Principal’s Report…
Welcome to our third newsletter for term four which again highlights the extensive learning opportunities provided by North High. In this article I want to focus on the final week of formal schooling for our 2015 Year 12 students, the last 2 weeks for Year 10 and 11 students, 2016 priorities, managing conflict and Bring Your Own Device.

Farewell, good health and luck to our 2015 Year 12 students
As you receive this newsletter our Year 12 students will be in their final days of formal schooling, completing assessment and doing all they can to ensure they achieve a Queensland Certificate of Education. In addition to this they will be preparing to celebrate these achievements at their Graduation Ceremony and Prom. This will be both a sad and happy time as we farewell our Year 12’s; sad because it is the end of an era for students, teachers and parents, and happy because it is the beginning of a new adventure for our students, a very exciting time for them. The Graduation Ceremony will provide an opportunity to say more to our students and families and give our Year 12’s a farewell to remember. I will however use this opportunity to wish that our students enjoy a future that is bright, full of hope, health and happiness and that they achieve everything they dream of.

“To accomplish great things we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe.”
I hope to see many of you at the Graduation Ceremony.

Last 3 weeks for Year 10 and 11 students
As I write this newsletter our Year 10 and 11 students have just over 2 weeks remaining of their school year. I have spoken to students on recent assemblies about my expectations for the remainder of the school year. Students have been reminded of the need to complete all assessment to a level that reflects their capacity, maintain high standards of behaviour, attend school regularly, explain all absences and participate in all learning activities in a committed manner. The curriculum program will continue to the end of the year with students completing assessment in some cases up to the last day. I have also acknowledged that this is an exciting time that some students may want to celebrate the end of the year and this is fine provided that all school expectations are met. I encourage you to discuss the end of the year with students to ensure that the year finishes on a positive note.

North High sets its priorities for 2016
In recent weeks the school has been working on the finalization of its priorities for 2016 and the following have been agreed to as our direction for next year. The focus will be on our explicit improvement agenda with the following three priorities.

- Improvement in reading comprehension skills which includes the ongoing implementation of a common approach to developing the skills of reading comprehension called QAR.
- Improvement in writing which includes the implementation of the Seven Steps Writing Program as well as the implementation of a common correction and feedback process as whole of school practices.
- Improvement in attendance with a goal of achieving a 92% attendance rate [92% attendance = 16 or less days absent for Year 7,8,9 and fewer for 10,11,12 students]

While these are our explicit improvement agenda, the school will still be working at achieving the best outcomes possible for all students. If we make great progress on the above agenda items our success will be even greater.

In 2016 I will continue to report on the progress made on these priorities each term as I have done this year. In our last newsletter for this term and year, I will share with you our achievements for this term and 2016.

Managing student conflict
At North High we value Respect, Responsibility and Safety and in general the vast majority of students commit to these values. Clearly students engaging in verbal and physical conflict are choosing to conduct themselves outside of our values impacting on the good order and management of the school. On a recent assembly I discussed my concerns about the impact of student conflict on our school. I spoke about how it disrupts the school, makes students feel unsafe and how it can be potentially very dangerous. I also indicated that when this happens it prevents the school from fully focusing on the things that count, ensuring that students achieve to their potential and transition into a successful future. I reminded students of how we manage conflict, which is, if a student is being made to feel uncomfortable by another student or a conflict has developed between students. We expect that students in this situation will seek the support of an adult [Teacher, Year Level Co-Ordinator, School Chaplain, School Based Youth Nurse, School Based Police-Officer, Guidance Officer, Deputy Principal, Principal etc.] to resolve the conflict. We do not accept students taking things into their own hands in an attempt to resolve the conflict as this, in our experience, leads to a negative outcome. I thanked students for their ongoing commitment to our values and this direction but encouraged them to support those around them to ensure that they were choosing behaviour that was safe, responsible and respectful so that we all can achieve our dreams.

Bring Your Own Device [BYOD]
As indicated in previous newsletters the school is moving to a Bring Your Own Device model for the provision of Information Communication Technology. This means that students will be able to bring their own computer device to school and log into the school network. Shortly the school will be producing the latest edition of our BYOD Newsletter which will provide further details on the program for 2016. In addition to this, the school has developed a page on our website to assist parents with information on the program, purchasing a device, consumer information and the results of our trial BYOD program. I encourage you to read this as they will support you in the discussions and decisions you have and make about this program for 2016. [https://bundnortshs.eq.edu.au/Facilities/Computersandtechnology/Pages/BYOx.aspx](https://bundnortshs.eq.edu.au/Facilities/Computersandtechnology/Pages/BYOx.aspx)

In conclusion please continue to contact the school if you have any concerns regarding your student’s education.

Ross Robertson
PRINCIPAL

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Graduation ceremony
All Year 12 parents are invited to the Year 12 Graduation ceremony on Thursday 19th November at 8.40 am – 10.00 am. Students will be presented with their Graduation certificates. After the ceremony, students are free to leave with their parents to prepare for the Prom. We ask that you assist with ensuring your son/daughter leaves safely from the school by 10.30 am. The Prom arrivals begin at 5.00pm at the Brothers Club and invite you all to attend the arrivals between 5.00 -6.30 pm.

Congratulations to all our graduating Year 12 students. We wish you well in the future.

2015 END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES
With the Year 12’s graduation fast approaching and the Year 10 and 11 students in their final weeks of school, our attention now focuses on the last two weeks of school for the Year 7, 8 and 9 students. On Monday to Friday of week 9 – (30th November to 4th December) students will be completing their formalised assessment tasks and finishing their assigned coursework in English, Mathematics, Science and their elective subjects. During this week all outstanding text books and materials booked out from reprographics during the year may be returned.

From Monday 7th December to Friday 11th December, students will then take part in a special program which builds on the main Education Queensland themes of healthy and active living as well as numeracy and literacy and critical thinking that have been stressed during 2015. Some of the activities will include sun safety and resuscitation with swimming; a maths Olympics, visualising and verbalising; art work and community service. It is expected that all students will participate in these activities.

To aid in the organisation of these activities, there will be some changes in the school timetable. Starting and finishing times are as usual but during the day students will have just one main break from 11:30am to 12:30pm. The school tuckshop will operate a limited menu during this time and orders before school are encouraged. Students will also be divided up into special classes for this final week of activities. All pupils will be advised in assemblies of any special clothing or material requirements that will be needed for any sessions - however they should all come to school in the final week with pens, pencils, a calculator and a notebook.

If parents have any questions regarding the program they are welcome to contact me on 41300222.

Graham Quinn
Head of Department – Science/LEAP
Program Coordinator

UQ Young Achiever’s Program 2015

Congratulations to year 10 students, Skie Cronin, Alex Kidman Jones and Mikka Noblett who have been accepted into the University of Queensland’s Young Achiever’s program. The program is designed to provide incentive for students to attend University. It carries a number of benefits including: ongoing support and mentoring from current UQ students; on-campus residential experiences at UQ; financial assistance of $1000 per year in years 11 and 12 to assist with educational costs and scholarship support of $6000 per year, while studying at the University of Queensland.

Skie, Alex and Mikka were presented with their awards by UQ Young Achiever’s staff at the Sugar Coast Country Inn on the 27th October.
**Constitutional Convention**

Should we change the government of Australia?

What type of government would we want?

Should we keep the monarchy or become a republic?

These are some of the questions that our students considered and discussed during the recent Constitutional Convention. It was a chance for our youth to voice their opinion, present their arguments and evaluate those given by other participants. In a short time our students will be old enough to vote so this will enable them to make a more informed decision about government.

One member from each school presented a 4 minute speech on the topic. Our representative was Victoria Hilton who spoke with a lot of expression and conviction. Well done Victoria. Unlike other competitions, it is the students who vote to select the overall winner. The winner then is entitled to go to Canberra for 3 days in March the following year. Besides holding discussions with other representatives in the Old Parliament House, the winner will visit the other key landmarks of our national capital. Quite a prize and our Year 10 hosts from this year are keen to compete in next year's competition to have the chance of going to Canberra.

North High again hosted the North Coast Region Constitutional Convention held in Maryborough on 29th October. The role included running the welcome desk and issuing kits; thanking our guest speakers and generally assisting with the setting up/conclusion of the day. Our group of students did an excellent job in what was a long day and enabled the event to be held which benefitted students from throughout the North Coast. Mr Hogan explained the voting procedures and Miss Rayner ran the conference for the region.

**Team**

Victoria Hilton – Speaker
Shardai Johnson
Jessica Sengoz

Also Acting as Hosts
Alex Kidman-Jones
Bianca Maultby
Mikka Noblett

**Athletics Triumph**

**13yrs Men Triple Jump** Thomas Walker (pictured left) placed 12th at 10.65m in the state and Blake Saffy (pictured right) placed 4th at 11.52m.

After checking result sheets Blake Saffy placed 3rd in the state for Long Jump (5.64m) A Bronze Medal!!!!!, a fantastic result. The two boys represented our school and Wide Bay Sport with pride and maturity.
**ARTS Night Success**

On Wednesday, 28th October, North’s annual Arts Night was held – this year with an 80s and 90s theme. Many students and staff were involved, both as performers and behind the scenes. It was a great night of entertainment and a big thank you goes out to everyone that was involved and to those that came along and supported the night.
P & C Meeting
Thursday 3rd December, starting from 5.00pm. All welcome!

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Pageant of Lights
Thursday 3 December
6pm - 9pm
Bundaberg CBD

Parade commences at 7.00pm
Live performances by Bundaberg Vocal Academy, Shalom College Jazz Trio, TNT Dance Studio and LA Dance Academy
Miss Donna’s Magical Christmas Show
Turning on the Christmas Lights – Buss Park
Live entertainment throughout the CBD and Buss Park ALL evening
Christmas markets & food
Santa comes to town

For further information,
Please visit Council’s website or phone the Call Centre
T: 1300 883 699   W: bundabergregionalevents.com.au
Food For Farmers

We need your help, to make our farmers Christmas special this year. We are collecting food, Christmas presents and gift cards, on behalf of the Drought Angels. All items collected will be transported to Chinchilla, where our Angels will sort it and deliver to the families doing it tough after 4 years of drought.

We have drop off locations around Bundaberg, also one of our lovely helpers would be happy to collect.

- Christmas food and groceries (no perishables)
- nuts, chips, lollies, pretzels, Christmas cake or pudding, soft drinks, custard, jelly etc.
- Toys and books, board games, etc.
- Personal items, perfume, deodorant, powder, creams, etc.
- Male and female adult present items.
- Gift cards, cash donations are welcome.

We are happy to use your donation to buy items they need. ALL DONATIONS CLOSE 29/11/15.

Please contact us on our Facebook page Food For Farmers, for drop off locations or to arrange pickups.

Mayoral Christmas Concert – December 6

Mark Vincent, 2009 Australia’s Got Talent winner, will perform live at the Moncrieff Entertainment Centre for the Mayoral Christmas Concert.

Enjoy a captivating performance by Mark, who has been the featured performer at the Sydney Carols in the Domain since 2012.

The concert kicks off from 1pm on Sunday, December 6 with top local talent supporting Mark throughout the event.

Other highlights include Christmas carol renditions by a beatboxer, an Elvis impersonator and young talent from the Queensland Conservatorium of Music.

The concert will also feature greater audience participation and quality production values to make it the best Mayoral Christmas Concert yet.

Tickets are $5 with all funds raised donated to the Mayor’s Christmas Appeal to support families in need this festive season.

The 2015 Mayoral Christmas Concert is presented in partnership with Takalvans, H2O Restaurant, Sunstate Travel Centre and McDonalds.

Contact the Moncrieff on 4130 4100 to book or head to moncrieff-bundaberg.com.au.
Open Day
21 November
2015

It's time to celebrate our gym makeover! Bring your friends and family down to our gym open day so you can check out the exciting new additions to our gym.

8.30am: New Cardio Equipment Demonstrations
9.30am: Functional Training Demonstration - Includes Free TRX Session
10.30am: New Strength Training Equipment Demonstrations
11.30am: Strength and Cardio Combinations

Also:
- No joining fees on the day
- BBQ (all funds raised going SRF)
- Coffee Van

Competition and lucky door prizes for all members and new members

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