



Bundaberg North

State High School

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No. 1, 20th February 2013

Principal's Report...

This has been a start to a new school year like no other that I have experienced and I hope not to be repeated. Despite the disrupted start, the terrible losses suffered by some of our families and visits by the Minister for Education, John Paul Langbroek and Lyn McKenzie, Deputy Director General of Education, our school is running as close as possible to routine. This has been possible as a result of the fantastic support from our school community and beyond, the incredible resilience of our students and families, and the stability created by our hard working staff. I sincerely thank all these people for showing confidence in our school and helping to ensure we had a successful start to the school year.

While the school maintains its routines and progresses its way through the academic program, we continue to support students and families affected by the flood. This support is occurring at a number of levels and has been informed by experts in disaster recovery. Our first response has been to ensure that school runs as close as possible to routine, as this is important for all students as well as for students who had their lives turned upside down due to the flooding. The second response has been to identify the students affected by the flooding and provide them with immediate support in terms of school needs such as stationary, uniforms and any other needs we could assist with. The next level of response has been to make contact with both students and families and identify the longer term needs related to schooling. We are now working with Education Queensland to have these needs met. In addition to this, the school is working with Queensland Health to develop programs to address

the social and emotional wellbeing of both staff and students. We have also run, on a daily basis, the Chaplaincy supported 'breakfast club' as well as providing food and referring families to outside agencies for assistance. All of this would not have been possible without the support of Education Queensland, the greater Bundaberg school community and the generosity and support of our local community.

I had the pleasure of attending and speaking at our Student Leaders Induction last Wednesday. This was a great opportunity to celebrate our leaders' achievements and wish them all the best in their leadership journey throughout 2013. Thank you to Ms Kent and Ms Colasimone for their organisation of the induction and congratulations to our leaders and best wishes for 2013.

Thank you to all the parents and students who attended the 'Meet the teachers BBQ' on Monday night. I hope you found it informative and at least helpful in putting a face to a name. The evening was short but I was pleased to have the opportunity to meet parents and discuss their students' schooling. Again, these events do not happen without the efforts of our staff and I thank Ms Kent for her organisation of the event and the Parent and Citizens Association for their sponsorship of the event.

In 2012 our school produced some great results which can be attributed to the hard work of students and staff. Our QCS and OP results were close to the best in the Bundaberg District and certainly close to the best the school has ever produced. The NAPLAN performance of the school was also just as good, and again this is



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a reflection of the professionalism of our staff and the dedication of our students. Our means, while below the national means, are well above like schools and Queensland means.

There is still room for improvement but this performance was a strong step in the right direction and Literacy Improvement will remain a school priority in 2013.

I have provided details of these results below.

Band	BNSHS %
A	13
B	16
C	52
D	19
E	0

OP Band	BNSHS %
1 - 5	14,5
6 -10	20
11 - 15	42
16 - 20	23.5
21 - 25	0

NAPLAN RESULTS 2012

Test	National Mean	School Mean
Reading	574.5	555.0
Writing	553.3	545.4
Spelling	576.6	566.7
G and P	572.8	566.2
Numeracy	584.0	572.5

Finally, I have made clear to students my high expectations regarding behaviour, academic performance and dress. In summary, I expect teachers to be able to teach and students to be able to learn and any behaviour that prevents these two goals from being achieved I have no tolerance for. I want your students to achieve to their potential and want a school that is focused on performance, looking well dressed and creating disruption- free learning environments. I am sure you also want the best for your student and I intend to ensure we do our best to achieve this. [Included in this newsletter are our Uniform and Dress requirements for your information].

In conclusion, please enjoy the remainder of this newsletter which is packed full of all the great things that have occurred in our school in the last three weeks. In addition to this, I encourage you to continue to contact the school if you have any concerns regarding your student's education as together we can achieve the best outcomes for your student.

Ross Robertson
PRINCIPAL

North High stands strong and proud !

On Monday, 4th February, we welcomed back our students after a very difficult week of floods, tornados and evacuations of many families. We were very pleased to see 675 students arrive on the first day with smiles on their faces and ready to start the school year. Since then, much has happened to support the many families of students who were affected by the floods so that by Friday last week, 812 students had returned.

Our School Chaplain- Lisa Crosbie, School Nurse – Robyn Kirby and Guidance Officer – Rob Miller have worked tirelessly with extra assistance from a variety of organisations across the region to contact families and offer support. We thank them for their support and generosity.

Breakfast club was operating each morning which provided all students with food to start the day. Thank you to Katrine Rayner, Mrs Rayner, visiting Chaplains and student leaders for helping Lisa to provide the valuable service.

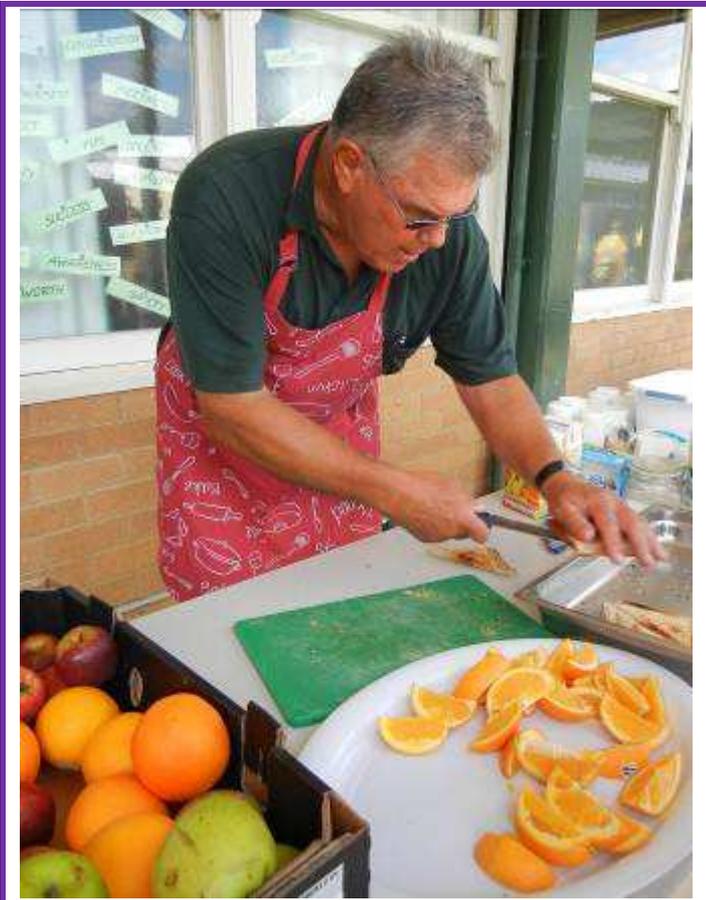
Throughout the past 2 weeks we have had visits from the Minister of Education – John Paul Langbroek and the Deputy Director of Education Mrs Lyn McKenzie, who have met with students and staff affected by the flood and the support staff who have been working directly with families.

Our aim has been to return North High to its strong routine of teaching and learning and provide students with a stable, safe environment.

The students have made a very positive start to the year and we are very pleased to see students are well presented in their uniforms and prepared for classes. This is a great credit to our parents and guardians. Thank you. There is still much to do to provide continued support to students and families and this will continue.

We are looking forward to a successful 2013 with students working hard to achieve to the best of their ability. Good luck to all.







Welcome Mr Robertson

The students and staff of Bundaberg North State High school would like to welcome Mr Ross Robertson to the school as our new Principal. We look forward to him leading North High into the future and welcome him to the North High community.



STUDENT COUNCIL INDUCTION CEREMONY

On Wednesday, 13th February, we held our Annual Student Council Induction ceremony where our Student Council members and House Captains were presented with their badges and certificates. Thank you to the parents and family members who attended the ceremony. Congratulations to the 2013 leaders. We are sure that the students will provide a valuable service to the school and be excellent ambassadors for North High.



Assessment and Excursion Schedules.

All students should now have their personalised Assessment and Excursion Schedule. Students were issued with them on Monday during RAS. Please check that your son/daughter has their schedule.

You will be able to see when assessments are due.

Lions Youth of the Year.

On Monday, 18th February, Bianca Potter, Michael Boon and Connor Silcox, along with a student from St Luke's, competed in the Lions Youth of the Year Public Speaking Competition for Moore Park and Bundaberg Lions.

The first part of the competition took place here at school in the library, and involved an interview of each student by a panel. The students were interviewed about leadership, sport, community issues and cultural life, and judged on the way they responded to the interview process. The second part of the competition took place at the Moore Park Bowls Club, where each student had to make a speech about 2 current events; this was an impromptu speech, so they had to think on their feet, and they all did a really good job. The next challenge was a prepared speech. All of these were well crafted, and delivered with sincerity.

Well done Bianca, Michael and Connor, and congratulations to Bianca, who will represent our school at zone level of the competition in the near future. We wish her all the best.

Mrs Libby Saxby



2013 Meet the teachers BBQ

On Monday afternoon (18th February) we had a good response from parents attending the 'Meet the teachers' BBQ. A big thank you to the P&C members and staff for preparing and setting up the BBQ.

It was great to see so many parents taking the opportunity to meet our teachers.



Would you like your school newsletter emailed?

Newsletters are available to be emailed home.

If you would like to receive yours by email, please contact our school office on 41300222 or by emailing the.principal@bundnortshs.eq.edu.au

When emailing the school, please include your name and your student's name.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

4th March Inter-School Swimming Carnival
7th March P&C Meeting

29th March Good Friday
1st April Easter Monday

Adopt A Wash Bundaberg District Is here for YOU!

Our aim is to connect Households & Businesses affected by Bundaberg's recent floods and tornados with our group of local Volunteers.

If you do not have access to electricity we will assist you by laundering clothing & linen items that have been exposed to flood water (many items can be salvaged).

We also understand that it may be some time until you have access to a working washing machine.

Everything picked up and dropped back clean!

Contact us

Search for us  acebook

Email us at adoptawash@live.com.au

SMS or call our Hotline - 0459 699 148

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Volunteers needed...

Volunteers Needed for Sewing and Cooking Classes.

Do you have 70 minutes a week available to be able to assist in a class for the next 4 weeks?

We are looking for helpers for the following times:

Cooking Classes

Thursday 11.55am to 1.05pm Year 8 and Year 10

Friday 11.55am to 1.05pm Year 9

Sewing Classes

Wednesday 8.50am to 10.00am Year 11/12

Thursday 11.55am to 1.05pm Year 8

Friday 11.55am to 1.05pm Year 11/12

Please contact: Kay Shelton Ph: 4130 0221 Monday, Wednesday or Thursday.

Swimming Carnival

The swimming carnival went ahead despite the atrocious weather. Congratulations to all who competed, a full story will follow in the next newsletter.



MATHS TUTORIAL

With the start of a new school year, the maths department would like to once again let all parents know that we are offering our famous free maths tutorial services again in 2013. These operate every Monday evening from 3:05pm to approx. 4pm in C3 classroom. Students simply turn up and get assistance with any specific maths questions they need help with. This has been explained to the whole school in a student assembly last week. If there are any questions regarding use of this service, please contact me at the school. Looking forward to seeing some great maths results this year!

D. Austin – HOD Mathematics

BUNDABERG BMX CLUB

BMX' Come and Try' day at BUNDABERG BMX CLUB Airport Drive Bundaberg Sunday 24th February from 9am-12noon. Please bring Bike, helmet and clothing consisting of long pants (jeans, tracksuit pants or motorcross pants) long sleeve top, closed in shoes and gloves (if you have them). Hope to see you there.

**If you are having trouble dealing with the recent flooding, or any other issues, please contact the school and we will provide assistance, support and counselling where possible.
Ph: 4130 0222.**

UNIFORM GUIDELINES

FORMAL UNIFORM

BOYS: Senior & Junior

- White 'business' type shirt with school badge embroidered on pocket
- Plain black tailored shorts (mid thigh to knee length) with school logo (specifically designed for North High) **or**
- Plain black tailored full length pants (jeans/cargo pants not permitted)
- Short school socks (white or black)
- Sturdy, predominately leather or vinyl school shoes or sports shoes (fully covered to ankles) (predominantly white or black)
- School tie (Year 11-12)



GIRLS: Senior and Junior

- White short sleeved blouse with reverse collar, band and the school badge embroidered on the pocket
- Purple pleated skirt with waist band (mid thigh to knee length)
Design 1. – Fitted, tailored skirt with zip
Design 2. – Tailored skirt with adjustable wrap, no zip **or**
- Plain black tailored full length pants (jeans/cargo pants not permitted) **or**
- Plain black tailored shorts (mid thigh to knee length) with school logo
- Short school ankle socks (white or black)
- Sturdy, predominately leather or vinyl school shoes or sports shoes (fully covered to ankles) (predominantly white or black)
- School tie (Year 11-12)

SPORTS UNIFORM

ALL BOYS: Senior and Junior

- Gold polo shirt with North High collar and sleeves
- Plain black sports shorts (mid thigh to knee length) with school logo
- Short school ankle socks (white or black)
- Sturdy, predominately leather or vinyl school shoes or sports shoes (fully covered to ankles) (predominantly white or black)



ALL GIRLS: Senior and Junior

- Gold polo shirt with North High collar and sleeves
- Plain black sports shorts (mid thigh to knee length) with school logo
- Short school ankle socks (white and black)
- Sturdy, predominately leather or vinyl school shoes or sports shoes (fully covered to ankles) (predominantly white or black)

ALL STUDENTS

HAT A suitable school hat/sports cap is recommended (school colours are preferable).

EMBLEM A School Emblem that can be sewn on is available from the School Office.

SHOES Sturdy, predominately leather or vinyl school shoes or sports shoes (fully covered to ankles) (Predominantly white or black).

JUMPER/ JACKET - Several jumper/jacket options are available:

- Plain black zip-up jumper (polar fleece)
- Plain black 'V' or round neck fleecy pullover
- School spray jacket (black, yellow and white)
- School blazer (available for loan for special occasions)

LONG PANTS - Plain black tailored pants (full length) for formal uniform (jeans/cargo pants not permitted). Plain black tracksuit pants with sports uniform.

