Principal’s Report…

Term 2 is almost over with less than two weeks to go but this does not mean that the pace of the school is slowing down. In the next week or so there is still much to be achieved including: students completing the final pieces of assessment for semester one, including the senior school exam block; marking of this assessment and preparation of semester one reports by staff; and the implementation of the ongoing changes associated with our program of renewal,” Refresh, Revitalise, Renew”.

In regards to our program of renewal; “Refresh, Revitalise, Renew” I wish to announce two changes to the way our school is organized which will commence in semester two. Firstly a restructure of the roles completed by our Heads of Department has been completed. The rationale behind this restructure is to have our Heads of Department focus only on the instructional leadership of their faculty learning areas and the leadership and management of a whole school program. I believe this will assist the school to grow our ‘whole school programs’ like Literacy and Numeracy development, Vocational Education, and Information, Communication, Technology [computers in the curriculum] and others. Each program will have a distinct leader with a clear action plan to achieve better outcomes for our students. The Heads of Department will also be able to concentrate more effectively on the development of their faculties as the school moves from producing good outcomes to producing outstanding outcomes. Our second change will be to the way the school manages behaviour support. Until now, our Heads of Department played a significant role in the management of behaviour in the school. From the start of term three this will cease as we move to a system of Year Level Co-ordinators, Junior and Senior Heads of Department and Junior and Senior Deputy Principals. This will create a team of staff who will be responsible for the management of student behaviour in each year level. The Junior School Head of Department and Deputy Principal will be responsible for year 7, 8 and 9 students when the year 7 comes to secondary school. Each year level will have a Co-ordinator who will become a point of contact for parents wishing to discuss their student’s progress. The Year Level Co-ordinators have been selected and appointed to their new positions and they are;

Year 8: Penny Hall
Year 9: Belinda Arnold
Year 10: Phil Moller
Year 11: Graham Quinn
Year 12: Judith Thrupp

Congratulations to these staff on the achievement and I wish them all the best in their new role.
Please see below, the graphic of the new structure. I will continue to provide information on its operation throughout the remainder of the year. We have chosen to act now and make these changes rather than wait until 2014 to allow us the opportunity to try out the new structure and make any necessary adjustments. In 2014 we will be in a position to consolidate the change. In addition to this, we will simplify our structures so that there is an alignment of support for students from the Deputy Principal to the classroom teacher which allows for effective communication between staff and you, as parents. Again I believe that these changes will assist us to achieve our vision of ‘Outstanding Learners, Outstanding Achievements and Outstanding Futures’ for our students.

As you may be aware, the school recently produced the “Bounce Back Concert” to raise funds to give back to our community after the devastating floods and tornadoes experienced in January. If you were fortunate enough to attend the concert, you would be able to attest to the outstanding talent on display which contributed to a great evening of entertainment. This week we were able to finalise the financial details of the evening and, through your support, the school has been able to donate $1000 to the AGL Helicopter Rescue Service, and $1000 to the Salvation Army. Thank you for your support and congratulations to our staff and students on their contribution to our community.

As this is the last newsletter for this term I want to wish you all a safe and restful winter vacation and thank you for your support of me in my first semester at North High. I have enjoyed it immensely and look forward to working with you next semester as we move from a good school to a great school.

Please continue to contact the school if you have any concerns or questions regarding your student’s education.

Ross Robertson  
PRINCIPAL
Introducing...

**SUPPORT SERVICES**

I am very pleased to introduce the Support Services Department here at North Bundaberg SHS.

Our team consists of:

**HOSES**: Carolyn Campbell

Special Education Teachers: Fran Brown, Kris Johnson, Jillian Walden, Sharon Kidman, Susan Whitelum

**Teacher Aides**: Mel Renz, Deb Brocklehurst, Monica McGuire, Kerry Avery, Carol Faulkner, Tan Appoo, Tanya McGrail, Angela Long (CEC), Bev McAulay (Volunteer)

The Support Services team promotes the values of inclusive education which is based on the right of all learners to access a quality education that meets basic learning needs and enriches students’ lives by ensuring every student has access to all areas of the curriculum. Our faculty oversees Students with Disabilities, Indigenous Education and Learning Support.

The team have extensive specialist’s skills in supporting students with disabilities and learning difficulties to ensure that Bundaberg North SHS delivers a truly inclusive educational environment. This is achieved by assisting students with learning, physical, social, and behavioural challenges to access quality learning opportunities by fostering a learning community that questions disadvantage. This promotes positive learning environments and maximises both educational and social outcomes for all students at North and ensures positive, supportive and engaging classrooms are built on the back of diversity. These warm, caring and safe environments underpin the respectful relationships built between learners and teachers that help shape the greater community.

Our dedicated teacher aides go above and beyond the call of duty to ensure that students develop important skills that allow them to engage in positive learning experiences, and thus, help to bridge the gap for our students and achieve improved results. Our specialist staff liaise with learning managers, families, different faculties, and external community services to monitor student interactions in order to help our students undertake the many different opportunities available to them.

Our case management service delivers individual learning experiences tailored to the specific needs of our students, within the mainstream learning environment, that builds student confidence, raises self-esteem and ensures best outcomes are achieved for all students. As we teach across all the faculties it allows us to have a finger on the pulse throughout North, providing us with real insight into the difficulties faced by our students and allowing for real solutions to be put in place promptly.

Indigenous Education is a priority at North and we have one of the best retention rates for indigenous students in Queensland. We boast significant curriculum gains in outcomes for our students through participation in initiatives, such as the QATSIF Scholarship, University of Queensland Young Achievers, Aboriginal Summer School for Excellence in Technology and Science, and the Parliament House Work Experience Programmes. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history and culture are integral to Australia’s national identity and our Indigenous program promotes and maintains Indigenous beliefs, values, and culture.

**Support Services**

**Valuing and Responding to Diversity.**

Jillian Walden
Introducing…

Business & ICT Faculty

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to our dedicated staff (Mrs Richardt, Mr Newell, Mrs Jensen & Mrs Norris) and the diverse learning opportunities that are taking place in our faculty. Both the Business and Information, Communication Technology areas have been busy implementing our curriculum across grades 8 – 12 in a variety of subjects.

In March we registered 12 teams to play the ASX Sharemarket Game. Students were given $50 000 to invest and trade in shares over a 10 week period. The aim of the game was to have the highest valued share portfolio at the end. Unfortunately our teams couldn’t top the winners even though we did have 5 teams with well over $50000 on the last day of trading. Congratulations to Nick Quinn & Tomas Baildon for 1st place in our local school competition.

Year 10 ICT students are now finalising work on their Certificate I – Information, Digital Media & Technology. These students have been working towards this certificate during the semester. Successful completion will see those students awarded with a nationally recognised qualification and obtain points towards their QCE.

Another great opportunity for our IT students is our partnership with the Microsoft IT Academy. We are trialling this program here at North with our Yr 10 – 12 Information Technology students. Students can choose to undertake training in Microsoft certified coursework (delivered by EQ through the Learning Place) and then can sit Microsoft exams. This ensures our students achieve industry recognised skills & certification on the latest technology. We will be moving further ahead with this program in 2014, so stay tuned!

Robot mania has hit Year 9 ICT once again. Every year we enjoy seeing the engagement of students in the design and programming process of these Lego robots. Students are developing fantastic team work and problem solving skills within their groups.

In May, 28 Business Education students made the trip to CQU to participate in the annual Accountancy Day which is organised by the Institute of Chartered Accountants. Our budding business students rubbed shoulders with industry representatives from all facets of our local business community.
Once again we are running our Enterprise Education ventures in the junior school where students create and run their own small business. The Yr 10 students have certainly put their creative sides to the test and come up with some fantastic business concepts. We have had Sumo Sushi, State of Origin Cupcakes, Mrs Brown’s Brownies, Blazin’ Burgers and our Infinity Bracelets.

We are very excited to be hosting the Ecoman (Economics & Management) Program here at school in July. This program is run by QPEC (Queensland Private Enterprise Centre) in conjunction with Griffith University. Normally we would nominate 3 of our students to participate in this 3 day event. However due to a very kind & generous donation we are able to run this program at our school for all 28 of our year 11 Accounting students. This is an outstanding opportunity for our students to participate in this simulated Business experience.

Our year 11 BCT students have just finished looking at Social Media. This unit is part of our new syllabus being implemented here at North. We focus on the different types and uses of social media in business settings, how social media can be used for marketing communication, and how it has changed traditional client relationships. We were fortunate to have Wide Bay Social Media work with our students in class examining Social Media from an industry perspective.

Year 12 Tertiary Trip.

18th and 19th July 2013.

The annual visit to the Sunshine Coast and Brisbane universities is again being conducted this year. This trip is for year 12 students intending to study at tertiary level in 2014 or 2015. This is an excellent opportunity for students to familiarise themselves with the university campuses and courses that they offer. This knowledge can certainly assist students when they make their choices for tertiary study later in the year. Students have recently been given flyers explaining the procedures related to the trip. Initially costs were predicted to be $130 per student, but increased fuel prices have contributed to the final cost, being $135 per student. Students who have paid an initial deposit are now being asked to pay the remaining $85.

It would be appreciated if all payments were finalised by Friday 21st June.

Rob Miller
Guidance Officer

REMINDER:
- Please advise the school office on 4130 0266 if your student will be absent from school for any reason.
2013 North High Athletics Carnival

It’s that time of the year again, where students need to ditch the jumpers, stretch their muscles and run, jump and throw themselves into the annual North High Athletics Carnival!! The carnival is to be held on 20th June 2013 at the Bundaberg Athletics Grounds and on 21st June 2013 at school.

Please note that both these days are NORMAL SCHOOL DAYS and all students are required to attend, even if they are not intending to participate. There will be plenty of activities and novelty events to earn points for their house, for those students not wishing to participate in ‘competitive’ events.

On Friday the normal school timetable will be running. Students who wish to compete in events during the day are to go to their regular classroom, get their name marked off and make their way down to the oval to compete in their event.

On Thursday - Students should arrive at school as normal, where RAS roles will be marked in the hall before students are bussed to the Bundaberg Athletics Grounds. There will be no cost for either the bus or entry to the grounds. Senior students who drive to school will be required to leave their cars parked at school and will also be bussed to and from the venue. Students should not go straight to the athletics grounds or they may be marked absent for the day.

This is the first carnival at the new Athletics Grounds near the airport. Students are required, as part of the hiring agreement, to wear shoes. Students who do not have shoes on will not be allowed to compete.

Events will commence at approximately 9:20am and will conclude at approximately 2:30pm where presentations will occur before students are bussed back to school for the normal 3:05pm finish.

Although shade and sunscreen will be provided, we strongly encourage students to bring a broad brimmed hat, long sleeve and/or collared shirt and plenty of water. Sunscreen should also be applied at home and it would be appreciated if families could remind their student about the reapplication of sunscreen throughout the day. The canteen at the Athletics Grounds will be operating on the day and this is an approved red food day for students. Both food and drink will be available throughout the day for a small cost.

We welcome parents and families to attend and support their student/s at the carnival. If you are planning on attending please bring along a folding chair, so that you have seating in the prime viewing locations.

How do you receive your Newsletter?

Our fortnightly Newsletter is available on the school website at http://www.bundnortshs.eq.edu.au/ If you would like it emailed or a hard copy posted please contact the school office on 4130 0222.

YEAR 11 LEGAL STUDIES COURT EXCURSION

On Tuesday, 4th June Mr Warburton and Mrs Jensen’s Year 11 Legal Studies classes travelled by bus to the Brisbane Law Courts for the day. Students were able to visit the brand new Supreme and District Law Courts in the city. This semester the students have been studying Criminal Law and this trip provided a wonderful opportunity for them to see theory put into practice. Some of the cases viewed included assault occasioning bodily harm, fraud, attempted burglary, and possession/producing dangerous drugs. Students were able to see a jury being empanelled for a trial as well as many instances where offenders were being sentenced by the Judge. This trip will definitely be useful to the students with regards to their upcoming exam and assignment where they are required to critique the sentencing of offenders. Congratulations to the students for their outstanding behaviour on the day. It was a wonderful day of learning!

Mrs Keri Jensen
Year 11 Legal Studies Teacher
DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 12th June: Public Consultation 5:30pm
- 13th June: Senior Exam Block begins
- 20th June: Inter-House Athletics Carnival
- 21st June: Inter-House Athletics Carnival & Last day of Term 2

From the Library...

Get into reading e-books and magazines at the Bundaberg Regional Library! Our wonderful town library offers loans of e-books and magazines, all for free. You don’t need an e-book reader, although you can use many of these also; a laptop or other device is fine. On the library’s website you will find all the information you need, and fantastic, easy-to-follow directions as to how to get your e-reading up and running. These instructions include details about downloading the apps needed to read the e-books. The library has a great selection of e-books and magazines also. You do need to be a member of the library. Becoming a member is free, and easy. For people under 18, a parent/guardian needs to go into the library with evidence that they live in the area (driver’s licence, phone bill, etc.) and sign an agreement with the library. There are details about this on the website also.

library.bundaberg.qld.gov.au/

Of course, the library offers traditional hard copy books, audio CD’s and many services for the community including those in connection with the use of information and communication technologies.

Happy reading in all formats!

Mrs. Libby Saxby (teacher-librarian)

CHESS RESULTS

Bundaberg North State High School chess team recently competed in the second round of the Interschool Bundaberg Chess Championships. North High received an individual second prize for high school students awarded to Hayden Cooper and a third prize in the high school team competition. This is a great result for our school, the best result that we have had to date. Well done to all.

Teaching your child personal safety skills - FPQ Online Learning

FPQ now offers online learning sessions. These sessions allow participants to access training and information from the comfort of their own home or office. The first one hour session in this series, Feel Safe - Teaching your child personal safety skills, is for parents and carers of children aged 0-5, and will be held 20 June. Register here. (www.fpq.com.au)

Date: Thursday, 20 June 2013
Time: 12pm-1pm
Cost: $25.00
Venue: Online. See flier for details.

FPQ's online training series are designed to provide sexual and reproductive information sessions conveniently in your home or office using WebEx Online technology. Sessions are facilitated by a trained FPQ educator who presents the session content using a combination of streaming audio, videos, pictures, presentations and online collaborations. Participants are encouraged to contribute online, and to ask questions via text or microphone.

REMINDER:
Please remember to contact the school office to advise of any changes to your postal address, email address or phone number.

Thank you
Circle of Security

Parenting 0-5yrs

The Circle of Security is an engaging approach which helps parents and caregivers to connect with their young children in ways that help develop a secure attachment.

When: Monday July 15, 2013 (4 week duration)
Time: 10am to 11.30am
Cost: Gold coin donation
Contact: Uniting Care Community on 4153 8400
Where: 3a River Terrace, Bundaberg

Mindfulness

Introduction to Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT)

Learn basic skills from ACT to assist you to achieve mindfulness as well as strategies to help you come to terms with aspects of your life that are troubling you.

When: Wednesday July 24, 2013
Time: 9.30am to 11.30am
Cost: Gold coin donation
Contact: Uniting Care Community on 4153 8400
Where: 3a River Terrace, Bundaberg

Equipping for Equality

Workshop for Women

A six week program for women who are currently in or have been involved in an unhealthy relationship and are looking for some understanding of the dynamics in their relationship.

When: Friday July 26, 2013 (6 week duration)
Time: 9.30am to 12.30pm
Cost: Gold coin donation
Contact: Uniting Care Community on 4153 8400
Where: 3a River Terrace, Bundaberg

Tips for Parents of Children with Asthma

Does your child have asthma?

If so, there are a few things you can do to help the school manage your child’s asthma.

— Provide an up-to-date colour copy of your child’s Asthma Action Plan.
— Tell the school and your child’s teacher about the signs and symptoms that your child might show when experiencing asthma.
— When your child is experiencing asthma symptoms, notify the school and discuss a course of action using their Asthma Action Plan.
— Provide a spacer and blue reliever medication for your child to use at school. Clearly label the medication and spacer with your child’s name.

North High farewells exchange student Julia Weijs.