Principal’s Report...

Year 12 graduation day parade and the graduation dinner were great. As usual, the parade was well supported by Year 12 students’ families and supporters. As has become tradition, the Year 12 dancers presented a fun and happy farewell performance to the school. It is important for the other students to see these events as it sets, for them, the example of what it means to be a senior of North High. I would like to thank the staff and Year 11 students who worked behind the scene to ensure these functions run smoothly. Another pleasing aspect was the many times staff from Brothers Sports Club told us how polite and easy to work with our graduating students were. Congratulations to all.

Last week we released the names of the 2013 Student Council members. I congratulate the new School Captains, Rachel Brigden and Jack Ford. I’m sure they will be excellent leaders of our students and great ambassadors for the school.

North is a school that prides itself on providing a quality education for a wide range of students. At North you can gain the academic results to get into any university program or gain the skills to enter any career you may choose. I would like to share some of the successes of this year with you.

This newsletter I will focus on the Mathematics department. North High can be very proud of both the quality and quantity of results obtained by our graduating seniors.

Highlights include:

- The Senior Maths B result of our school Dux, Jordan Maultby, who achieved a VH10, the highest score possible;
- All of the members of our winning Senior Maths Team Challenge for 2012 graduated with a Very High Achievement in their Senior Maths B results;
- Every Senior Maths A student who was OP eligible passed the subject and out of the 106 students doing the subject only 3 students completing the 4 semesters did not achieve a pass.

This year also saw the graduation of two other students, William Holloway and Kieren Rasmussen who have participated in an accelerated academic program with external mathematics courses through the University of Queensland. Most pleasing is that some of our students applying for their university courses next year have already received positive encouragement from their residential colleges ahead of final placements being awarded by QTAC.

While this exceptional group of seniors has achieved wonderful results, their success has been aided by a highly qualified and experienced teaching staff who have made themselves available to give personal tutorial assistance when requested.

While North is the smallest of the state high schools in Bundaberg, the advantage is that it offers a more personalised environment to assist students achieve their potential.

Sadly we say goodbye to long serving teacher, Colin Johnson. Mr Johnson has been appointed permanently to the position of Head of Department for Mathematics at Bundaberg State High School. Congratulations Mr Johnson, you will be greatly missed.

We would also like to congratulate Mr Dan Petersen who has been appointed as Head of Department for Senior School at Rosedale State School. We wish him all the best next year.

In the next few newsletters we will share other success stories of 2012 with you.
Out of grounds excursion - end of year program – PE

As part of the end of year program, all Year 8 and 9 students will travel to Bargara to participate in educational and enjoyable sessions of beach safety, lifesaving and sporting activities. Students are requested to bring their swimming costumes on the required day outlined below:

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All students, including non-swimmers, will be bussed to Bargara on their allocated day, so all students should have suitable beach clothes to change into, even if they are not swimming. All students must attend school in full uniform and change at school into their beach clothes / togs prior to the start of the beach session. Students must change back into full school uniform at the end of their session on their return to school.

As there are no changing facilities at the beach, students must bring 2 towels; one to dry themselves on and one to sit on, or they may be refused entry to the bus on the return journey. It is strongly recommended that students bring a wide brimmed hat and long sleeved shirt for sun protection. Sunscreen will be supplied.

No student will be allowed to leave directly from the beach, and students that do not travel on the bus to the beach will not be considered part of our group.

Any issues regarding these arrangements can be directed to Robert Thatcher, Physical Education Department.

Robert Thatcher
PE Department.
Artistic Success

Year 10 Student Brigid Holt has 1000 reasons to smile after her recent success in Gladstone. Brigid was a participant in the '2012 Rio Tinto Alcan, Martin Hanson Memorial Art Awards' with her piece ‘Humming Bird’. Brigid was the ‘Overall Winner’ of the South Gladstone Rotary Club/Multigrade Youth Emergent Artist Award which carried a $1000 prize with it.

Congratulations Brigid!!

Random Acts of Kindness

Hi everyone, I wanted to share the positive things that have come out of ‘Random Acts of Kindness’. In doing this I have included the speech that Rachel Brigden gave the day when all the schools came together on Friday the 9th of November, 2012.

Bundaberg North High was very well represented on the day by Rachel Brigden and Pierce Jeffrey and I am thankful to Belinda Arnold for coming down and representing the teachers and staff. The students were interviewed on the channel 9 news and Rachel’s speech was spectacular and it will speak for itself...

"On behalf of all the schools in the Bundaberg region that participated in this wonderful event, I would like to sincerely thank the SU Qld Chappies and schools for giving us the opportunity to share a little kindness for Random Acts of Kindness Week. It is always great to make someone smile, simply because you can, and that is what this week has been all about. I hope to see this become a loved tradition throughout schools in Qld. It would be great to see it move forward and advance over the years, with a little “out of the box” thinking from all those involved.

This year there has been some impressive and creative ideas from students, showing inspirational charity and initiative. These include: making cards for teachers, putting together hampers for the RSPCA, school packs for Uganda, baking muffins for a food bank, providing morning tea for volunteers and supporters, and baking for the RSL retirement village. The ‘Red Frog’ volunteer group cooked pancakes for a breakfast; students helping teachers, handing out ice in the sick bay, and giving out lollies, cupcakes, and balloons. Students have also been ‘posting’ inspirational and encouraging quotes on other students, and cleaning up garden beds. Students are even writing letters to Australian soldiers overseas, doing small jobs to raise money for the ranger who looks after the turtles, and one senior class is holding a High Tea Party. These are only some things that have been happening at a few schools in the area this week.

It is truly wonderful to see the kindness shown by so many people, and I hope it continues after this week as well. Once again, thank you, and I hope all those involved have had the same positive experience as I have, and I look forward to hearing all of the stories that will be continuing in the future. I hope there will be continued support to make this event bigger and better in the years to come.

Thank you.” Rachel Brigden

I too would like to thank all of the staff and students for participating in such a positive cause. Congratulations to all.

Thank you again and Bless You over the Holidays...

Lisa Crosbie (Bundaberg North High Chaplain)

Australian Air force Cadets

The Australian Air force Cadets (AAFC) is a youth oriented organisation that is administered and actively supported by the Royal Australian Air Force. The AAFC will teach you valuable life skills and will help you develop qualities including leadership, self-reliance, confidence, teamwork and communication. Cadets attend one night a week during each school term. You also have the option of attending various weekend and school holiday activities such as powered flying, gliding, firearms training, aero-modelling, abseiling, leadership and bushcraft. No matter what career you choose, the AAFC provides a foundation of knowledge and skills that will assist you toward your future.

Recruiting will open for boys and girls aged 13-16 years in February 2013. An information night will be held at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, 19th February 2013 at St Luke’s Anglican School, Mezger St. Telephone enquiries may be made on 0437 602489.

More information can be found on the Squadron website 228sqn.aafc.org.au