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**NEWSLETTER #6** 

### **PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT**

### **Staffing**

Welcome back to Mr Stephen Anderson who was on a scholarship program to the United States for Term 1. Mr Shaun Dati will continue as Student Service Head of Department and Mr Cheyne Kerr as Social Science/Senior Schooling Head of Department while Mr Askin and Mr Snow are on leave.

Mr Ryan Cox will be a second Year 9 co-ordinator to assist Mr Milanovic for Term 2.

### Term 2

Welcome back to Term 2, one of the busiest terms of the school year. Some upcoming events for you to be aware of are the ANZAC Day public holiday (next Thursday 25 April) where I hope many students will march to represent our school community. The Parent/Carer/Teacher interviews will be held on Monday 13 May. This will be a time for you to meet your children's teachers and to check on their progress so far this year. There are many other events and opportunities occurring for students to participate in over the next 10 weeks and I would strongly encourage them to take advantage of these.

### **Focus for Term 2**

There will be 2 main focuses for this term.

1. **Attendance** will remain a focus this term. While there has been fantastic improvement moving our attendance from 77.8% at the end of 2023 to just under 84% by the end of Term 1, there is still room for improvement. Some of you may have received letters during term 1 from the school indicating our concern around attendance for your student/s. If you have any concerns please don't hesitate in contacting any member of the Student Services team, they will be able to answer your questions or point you in the right direction for further support if required. I would also encourage you to go to our website and click on the short cut to the Student Services section, there are many resources available here.

2. Our second focus is "following directions the first time". Throughout the course of a school day, students will receive hundreds of instructions, some they will like and others they won't. It is the school communities expectations that students follow every instruction to enable the smooth running of a classroom and the school. Students not following instructions often leads to secondary behaviours, for example, verbal abuse of staff, which then results in severe consequences. Can I encourage you to discuss this with your child/ren as every parent/carer I have spoken to in my time at Nanango State High School also expect their children to follow instructions every time.

### Curriculum

Many of our staff are involved in the preparation of units for the delivery of version 9 of the Australian Curriculum. Some year levels (year 7) are already being exposed to the new Australian Curriculum in a handful of subjects. This preparation will continue throughout term 2. Our year 11 students are engaging with new Applied Syllabus courses and our Year 12's are working towards their QCE and ATAR score if eligible. It is always a busy time in this area with huge hours going into this to keep us at the forefront of curriculum development in Australia.

### Use of AI

Many of you would be aware of AI or may have used it in the course of your job. From the school's perspective, while AI may be a resource for students to access at times, the work a student submits must always be their own work with appropriate referencing. There is currently no recognised format to reference AI. Student work is passed through Turn it In, which is a world class software program that will pick up the use of AI in student work. For any of you that have read something written by AI, it reads as if a robot wrote it, so is very easy to pick up. I would encourage you to monitor your students assignment work to ensure they are not using AI inappropriately. Its use for final submissions of assessments can have a hugely detrimental effects on a student's subject results.





### WE HONOUR ALL THOSE WHO SERVED

On Anzac Day, we come together to pause and honour every member of our Defence Forces. From foreign shores to our sovereign waters, Australians have served and sacrificed to protect our freedoms across the globe. We honour all those who have served and pay tribute to the sacrifice of those who have lost their lives in defence of our country.

Australia has a long and proud history of military service, full of courage, heroism, and stoicism in the face of adversity. On ANZAC Day, we honour our service members who have continued to protect and uphold our freedoms.

From that fateful day, landing on the beaches of Gallipoli, to modern conflicts, our servicemen and women have made unimaginable sacrifices for our country.

This ANZAC Day, remember all those who have served, from our early diggers who stormed foreign shores to current service members who continue to defend our country from ever-evolving threats.



### "For the Fallen"

by Laurence Binyon

They went with songs to the battle, they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady

and aglow.

They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted:

They fell with their faces to the foe.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the vears condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Wed 24 April Lesson 2 Nanango State High School ANZAC

Day Ceremony in the hall

### Thur 25 April ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Staff and students who would like to participate in the ANZAC Day march and service and represent Nanango State High School will need to assemble at 8:15am in Howlett Lane, between the Heritage Bank and Nanango Motors. Students should be in full school uniform with a hat and water bottle.

### **Scheduled ANZAC Day service for Nanango:**

**5:00am** Coffee Royale & Fellowship at Tara's Hall for Nanango RSL Sub Branch members and their families, visiting veterans, ex defence

personnel and their families

5:30am Dawn Service at the Nanango War Memorial followed by Gunfire breakfast in Tara's Hall-

gold coin donation

**O0am** Pilgrimage to Veterans Graves at Nanango Cemetery – public welcome to participate

**8:15am** Assemble for the Parade in Howlett Lane

**9:00am** Commemorative Service at the Nanango

War Memorial

**10:00am** Fellowship in Tara's Hall for invited guests

and their families

### YEAR 10/11 VISUAL ART

Late last term the year 10 and 11 Visual Art in Practice students enjoyed a day at Brisbane's Gallery of Modern Art to attend the magical Fairy Tales exhibit. Students were delighted to see some of their favourite fairy tales displayed via film, sets and props. Common themes from fairy tales have been reimagined by leading contemporary artists in the form of drawing painting sculpture and installation



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# Poet's Corner -ACROSTIC-

-HAIKU-

**POMPEII** 

By Oliver Sharpe, Year 12

From the burning ash,
A lost city emerges,

Once buried in time.

### DEAR BEST FRIEND

By Melody Durrant, Year 11

I miss sharing every tear.

I miss feeling each other's fear.

I miss the way you understood me
And the way you set me free.

I miss the happiness you made me feel
And the way you helped me heal.

Somewhere along the road we've drifted apart
And it has quite honestly broken my heart.

I understand things will change
But they do not have to end.
We have both changed a lot
But you will always be my friend.

### -CINQUAIN-EASTER

By Chloe Le Strange, Year 9

Bunny Happy Easter Eggs all around Annual Easter Egg hunt Chocolate

### AGRICULTURE

By Marlie Roberts, Year 8

Any person can be a food producer
Grow veggies, fruit and more!
Reading and learning
Inside and outside
Cucumbers, carrots and capsicum
Understanding the importance of farmers
Lemon, Lettuce and Lime
Together we make the world a better place
Utilize the resources found on the farm
Recognize that plants need to survive
Environment is the key!

### -CINQUAIN-WHALE

By Izzabelle Johnson, Year 9

Whale Big Animal Splash! Heavy, wet Spray water from back

Underwater

### -ACROSTIC-FRACTIONS

By Ivy Smith, Year 7

For us to learn
Reap the rewards in life
And get achievements

Count up and add together no matter what kind Together they all help us to learn and earn money In reality, we all have problems but we are all happy if we know Maths

On the day we leave at least we will have some glee

Nanango State High School is the best

Some of us don't want to leave because we won't be as happy

without Maths.



### **QLD PEDAL PRIX SUPER SERIES**

Our Pedal Prix team are competing at Willowbank very soon, but on March 23, our teams travelled to Toowoomba to participate in round 1 of the Queensland Super Series. It proved to be an exhilarating race, with our senior boys team achieving an impressive second place. If you're eager to join the excitement, contact Mr Anderson for more information.









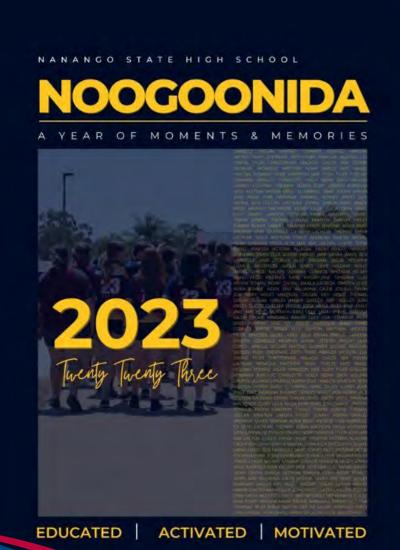






To all students in year 7-9 who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders this is a wonderful opportunity for you. The University of QLD is hosting a holiday camp that is fully funded. Even if you are not sure about whether you want to go to university it is a great way to meet new people, learn about the university life and expand your cultural knowledge. Talk to a few of friends and apply together. Please see link below to apply online. https://forms.office.com/r/jCxSQdCeT0

If you have questions contact Mrs Freeman at kfree36@eg.edu.au





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### **SPORTS CALENDAR**

### - TRAINING SCHEDULES -

**MONDAY** Pedal Prix training, 7-8am

### **TUESDAY**

Vicki Wilson Junior Netball training, 7.15-8.00am

U15 & Open Boys Rugby League training, 1.20pm (SB)

### **WEDNESDAY**

Vicki Wilson Senior Netball training, 7-8am Senior Boys Netball training, 7-8am

### **THURSDAY**

Vicki Wilson Junior Netball training, 7-8am

U15 & Open Boys Rugby League training, 1.20pm (SB)

Pedal Prix training, 3-5pm

### **FRIDAY**

Volleyball Training, 7-8am

Cricket Training, 3.30-5.30pm

### **APRIL 2024**

Fri 19	Wide Bay Basketball 10-12yrs				
	Wide Bay Touch Football 10-12yrs				
22-23	Wide Bay AFL 10-12yrs				
	Wide Bay Netball 10-12yrs				
26-27	Pedal Prix - Toowoomba				
29-30	Wide Bay Football 13-19yrs Boys (State)				
	Wide Bay Netball 13-19yrs Girls - Caloundra				
MAY 2024					
Wed 1	Broncos Rugby League Round 3 - Jack Stokes Oval, Gympie				
	State Netball 13-19yrs Girls - Caloundra				
2-3	Wide Bay Football 10-12yrs				
	Wide Bay Rugby League 10-12yrs				
Fri 3	Wide Bay Secondary Schools T20 Cricket				

Broncos Rugby League Round 4 - Nanango

Vicki Wilson Cup Netball Competition - Bundaberg

South Burnett Cross Country 10-19yrs

# **EVENT CALENDAR**

APRIL 2024				
Fri 19	Year 12 Cert III Fitness Excursion			
Tue 23	SPASE Day 2.0			
Wed 24	ANZAC Day Ceremony P2			
	Drama Scene Project			
Thu 25	ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY			
Mon 29	Cross Country			
Tue 30	Year 11 RYDA			
MAY 2024				
Mon 6	LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY			
8-10	Year 7 Camp			
Wed 8	Year 11 Tourism Excursion - Sealife			
9-10	Duke of Ed Bronze Practice Camp			
13-17	Year 11 Exam Block			
Fri 17	Year 9 Japanese Excursion			
Mon 13	Year 9 Altitude Day			
	Parent Teacher Interviews			
Mon 20	Science & Engineering Challenge - Toowoomba			
28-29	Duke of Ed Bronze Qualifying Camp			
30/31	Years 7, 8, 9, 10 MAX World of Maths			
Fri 31	Years 11, 12 Science in Practice Excursion - Dusty Hill			
JUNE 2024				
Thu 20	Athletics Carnival			
Fri 21	Athletics Carnival			
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\*Calendar of Events are correct at time of publication





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# **Q**Parents



#### ALL EXCURSION CONSENT FORMS ARE NOW ONLINE AT QPARENTS

If you are not yet registered for QParents and would like assistance setting up, please come and see Carrie-Ann at the admin office. Please bring some ID documentation (as mentioned below) and an account with your current address. If you don't have email on your mobile phone, please ensure you know your email password.

### What do I need to register for **QParents?**

To register, you will need:

- your unique invitation code sent to you by your child's school
- an active email account
- each child's EQ ID number
- 100 points of ID to verify your identity.

### How do I verify my identity?

To verify your identity online, you must provide at least 100 points from the online documents list:

Document	Points	Document	Points
Australian passport	50 pts	Australian marriage certificate	40 pts
Australian driver licence	50 pts	Australian change of name certificate	40 pts
Australian birth certificate	50 pts	Australian visa (foreign passport)	20 pts
Australian citizenship certificate	40 pts	Medicare card	20 pts

### What if I can't verify my identity online?

If you are unable to provide 100 points of ID online, you can still register for QParents.

During the registration process, select the 'not enough ID' option and then visit the school to have your identity verified.

The school can verify your identity using a combination of 100 points of the following documents and the additional identity documents.

Document	Points	Document	Points
Passport	60 pts	Marriage certificate	40 pts
Driver licence	60 pts	Citizenship certificate	40 pts
Birth certificate	50 pts	Change of name certificate	40 pts

### Additional identity documents

You will also need to show at least one additional document from List 1 or two documents from List 2.

List 1	List 2
Learner driver's licence	Bank statement showing your name and address (less than 6 months old)
Working with Children Check (blue card)	Utilities statement showing your name and address (less than 6 months old)
Adult proof of age card	Pensioner Concession Card
Queensland Weapons Licence	Department of Veterans' Affairs entitlement card
Industry Authority cards (issued by the Department of Transport and Main Roads)	Health Care Card or Seniors Health Card or other Department of Human Services entitlement cards
	Student identity card issued by an Australian education institution
	Queensland or Australian Government staff identity card

### Still unable to verify your identity?

In exceptional circumstances, school principals may approve QParent accounts under the 'Known Person/ Community Standing' option.

### When will my account be activated?

Once your identity has been verified, the school will activate your account.

### Need help?

Additional assistance is available from:

- QParents help page at qparents.qld.edu.au/#/help
- call 13 QGOV (13 74 68)
- · contact Carrie-Ann at the Admin office



### NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM





### VISIT OUR WEBSITE

Website: youthoffthestreets.com.au/ get-support/nationalscholarship-program

Or contact the team: Phone: 0491 222 312

## Scholarship nominations are now open!

Do you have a motivated young person in your service who needs financial and personal assistance to reach their educational and/or training goals?

Nominations are open for young people around Australia, aged 16 to 21, who are determined to engage in education for the duration of the program.

### What will the recipient receive?

- \$6,000 towards any education or training course
- Staff support from the Scholarships team
- · Community mentor support
- Networking opportunities

### Help a young person achieve their dreams!

Applications close 4pm Friday 17 May 2024.

For more information, please email the Scholarships team.

scholarships@youthoffthestreets.com.au





**QParent User Guide click here** 





#### **DARLING DOWNS PUBLIC HEALTH UNIT**

Public Health Nurse Enquiries to: Date: 26 March 2024 07-4699 8240 Phone

### RE: PERTUSSIS (Whooping cough)

The Darling Downs has seen an increase in pertussis notifications. These cases are predominately in children less than 18 years old.

Pertussis (whooping cough) is a respiratory illness caused by the bacteria Bordetella pertussis. Pertussis can cause sudden episodes of violent coughing, often resulting in difficulty breathing, strained inspiration (whoop) and vomiting due to the strength of the cough. Early diagnosis and treatment can significantly reduce the spread of this disease. It is important that educators are vigilant to reduce the spread of disease in the community.

#### Pertussis in Schools

Dear Principal.

- The Darling Downs Public Health Unit is currently managing several school-based pertussis outbreaks in the
- We are recommending the exclusion of students with a new cough from school attendance until testing results and treatment are completed. Parents should be advised to present to their primary care physicians (GP) for assessment.
- The Public Health Unit is working with GPs to promote the prompt testing and treatment of pertussis cases.

### **Exclusion advice**

- To help prevent the spread of illness, people who have been diagnosed with pertussis should NOT attend school until they have completed the first five days of the recommended antibiotics.
- If antibiotics cannot be taken, the patient must be excluded for 21 days after the onset of any cough or 14 days after the onset of a paroxysmal (whoop) cough, whichever is earlier.

#### **Vaccination**

- Parents should be reminded to ensure all children are up to date with their immunisations. Pertussis vaccine is part of the routine childhood vaccination schedule in Queensland and a booster dose available at Year 7.
- Pregnant women are recommended to have a pertussis-containing vaccine from 20 weeks in every
- Pertussis vaccination is recommended every 10 years for early childhood educators and people in close contact with infants (does incur a cost). Please speak to your GP to discuss vaccination.

### **High-Risk groups**

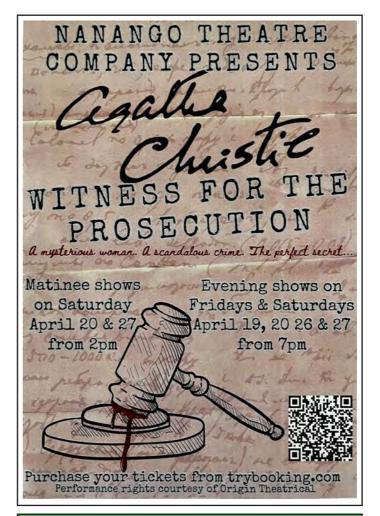
- . Women in the late stages of pregnancy (36+ weeks) will need antibiotic treatment if they identify as a close contact with a case of Pertussis. Please provide information to staff in case they are pregnant so they can seek medical care if they are contacts of a known case.
- Children under 6 months are at increased risk of severe disease, and need to seek medical care if they are a close contact of a confirmed case. Although these children are unlikely to be in your schools, please share this information with any play groups or kindergartens associated with your campus.

Please see attached pertussis fact sheet and Queensland Health Time Out poster for further information.

If you have any further queries, please contact DDPHU on 07-4699 8240.

Yours sincerely,

Dr./Priva Janagaraj Public Health Physician Darling Downs Public Health Unit **COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD** 



### **SUPPORT IS JUST A CALL AWAY** There are many places to turn for extra help including:

www.13varn.org.au









# Volleyball Australia Queensland Regional Camp 2024

### Wide Bay Region

Camp Fee: \$165 inc GST (payment upon registration)

**Date:** 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024

**Camp Location:** Aldridge State High School Boys Avenue, Maryborough. Queensland 4650.

### **Camp Schedule**

### Saturday 18th May (Day 1)

8:30am - 10:00am Male Group
10:00am - 11:30am Female Group
11:30am - 1:00pm Male Group
1:30pm - 3:00pm Female Group
3:00pm - 4:30pm Male Group
4:30pm - 6:00pm Female Group

### Sunday 19th May (Day 2)

Athletes will benefit from experienced Volleyball Australia coaches in a structured program that will help develop understanding of volleyball concepts, acquisition and development of volleyball skill, techniques and strategies. We encourage athletes to adopt the growth mindset required for high-performance athletes to succeed at the next level of competition.

Interested athletes do not need to have any previous experience in volleyball, however athletes must have a willingness and desire to learn and improve on their volleyball skills.

Athletes aged 11 - 18 years old are encouraged to register for this regional camp!

Camp Registration Link: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/etwidebay24">https://tinyurl.com/etwidebay24</a>

Note: Camp fee does not include food or accommodation for athletes.

#### **How to Register:**

Scan the QR Code below using your smartphone or tablet or enter the following URL into your preferred web browser:

https://tinyurl.com/etwidebay24



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