LEARNING, THEN LEARNING SOME MORE...
“PRECEPT UPON PRECEPT”...
BUILDING KNOWLEDGE FOR THE FUTURE...

P & C Meeting  
Thursday, 7th November, starting from 5.00pm in the school administration building. All are welcome!

Principal’s Report...

Welcome to our first newsletter for term four which again highlights the extensive learning opportunities provided by North High. I hope that your September vacation was restful and safe and students have returned to school full of energy ready to tackle the challenges of term four. In this article I want to focus on our year 12 students and their last term of formal schooling, our priorities for this term and the significant events of this term.

End of formal schooling for year 12’s but no celebration now.

As of this week, our year 12 students have five weeks of formal schooling left which is both an achievement as well as a time for caution. Many students have at least one or two pieces of assessment to complete and those students completing Vocational Education Certificates will be completing the necessary competencies or catching up on those that have not been achieved in order to meet the requirements of the qualification. It is not time to celebrate and lose sight of the reason why students are at school, which is the achievement of a Queensland Certificate of Education. Students with the support of teachers and parents need to remain focused on this goal so that the best outcomes for your student can be achieved. While this is a time when celebrations are appropriate once students have met all school requirements, it is also important that these are done safely and with consideration for the school expectations, the law, personal health and safety, and that of others. If you have a year 12 student I encourage you, no, in fact I urge you, to discuss this with them.

North High continues to focus on student learning and success.

In term four the school will remain focused on its 2013 strategic priorities with the following specific actions being taken;

1. **Refresh, Revitalise Renew:** Continue to build our new student behaviour support structures and processes including a progress review; continue the implementation of the new Head of Department structure and the roll out of whole-school plans; and strengthen the awareness of our School Vision, Values and beliefs.

2. **Getting ready for secondary school:** Continue to prepare for year 7’s to join our school in 2015 with our ongoing review and development of a new junior curriculum; as well as the ground work on the development of the Junior School Precinct.

3. **Implement the Australian Curriculum:** Commencing preparation for the implementation of Physical Education and the ongoing implementation of history.
4. **Improved student outcomes:** Maintaining a strong focus on students working to capacity and achieving their goals for semester two with a particular focus on senior students being on track to achieve a Queensland Certificate of Education.

5. **Building teacher capacity:** Ongoing implementation of the ‘Art and Science of Teaching’, the school’s teaching and learning framework with a focus on establishing classroom routines and responding to adherence and lack of adherence to classroom routines through the establishment of professional learning communities.

In addition to this the school will also finalise its 2014 strategic priorities, ‘Annual Implementation Plan’ and budget. I will provide more details of these in future Parent and Citizens Association meetings and newsletters.

**Celebrating student learning and achievements**

During the course of this term there will be a number of opportunities to celebrate student learning and achievements. These events include the Annual Presentation Night, Presentation Parade, and the Senior School Graduation. I invite you to participate in all of these events as I feel that student achievement needs to be highly valued and recognised by the whole school community. Details of each of these will be provided in this and future newsletters.

Finally please continue to contact the school if you have any concerns regarding your student’s education. I also wish to thank the school community for your ongoing support throughout term three and I look forward to working closely with you in term four to produce the best outcomes for your child.

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**Presentation Parade and Presentation Night**

On Tuesday, October 22nd we will be celebrating the wonderful achievements of our students. We will be holding two Presentation ceremonies’ Presentation Parade at 8.50am – 10.00am and Presentation Night at 7.00pm – 10.00pm to be held in the school hall. All parents, families and friends are welcome to attend these very special events.

Students have been asked to check the C Block noticeboard to see if they have received an award and they should then have checked to see if their award is to be presented in the morning or evening. Students will be attending a rehearsal for their ceremony and will be given instructions about when and where to assemble. Students in year 8-10 should wear their sports uniform and year 11 and 12 wear their formal uniform. A high standard of uniform and personal presentation is expected.

We hope you will be able to attend our Presentation ceremonies to help celebrate the successes of our students.

Robyn Kent  
**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL**

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**Ross Robertson**  
**PRINCIPAL**
Year 8 and 9 students

Shortly, our year 8 and 9 students will be asked to make subject choices for 2014.
Year 8 students will be given the opportunity to select 4 x 1 semester electives along with studying English, Maths, Science, History and HPE.
Year 9 students will be given the opportunity to select 2 x 1 year electives along with studying English, Maths, Science, History HPE and SETP (Senior education training plan).
Information and details about the subject selection process will be issued to students in the next 2 weeks.

Robyn Kent
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Chemistry Quiz

Congratulations to all students who entered the chemistry quiz this year. A special note goes to Rachel Hill, Yr 10, for achieving a Credit Certificate and to Bianca Potter, Yr 12, for her Distinction Certificate. This is a very difficult competition and these two girls have done very well to achieve their results.

Titration Competition

Following the excellent performance of both of our teams in the regional competition of the Chemical Analysis (or Titration) Competition, one team qualified for the national finals. They all performed superbly in a very long and complex practical laboratory task. Congratulations to Louisa Collin (Team Leader and reserve), Rachel Brigden (Silver Medallion), Andrew Bazeley (Silver Medallion) and Bianca Potter (Gold Medallion).

LEARN-TO-ROW

Do you know what sport Australia got the top medal tally in at the recent Olympics?

What did you say? Rowing…. Despite China and USA having billions to pick from, it was the little Australian Rowing Team that gained the most medals.

So ever thought of giving rowing a go? On Sunday, 27th October at 8 am, at Bucca, we are holding a FREE come-try morning for any interested students. After the free introduction session, any interested students can join us in a 5 week learn-to-row program for the following Sundays for $50.00. By learning-to-row this term, this allows the students to be skilled ready for next year’s Head of River season.

Our team is always growing. We have grown from 8 in 2010 to 20 in 2013. In addition to learning a new sport, the current rowers have all improved their fitness and developed great relationships with their fellow rowers, coaches and parent supporters. For more details, please contact the Coordinator, Teressa Tibbey on 41300222, email ttibb3@eq.edu.au or from Lower B Block Staffroom. Look forward to seeing you by the river.
As part of ‘Random Acts of Kindness Month’ in October, Bundaberg North High has been invited to participate in a ‘GYP-ROCKS’ fundraiser that would see school students donate a gold coin to assist with the purchase of gyp-rock for 100 homes in Bundy, Gin Gin, Midnight Scrub, Mt Perry, Baffle Creek, Rosedale, Gayndah and Mundubbera. A sheet of gyp-rock or two (depending on the size of the school) will be delivered to participating schools so that students/staff who have contributed can write words of encouragement and sign the inside of the Gyp-rock Sheet on behalf of their school. These sheets would then be installed in these homes as a memorial to the generosity of our school communities in supporting their rebuild.

I believe this is a wonderful opportunity for students/families/staff to feel that they can in a very simple way, be a part of helping our communities to get back on their feet, not to mention being able to play such a positive role in this historic event in our town’s history.

As our regular part of Random Acts of Kindness we will be handing out Random acts of Kindness cards. We would love to hear the stories of something you have done in the community; or for someone that you have passed the card onto. If you have a great idea or story please see Chappy Lisa to give you a helping hand if possible or to be able to share your wonderful stories. We will also be doing the kindness chain. Your kind acts are important and having a visual example of that on a chain is certainly an amazing picture when all the chains from all the schools represented come together at the end of the month. To fill in your link, a table will be situated outside of G Block at morning tea and lunch times. You can fill as many out as you would like.

Chappy Lisa is also selling wristbands and guitar picks for a gold coin donation to raise funds for the Chaplaincy work that’s done in the school.

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Want to play rep netball in 2014? Well here's your chance!

Bundaberg Netball Association is currently accepting nominations for players who are interested in trialling for the 2014 Bundy Flames teams. If you will turn 11 or over in 2014, go to our website (http://www.bundaberg.netball.asn.au/ResourceLibrary.asp) & download the nomination package & nomination form. Nominations close 30th October with trials starting Sunday, 3rd November. If you have any queries, questions or can't access the nomination package, please email BNA's Rep Convenor, Bronwyn Walker at bronwyn_walker@bigpond.com

Please remember to call the office promptly on 4130 0266 if your students will be absent from school.

Relationships Australia

Information Session
Parenting Teenagers

Aimed to assist parents balance their time, promote good communication and provide strategies to deal with concerns and risky behaviour in their teenagers.

When: Monday 4th November, 9 to 10.30am
Where: 14 Tantitha Street, Bundaberg
Cost: $10 per person

Please book in by calling 1300 364 277
Confirmation of bookings will be Thursday 31st October.

GET A FAMILY TEAM TOGETHER & DO A TRIATHLON

When: Sunday, 27th October 2013
Where: Mon Repos Beach
Time: 7.00am

Visit us Online at: www.bargaratri.org.au
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“Where Swim, Ride & Run, is all about Fun”