From the Principal

Next term our leadership team will see a change in that Jeff Watts will resume his role as head of the CE program in the school and Head of the Xavier ECDP. Sue Howell will continue as acting deputy principal. My thanks goes to Simon for filling the role of HOSE’s for this first Semester. Simon is a permanent member of staff and will continue as a teacher working across a range of classes.

Other staffing changes: Natalie Smith, who has been a wonderful teacher in Middle 3 this year, is leaving NR for a couple of years to move with her husband to be to Singapore, where he has been posted for his work. We wish Natalie a great time for this stage of her life. Maree Andrews is going to be the class teacher for Middle 3. Transition support is in place to assist students to manage this change and to ensure continuity of their programs.

This term has been highly successfully for the students whose interests and learning success remain each day the focus of our energies and commitment within the classroom and across our campus. The varied program at NR to support “in class” focussed learning continued this term. We have had the drama program with Screech Theatre, Dance with Life Stream and QUT and athletics at the stadium and at school. Last Friday a group of students won gold, 1st place, in a local football competition for young people with a disability. The students were absolutely thrilled with their achievement as were we all. It was excellent to have a good number of parents and other family members to come along to QUT Gardens Pt Theatre to see the final dance program following the many weeks of learning and practise with the Fourth Year QUT Dance students and staff from Life Stream. The performance was just superb and as I watched our students confidently do their dance parts alongside their QUT dance partners, with such confidence and skill I felt that this event epitomised in a big ways the amazing moments of learning and ability we see from our students in these big more momentous ways and in small ways all the time. The advocacy that occurs and the impact that we make as a side effect of joining the broader community in partnership, is immeasurable.

Thank you to Greg Dunk form Life Stream and Phoebe Lennox who brought this program about for us through gaining the grant and putting together the three way partnership of NRSSS, QUT Fine Arts Dance Students and Staff and Life Stream. The video will be shown at a school event before the years end.
CE Swimming
We are providing a trained Swim Instructor to some of swimming classes to enrich the program and support teachers as they carry out their weekly programs. This person is Fiona. She will work with the class teacher and therapists to assist in carrying out the goals and intent of the swimming program for those CE classes that she will be supporting. This addition to the program will assist in extending the time that students can spend in the pool.

Moreton Island
What a build-up and then a let down! Thank you for helping your young people cope with the disappointment of not going on the second day of this day and camping trip. It was very unfortunate that the plans had to be cancelled. The day and overnight groups for Day one had a wonderful time, despite the wet and cold. St Laurence’s College go out of their way to host this experience for us and it was disappointing for them as well. Next year Mike Hudson form St Laurie’s and NR will be looking at a later time of the year to hold the Moreton Island Experience to see if we can avoid the rains of June that we seem to encounter.

On Friday the 24th July the P and C are holding a parent coffee morning which will also serve as a meeting to discuss directions for fundraising and supporting the school for the year and into next year. Please put this into your calendar and come along to meet other parents and help the P and C with their planning.

I wish to acknowledge and thank the staff of this school and the ECDP’s for the great work and commitment they continuously provide to keep this school performing well for our students and families in terms of quality learning and meaningful experiences, in a warm and valuing relationship with students, staff and parents.

Yours in Partnership

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Finance :BSM
The department has brought in in new ways of paying accounts on line; you will see bPoint on the school invoices now and credit card and direct debit to bank account is no longer on the invoice. We will bring the information to the morning tea on Friday 24th July 9.30am.
Nursery Road State Special School Newsletter

The house that was gutted by fire on Monday night was the home of one of our junior students, Ayah and her family. Ayah’s family lost all of their possessions in the fire including equipment and clothing etc for the baby that is expected any day now. Cash donations through the school will go towards vouchers for the family.

All other donations of goods will be collected and given to the family on Friday.

Donations will be collected at Admin.

Thanks for your support

From Senior Transition Camp
Students in Senior Transition enjoyed a fantastic 3 days away at Tallebudgera Active Recreation Centre for camp. The sunny and warm weather meant that students could enjoy a wonderful day on the beach. Jack Schubert was our master fisherman who caught a fish all on his own then kissed it and threw it back! Beach wheelchairs provided by the camp meant that all students could access the beach and join in on the fun! The students tried many other activities such as climbing the on-site rock wall, kite-making, circus skills and climbing the giant ladder on the high ropes course. Our teacher aide, David, also braved the giant ladder and even broke the camp record for oldest camper to make it to the top! Tim was crowned the student high ropes champion for zooming to the top of the course in record time!

The camp staff were extremely helpful and flexible and worked hard to ensure we had a great time. It was a wonderful experience for students and staff alike.
Moreton Island
The first group of intrepid travellers set out despite the weather to participate in the annual Moreton Island experience with St Laurence’s and Our Lady’s College’s. The groups made the most of their experience and enjoyed the periods of warm sunshine. The student hosts did their best to facilitate a fun day of activities for our students. The first draft of campers were able to stay at the resort thanks to a staff member’s generous sister. Although not the camping experience we had signed up for the students had a great time and some new experiences. Thanks to the families and students for their understanding with the changes that had to be made due to the weather. Thanks to the staff for their continued and much appreciated support of these events. It is a truly mutually beneficial relationship we have with St Laurence’s College. We will continue to work with them to maximise opportunities for our students.
School Banking at Nursery Road State Special School

The Commonwealth Bank School Banking program is coming to Nursery Road State Special School.

The School Banking program includes an exciting Rewards Program designed to encourage children to get into the habit of making regular savings. Every time your child makes a deposit at school they receive a silver coloured Dollarmites token. The first token will be received upon the first deposit at school. Once your child has individually saved 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive Dollarmites reward item. Students will have lots of fun saving their tokens for these cool rewards items.

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. The school receives $5 when children make their first deposit at school and a commission on every deposit made through the School Banking program.

More information will be sent home very soon!!!!!!

Student Council

Congratulations to Team 2 Student Councilors, who worked together to plan, cook and set up an Afternoon tea for our wonderful P & C and parent helpers. Great work everybody, the event was enjoyed by all. At this week’s final meeting for Team 2, each student rep. received their certificate and a Student Council rep band for their school bag.

Free Ticket Opportunities

Please look out for the Expression of interest form coming home soon for free tickets to the following events

**Brisbane Gang Show** - In its 67th year ‘Local Heroes’ A variety show including singing, dancing and sketches performed by youth members of Scouts Queensland Thursday 2nd July at 7.30 pm
Schonell Theatre St Lucia

**Circus Quirkus** – A unique show of traditional circus skills, clowning and large doses of comedy Sunday 6th September at 2.00 pm
Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Center
Dateclaimer for the Bi-annual Art Auction
Light My Way
Friday September 11th
Nursery Road State Special School

Every second year Nursery Road State Special School holds a fabulous Art Auction to raise funds to support our Arts Infused Program. Each class produces a piece of Art to be auctioned on the night. If you or any members of your community know of a person or company that may be able to donate resources or equipment that may be useful in supporting this project please contact Wendy Windley on 3308 6333

July 17th

Special Needs Disco from 7-9pm

Where: Carindale PCYC, 27 Narracott St, Carina

All patrons are welcome and are assured of having a fun and exciting time. Our DJ will play all requests and lead the way with dance moves. If you are looking for a very social and entertaining night, please come along.
Cost: $5 entry, parents and carers free.

For more information contact Donna Kerr the Branch Operations Manager on 33249652.

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From the P&C

Thank you to the student council for the lovely morning tea they organised and prepared for the P&C on 21 May to celebrate P&C week. It was lovely to be pampered and recognised that the members of the P&C strive to assist our students and the school each year.