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# Noosa District State High School

## Newsletter

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**30 July 2009**

### PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Parents

It is great to be back on the Sunshine Coast and at Noosa District SHS. During the 9 months I have been 'absent' I have taken the time to explore a bit of Australia and catch up with family before spending the last Semester at Helensvale SHS on the Gold Coast. I am very pleased to report that Noosa High students and staff are really a wonderful group of learners and educators. Our outcomes exceed anywhere else I experienced with the opportunities available to students of an exceptional standard. There really is no reason a student at Noosa High cannot achieve their goals if they choose to take advantage of what is on offer.

Of particular note the presentation of our students in school uniform certainly is a credit to the hard work of parents, staff and students. Those students who have not got it quite right will be our focus over the coming weeks.

I thank the "Karens" for the amazing work they did as A/Principal in my absence.

#### Facilities

We were not successful in receiving Federal Government money for a new Science facility. Therefore the \$200,000 National School Pride dollars will be allocated to a renovation of F Block. Work on these classrooms will commence in the coming weeks.

In response to the Auditors visit changes in the use of the Administration building are being undertaken. As we move to ensure our office becomes a Business Unit for the school operations we will inform students and parents of the changes. At present we are asking that unless with an adult all students only enter the Admin block via the E block side of the foyer

and report to the counter – not just seek out the person they wish to see.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the P&C meeting on Monday night.

### POMONA CAMPUS NEWS

#### STUDENT CARD – CONFIDENTIAL

Sent home with the report cards was an information form stating personal details including addresses, emergency contacts and phone numbers. We have asked that this be returned regardless of any changes needing to be made. We need to have up to date and accurate records for the purpose of safety and evacuation procedures, etc.

If you have discarded this form please contact the office to arrange for another to be sent home.

#### SCHOOL PHOTOS – TUESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

Envelopes have gone home to students and they were advised that Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August is our photo day. Money is to be returned in the envelope supplied on that day to the photographers.

#### INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS DAY AT COOROY CAMPUS - WEDNESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> AUGUST (FULL DAY)

This is a compulsory school day. Students will be bussed across on the day and parents are most welcome to attend.

## **JEANS FOR GENES DAY – FRIDAY 7<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**

Students will be allowed to wear jeans only. Normal school polo shirts, blouses and normal black school shoes are required. A gold coin donation to help support this worthwhile cause to aid research in cancer, epilepsy, eye disorders and many other genetic diseases. A staggering 1 in 20 children are affected by a congenital abnormality or genetic disorder and scientists are working hard to find causes and cures.

## **NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR THE SCHOOL**

Our new telephone number is 54 808 111. The fax number remains the same 54 852 270. The old telephone number will only re-direct for a short period of time. Please make note of this new number for future reference.

Our new system allows for voice mail which means you can phone and leave a message between 4:00pm and 8:00am and we will respond to any concerns the following day.

## **SEMESTER 2 ASSESSMENT CALENDAR**

This assessment calendar will be finalized this week. All students will receive a copy of this in their roll group. It will be on coloured paper so check your child's bag and we will also email it home to all parents who have supplied us with your email address.

## **NEWS FROM OUR ENGLISH DEPARTMENT**

This Term our students will be studying propaganda and persuasion and how these techniques are used in advertising, in particular through magazine advertisements and television. Naturally this will involve looking at a multitude of advertisements in magazines and observing various television 'ads' from today as well as those used throughout our television history. We will also be watching some extracts from the 2008 series of "The Gruen Transfer", which involves experts from various advertising agencies looking at popular advertising campaigns and debating the effectiveness of the techniques used. It must be pointed out that some of the episodes of this show are rated (M). We are also calling for donations of magazines of any sort that can be used by the students in their classroom activities.

These can be brought to the office for distribution and would be gratefully accepted. The assessment pieces for this Term are in the form of an exam which will be in the form of two analytical essays written under exam conditions plus students will perform a state-wide assessment piece called QCATS. We will be issuing more information on this as it approaches. Any queries regarding assessments or subject matter, please do not hesitate to contact your child's English teacher.

## **NEWS FROM OUR SOSE DEPARTMENT**

A reflection on Term 2, when we studied "Australians at War" was that students needed to be congratulated on the way this was undertaken. It was very encouraging to see so many students taking such a great interest in this topic and it was very inspiring to see so many developing feelings of empathy for those involved and how war can have consequences far beyond the actual battle field. It was also a time for dispelling many misconceptions students, especially about WWI and WWII. Thank you to those families that volunteered some actual diaries or letters that students were able to read and touch as "real life".

This Term we will build on from this by studying "Great Leaders". This is an opportunity for students to learn about some of the great leaders both past and present, not just on the political stage, but also leaders in other areas such as medicine, charity and military. Our main focus is discovering "What makes a good leader?" This involves looking at character traits of leaders – good and bad, and what makes people follow certain types of leaders. This is a good unit to help educate students to recognise the skills required and will inform them so they will be able to make quality choices as voters in the future.

## **LOST – CAMERA**

A student who took his camera to school has lost or misplaced it. If anyone has any information regarding this camera please contact the office. We advise students not to bring valuable items to school or if they are required for a lesson they are to hand them into the office for safe keeping.

<b>DATES TO REMEMBER</b>	
3 <sup>rd</sup> August	P & C Meeting – 7:00pm at Cooroy Campus
4 <sup>th</sup> August	School photos
5 <sup>th</sup> August	Athletics Carnival at Cooroy Campus
6 <sup>th</sup> August	Jeans for Genes Day (Cooroy Campus)
7 <sup>th</sup> August	Jeans for Genes Day (Pomona Campus)
12 <sup>th</sup> August	Ministerial Pupil Free Day (RNA show)
11 <sup>th</sup> September	Noosa Show Holiday
18 <sup>th</sup> September	Last day of Term 3

Regards

Stewart Worboys  
Head of Campus

### **UNIFORM SHOP**

The Uniform shop will be closed on Friday August 14<sup>th</sup> - sorry for the inconvenience.

### **‘JEANS FOR GENES’ DAY**

‘Jeans for Genes’ day will be held at Cooroy Campus on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August, to raise money for Children’s Medical Research. Students may wear jeans, or similar, with their school shirts on this day, for a gold coin donation. Appropriate footwear must still be worn.

### **CYBER BULLYING**

Bullying comes in many forms but one of the most sinister forms is through technology (the internet or mobile phones) in the form of MSM messaging, emails, face book etc. Psychologist Michael Carr-Greig is a founding member of the national centre for bullying. He works for Beyond Blue, and he’s also been called upon to help counsel the students in the latest loss of life through cyber bullying. He states that cyber bullying is worse than school yard bullying as it can continue 24/7. Because the bully doesn’t need to see its victim the bullying is often more intense, and more frequent and can be far more damaging.

Cyber bullying is difficult to get away from as today’s youth are in many ways so deeply dependent on their phones and computers to develop or increase their social network, that banning them would be what the kids would call ‘social death’.

Here are some ideas:

- Talk to your child about bullying – ask them if it has or is happening to them either face to face or through the mobile or internet. If it is happening act now.
- Supervise your child’s internet and mobile usage (with teenagers this may be more difficult but as children need 8.25 to 9.25 hrs of good sleep each night encourage the mobile to be turned off and left outside the bedroom.
- Limit internet usage. Where possible have the computer in a public area)
- Watch for changes in your child’s behaviour – Are they withdrawn or not themselves? Are they sad/ tearful/angry/ not enjoying things they may have once enjoyed? Is school work affected? These factors may indicate depression. It may also indicate that your child is unwell.
- As bullies thrive on secrecy, if you, the parent know about bullying then report it – to the school or police and ensure follow up with you occurs.

Michael Carr-Greig states that to help children be resilient:

- They need to have an adult in their life who they feel safe with (and will feel comfortable talking to)
- Children need to learn social and emotional skills – both at home and at school.
- Provide a balanced life for your child – school is one part of their life. Involve them also in the arts, music, sport, leisure.
- Teach your child to self- talk positively – it’s just as easy to say something nice about yourself as it is to put yourself down
- Provide spiritual awareness – being connected to something/someone that transcends this world helps with people to cope with problems.

If you need more help on this issue, these numbers may be useful Lifeline131114 or Beyond Blue 1300 224 636 or speak to your Guidance Officer at your school.

Adapted from Michael Carr Greig's Radio Conversation 22/7/09  
ABC radio interview  
[http://blogs.abc.net.au/queensland/612\\_morning/index.html](http://blogs.abc.net.au/queensland/612_morning/index.html)

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### "STRONGER FAMILIES PROGRAM"

St Vincent de Paul's Stronger Families Program is a wonderful opportunity to draw on your life experience, your skills and your heartfelt desire to be of help to others in our community.

**"Stronger Families" is a project aimed at assisting families in-home in practical and educational ways.**

*Volunteers have assisted families in a variety of specific ways: eg. offering encouragement & support, assisting parents to learn how to cook a healthy meal, helping families develop routines, teaching practical & positive parenting strategies and modelling ways that parents can play with their kids.*

Volunteers are trained and supervised to non-intrusively and respectfully engage with families so that children's needs for healthy growth and development are prioritised.

**Please phone Renee on 5482 7429 or 0418 197 388**  
**If you are inspired or interested.**

### SOS FOR HOST FAMILIES

STS High School Foundation is a not-for-profit student exchange organisation, with 50 years of experience and a global network of 22 offices. Our organisation is registered with the Department of Education of Queensland.

STS has placed many students from all around the world with Australian host families over the last 20 years. We have a number of exchange students who are arriving in July 2009 and are very keen to become part of an Australian

family. From past experience the "best" families have come from a request in the school newsletter. We would really appreciate if you could place a copy of the notice below in the next newsletter. If you prefer to receive an electronic format of this notice, please contact us at [suzanne.sts@optusnet.com.au](mailto:suzanne.sts@optusnet.com.au)



### SOS FOR HOST FAMILIES

It is the dream of many teenagers to visit our vast and "exotic" country, Down Under. Their dream can only come true with your help. It is only through the hospitality of caring families, with an interest in better cultural understanding and world peace, that these dreams can become reality. STS High School Foundation urgently needs volunteer host families for students arriving in July 2009, from Europe and Canada.

If you would like to join a unique and growing group of families in Queensland, we need to hear from you now.

Please contact us at [suzanne.sts@optusnet.com.au](mailto:suzanne.sts@optusnet.com.au) or call 07-3300-0301

Website: [www.sts-education.com.au](http://www.sts-education.com.au)

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

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### NOOSA BLUE LIGHT 2009

All students from **Grade 7 to Grade 10** are invited to the Noosa Blue Light to be held at the Bicentennial Hall, Noosa Heads on the **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2009** and the last Friday each month except September.

Time: 7.30pm      Cost: \$8.00  
Dress: Casual      School ID required for  
High School students.

**Free buses** will run from Eumundi – Cooroy-Tewantin **only**. Please check website for bus times and pickup/setdown points.

[www.noosabluelight.org](http://www.noosabluelight.org)

## STUDENT EXCHANGE AUSTRALIA

In July 2009, students, aged 15 – 18 years, from over 15 countries will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for 5 or 10 months. Opportunities exist to act as a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis.

Host families help provide our students with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill. If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

To learn more about this opportunity call Student Exchange Australia on 1300 135 331 or visit our website:

[www.studentexchange.org.au](http://www.studentexchange.org.au)

## VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILIES

Over the years many Australian High School students have enjoyed having a brother or sister for a few months from another country. It is a great opportunity for students to learn that there is a world of variety and opportunity waiting for them – different languages, foods, sports, customs, and perhaps an overseas visit to look forward to later on.

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange is seeking volunteer host families to host international high school students arriving in July 2009 for stays of 3, 5, and 10 months. We would greatly appreciate your support by including the following paragraph of information into your next school newsletter, or pinned to a notice board, placed on your website or included in any appropriate communication to parents or staff.

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange, an Australian not-for-profit organisation specialising in international student exchange programs, is seeking volunteer host families for high school students scheduled to arrive in Australia in July 2009 from Germany, Italy, France, Holland, Austria, Spain, Sweden, Norway, Denmark Finland, Japan, Brazil, Canada and the USA. Host families can choose from students staying for a range of either 3, 5 or 10 months and they all attend local high schools whilst they are in Australia. The main purpose of cultural exchange is to challenge youth towards international understanding and tolerance, encourage further learning, self knowledge and awareness - invaluable characteristics in today's world. We organise all the flights, school enrolment, transportation, insurances and support systems. Just imagine your son or daughter having a brother or sister for a few months from another country. It's a great opportunity for Australian students to learn that there is a world of variety and opportunity waiting for them – different languages, foods, sports, customs, and perhaps an overseas visit to look forward to later on. To enquire, call Southern Cross Cultural Exchange now toll free on 1800 500 501, visit [www.scce.com.au](http://www.scce.com.au) or email [scceaustr@scce.com.au](mailto:scceaustr@scce.com.au)

Kind regards and thank you

Robert Lindsay  
National Business Development Manager

## SOUTHERN CROSS CULTURAL EXCHANGE

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## LIFE WITHOUT BARRIERS – FOSTER CARERS

You can make a real difference to the lives of children and adolescents with high support needs through the provision of full time or weekend care. For more information: [www.ndshs.qld.edu.au/redirect/lwb.html](http://www.ndshs.qld.edu.au/redirect/lwb.html)

## NOOSA SHOW SOCIETY – CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

All of these have junior classes in them. Click links for full information.

**Stud Beef Cattle**

[www.ndshs.qld.edu.au/redirect/studbeef.html](http://www.ndshs.qld.edu.au/redirect/studbeef.html)

**Cookery**

[www.ndshs.qld.edu.au/redirect/cookery.html](http://www.ndshs.qld.edu.au/redirect/cookery.html)

**Dairy Cattle**

[www.ndshs.qld.edu.au/redirect/dairycattle.html](http://www.ndshs.qld.edu.au/redirect/dairycattle.html)

**Photography – Rules of Entry**

[www.ndshs.qld.edu.au/redirect/photography.html](http://www.ndshs.qld.edu.au/redirect/photography.html)

**Show Ball 2009**

[www.ndshs.qld.edu.au/redirect/showball.html](http://www.ndshs.qld.edu.au/redirect/showball.html)



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We are a Christian based **Horse Riding Camp** and hold **7 Day Camps** for children every school holidays. The camps offer a fantastic opportunity for children to gain their independence in a safe Christian environment.

We cater for children ages 6 yrs to teens, offering full accommodation and adult supervision. The camp is situated close to Gympie and there is a bus available from Brisbane.

**SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER HOLIDAY CAMP DATES**

**20 – 27 September**

**27 September – 4 October**

Nick and Tilana Qually



**Sunshine Beach SLSC  
“Nippers” 09/10 Sign On**



Remember if you turn 5 before October this year then you're eligible for nippers!!! Yay!!

At Sunshine Beach we have lots of fun. For Nippers that attend regular Sunday mornings

the opportunity to learn valuable surf lifesaving skills which enable them to eventually patrol and be part of a vital public service is there for them.

**Sign On Dates:** Saturday 15th August 2-4pm Sunshine Beach SLSC

Sunday 16th August 8-10am Sunshine Beach SLSC

All new members joining must bring their birth certificate.

Parents can pay by cheque/Credit Card/Cash. Please bring your Medicare card and Blue Card if you have one.

*Fees must be paid prior to Pool Swim*



**Pool Proficiency Swim:** Must be completed before doing nippers

Choose from one of the following dates... **at the NAC**

Friday 22 August 3-5pm

Sunday 24 August 10am-12pm

Bring swimmers, goggles and towel.



**Run Swim Run:** Needed for all nippers wishing to complete their Age Group Surf Certificate and compulsory before competing at carnivals.

.Sunday 31 August at Sunshine Beach 2pm followed by a.....

“Welcome Members BBQ” in the park

**First Club Sunday:** Sunday 20 September 2009 Sunshine Beach

We'd love to see you on our beach. Come and join in on the fun!!

For more info please ring Sunshine Beach SLSC on 5447 5491  
or email [nippers@sunshinebeachslsc.com.au](mailto:nippers@sunshinebeachslsc.com.au)

**SCIENCE ON SATURDAY!**

Science on Saturday is a fun and exciting Queensland Government program giving Queensland school students from 7 to 14 years old an opportunity to participate in real, hands-on science experiments.

Each phase will run for six weeks in venues across Queensland, with a new topic each week. Attend one session or attend all of

them. The Science on Saturday program runs in six new towns each term, so if there are no activities near you this time, don't worry; we might be coming to a town near you later in the year.

Most sessions include something to take home. At the end of fourth week of the program (Whodunnit?), each child in attendance will receive a Science show bag with more than 10 experiments to complete at home with family and friends!

Children who attend all six sessions will receive one of the following magazines at the end of their program:

- [The Helix magazine](#) a science magazine for ages 10+
- [Scientrific magazine](#) a science magazine for ages 7+.

### Term 3 details

Science on Saturday costs A\$6 per session (pre-paid) or A\$9 per session if you pay on the day. There are two 90-minute sessions each Saturday:

- a junior session (7-10 years old) from 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- a senior session (11-14 years old) from 12.30 pm to 2.00 pm.

Topics in 2009 are:

- **1 August - Scientists at Work.** Learn about the scientific method as you come up with hypotheses, and use constants and variables in experiments. Don't know what they are? Come along and find out!
- **8 August - Our Environment.** Look at ways to protect our Earth while understanding what different species need to survive.
- **15 August - Health & Wellbeing.** What keeps humans healthy? How do our bodies work? Learn body facts, what's good and bad for you, and how your senses work.
- **22 August - Whodunnit?** Put on your detective hat and examine evidence such as fingerprints, blood groups and handwriting, as you enter the field of forensics to solve a crime.
- **29 August - Geology Rocks!** Investigate the rock cycle, geological time and mining processes. Look at raw

materials and see where they are used at home.

- **5 September - Awesome Agriculture.** How do plants and animals grow? How do we get rid of pests and diseases? Come along and look at the agricultural diversity of Queensland.

**Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.**

**To book, phone 1300 302 649 or use our [online booking form](#).** Please note, the booking procedure is not automatic. Please wait 48 hours for a confirmation email or phone call. If you have not received a response within 48 hours, please try again. Numbers are limited to 25 per session and bookings are essential, even if you want to pay on the day.

Science on Saturday sessions for term 3 will be held at the following locations:

- **Charters Towers** - Charters Towers State High School, 97-113 Towers Street, Charters Towers.
- **Mount Isa** - Spinifex College (Senior Campus), 145 - 163 Abel Smith Parade, Mount Isa.
- **Sunshine Coast** - Maroochydore State High School, 160 Maroochydore Road, Maroochydore. **PLEASE NOTE: All junior sessions on the Sunshine Coast are already booked out!**
- **St George** - St George State High School, 2 Victoria Street, St George.
- **Emerald** - Central Highlands Science Centre, Emerald Showgrounds, Emerald.
- **Ipswich** - Ipswich State High School, 1 Hunter Street, Brassall.

**Please note that bookings and payment close at 4 pm each Friday prior to Science on Saturday sessions.**

### NOOSA BROWNIES

Noosa Brownies is looking for a new and group leader. The current leader has had to return to the UK at short notice for family reasons. The Brownies currently meet weekly, and need a leader who is enthusiastic, committed and qualified or prepared to undergo qualifications. If you are interested, or know of someone who might be, please

contact [noosagirlguides@hotmail.com](mailto:noosagirlguides@hotmail.com) or call Karen Flockhart 0427 135586 / 5474 4694.

Geraldine Pettit  
Noosa Guides PR

## NOOSA SEA SCOUTS

Meets every Thursday for students 12 – 18 years of age.

**FIRST SESSION FREE!!** Girls and Boys aged 12 to 26 years enjoy non competitive, self-esteem and confidence building experiences. Activities are fun, exciting, and sometimes adrenalin pumping experiences: canoeing, sailing, rafting, hiking and camping, as well as the more cultured aspects of campfires and skits. Explore new interests and develop team and leadership skills. Scouting is for adults too! Are you a big kid; enjoy all of these activities? Then there is a place for you in our Group. For more information and to register your interest please phone the Group Leader Desley Staatz 5442 4726.

## STONE PARADE - ROCK THE SCHOOLS

### ALL AGES SHOW, 1ST AUGUST

Last week Stone Parade performed at Noosa District High School as part of the Rock the Schools experience and the boys loved spending time at your school. It seems the students had a great time and we've had some wonderful messages from them.

We have had quite a few comments from your students about the upcoming ALL AGES show at University of QLD, St Lucia in Brisbane and have decided to send you a flyer which you might like to put in your school newsletter this week and next to advertise. Students can buy their tickets at the door or preferably online at <http://www.stoneparade.com/paypal/>

If you have any enquiries, please call me on 0437 720825.

Cheers,  
Karen Lindsay

Stone Parade Management  
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# STONE PARADE

## ALL AGES SHOW

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Science Centre of Innovation & Professional Practice:  
Sunshine Coast

## SCIPP TO THE FUTURE CONFERENCE

**Wednesday August 12 2009**

Session 1: 9:00am – 11:30am  
Hon. Dr Barry Jones  
+ Prof. Ian Lowe Prof. Noel Meyers  
Dr David McKay and Zrinka Johnston  
Morning Tea Provided  
COST: \$44.00  
Students (ID required) \$22.00

Session 2: 3:15pm – 5:00pm  
Dr Karl Kruszelnicki  
COST: \$22.00  
Students (ID required) \$11.00

Where: University of the Sunshine Coast, Innovation Centre  
Auditorium at Sippy Downs

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