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Principal’s Report...

Welcome back to Term Three and I trust you had a restful, safe and relaxing mid-year vacation. This term promises to be just as busy as term two with the launch of: a new Behaviour Support Structure, a new Head of Department structure and roles and the continued implementation of the Art and Science of Teaching which are all part of our program of renewal: Refresh, Revitalise Renew. I discussed these changes in the last newsletter of Term 2 and have repeat the key points in this newsletter as it will affect the way you communicate with the school. These changes will assist us to achieve our vision of Outstanding Learners, Outstanding Achievements and Outstanding Futures for our students.”

The rationale behind this restructure is to create a focus on;

- The instructional leadership of faculty area management of whole school programs
- Growing our whole school programs like Literacy and Numeracy development, Vocational Education and Information Communication Technology
- Creating distinct leadership with a clear plan
- Developing our Behaviour Support structure with year level coordinators, Junior, Senior head of Departments, and Junior and Senior Deputy Principal
- A team of staff who will be responsible for the management of student behaviour in each year level
- Junior School Head of Department and Deputy Principal will be in charge of Year 7’s when they come into the school in 2015

- Each year level now has a coordinator who will be a point of contact for parents wishing to discuss students’ progress
- Create an alignment of support for students from the Deputy Principal to the classroom teacher which allows for effective communication between staff and parents

In the next week you will be receiving your student’s Semester One Report. I hope when you receive this you have time to support your child or children to reflect on their progress and identify strategies that they can use to maintain their strengths and strengthen their weaknesses. The issuing of the report cards will include an invitation to participate in the Parent Teachers Interview evening scheduled for late July. This will again provide another opportunity for students with the support of family and their teachers to reflect on their performance and identify success producing strategies. I encourage all parents to take advantage of these interviews to ensure your student gets the best start to Semester two and achieve success. The act of being interested in what your child is doing at school demonstrates the value you place on education to your children and can be a powerful influence on them to work at achieving to their potential. I am looking forward to seeing you all at these interviews.

One of Our Science Operations Officers Christina Rasmussen has been appointed to the role of ‘President of the Queensland Education Science Technicians Association’. While it does not mean Christina will be leaving our school, it does mean that she will represent our school as the president of the association at a state and national level. This also demonstrates the high regard that is held for Christina by her professional...
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colleagues and is recognition of her professionalism and outstanding performance at this school. Congratulations Christina, well done.

Prior to the holidays the school lost Burnie Johnson a valued member of the school community. Burnie was an elder of the Gurang Gurang people who worked very closely with the school for many years supporting the education of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and sharing his knowledge of culture and practices with all. Burnie provided a positive role model to students and his influence on students resulted in many students enjoying success in their schooling. Our thoughts are with his wife and family at this time of their loss and it is my intention to establish a permanent memorial to Burnie in the form of an ongoing award to students as well as a landmark to remember Burnie. Thank you Burnie for your generosity and enduring care for our students will always be remembered.

Ross Robertson (Principal)

Introducing...

The Library at Bundaberg North State High School

Greetings from the Library! Our library staff consists of myself, Mrs Libby Saxby, teacher-librarian, and Ms Peggy Labenski, our teacher aide in the library.

The library as a learning and leisure commons is popular at lunchtimes with students using the space to complete work, play cards or board games, participate in craft activities, enter competitions, and to read books and magazines. Student interest groups, such as the North High Planeteers and the Yugio Club meet in the library, and it is the meeting and preparation venue for our annual interschool Readers’ Cup teams. Laptop users are welcome in the library in J4 at lunch-times, and there are other computers available for student use.

All manner of resources housed in the library are used and enjoyed; non fiction books, fiction books, picture books, graphic novels, audio books, magazines, newspapers, reference works, computers, not to mention AV equipment. The library is the place from which many of the digital resources available to staff or students - such as ClickView, weblinksresearch, various digital publications, and the SLASA Online Referencing Generator - are managed. All students are welcome in the library in pursuit of learning and leisure needs. Looking forward to engaging with your students! -Mrs Libby Saxby
Semester 1 Reports

Semester 1 reports will be mailed home in Week 2 of Term 3. Parent-Teacher interviews will be held on Monday July 29th, 3:30-5:40pm. We encourage parents to attend these interviews to discuss their child’s progress.

This semester we will be using a new online system for booking Parent interviews, so you will be able to book your interviews from home on your computer. Comprehensive instructions will be mailed out with the student reports.

NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Our Indigenous dance group performed at the Bundaberg Art Gallery on Monday morning for the opening of a new exhibition called ‘Dreambox’. Some of the students were interviewed on ABC radio, then performed at St Josephs Primary School for NAIDOC week. Thank you to the 6 dancers who have been working hard rehearsing and giving up their time to perform. They have represented the school with pride and are great ambassadors.

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.

Athletics Carnival

The day dawned overcast and unfriendly on Thursday 20th June for the 2013 North High Athletics Carnival. Hardy students turned out ready to compete and have fun despite the cold. The new venue was a success with the modern facilities appreciated by the students competing. A great day was had by all and the rain held off for the duration of the afternoon, but sadly it prevailed on Friday, cancelling the competitive events to be held at school.
Woodturning Winners.

Ricky McMonigal Year 10, Declan Bartels Year 9 and Mr Metz.
Ricky McMonigal and Declan Bartels were awarded top prizes in the wood turning competition at the recent Bundaberg Regional Show.

NORTH HIGH PLANETEERS NEWS

Over last term and this term, the North High Planeteers are participating in the ARC (Australian Recycled Cartonboard) Schools Competition, which involves encouraging manufacturers and retailers to make and supply recycled products and persuade consumers to buy and use recycled products in their daily lives. The competition engages the Bundy community to help make a difference to their buying habits, reusing paper and cartonboard over and over, rather than relying on logging to provide new materials all the time. One of the spin-offs from this process is that it reduces waste in the environment, particularly where the ‘landfill’ crisis is concerned.

This also removes the market for High Conservation Value Forests. The Planeteers performed their ARC Schools Competition entry in the Bounce Back concert a few weeks ago, to spread the message across to our community that careful consideration of the issue of the packaging of the many products that we use is important.
Without our planet, there is no us!
Remember, recycling only works if you buy recycled first.

CBCA Readers’ Cup Regional Final

On Friday the 7th of March, Tylah Dalton, Ryan Chappell, Te-Armah Brodie, Heather Holder, Alex Kidman-Jones and Blake Batchelor travelled to the Childers Cultural Centre to participate in the Regional Final of the Children’s Book Council of Australia Readers’ Cup, competing against other schools from Bundaberg and Wide Bay. These students prepared for the competition over three months, reading five novels and one picture book. The competition requires an extensive knowledge of all of the texts, and therefore many hours of students’ own time to read the books, and in weekly meetings to exchange and discuss them. Our two teams had a great experience, which involved the five round quiz, and a presentation of the book, ‘Funky Chicken’ by its author Chris Collin, whom we were lucky enough to have as quizmaster.
Well done everyone for your preparation and participation!
Thank-you to parents Mr Brad Jones for help with transport and support, and Mrs Debbie Batchelor for coming to cheer us on.
Mrs. Libby Saxby
(teacher-librarian)
GOLDEN BRUSHES

In the Visual Arts department we like to encourage students who display enthusiasm and determination in their application both in and out of the classroom. Above and beyond this we would like to award the prestigious GOLDEN BRUSHES for students who also display one or more of the following characteristics:

• Enthusiastic class discussion and questioning
• Consistent completion of homework
• Excellent behaviour
• Creativity and a willingness to go back and refine artworks
• Pride when working in Visual Diary and when completing artworks.
• Determination to succeed and achieve good results

From our three year 8 classes from Semester one
Mikka Noblet  Katelyn Neubecker
Kurt Batchelor  Jasmin Edwards
Hannah Quinn  Lauren Sparks
Daniel Griffin  Josh Hayhoe
Bianca Maultby  Anushka Santos
Miranda Steel  Skie Cronin

From our year 9 class from Semester one
Chloe Harris

Lacey McClure  Emily Fisher
From our two year 10 classes from Semester one
Shi Revelo  Nina Gorton
Emily Kurtz  Amanda Irwin
Phillip Tran  Partriece Lyons
Lili Nemeth  Amy Wendt

Congratulations to Taylor Klaasen who has received a scholarship to attend the Young Artist Residency at Artiz@Townsville in the holidays. We wish her all the best as she attends this 3 day intensive program of hands-on art.

Australian Air League

Bundaberg Air League is having an Open Day on Saturday, 13th July 2013 at Lot 2, Kendalls Rd, Agro Trend Grounds from 11am. For any information please check out our Facebook page at Bundaberg Air League Blackhawk Squadron or call Cecily 0400 958366.

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 958366.

Cybersafety and cyberbullying

The Department of Education, Training and Employment has issued some useful information in the form of brochures covering the increasingly concerning subject of cybersafety. We have a limited number in the office which we would be happy to send home with your student should you request one. You can also download a copy at:


We Need You!!

State Cross Country is being held in Bundaberg on Sunday 21st July – Monday 22nd July. We need families to billet athletes for the nights of Saturday 20th July and Sunday 21st July. Please contact Guy Cooper on gcooper@bcc.net.au or 4132 5800.
Mouthguards

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Bundaberg
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Clear & plain colours available
Do you play footy, soccer, AFL, netball, touch or hockey?
Save your teeth before a life time of disappointment!
Book in today before the season starts.
GST Payable on mouthguards.

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Children With Type 1 Diabetes - Are You Challenged by Your Child’s Diabetes?

Research into parenting children with type 1 diabetes.

The University of Queensland is conducting research into parenting children with type 1 diabetes. Parenting a child with diabetes presents many challenges (everything from the regular blood glucose monitoring and insulin intake, to more general parenting tasks). The aim of this study is to understand the factors that make the management of childhood diabetes particularly difficult, and to use this information to develop strategies that might assist parents in managing their child’s diabetes.

If you are a parent of a 2 to 10-year-old child with type 1 diabetes, we would love to hear from you!

By sharing your experiences (confidentially), you will be making a valuable contribution to the development of much-needed childhood diabetes management strategies for parents.

To complete the online survey, please log on to: https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/type1diabetes

For further information about the project or to request a survey to be posted to you, please email Aditi Lohan (aditi.lohan@uqconnect.edu.au) or phone Amy Mitchell (07 3365 7305) at the Parenting and Family Support Centre in the School of Psychology at the University of Queensland, St Lucia QLD 4072 (Fax: 07 3365 6724).

Thank you for your time and participation.

Aditi Lohan, Alina Morawska, and Amy Mitchell
UQ Parenting and Family Support Centre