division. You can also support your child by counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and help them understand counting patterns. Practising these things regularly will create automaticity and enable children to become confident learners.

Sharon Scown – Master Teacher

BUSINESS MANAGER’S LILYPAD

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NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

If you are interested in advertising in our newsletter, please contact Michelle from AustNews on 0409 992 479.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEW ONLINE

This term we will be introducing a new online system for arranging Parent-Teacher interviews, that will be held later in term one. We will be using a program called PTO, which is the same system that Narangba Valley State High uses. Watch out for your letter detailing all the information you need login and organise your interviews - it will be sent out week 7 - and you will then be able to login from our website.

STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME

Thank you to all the families who have returned their forms regarding participation in the Student Resource Scheme. If you haven’t yet returned the form, please do so as soon as possible. Please note that we need the form returned even if you are not participating in the scheme. For more information regarding the scheme please visit our website.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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23 Mar - 2 Apr  Interview Week
24-Mar  Junior School Cross Country Prep - Year 2
25-Mar  Middle School Cross Country Year 3 - Year 6
2-Apr  Last day term one
3-Apr  Good Friday
20-Apr  Term 2 begins
23-Apr  ANZAC ceremony for student school leaders Anzac Square Brisbane

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**SPORT LILYPAD**

Cross Country training for students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will begin in Week 6 for three weeks. Tuesdays and Thursdays are the designated training days. Students should arrive at 7:45am and meet at the undercover area near the Café. Older students are encouraged to begin training now in their own time in preparation for their race. Students in Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 will run their race on Tuesday 24 March. Students in Years 3-6 will compete on Wednesday 25 March.

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**Years & Sports Friendlies**

Information regarding Sports Friendlies went home last week and early this week. I encourage parents to please sign and return...
the permission form including the $9.00 as soon as possible. Please also clearly specify on the top of the permission form, the sport your child has chosen to play. Sports Friendlies will be held on Wednesday 4 and Wednesday 18 March.

John Bundy - P.E Teacher

LIBRARY LILYPAD

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Read on rainy days
Why not spend some time on rainy afternoons and weekends reading an exciting story or two? If you enjoy a fast-paced read, come in and borrow a book or two to take home. We have plenty of picture books, and stories of many genres including fantasy, adventure, action and drama. Students with their own home tablet or computer can also use an ereader app to read many stories freely and legally available for download. Why not check out Gizmo’s Freeware list of 234 sites that legally offer free ebooks for children to read? Find this list by searching for "free children's ebook sites".

Covering helpers needed
We have bags of books and contact waiting for any of our lovely volunteers who would be willing to take and cover some books at home. Please just drop by the Library to pick up a bag of books.

Safe and hygienic use of the school computers
Please help our cleaners keep the school computer labs hygienic and safe by following a few simple guidelines:

- Never bring food to the computer labs. Students bringing food to the Library computer labs will be asked to dispose of it. Eating is not permitted during lesson time, so please do not bring food with you to ICT lessons or you will be asked to dispose of it.
- Dirty hands on the computer equipment may spread germs. Please wash your hands frequently and especially after eating and after using the toilet. It is a good idea to wash hands after using the computers, especially if you are about to eat.
- Water and electrical equipment do not mix, and are a safety hazard to be avoided. Please do not bring ice with you when you intend to use the school computers in the classroom or ICT labs. Any student bringing ice to ICT lessons will be asked to dispose of it before entering the labs and using the computers.
- Always turn computers off at the end of the day. This saves electricity, and minimises the risk of damage to the computers.

Birthday Competition
Congratulations and Happy Belated Birthday to the winners of our January and February birthday competitions. The lucky book prize winners are for January: Mia D 5C, and Madison N PB and for February: Georgia B 4F and Taylor W PE. Please do not forget to come in and enter your name on the birthday calendar in the Library. Everyone can take part in the Birthday prize draw.

Hazel Orr - ICT Library Teacher

MUSIC LILYPAD

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CHORUS REHERSALS

Year 1 Music
It has been a great few weeks getting to know all of the year 1 students in our music lessons. We have started off the year learning some new rhythms, singing some fun songs and familiarising ourselves with all of the different instruments. It is fantastic to see the year 1 classes so enthusiastic and willing to give everything a go. Keep up the great work!

Choir
A reminder that choir rehearsals have now begun. If your child will be absent from a rehearsal, please notify the music teacher as soon as possible. Rehearsals are on the following days:

- Junior Choir: Years 1 and 2 - Every Monday morning at 8:00am
- Senior Choir: Years 3 to 6 - Every Friday morning at 7:45am

Please ensure that students arrive 5 minutes prior to the rehearsal so that we are ready to begin on time. It is important that students are present for our vocal warm ups as this is an important time to stretch and relax the muscles before we sing, just as we would warm up before going for a run or lifting weights. Warming up loosens vocal muscles and reduces the risk of injury.

A big thank you to those students who arrived punctually for our first rehearsal. It is wonderful to see so many students giving up their own time to develop their vocal skills.

Lisa Lindsay - Music Teacher

CHAPPIE LILYPAD

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You may be wondering what a chaplain in a school actually does. We are there to provide social, emotional and spiritual support to the students, staff and families in our school community. In a practical sense that might look like being a listening ear for someone to talk to, helping in classrooms, being out in the playground spending time with kids, or running programs and clubs.

You might also be interested to know that we are only partly funded by government (less than two days), and that the rest of our funding to be in the school comes from ongoing supporters, donations and fundraising. If you are interested in becoming an ongoing supporter or making a donation (both tax deductible) please contact Hazel Orr on horr1@eq.edu.au (chaplaincy committee chairperson).
Our first fundraiser for the year is the cross country fun run. Letters and forms will be coming home with your child in the next few days. There are great prize incentives for the kids and it is an easy way for you to join in supporting chaplaincy in the school.

Dates to remember:

Thursday 12 March 3.15pm – Chaplaincy Committee meeting (library)
Tuesday 17 March 7pm – Raising Boys seminar with Peter Janetzki (Narangba Valley Tavern)
Tuesday 24 March 7pm – Raising Girls seminar with Liz Walker (Narangba Valley Tavern)
Monday 30 March – Fun Run forms and money due back

Chaplains - Rosalie and Sam

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To continue the great work of the P&C, we would like to extend an invitation to you, your families and friends to become a valuable member of this great team simply by attending a P&C meeting and signing a membership form, no cost involved. Meetings generally commence at 6.30pm in the Corporate & Student Services Building on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. We also keep the school community informed with the latest P&C information through the fortnightly School newsletter, the school website and P&C Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/NarangbaValleySS.PandC.

P&C Annual General Meeting – 6:30pm March 25 2015

The AGM will be held on Wednesday, 25 March 2015 commencing at 6:00pm, followed by a P&C general meeting at 6:30pm. At this time all Executive positions (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) become vacant and nominations are called to fill the positions for another year. Subcommittee positions are also confirmed once the Executive positions are filled. It is imperative that the Executive positions be filled at this time. Sub committees include Fundraising & Events (disco, movie nights, theme park passes etc), School Gift Stalls (Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, Christmas), Grants, Book Club and School Banking. If you are interested in nominating for a position, or would like some additional information please go to https://narangbavalley.eq.edu.au/Ourcommunity/P&C/Pages/PandC.aspx or collect the information from the P&C table in the Corporate Services Building.

CAFE

There are some new items on the Café Menu for 2015 including chicken breast wedges and a "Roadie" meat and potato pie. There are also a few nice summer icypole treats such as the Paddle Pop Funny Finger and Ice Mony Freeze Pops in lemonade, caramel and blue raspberry.

We are keen for some wonderful volunteers to come and join in the fun in the Café and we welcome any helpers, even if you are only able to help for an hour. We particularly need a helper on a Friday morning from 9am for an hour to put the stickers on the lunch bags. This is a job that can be done at the outside of the café counter so a little one would not be a problem if in a pram.

Please remember our preferred method for ordering Café is online at www.flexischools.com.au
Red Day is on 11 March for Prep to Year 3 and 12 March for Year 4 to Year 6. Check out the school website for more details!

SCHOOL BANKING

Welcome to another exciting year of School Banking. Welcome to all of our new Dollarmites, it’s fantastic to see so many new student bankers.

We are pleased to advise that Joanne from the Commonwealth Bank, will be coming to NVSS and we will be holding two Account Opening Sessions for all students and siblings wishing to open Dollarmites accounts to begin School Banking. These will be held in the CAC (Community Activity Centre) Tuesday 3 March and Wednesday 4 March 2015 from 8:15am until 9:15am on both days. Parents will need to bring their drivers licence for identification purposes.

Joanne was kind enough to donate two Pat The Dog Trophy’s to our School. We are super excited to announce that we now have a weekly Trophy and certificate for ‘Top Banking Class’. This week the recipients were 1E and 3C. Congratulations to both of those classes.

This year’s exciting new theme is the Outer Space Savers which will take students on an intergalactic mission to Planet Savings. There are eight new reward items to choose from. The iconic DVD movie ET and planet handballs are the items available for Term One. We are still waiting for reward order forms to arrive, there are a few still available on the P&C desk in the Administration office.

Students who make 25 or more School Banking deposits during 2015 will automatically enter the draw to win a trip to California’s Disneyland. The prize includes return airfares, five nights’ accommodation, transfers and three days park entry for up to two adults and two kids, as well as AUD$2000 spending money. For further competition details, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

We had a great year in 2014 with a total of 109 new accounts activated. The commission earned for 2014 was $2,357.43 which is a fantastic effort. School Banking provides a great fundraising opportunity, with participating schools receiving:

$5 for every account activated via the program
5% of every deposit made at school (up to a maximum of $10 commission per individual deposit) or;

A minimum commission payment of $25 per quarter (provided at least one deposit or new account is received from the school per quarter).

Established in 1931, School Banking has been teaching money-management skills to generations of primary school Australians. Children who participate are rewarded with Dollarmites tokens that they can redeem for exciting rewards when they deposit regularly into their savings account. The program is supported with a range of fun and engaging materials to help them learn about money – and encourage them to save.

Banking day is every Thursday. Deposits slips are to be filled in with all required details, with money secured in the yellow Dollarmites wallet and handed in to your child’s teacher. It will then be processed by our lovely team of volunteers and returned to your child via their teacher.

Bronya Brinkhoff - NVSS Banking Co-ordinator
This week's Pat the Dog Trophy for top banking class goes to 1E and 3C. Congratulations!!