Welcome to our third newsletter for term four which again highlights the extensive learning opportunities provided by North High. In this article I want to focus on the Graduation of our 2013 Year 12 students, North High’s E Learning Program, disruption free classrooms and support for our Parents and Citizens Association.

Farewell, good health and luck to our 2013 Year 12 students

As you receive this newsletter our Year 12 students will be in their final hours of formal schooling and will celebrate this achievement at their Graduation Ceremony and Prom. I have included here extracts from my graduation speech to acknowledge this very special time in the lives of these students and their families.

Students, today I stand before you representing all of those teachers you have had in the last 5 years at North Bundaberg State High School. We farewell you, with a wish that your future is bright, full of hope, health and happiness, and that you achieve everything you dream of and remember that courage and strength is also needed to get there as dreams just don’t happen. As one great thinker put it, “To accomplish great things we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe.”

It is wonderful to see so many parents and other family members here because this day is very much about families. It’s about families sharing in this transition - a time to remember the past and to dream about the future. As a family, just surviving the past 12 years has been an achievement but you have not just survived you have succeeded. They are here today, an accomplishment that is probably one of the biggest and definitely the most important you will ever achieve.

Students, when you leave here I urge you to challenge, to dream, but above all lead active and fulfilling lives. - Pope John XXIII said, “Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do.” Above all be gentle and be strong and have courage as Winston Churchill said, “Success is never final. Failure is never fatal. It is the courage to continue that counts”.

And I now leave you with the words of a caring Irishman as you start the next journey of your life, “May the road rise to meet you, May the wind be always at your back, May the sun shine warmly in your face May the rain fall gently on your fields and until we meet again (until you meet again) May God hold you in the palm of his hand Goodbye and farewell Seniors of 2013”
E Learning at North High

We are striving at North High to create classrooms that are engaging and challenging to our students, making use of the latest technology to give them a 21st century relevance. The school has a ratio of almost one computer per student, every teacher with access to a laptop, networked classrooms with wireless access to the network, some electronic whiteboards and a data projector in every classroom. Students access class work through a variety of online learning objects and networked programs like OneNote. Many of the resources available for the Australian Curriculum are electronic and accessed through the internet. In order to access the curriculum, students have to have a reasonable level of computer literacy and access to information communication technology. This access is provided to students in the junior school and Year 10 in a variety ways which includes class banks of laptops and computer rooms. In Year 11 and 12, this access is provided through our One to One take home program. It is almost essential for students in the senior school to be part of this program and included in this newsletter is an invitation to Year 10 parents to attend an information evening on our new Tablet Take Home Program. We have spent a considerable amount of time working at ways to reduce the cost of participating in the take home program and we have been able to reduce the cost to $120 per year. We will also be ceasing our daily borrowing program so we can increase the amount of time our technician Dave Spratling, has to work on servicing the school’s network. If you have a Year 10 student please read the invitation and come and join us to hear more about the take–home tablet program for Year 11 students in 2014.

Disruption free classroom

One of my goals as Principal of North High is to achieve classroom environments that are disruption free, where teachers have the right to teach and students have the right to learn. I have also stated that I hold the classroom as being the most important part of our school and that they must function at an exceptionally high level to ensure that all students can learn successfully, and I am certain you would agree with me. As part of a number of strategies aimed at achieving disruption free classrooms, teachers have the capacity to cross – class students who are causing disruption and preventing the teachers from teaching and other students from learning. Cross-Classing involves the disruptive student being sent to another classroom which is usually a higher year level and a different subject. For a student to be removed from a classroom is a very serious issue and requires the student to negotiate with their teacher a re–entry back into the classroom. On some occasions a few students have refused to follow the directions to be cross-classed which has usually resulted in a serious consequence being applied. I wish to make it very clear that all students who choose to act in this manner will be subject to the serious consequences being applied. I discuss this here because I want to ensure my intended actions are not be a surprise to students and parents, and I want parents to know my strong expectations of ensuring our classrooms are disruption free and a stable environment for students to learn in. If you feel that this applies to your student, I encourage you to discuss this issue with them.

Support for our P and C

Our Parents and Citizens Association is made up of a small and committed group of parents who work hard for our school. For a small group they achieve some great outcomes but their success could be so much more if they could increase their membership. This is a good way to support the school, keep up to date with the school’s progress, raise concerns and influence decisions made by the school. Your membership and participation in the P and C is required now, so I hope to see you at our final meeting for the year. Details of the date and time of this meeting will be displayed on the noticeboard at the front of the school. Finally, 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 student.
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**Year 8 and Year 9 Subject Selections for 2014**

Last week Year 8 and 9 students made their subject selections on line and handed in their signed subject selection form to the office. If your Year 8 or 9 students has NOT made subject selections for 2014, they should see Miss Kent in the office immediately.

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**Giving to Others – an Outstanding Effort**

Congratulations to those students who participated in the 40 Hour Famine. North High raised our largest total in recent years – with over $3600 collected. This was from individual students’ efforts as well as our coin mural. Some students raised $100 or more – Alex Sergiacomi, Ashleigh Huber, Katie Grimson, Lauren Sinclair, Melissa Haigh and Sophie Cross. Rob Reali encouraged restaurant patrons to donate their change and accumulated $400. A FANTASTIC EFFORT by all.

Money raised will be going to Mali in Africa to assist with World Vision Project

THANK YOU for helping others in need.

Katrine Rayner

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**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Graduation**

On Wednesday, 6\textsuperscript{th} November, 51 district Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Year 12s celebrated their Graduation from Year 12. Students from four district High Schools attended. Our Indigenous dance students and singers performed. All year 12’s were presented with a graduation gift. Dr Chris Sarra was the guest speaker for the evening. Congratulations go to Tyniah Thompson who was named North’s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander of the Year. Well done Tyniah!
As the thunder and clouds swirled in and cloaked the sky, our very own Arts Night was looking threatened by the ever growing storm just outside. Nonetheless, the crowd shuffled in, grazed by the rain and buzzing with anticipation, preparing themselves for another night of spectacular entertainment. All would agree that from the first act to the last, each and every performer added an immense amount of talent and showmanship to yet another night North High will remember.

The theme of the night “Fairy tales” provided us with an evocative display of storybook characters, ranging from Little Red Riding Hood to Peter Pan hiding behind the curtain. With all the positivity from the audience, backstage crew, performers and staff, the night could not have unfolded any better. We mustn’t forget the volunteers in the canteen who handled the hungry crowd exceptionally in that infamous interval stampede. As the night drew to a close, nerves were tamed, children were tired and the audience gave their final heartfelt applause; Arts Night was at an end. From everyone involved and all who know of the effort put into Arts Night every year, we would like to congratulate all staff and students involved.

Orinda Martin (Arts Coordinator)  
and Brigid Holt (Cultural Representative for 2014)  

*Photos courtesy of Shawn Bartels and George Shuter*
Congratulations to Hairdressing students

Year 11 Makaila Smythe has been awarded “Outstanding Achievement – Student of the Year” at Wide Bay TAFE. She has been studying a Certificate II in Hairdressing this year. Makaila also won the ‘Gold Award’ for “Worldskills Australia – Regional Competition” and will be travelling to Perth in September 2014 to attend the “Worldskills Australia Competition”.

Congratulations also to Rachel Newland who won a Silver Award.

Chess Tournament

A chess tournament for children will be held at the U3A rooms on Sunday 17 November. This is the last Children’s Chess Tournament for 2013. It is also the last of the Grand Prix series. $8 playing fee. Registration by 8.50 am. First game at 9am. Cash Prizes and food vouchers. Nine or ten round swiss depending on nominations. For further information please contact Allan on 0417073094.

Student Council Celebrates

Thank you to all Student Council members who have worked hard this year representing their year level. They have been a wonderful group and we thank them for their service.

Mrs Colasimone and Miss Kent

Looking for something to do for breakfast?

Every Wednesday morning our School Chaplain Lisa and her band of helpers provide a breakfast for our students. Options are toasted sandwiches, pancakes, fruit and juice etc which are kindly donated by Fiveways Foodworks and Citicoast Global Care program.

One of Lisa’s helpers this year has been Philip Cavanagh, Youth Pastor with Citicoast Youth. He remarked that the breakfast “gets kids talking to each other...helps them feel accepted” and emphasized the social aspect of the morning.

There is help that can be done in the kitchen preparing the food or out the front talking with the students as they collect something to eat. Breakfast preparation starts about 7.30am and finishes at 9am.

Lisa’s son Mark has assisted this year but he is off to uni next year. Thanks Mark for all your help.

If you are interested in helping, please contact the school or myself to volunteer.

Katrine Rayner, 41300311 krayn24@eq.edu.au

Mark Crosbie, Philip Cavanagh and Samantha Rechenberg
Marvellous Migrant Moments

“Awesome” said one of the students as to what they thought of their guest and the event. Students were actively engaged in the migrant interviews conducted on Friday, 8th November learning what our guests’ lives had been like in their original country and since migrating to Australia. Some students were stunned, yet captivated, when one of our speakers cried as he remembered the starvation growing up in Italy in the 1930s. The bountiful life in Australia at times can be taken for granted.

Our migrant interviews involved all Year 10 SOSE students and 30 guests from 15 different nationalities. Some had family connections to the school but most were simply members of our Bundaberg Community. The enthusiasm of our guests for sharing their stories and the way they held our students’ interest was fascinating to see. “The children were lovely” was one of the comments and our guests were impressed by their good behaviour and are happy to participate next year in the event.

The afternoon has been part of the C2C History Migration Studies unit and was also part of a university research project PETRA into community involvement in education. Four of our students were later interviewed by the Community Consultative committee.

Thanks to Kay Shelton, our School to Work Community Liaison Officer, for coordinating our guests for the event. It was a success and one that we will be able to continue to build upon into the future.

Katrine Rayner - SOSE HOD

MIX IT UP LUNCH DAY

On Thursday 31st October our ‘Better Buddies’ Anti-bullying working party promoted a “Mix It Up Lunch” Day as an initiative to help counteract bullying. Research shows that the greater the number of acquaintances a person has in a school (or whatever institution), the less probable it is that he/she will suffer from bullying.

Students were encouraged to go and sit with someone they didn’t know for the lunch break and chat with them to get to know them a little. Staff were also encouraged to sit with some students they didn’t know to show their support of the initiative.

News from the Library

As the end of year approaches we are preparing for our library stocktake. Please ensure that your student has returned any overdue items. The last date for borrowing for is Friday the 15th of November, with ALL resources returned by the 29th November at the latest. Thanks for your attention to this matter. I strongly encourage everyone to make use of the wonderful collection and services available at the Bundaberg Regional Library for some holiday reading.

Mrs. Libby Saxby (teacher-librarian)
Surf League- 100% effort by all pays off

On the last day of Term 3, a small, but competitive team of North High athletes took to the sand and surf and Nielson’s Park Beach, Bargara to compete in the annual inter-school Surf League Competition. Beach events included: flags, sprints and relays; while the surf events included swim, board, ironperson race and Cameron relay (relay version of Ironman). Our team was very enthusiastic and all competitors gave 100% effort in all events with some great results.

**U13**
- **William Robertson:**
  - 1st Male Board Race
  - 1st Ironman
  - 2nd Male Surf Race

- **Kaitlin Crook:**
  - 3rd Female Board Race
  - 5th Ironmaiden
  - 6th Female Board Race

- **Luke Laven:**
  - 4th Male Beach Sprint

**U15**
- **Chloe Harris:**
  - 3rd Female Board Race
  - 4th Female Beach Flags

**16+**
- **Melissa Haigh:**
  - 1st Female Beach Sprints

- **Bonnie Stehbens:**
  - 2nd Ironmaiden

- **Felicity Drinkwater:**
  - 3rd Female Beach Flags

- **Ryan Colling:**
  - 4th Male Beach Flags
  - 6th Male Beach Sprint

- **Matt Russell I:**
  - 6th Male Beach Flags

Special mention to our 16+ Female Board competitors who took our 4 of the top 6 places. Bonnie Stehbens (2nd), McKenzie McKinney-Ross (3rd), Emily Harvey (4th) & Melissa Tolvanen (6th). Due to great participation throughout the whole day, North Bundaberg SHS was placed 4th overall out of 9 schools (the highest placed state high school) and 4 of our students were selected for the ‘HONORARY’ Wide Bay School Surf Lifesaving Team based on their results, they were: William Robertson, Ryan Colling, Bonnie Stehbens and Melissa Haigh. Mr Whalley and I would like to congratulate all students who took part in the Schools Surf League for your enthusiasm, positive attitude and representing your school with pride. We are very proud of you all. Well done.

*Mrs McGregor and Mr Whalley (Team Managers)*
Then to Now: Celebrating 100 Years of Bundaberg City

Take a step back in time at the Centenary Fair on Sunday 17 November from 9am til 1pm in Anzac Park, Quay Street (next to the pool). Bring back memories of yesteryear as you ride the carousel or enjoy panoramic views of Bundaberg and the Burnett River from the Ferris wheel, especially brought in for this event. Themed as an old time country fair there will be music, vintage cars & machinery, activities and stalls for the whole family. The Ferris wheel and carousel will also be operating on Saturday 16 November between 3pm and 9pm.

Kids Helpline – 1800 551800

“We care and we listen, any time and for any reason”.

Some very informative and helpful information is available from kidshelp.com.au and covers topics such as Self-Injury, Anxiety and Depression and Family Relationships. All of these documents are available on the Bundaberg North State High School website, just look for the ‘our community’ tab and select ‘parent teacher communication’. These can be printed directly from the web, or can be printed from the links below. For those of you not receiving our Newsletter electronically, you are welcome to contact the school office on 4130 0222 and request copies.


Aviation Australia Opens its Doors!

Come along to our Open Night on Wednesday 27th November commencing at 6.00pm. The Open Night offers students and parents the opportunity to tour our training facilities based at Brisbane Airport and find out first-hand, how to become an Aircraft Maintenance Engineer or Flight Attendant. Our training centres’ house the most advanced training equipment including real aircraft, fully equipped workshops, cabin simulators, evacuation slides, pool for water safety drills, and excellent student amenities. You will also have the chance to meet our team of instructors who are available to answer any of your questions. To register your interest email: aero.info@aviationaustralia.aero or contact our Sales Team on 07 3860 0900.

Do you have school leavers heading to Brisbane in 2014 in need of quality student accommodation? The Pad Student Living offers a variety of accommodation options designed specifically for students & is the ideal accommodation solution for students who will be relocating to Brisbane for their studies. More information about The Pad & a selection of our available properties is available on our website www.thepad.com.au. If you have any further queries or require additional information, please don’t hesitate to contact us at info@thepad.com.au or on 1300 843 723.

P & C Meeting

Thursday, 5th December, starting from 5.00pm in the school administration building. All welcome!