

NARARA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL BAND

NEWSLETTER

20th February, 2007

Welcome back to all the students and to all the new families. The first weeks back are always hard but listening to the students it does not take long to get back into the swing of things.

YIPA – Youth in Performing Arts Auditions for the band and ensembles are to be held on Wednesday the 28th March. Students in the ensembles will be advised what they are playing and Rowen will decide what will be played at the audition. Full band will be on the Tuesday and the Wednesday morning so all students will be required to attend.

Accounts – These have just been sent out. As usual we have tried to keep them to a minimum. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to phone me (0419 284 963). If you would like to sell chocolates to help with fees please nominate how many you would like to sell. The cost is \$24.00 per box and you make \$24.00 profit.

Queensland – The itinerary will be given to the students this week. To avoid students having time away from school before the exams it has been postponed to November. Students will be accompanied by Rowen and 1 teacher to 10 students.

Emails in general – Can everyone please attempt to answer Kerrie's emails or sms when requested. With the band growing it is going to become increasingly hard co-ordinating everything so this small detail will help. Are you available for Anzac Day? Presentation Night – Years 7, 8 and 9 will be the 13th December. Please keep this night free.

New Instruments – We have acquired some new percussion instruments – an orchestral bass drum, concert glockenspiel, boomwhackers and some more cymbals to keep Sam, Brendon and Natalie busy. All members of the band at some stage will use the boomwhackers which are body percussion instruments. Don't be alarmed when students come home and tell you all about them!

We will be raising funds this year to purchase a baritone saxophone, some other instruments, more music and to keep costs down.

This is also a reminder to all students that every player is valued no matter what level they are playing at. Some students do not understand why sometimes they are given a 2nd part to play when they are capable of playing first parts. This is to strengthen the bottom end of the band. The less experienced players look up to the more experienced players and learn from them. This is all part of a team effort.

