We are giving back to the community and you can help us by being part of the audience at our ‘Bounce Back’ Variety Concert next Saturday night, May 25th in our school hall. This is our way of celebrating the generous support the school received from our community during the devastating floods and tornadoes early this year. We want to give back to the community that was so supportive by donating all the proceeds of the concert to the Salvation Army which has helped so many people during this time of adversity, and the AGL Emergency Services Helicopter which was there for the residents of Bundy North in their hour of need. Hope to see you there!

The school is continuing with our program of Renewal, ‘Refresh, Revitalise, Renew’, with progress on consultation being made in a number of areas including: the redevelopment of our vision, values and beliefs statements; the restructuring of roles of the Heads of Departments; remodelling our behaviour support structure with the intent of creating a distinct Junior and Senior School and preparing for the implementation of the Art and Science of Teaching. The consultation process to date has included our staff and students through the Student Council. I now want to engage the remainder of the school community in this process. I wish to run a public consultation and information evening on Wednesday, June 5th, commencing at 6.30pm and finishing no later than 8.00pm in the school hall. I am hoping to get a representative sample of parents from across all year levels to this meeting and include you in this conversation to seek your views on the future of the school. I will be writing to you directly regarding this event, and how you are able to participate in further on-line consultation. I hope you can find the time to attend this important meeting.

The school has implemented a ‘Focus of the Week’ strategy where we will focus on an aspect of the uniform, academic behaviour and general behaviour for the week. The expected outcome being that students become more aware of that expectation, and maintain or adjust their actions to ensure they meet that expectation. In terms of the uniform, we have focused on jewellery, shoes and clothing and have found the majority of our students consistently meet the schools expectations in regards to this and I thank you, the parents, for supporting your student to come to school dressed appropriately. In the cases where students have not met the uniform requirements we have communicated with those parents and we ask for your assistance to help your student comply. In regards to academic behaviour the focus has been on completion of homework, use of the home work diary and bringing the correct equipment to lessons. With general student behaviour, the focus has been on following directions of staff and being in class on time.

Next week we will turn our attention to jewellery again, responding to teacher feedback, and talking in class without permission. I seek your assistance in discussing these issues with your student as together we can achieve the best outcomes for your student.

Today, our year nine students commenced NAPLAN testing which will conclude later in the week. Literacy and numeracy development at Bundaberg North State High School consists of a number of strategies which include: focused literacy development across all subjects, referred...
LEARNING, THEN LEARNING SOME MORE...

“PRECEPT UPON PRECEPT”...

BUILDING KNOWLEDGE FOR THE FUTURE...

to as Spot-Lit; a lesson in year 8 and 9 set aside for students to participate in a literacy and numeracy program called FLI, or Focused Group Literacy, which addresses any identified weaknesses in the groups; NAPLAN test preparation and a skills development homework program in English and Mathematics; Learning Support Programs; foundation classes in all core subjects; and the general scaffolding provided to students to meet the literacy and numeracy demands of a particular unit of study. The NAPLAN testing program will provide us with very good data on the outcomes and effectiveness of our literacy and numeracy development strategies. The data will also assist us to identify areas of strengths and weaknesses in student performance, allowing us to appropriately target the weaknesses and improve student outcomes. Our staff work very hard to develop the literacy and numeracy skills of our students and I thank them for the work they have done to prepare our students for these tests and their ongoing dedication to providing the environment for students to achieve success.

In conclusion, recently the News Mail published information on the performance of schools in the Bundaberg district and did not highlight the great achievements of this school. I have included data related to the performance of the school in 2012 which I provided for you earlier in the year.

Finally, please continue to contact the school if you require any information or have any concerns related to your student’s education as working together we can achieve much more for your student.

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Introducing…
The Drama Department

It is my pleasure to introduce you to Ms Sue Latimer and myself as the two drama teachers for 2013. We are passionate about the teaching of drama and feel privileged to teach this subject in such a great school as Bundaberg North, where there are so many talented young people.

Drama is a subject that demands academic rigour and many OP1 students throughout the state have undertaken drama as part of their senior studies. However, we often find that students selecting drama enjoy the subject so much that they don’t feel the demands made of them are at all onerous.

Drama teaches skills in addition to content – skills such as analysis, evaluation, collaboration, oral communication, strategic thinking and creativity. At the heart of drama is the need to develop self-discipline and respect for others. Such skills are easily transferrable to enhance success in other areas of study and in many diverse career paths. In 2010, the Global CEO Study selected creativity as the most crucial factor for future employment and success in the business world.

In addition, the Cultural and Creative Industries are some of the fastest growing industries in Australia, turning over approximately $21 billion per annum. A career in the arts is a very real possibility in the modern world.

Highlights for 2013 have already included two artists in residence from the QLD Theatre Company which was a wonderful experience for drama students from Years 9 – 12 inclusive. Years 11 and 12 students are looking forward to attending a performance of War Horse in Brisbane during July and our year 10s are preparing to go ‘on the road’ next term, taking their Children’s Theatre performances to nearby primary schools.

We ask our students to dare themselves in the belief that they will surprise themselves! As Steve Jobs co-founder of Apple said:

We teach the arts in our schools to create great people so they are empowered with skills and knowledge to be successful in life…..to do great things regardless of the vocational pathway they choose… You study the arts not necessarily to become an artist.

Kindest regards to all
Judy Thrupp    Drama Coordinator.

SOCIALNOMICS – What this means to Business?

“Socialnomics” is a term often associated with today’s business world. Put simply, it means that “Word of Mouth is on Digital Steroids!” This semester, year 11 BCT have been learning all about Social Media and its application in business. Our lessons have seen us explore various social media platforms available to business such as Facebook, Twitter, Linkedin, Pinterest, Instagram, Foursquare, and Google + just to name a few. Students have been focusing on how social media is changing the way we do business and its powerful effect with regards to marketing. We have enjoyed discussing and debating the numerous advantages social media has to offer business as well as the many challenges that exist. Katrina Carey, from Wide Bay Social Media, recently visited our class to discuss the relevance of social media to business. She was able to share with us emerging trends in social media and the information gained from this session will assist students with their Multi-Modal Presentation due at the end of this term. We really appreciate Katrina taking the time to come and speak to us.

Keri Jensen (Mrs)
Year 11 BCT Teacher
Exam Block
We will be having an exam block from 13th – 17th June for year 11 and 12 students. The same conditions from Term One will apply and more information will be given about the exam block as the time nears. Students will be expected to be at school unless they have written parental permission to be studying supervised at home.

Bounce Back Concert
Saturday, 25th May
Students and staff are in rehearsal mode preparing for our flood relief concert “Bounce Back”. We have a great line up of bands, singers, dancers, actors and musicians including students, ex-students and staff members. We will be having a BBQ at 5:00pm, then the doors open at 5:30pm for our concert at 6:00pm. Drinks and refreshments will be on sale throughout the night, along with raffles. Tickets to the concert will be $5.00 for school age students and adults. A family ticket of $20 will be available. Money raised will go to the AGL Helicopter Service and the Salvation Army – both organisations provided an invaluable service during the flood crisis. We hope to see many family and friends attending our concert. This is our major cultural event of the year.

Mobile Phones & Electronic Devices
It is strongly recommended that students DO NOT bring mobile phones and other electronic devices (iPods etc.) to school. These are not essential items required for a student’s educational success. Students can make urgent phone calls from the school office and the office is always prepared to locate students & deliver messages from parents should the need arise.

If students choose to bring phones & other devices to school they do so at their own risk. The school will not accept responsibility for loss or damage to phones or other devices. Students must have their phones switched OFF during class time and between classes, and can only use it before and after school and during morning tea and lunch breaks. If a student chooses not to meet this requirement, they will be required to leave the phone in the office. The phone will be returned to the student after school. On the third occasion that a student does not comply with this policy, the phone or device will be kept in the office and parents contacted to come and collect the phone. Repeated non-compliance will be dealt with through the school Responsible Behaviour Plan for students.

MAGISTRATE VISITS NORTH

On Tuesday, 30th April, Magistrate Deb Vasta visited Bundaberg North State High School to discuss the criminal legal system with year 11 Legal Studies classes.

The Magistrate shared with us some of the cases that have come before her in her career as well as the pros and cons of her job. Magistrate Vasta consolidated our understanding of Australia’s adversarial legal system as opposed to the Inquisitorial system used in some other countries. The students learnt about the purposes of punishment, sentencing options, defences and court structure. It was certainly very special to hear “first hand” from a Magistrate and we appreciate her taking time out of her busy day to come and speak.

Next month the Year 11 Legal Studies classes will be travelling by bus for the day to view court proceedings in the Supreme and District Courts. We are all looking forward to this trip!

Keri Jensen
Year 11 Legal Studies Teacher
ACCOUNTING SCHOOLS DAY 2013

Are you interested in a career that makes good money and allows you to travel? Perhaps you have great communication and teamwork skills? If this is the case then perhaps a career in Accounting could be for you!

Recently, our year 10 Business class attended an Accounting Careers Day presented by the Institute of Chartered Accountants at CQU Campus here in Bundy. It was a great day where the students heard ‘first hand’ all about the courses in Business, Law and Accounting offered by the University and specifically what an Accountant actually does on a daily basis. Students enjoyed listening to a range of guest speakers, a brief tour of the University and especially the “free” lunch which consisted of pizza. The day concluded with an interschool competition. I am pleased to report that North High made it to the final and was narrowly defeated by a Bundaberg State High student, by one question. Congratulations to Stephanie Chapman for representing North in this competition and also to Jonathon Gillard who scored a $20 i-Tunes Voucher for providing a perfect answer to one of the questions asked on the day.

Congratulations to the year 10 Business class on their exemplary behaviour. It was a great day of learning and fun.

Q: How does an Accountant stay out of debt? A: He learns to act his wage.

Keri Jensen
Year 10
Business Teacher

IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO PARENTS OF YEAR 11 SCIENCE STUDENTS

NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM (N.Y.S.F.)

Applications for the 2014 National Youth Science Forum are now open. The N.Y.S.F. is a unique Twelve Day Programme that offers students entering their final year of secondary school the opportunity to get a hands-on feel for careers and learn about study options in the fields of science, engineering and technology.

In partnership with Rotary International, sessions are run in Canberra and Perth where students live on campus as a university student for 12 days in January. Further details about this wonderful opportunity can be obtained from http://www.nysf.edu.au or by contacting N.Y.S.F. Local Co-ordinator John Weir Phone: 0428620262.

Wunderkammer

By Rod McRae
Friday 26th April, 5pm
Bundaberg Regional Art Gallery
Exhibition showing: 26th April – 30th June 2013

Bundaberg Squadron of Australian Air League

The Australian Air League is a youth organisation for boys and girls, aged 8 years and up which promotes and encourages an interest in aviation.

It is a rewarding opportunity to have fun, and gain education about flying and aviation. Members will also develop life skills such as leadership, confidence and initiative, qualities which lead to success in any career but especially the in the aviation industry.

A wide range of activities are involved including drill, camps, model aircraft building, physical activities, specialised courses and training. For more info find us on Facebook at Australian Air League-Bundaberg Squadron or call Cecily on 0400 958 366.
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11 MATHEMATICS B – Change of assessment time

Please note that the year 11 Maths B term 2 exam will now be given in the weeks ending May 31st and June 7th and not in the exam block as originally designated.

*Mr J. Peach and Mrs C. Purcell*

Chess Tournaments for Students

Chess Tournaments for students will be held at the U3A rooms on the following Sundays:-
- 26 May, 28 July, 25 August, 27 October and 24 November.
- $8 playing fee. Registration by 8.50 am. First game 9 am. Nine or ten round ‘Swiss’ depending on nominations.
- Supervised and conducted by Bundaberg Chess Club Inc.
- For further information please contact Allan on 0417073094

**Family Fun Morning at Bundaberg Botanical Gardens**

“Say No To Violence – It’s Everybody’s Business” Community Event

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Join your community in saying no to violence

Lots of activities including:
- A walk around the park
- Activities for kids
- Sausage sizzle
- Information stalls
- Opportunity to participate in building a community public art work to be displayed locally

For more information on the activity – please contact Lyne on Phone 4150 8920 or Margaret on Phone 4130 7900

**REMINDER:**
- The school office opens at 8am and closes at 4pm.
- If your student is absent from school, please let us know by calling 4130 0266.