Welcome to our third newsletter for term three which again highlights the extensive learning opportunities provided by North High. In this article from me I want to focus on the following: parent teacher interviews; Docudrama; year 10 drama presentations; and the year 10 SET Planning.

Parents supporting their student’s education

Thank you to all the parents who participated in the parent teacher interviews last Monday, which were very well attended. These interviews provided an opportunity for your student, with the support of you and their teachers, to reflect on their performance in semester one and identify success-producing strategies for semester two. 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. Once again thank for your support of the school and your student.

New uniform for 2014

Since late 2012 the school community including parent representatives, have engaged in a process to change the school uniform for the commencement of the 2014 school year. This has included the formation of a uniform committee, consultation with the P and C and uniform retailers, as well as a survey of the school community on possible uniform options. The process has been rigorous and we have attempted to include all school community members. At the last P and C meeting the new uniform was endorsed. In addition to this the P and C also endorsed a change to the colour and style of shoes that will be accepted as our uniform shoe, with black leather or vinyl shoes or joggers being the only shoes to be worn from 2014. A sample of the new uniform polo shirt with photographs of acceptable shoes can be seen in our school office with more uniform samples to be added soon. There will be a phase-in period for each of these changes for existing students while they grow out of their current uniform and shoes, and retailers sell out of old stock. Once this has occurred, all students will be expected to wear the new uniform. Thank you to Michelle Pole and Robyn Kent who have played a significant role in managing the process in the development of the new uniform.

Docudrama focus on road safety

Year 12 students participated in our annual Docudrama which examines the impact of road accidents on our society and young people. The Docudrama provides a simulated road accident with the role of all emergency services including Ambulance, Police, Fire Service, the Accident and Emergency Department of the hospital and the AGL Helicopter Rescue Service demonstrated and discussed. This is a sobering learning experience for students as it really sends a strong message regarding driver responsibility and the potential and life-threatening dangers of driving a motor vehicle. Thank you to Kay Shelton and Rob Schmidt for their hard work in organizing this event and the support of Barry Collis from the Docudrama organisation.

Year 10 Drama presentations entertain our local state school students:

Congratulations to the year 10 Drama students and their teachers, Judith Thrupp and Sue Latimer who recently produced and performed a drama for a
number of our local state schools. Feedback from the schools and students has been extremely positive with an open invitation to return to the schools anytime in the future. The performance was entertaining and high quality from all students, who also ran drama activities for each school which were well received by all students. Well done year 10 Drama students, Mrs Thrupp and Mrs Latimer.

Year 10 students SET Planning for their future:

Year 10 students are deeply into developing their Senior Education and Training Plans for year 11 and 12. These plans help students to identify their possible future career and the pathways that can be taken to achieve that goal. The planning process also helps students to clarify the requirements of their chosen career pathway and whether they have the capacity to achieve these requirements based on their current subject results. A further component of this planning process is deciding on which subjects students should select for year 11 and 12 through our subject election process. Our subject selection evening planned for Tuesday, 13th August will assist both parents and students in making this very important decision. While this decision is not life-changing it is life-influencing and students really do need the support of their parents in making this decision. We are saying to students that we expect those wishing to enrol in our school for year 11 and 12, along with their parents, need to attend this event in order to make a good decision.

Supporting student health and wellbeing:

From time to time some students are affected by ill health which can impact on the student’s capacity to engage fully in schooling. This ill health can include broken limbs, chronic diseases such as diabetes and mental health issues. If your student is suffering from ill health it is often very important for that to be communicated to the school so we can provide the appropriate support to lessen the disruption to their schooling. All information provided to the school is confidential and subject to the laws of privacy. If you wish to share this information and gain support for your student there are a range of student support services available to you and your student and these include our Guidance Officer, the school based Youth Health Nurse, Chaplain, Year Level Co-ordinators, junior and senior school Heads of Department, Deputy Principals and the Principal.

In conclusion, please continue to contact the school if you have any concerns regarding your student’s education, as together we can produce the best outcomes for your child.

Ross Robertson
PRINCIPAL
Future looks bright for Zayra

Year 11 student Zayra White-Cobbo is utilising every opportunity school has to offer on her path to a successful future. Zayra has worked very hard toward achievement. She is a recipient of a QATSIF Scholarship which gives financial assistance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students while completing their senior schooling. There are strict criteria students must meet in regard to attendance, achievement and work ethic and Zayra takes this responsibility very seriously. Zayra is also undertaking a Cert III in Business as a school-based trainee. Zayra spends one day each week working at Mission Australia providing her with qualifications and skills in preparation for life after school.
Education is the key to success and we congratulate Zayra on embracing this idea.

School Photos

Photos will be taken on Thursday, 8th August. Senior students should wear their formal uniform. Junior students should wear their yellow sports uniform shirt and black shorts.

Bundaberg Regional Trade Training Centre Opens

On Thursday, 1st August our Bundaberg Regional Trade Training Centre (BRTTC) located at the Wide Bay TAFE – Bundaberg was officially opened. Our school captains and four of our manufacturing students from Engineering and Furnishing Studies attended. Some of our students contributed to a display of products they had constructed during their class. The BRTTC is equipped with state-of-the-art equipment and will provide opportunities for students to gain current skills in an ‘industry type’ environment with the goal of providing pathways for future employment.
FUTURE CHANGES TO ENTRY PREREQUISITES FOR TEACHING QUALIFICATIONS.

This information is particularly relevant to year 10’s who are currently selecting their year 11 subjects for 2014.

From 2016, prerequisites for teacher education undergraduate programs will be as follows:

- at least a ‘Sound Achievement’ in the current Authority/OP Subject of Senior English; and
- at least a ‘Sound Achievement’ in Mathematics A, B or C. (For those students who wish to teach Mathematics, an SA in Maths B may be required.)
- for students entering undergraduate primary and early childhood programs, the above requirements plus a ‘Sound Achievement’ in an authority/OP Science subject.

For more information on these matters, please contact the Guidance Officer, Rob Miller.

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**AFLOAT**

Utilising state government Arts funding, Creative Regions organised the Afloat project in response to the 2011 flood event in our region. From the 2013 flood and tornado events, community recovery funding further enabled the people of our region to tell their stories. On Wednesday, 10th of July, a small group of flood affected students from our school participated in a workshop at CQU that was part of this project. A group called Human Venture showed us how to create digital stories about our flood and tornado experiences. We used an iPad app called iMotion (also freely available on iPhones and iPads) to create stop motion animation films using props and drawings we made on the day. Not only did the students learn skills in animation, but they also learnt a lot about just how strong and resilient they have been over the past 6 months.

“The Afloat workshop helped me a lot, it made me realise what actually happened when the waters where rising during the 2013 floods. Although we went through the same sort of thing during the 2011 floods this one was more serious. It made me think of the sort of feelings I had during this process and using the animations probably was the best ways to express the feelings we had”.

Mackynlie Priestley

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**Future Pathways & Subject Selection Evening for all yr 10 students & their parents**

Last week all year 10 students were mailed home information about the upcoming subject selection evening. Students who wish to complete year 11 at North in 2014 should attend with their parents. Students and parents will have the opportunity to speak to staff about all year 11 subjects on offer and visit displays to gather information about each subject and discuss future pathways. There will also be an opportunity to tour our newest facilities in Manufacturing (Engineering, Furnishing and Aeroskills), Hospitality, and Science. Students interested in going to university will have an opportunity to discuss OP (Overall Positions) with the Guidance Officer. Representatives from TAFE and providers of school-based traineeships and apprenticeships will also be in attendance to distribute information to students who wish to follow a trade pathway.

If you have not received information about the evening in the mail, please contact our office or visit our website for forms and information. We hope to see all year 10’s and their parents at the evening. We encourage parents and students to work together on making this important decision for the future.

Robyn Kent, DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
Cultural excursion to Brisbane

On Thursday, 25th of July, five of the senior Indigenous students travelled to Brisbane with Mrs Long and Miss Kent to attend several cultural activities. We were organised to go in February but the floods played havoc with the plans and the trip had to be cancelled.

We went to South Bank where we were immersed in the diverse cultures and people, and street performances, and were distracted by a number of hip hop crews that happened to be rehearsing while we were there. On Thursday night we attended a dance production by the Bangara Dance company entitled ‘Blak’, the performance was exhilarating and inspirational and showed us that dance can bring different emotions and feelings. We got some ideas for our Indigenous dance group, incorporating similar dance moves into our choreography. Watching the dance also helped us connect more to our culture and be proud of it, as well as seeing people of all ethnicities enjoying and embracing the Indigenous culture. Having that experience definitely opened our eyes more and showed us that Indigenous people are taking part of their culture in all areas.

On Friday, 26th, we went to the Gallery of Modern Art to view an exhibition - “My country – I still call Australia home”. We saw an immense amount of artwork that inspired all of us and encouraged us to bring out our artistic sides. We hope to use some ideas for our school work.

We all had great views from our balconies where we stayed and had the chance to take some really great pictures of everywhere we went. We all had the chance to taste great meals and experience things we hadn’t before. Even a little shopping!

We rode the City Cat and got some good photos, and saw some beautiful scenery. We met a team member, Nathan from the Deadly Choice Team in front of Parliament House. The Deadly Choice program may be coming to North soon.

We need to let our parents know that we all ate our greens, we walked a lot and had a healthy time away. We only used the City Cat and Bus once for transport! We had a very enjoyable trip that inspired us all.

Aroha Pehi, Tyniah Thompson, Mackynlie Priestley, Zayra White-Cobbo and Lisa Purcell

ECOMAN CONTINUES AT NORTH THIS WEEK

With the generosity and sponsorship provided by QPAC and Griffith University, the presenters of Ecoman spent two days last week at North Bundaberg State High School. This enabled the remainder of the year 11 Accounting class to participate in a shortened version of the program that was offered just days earlier at St Lukes where only four students from the school could attend.

The students all enjoyed the two day workshop and feedback was extremely positive. Thank you very much to Barry Hopf and Joe Abercrombie for their enthusiasm and delivery of this very worthwhile program. Thanks also must go to Vicki Lester in the tuckshop for the yummy food that was prepared over the two days as well.
Planeteers News

Our ARC Schools Competition entry is still making its message felt across the community as the art works and logos are being displayed at the Bundaberg Regional Art Gallery this month. The News-Mail provided an article on our display last Thursday, focusing on interviewing Felicity Mitchell with her art work.

The Planeteers are preparing for Enviroweek, at the end of this month, and for Save the Bilby Day in early September.

One of our Planeteers’ projects is to collect old mobile phones to assist in the protection of the mountain habitat of the endangered gorillas of the Congo. The Coltan in the phones will be recycled, which will reduce the need to mine the mountain habitat where it is found. The Humane Society International will receive between $3 and $5 for phones sent to ARP using the free pre-paid satchel.

Planet attack – recycle glass jars – one jar saves enough energy to watch TV for 3 hours!

ECOMAN 2013

On Monday, 22nd July to Wednesday, 24th July, four year 11 Accounting students, Chloe Dear, Connor Silcox, Chloe Thomson and Amy Wilson, were selected to participate in the Ecoman program. The program consisted of three school teams comprising of – North Bundaberg, Shalom and St Luke’s. In this program the students had to turn a failing coffee machine manufacturing business into a profitable business by changing the technology of the machinery, staff numbers, marketing and advertising and the financials of the business, including the price of the products made.

Each student was required to take on an important role of a board director within the company such as the CEO, Marketing Director, Production Manager, Finance Director and Human Resources Director. The program was designed to give students experience and insight into economics and the business world. They were placed into authentic business situations such as negotiations with unions to negotiate a fair redundancy package, market competitors, buying market research and holding a shareholder meeting at the end of the three days.

At the shareholders meeting each school had to present the changes of their business, what they improved on and how they did this. Figures had to be presented to the shareholders who were parents, teachers and representatives from Bundaberg Sugar, who sponsor the event. The figures that the shareholders were interested in were the quality and sales price of the products, the number of staff and their productivity, how much was paid off on loans both short term and long term, the amount of profit made and most importantly how much money they are earning in dividends and not just the percentage of the profit that they are getting for their investment in the company.

The four students all agree that it was three days well spent, and that they all learnt something from the program. They would also like to extend thanks to Mrs Norris and Mrs Jensen for organising our team and supporting us during the three days, and a thank you to the business department for funding our participation in the program.

Connor Silcox, Chloe Dear, Chloe Thompson, Amy Wilson
COUNTRY VISITS
Our junior school HOD and year level coordinators took to the road and visited Yandaran and Avondale State Schools on Friday to give the year 4, 5, 6 and 7 classes a little taste of high school. Mrs McKeown (year 8 coordinator) taught the students how to write cuneiform as the ancient Sumerians wrote. They decoded some of the ancient script and then wrote their own names on a clay tablet, just as they used to in Sumer. Mrs Arnold (year 9 coordinator) had students visualising imaginatively and then trying to draw from the verbal instructions she dictated to them. There were some pretty weird pigs being drawn. Was it a result of students having difficulties following instructions or Mrs Arnold having trouble describing clearly? Mr Begeda at Avondale and Mr Stockhill at Yandaran made us very welcome and the students participated enthusiastically.
Mrs G Colasimone (Junior HOD)

Maths Competition
On Monday, 29th July three of our LEAP students competed in the QAMT (Queensland Association of Maths Teachers Competition). Kaitlin Crook, Blake Batchelor and Angela Elliott competed against 9 other teams in the District. This competition is not for the faint hearted. It is done in front of an audience and usually the competitors only have 30 seconds to answer the question without pen, paper or a calculator. There are 5 sections to the competition: speed; history and general knowledge; individual; estimation and problem solving. Some practise time is involved before the competition. We learn about famous mathematicians, different areas of Maths and how to answer questions quickly, accurately and in our heads!! We came third in the competition on the day. Our team performed really well and were only 2½ points behind the winners (Bundaberg State High). Because we were place-getters in the District Competition, we will now compete at the Regional competition at Hervey Bay. We are looking forward to the challenge. Rhonda Cutmore, Teacher

University Open Days
This is the time of the year when Year 12 students are seriously contemplating their career pathways for 2013. Students who are considering university options have recently been instructed on how to apply for courses through the QTAC process. July and August are traditionally the months when many of the major universities have their open days. These days are very useful for potential students in that they allow the students to visit all the faculties and talk to the faculty staff. Year 12 students were given a handout in April that indicated when these open days were. The university websites also have these dates. For more information on any of these matters, please contact the Guidance Officer, Rob Miller.
Australian Maths Competition

Ninety-Six mathematically minded students volunteered to sit the Australian Maths competition on Thursday, 1st August this year as part of the on-going celebration of National Literacy-Numeracy week. The competition is organised into several divisions with students participating in the year 8; Junior Secondary and Senior Secondary divisions. This is an opportunity for many of our extension and LEAP students to strut their mathematical stuff in an Australia-wide competition. Results are published in September-October each year. Other activities taking place during this National Literacy-Numeracy week includes participation in the year 8 QAMT mathematics competition and a school-wide activity where classes place a mathematical dictionary of terms on the walls of their classrooms reflecting numeracy covered in their current units of work.

Good Luck Rowers

Sunday, 11th August will be the first lead-up regatta for the North High rowing team. We wish all the rowers the best of luck in their events and especially our 8 new rowers. The rowing team has been training hard since March. The rowers will be participating in multiple events, ranging from quads, doubles, individual skull and the impressive 8 race. This year we have also gained a sponsor, North Coast Foods, who kindly sponsored our new rowing shirts. The main Head of River Regatta is then in two weeks, on the 25th August. Any spectators or sport enthusiasts are welcome to check out the regattas, they are held at the Bucca International Rowing Course, Bucca Weir.

Coordinator/Coach Teressa Tibbey

Norville State School Fete

The Norville State School P & C Association is excited to present the bi-annual Norville State School fete. The Fete will be held on Sunday, 11th August from 10am to 2pm. The fete promises to be entertaining and fun for the whole family. There will be a variety of rides on offer such as jumping castles, mini jeeps and merry-go-rounds. Food will be available including burgers, pies and fairy floss. There will be an array of stalls displaying items for sale and games to play. We will also be holding a continuous raffle featuring a huge number of prizes. Our students will be providing a full schedule of entertainment throughout the day. Come and join in the fun at Norville State School on Dr Mays Road, Bundaberg.
**Athletics**

**Inter-house Athletics Carnival**

In 2013 North embarked on an athletics season with a new format. Normally competing on the grass track, this year our school had the opportunity to compete on the newly built state-of-the-art tartan athletics field, one of only few in the state. This year's athletics carnival comprised of a full day of competition followed by a half day. The athletics carnival was held on the 20th and 21st of July with each house having record numbers turning out to cheer, compete and participate. From the first event of the day the competition between the houses was fierce. On the day of the carnival there was a lot of participation. Those who attended competed hard throughout the events, with both serious and novelty events running over the two day carnival. There were three athletes who broke records over the days, Jake Bates, Tearnee Morrice and Tyniah Thompson who broke five records that stood for more than 25 years. Coming up on the 13th and 14th of August is the Bundaberg District athletics carnival in which our school has a huge number of competitors, and we wish all our athletes the best of luck.

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At present, all Year 10 students are working on developing their Senior Education Training Plan (SETP) that will help them select suitable subjects for Year 11 in 2014 and assist them with their future education options and career pathways.

Education research shows, and the school believes that the most effective plan is one where both student and parent have an active role in preparing together. The subject selection and career pathway process is very important for all Year 10 students. The process helps to ensure that Year 10 students are making an appropriate decision about their future. It is our expectation that you will play an active role in the subject selection process by attending the subject selection evening and the SET Plan interviews.

This year, we will be holding an information evening focussing on ‘Future Pathways and Subject Selection’ for all Year 10 students and parents. If students wish to return to North in 2014, they should attend this evening with their parents.

The evening will be held in our hall on August 13, at 6.30 – 8.00pm. There will be a series of workshops, discussions and tours of facilities. Students and parents will have the opportunity to ask questions about future subject options. Representatives from TAFE, Central Queensland University, MRAEL – Apprenticeship & Training Provider, BUSY At Work, and TLC Secretarial Services will also be attending.

Following this evening, students will select subjects and complete their SET Plan online and then will discuss their plan with a staff member. All Year 10 students and their parents will be required to attend an interview with a member of staff. We will review the student’s SET Plan. Parents and students will be given the opportunity to ask questions before we confirm the subject selection for that student in 2014.

Interviews will be conducted over the period 26 August – 30 August. This may be extended if required. Interview times will be selected by you, using the online PTO booking system. Bookings may be made online in early August. Visit the school website www.bundnorths.eq.edu.au and click on the PTO logo. We encourage all parents to attend their child’s interview. If parents do not attend an interview, the student will be interviewed alone and SET Plans and subject selections will be sent home for parent verification and agreement by signature.

Please call the office on 4130 0222 if you require assistance.