

NANANGO STATE HIGH SCHOOL *Newsletter*



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NEWSLETTER #11

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

COVID 19

This has become a major talking point and once again has had some effect on our school. I urge the community to take this very seriously, as the latest statistics show people aged 10 - 19 are significantly impacted. The Chief Health Officer has said "The Delta strain is much more likely to spread amongst younger people."

We send regular emails out with the current information. If you are not receiving these, please contact the school to check we have your email address. Please, can I encourage students to isolate if they have been in the 11 LGA's. (Except for students of essential workers.)

Once again, but now more importantly, if you have any symptoms, get tested and stay home until you get the test results.

Schools will be open and it is business as normal. Information has been provided for senior and junior students who need to stay at home. I have suggested the Learning@home website and Term 3 Package 9 as a starting point.

All staff at schools are classed as essential workers. Many staff will wear masks. I have also suggested that some students may also like to wear masks. There is absolutely no problem with this.

The overall strong message I have suggested is there is no need to panic. I also encourage families to think like this as well. We have many school support options if parents have any concerns.

POSTPONEMENT OF EVENTS

We have had strong advice from our Region that encourages us to be cautious. We have had to then postpone events this week like Celebrating Success, Year 10 - 11 night and the Year 10 Geography trip. We assess things on a case by case basis and seek the relevant advice when required. While this is disappointing at times, I am sure the community would not want me to risk a super spreader event resulting in our school and local area in lockdown.

Respect Effort Safety Responsibility

Great state. Great opportunity.



PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT.....cont

BE PREPARED

I have suggested that students should be readily prepared for whatever is around the corner. This would mean information on laptops is saved in many places (not just on the school drives).

I also have suggested students should be checking emails regularly - at least morning and night in the present climate. While we try and do it only in emergencies, we have previously sent some emails on the weekend. This may also be the case in the coming weekend.

SHOW HOLIDAY

I wish to confirm that the Show Holiday remains on Monday 9th August. School at this stage will resume on Tuesday 10th August.

SCHOOL OF ORIGIN VISITS

I have been pleased that a number of Year 7 students have visited our Feeder Schools to talk to Year 6 students. Mrs Toohey reports that these students have been well prepared and great ambassadors for our school.

MATHS COMPETITION

Well done to the many students who participated in the recent Maths Competition. We will wait to see the results later in the year.

Darryl Early

Principal



Senior Hospitality Excursion

On Friday 30th July the senior Hospitality Practices classes travelled to Dusty Hill vineyard and winery to become restaurant critics and dine at the Prendergasts Irish Tavern.

Upon arrival we spent some time looking around the grounds admiring the peaceful surroundings and various buildings which make up the Dusty Hill village. We were then seated in the Irish themed tavern, where as a group, we looked over the comprehensive menu. We were able to try a selection of entrees, followed by our chosen main meals. The food was tasty, delicious and filling.

After our lunch we were lucky enough to receive a tour from Teagan, a very passionate employee. She talked about working in the Hospitality industry and specifically about how Dusty Hill has grown, and the many exciting plans ahead. It was a fantastic opportunity for all the students and an enjoyable excursion.

Jason Yates

Year 12

Hospitality Practices



Cultural Burn at Taabinga Station – Heal Country

As a culminating activity to Naidoc Celebrations, Indigenous students in Year 7, 8 and 9 were invited to attend a cultural burn at an iconic station on WAKKA WAKKA country. Murri Rangers facilitated the event and highlighted the importance and cultural significance of the burning. Students had a great day being empowered by the Rangers.

A big thank you to the owners of Taabinga Station and the Murri Rangers for creating this most worthy cultural experience for our Indigenous students.



The Senior Netball Team's BIG Win

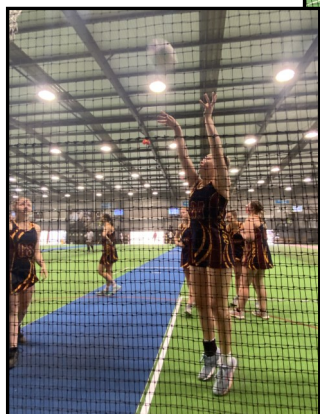
Last Thursday and Friday the Senior Netball team travelled to Caboolture to take part in the Queensland Indoor Netball Competition. Over the two days the team played 6 games, winning 4 of the 6 games. Schools such as Pacific Lutheran College and Grace Lutheran College Rothwell were in our pool, who were all very competitive.

On Friday we won both our scheduled games in the pool which meant we were to play the top team in the competition – Pacific Lutheran College. It was a tight game and come half time Nanango were up by 2. For the remainder of the game the girls fought to retain their lead over PLC. It was with their 'win at all costs' attitude that lead to their victory.

The entire team played exceptionally well, playing to their strengths. The midcourt was dynamic, defensive goal circle rebounded fantastically and our shooters shot with precision. As indoor netball is such a fast-paced game, the girls needed to demonstrate grit and intensive teamwork to achieve their grand final win.

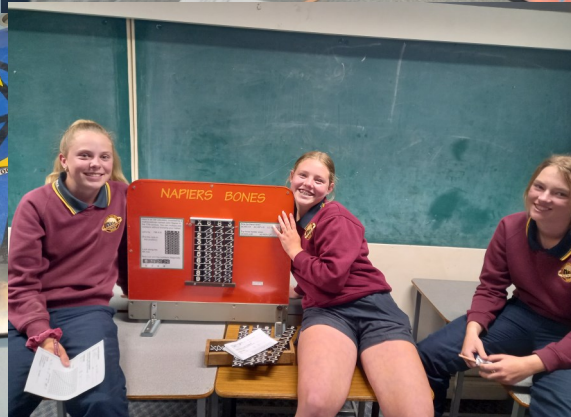
As coaches, it was so fulfilling to see the girls hard work pay off and see friendships blossom. Many highlights came from the two days away, including making lunch out of the boot of the car in the rain, an array of fantastic dance moves while warming up and memories that will last a lifetime.

CONGRATULATIONS Senior Netball girls, the winners of their Year 11/12 Queensland Indoor Netball division
- Courtney Green and Maddi Young - COACHES



WORLD OF MATHS

Our two-day problem-solving workshop “World of Maths” has been a great success, and it has certainly been one of the highlights for our students this year! Our students (and staff) certainly had fun working in teams to overcome challenging tasks and explore interesting mathematical ideas through a series of engaging, hands-on activities. Check out how happy and engaged our young learners are. Maths can be very enjoyable after all!





From the workshop, our students have learned the important lesson that through resilience, effort and a growth mindset, they can all achieve success regardless of their perceived mathematical ability. It shows that Mathematics is enjoyable and relevant for everyone, and pushing our brains to the limits can be a lot of fun!

William Kok
Head of Department – Maths/HPE/E-Learning

The USQ Science and Engineering Challenge

The USQ Science and Engineering Challenge was a very successful and fun experience. There were a multitude of challenges being run throughout the day. Our two winning groups were for the activities of Bridge Building and Helter Skelter. The Bridge Building activity was won by a group consisting of Jean-Luc Barnett, Cooper Robinson, and Ethan Forbes. "I knew there was something special about our bridge, we were bound to win right from the get-go! I'm really proud of us beating the private schools," said Ethan after the big win.



The winners of the Helter Skelter activity were Aiden Eagles and Ethan Williams. "Yeah, it was no surprise when we won, all the other competitors just didn't even know what they were doing!" Aiden said after their win. Jean-Luc Barnett said, "The day was great and I'm really thankful for the organisers and the competing schools for providing such tough competition." Ethan commented "I would recommend everyone to give this a go in 2022". Cooper Robinson agreed saying "it was a great time, and it was lots of fun getting to meet new people from different schools."

Another team member Claire Stretton who admirably lost in the Hover Craft challenge was enthusiastically praising of the competition when she said, "We were planning on dominating the competition but unfortunately we were not good at engineering a successful hovercraft". We highly recommend to all students who are interested in STEM to get involved in future competitions and give it their all.

Jean-Luc Barnett - 10A





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Fostering Families PLAYGROUP

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Coming Events

August 2021

Mon 9	Public Holiday - Exhibition Show Holiday
Tue 10	SB Cricket Trials - 10 - 12 years
Wed 11	QTAC Afternoon - Years 12 - 3:30pm - 5:00pm
Thur 12	HPE Excursion - USC - "Sport for Thought" - Years 9A & 9C
Mon 16	Driver Training - Willowbank - Year 12
Thur 19	HPE Excursion - USC - "Sport for Thought" - Years 9B & 9D
Fri 20	Arts Showcase



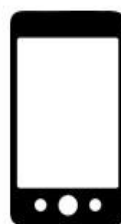
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Don't forget

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

**Royal Queensland
Show Holiday**

9TH AUGUST



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 **Attendance
Matters**
...every school day counts!