Principal’s Report…

Welcome to our second-last newsletter for this term which again highlights the extensive learning opportunities provided by North High. In this article I want to focus on the Burnie Johnson Memorial Dedication, Lions Youth of the Year successes, Our Anti-bullying message and high expectations at North.

Burnie Johnson memorial dedication

Last Wednesday the school held a memorial dedication assembly, which also included a plaque unveiling and tree planting ceremony to honour the contribution of Burnie Johnson to the education of all students at North High. I have provided here for you my ‘Thank You ‘speech which will give you some understanding of Burnie and his contribution to North High.

“Mrs Forman, Aunty Alice Long, Mrs Shirley Johnson, Ms Joan Peat, other guests, teachers and students. I too pay my respects to the elders, past and present who are the custodians of the land on which we meet today.

I rise to say thank you to all those who have participated in or contributed to today’s memorial dedication for Burnie Johnson. You have heard today of a kind and caring man who believed:

“That an understanding of aboriginal culture by all people would bring about mutual respect and reduce racism and discrimination”

Not only into words but also into action, and for this we are all richer people and this school community will forever be a better place because Burnie cared for his community.

Thank you Shirley (Johnson) for accepting the invitation to be the guest speaker today. Your speech and your words show the great respect you have for Burnie and his contribution to this school. You also left us with a challenge to honour and carry on Burnie’s work of passing on the knowledge and respect for Aboriginal culture and the importance of respect for all people no matter their race or culture. These were powerful messages and we will do all that we can to make sure that we honour Burnie’s legacy.

Aunty Alice Long, thank you for your presence here today and welcome to North High. We are looking forward to working with you as our Indigenous Elder and continuing the great work of Burnie.

Joan Peat, Burnie’s partner, thank you for also being here today. These occasions must bring mixed emotions for you and Burnie’s family, but I hope this has been a proud occasion for you, as Burnie will be forever in the collective hearts of this school community and his work will endure.
Well done to our Masters of Ceremony, Callum Colasimone, Storm Powell, Matthew Wallis and Mackynlie Priestley. This was the first public performance of our Indigenous Student Ambassadors, Matthew and Mackynlie so a special congratulations to them both.

Thank you to Angela Long our Community Education Counsellor, Tanya Appo Teacher Aide, Neil Studholme our Groundsman and Robyn Kent the Senior School Deputy Principal for their suggestions, ideas and organisation of today. You have done a great job.

And finally thank you all other guests for being here to share in Burnie Johnson’s memorial dedication. Burnie has influenced us all and left us with a legacy to honour and respect.”

Lions ‘Youth of the Year’ successes

This year two Year 12 students Amy Lee Murphy and Michael Boon achieved success in the first round of this competition and then represented the school at the zone final. Both students performed well with Michael winning and qualifying for the regional final. At the regional final Michael again was a credit to the school, performing well and winning the Best Public Speaker award. Well done and congratulations to Michael and also a big thank you to Ms Keri Jensen who has supported and encourage all our students through each round of the competition.

Anti-bullying message

On Wednesday our school participated in a whole school anti-bullying activity as part of the National Day of Action against bullying. Our students assembled on the oval under the direction of our RAS teachers to spell out the words “STOP BULLYING! “This was a great activity that generated much interest from the media but also served to remind students that making others feel uncomfortable has no place in our school, workplace or the community and that reporting the actions of a bully takes away the power of the bully because someone knows. Thank you to our Better Buddies student committee, Keri Jensen, Gillian Colasimone and to our groundsman Neil Studholme for their organization and contributions to the success of the day. Also a big thank to ‘Handy Hire’ who provided a knuckle lift free of charge for the event which enabled aerial photographs to be taken, and to Mark Haster a local painter who also gave his time freely to drive the lift.

High expectations at North

On a recent assembly I reminded students of my expectations regarding their performance in classrooms and focused on five key elements which include: being prepared for learning with the right equipment and attitude, making sure they were engaging in their learning, performing to capacity (if they are capable of getting A grade that they achieve an A grade), aspiring to productive futures (being focused on a future career or future success) and taking responsibility for their outcomes (working with their teachers to find out how to improve their performance). I am sure you would agree with me that North Bundaberg State High School should be a place of learning and achieving and without these high expectations this will not be achieved. I encourage you to discuss these with your son/daughter as together we can achieve the best outcomes for your student.
Thank you

Thank you so much to all the families that have dressed their students in the new polo shirts. We are currently undergoing a process within the school to advertise to suppliers for tender of production of our uniform. As a result of this process please note that most of our local suppliers are not ordering in any more stock until the process has been completed which will be around the end of term 2.

Michael Boon shines again!

Michael Boon and Amylee Murphy recently represented North Bundaberg State High School at the Lions Youth of the Year Quest Zone 8 final. This stage of the competition was held at “Impact” East Bundaberg on Saturday, 8th March. The students representing Bundaberg State High, Kepnock and Shalom were all very competent speakers and faced a tough challenge of impressing a panel of Judges with considerable and varied experiences in youth leadership. I am pleased to report that Michael Boon was one of the two candidate’s selected to progress to the region 3 final of the Lions District Q4 Judging. Michael competed at the regional final at Moore Park on Saturday, 15th March and was awarded the Public Speaking Award. Well done Michael!! You have done yourself, your parents and the school community proud!

Keri Jensen
Lions Youth of the Year Co-ordinator

Cheerleading starts at North

On Friday, March 7th we held our first training session in the hall for cheerleading. We are very grateful to Mrs Fiona Payne (Principal of Acrobatica in Bundaberg) for volunteering her time to teach the basics of Cheerleading. 65 students attended the first session and it was not long before students were performing arm movements in a variety of patterns to some up tempo music. It attracted the attention of many students walking past who stopped to have a look. The students who participated had a great time and look forward to future lessons.

Robyn Kent
We’ve got our say on running the government!

Not only do we have our say on running the government but North High hosted the Regional Convention, greeting visitors such as our Federal Member for Hinkler, Keith Pitt and the Maryborough Deputy Mayor, George Seymour, distributing convention kits, making a power point quiz and generally running the event. Five students in year 12 - Tess Bowe-Fernley, Chloe Thomson, Amy Wilson, Stacey Wondrock with Connor Silcox, attended the event and competed in the speaking section along with 5 other schools from the North Coast Region. The topic under discussion was ‘whether we should have a Bill of Rights’. Students participated in group activities to consider what rights we would want included, compared these ideas to past suggestions from political leaders, analysed the options for how rights may be protected within our government system, and made the most of the opportunity to voice their opinion. Protecting our democracy lies in our future voters of Australia – the students of today!

_Katrine Rayner, SOSE HOD_

University and Tertiary education offers 2013

Latest information from the Queensland Tertiary Administration Centre (QTAC) indicate that 97% of students from North Bundaberg High School, who were in year 12 in 2013, and who applied to study at a tertiary institution, have received an offer to study at one of these institutions. These include studying Degrees at Universities and Diplomas at TAFE colleges. This is a very pleasing result and we wish our past students every success in their studies.

_Rob Miller_
_Guidance Officer_

Chartered Accountants scholarship received by past student

Congratulations to Brooke Green one of our senior students from 2013. The Business Education Faculty nominated Brooke for a scholarship being offered by the Chartered Accountants Association in December 2013. The Chartered Accountants Association Benevolent Fund offers only 2 scholarships every year Australia wide to students interested in studying Accountancy at University. We are very pleased to announce that Brooke was selected as one of the successful recipients of the scholarship which will contribute towards her tertiary studies. Brooke is currently enrolled at CQU – Bundaberg in a 4yr Bachelor of Accounting & Business degree. This is a fantastic achievement and shows that hard work does pay off in the end. We wish Brooke all the best with her future studies.
Congratulations Mackynlie and Matthew

Last year North High was invited to join the Indigenous Student Ambassador Network. We saw this as an exciting opportunity for our Indigenous students, having these positions included in the leadership roles within our school; this program enhances students’ connection to their identity, culture and developing leadership within the school and community.

Selection of the ambassadors was undertaken through students meeting the selection criteria and addressing an interview panel which included Indigenous Elders Aunty Lester Barnard, Aunty Alice Long and teacher-aide Tanya Appoo.

We are proud to announce the two positions for 2014 are to be held by year 12 student Mackynlie Priestley and year 11 student Matthew Wallis who are both worthy recipients and have shown themselves as excellent role models within our school and wider community.

Year 12 Legal Studies

Did you know that Australia has the highest percentage of home ownership in the world? Despite recent economic hardship Australians still desire to own their own home. But the question remains as to whether it is actually better to rent than buy?

Year 12 Legal Studies students are currently investigating this question by completing an assignment where they are required to buy their very first home. In class, students have been learning about the conveyancing process, finance costs, role of the solicitor and necessary safeguards and procedures to adopt.

Recently a panel of experts in the fields of finance, insurance and legal matters pertaining to renting or buying a home visited North Bundaberg State High School to assist students with their assessment. We would like to thank Ms Christine Large, Solicitor MRH Lawyers, Mr Grae Shelton, Real Estate Agent, National Australia Bank Store Manager, Mrs Kerri Elliott and Nicole Ireland, National Australia Bank Banker for giving up their valuable time to share their expertise. The students have gained some very valuable information which will assist them greatly as adults.

Year 2 Legal Studies Teacher

Just your family

Keri Jensen
‘Shave for a Cure’ correcting the record.

There have been comments made on Facebook regarding North Bundaberg State High School’s support for ‘Shave a Cure’. We wish to correct the misinformation portrayed in these comments. North Bundaberg State High School supports all students who wish to participate in community fundraising events. Many of our staff and school families have been touched by cancer and “Shave for a Cure” has been supported in this school over many years. If you would like to contribute, please contact the school.

UNIFORM MEETING
Thursday, 3rd of April @ 3:30pm in the Administration Office.

This meeting will discuss feedback on the school uniforms, including formal and sports uniforms. In term 2 we will be putting the North Bundaberg State High School uniform out to commercial tender and need to decide if we will be changing any of the formal uniform components. If you would like to have a say please attend the 3:30pm meeting or email mpole1@eq.edu.au with your uniform suggestions.

Archaeological antics in the Americas
So what should you pack when going an archaeological expedition into the South American jungle? How do you convince the other members of your team that your idea would be a sensible one? What do these artefacts tell us about Incan culture?
Thankfully a team of year 9 LEAP students (Mikka Noblett, Amber Tobin, Emma Rosenblatt, Skie Cronin, Blake Batchelor and Cooper Roll) were on hand to be team helpers and to encourage our Primary students in their decision making. It was impressive to see the way our LEAP students managed the organisation of activities and gave freely of their own time. A fantastic attitude contributed to the success of the SOSE activity for the day.

Katrine Rayner, SOSE HOD

Appreciating World War 2 Efforts at Kokoda

Students studying year 10 History recently completed the unit on World War 2, with its assessment based on the Kokoda campaign. Examination of maps, terrain diagrams, personal accounts and documentary clips; gave a deeper understanding of the difficulties faced by our Australian troops in Papua New Guinea. One class were able to actually handle an original 303 rifle (obviously minus the live bullets) and were amazed by the weight of the weapon. When we considered this added burden along with the mud and mountainous jungle fighting, we marvelled at the incredible sacrifice made by those who fought for Australia in World War 2.

Katrine Rayner, History Teacher
Term 1 “Civvies” Day

On Friday, 28th March we will be conducting a “Civvies Day” to support Australian farmers. Students are asked to dress in “farm/country” clothes and give a gold coin to support the fundraising efforts. Uniform expectations: wearing the correct footwear that complies with the uniform guidelines; no skimpy clothing; no clothing decorated with inappropriate images or writing, will still apply. Students should also ensure their clothing is sunsafe. Money will be collected during RAS on Friday. So find your jeans, checked shirt, straw hat and come along to support the ‘Australian Farmers’.

If you would like to donate or assist further with the ‘Buy a Bale’ fundraising, please visit http://www.buyabale.com.au/ or call 1300 448322.

Senior School News

Exams approaching…….

This year there will be a two week disruption free period of time, set aside for year 10 – 12 students to complete exams and assessment without major interruptions. All year 10 -12 students have been given an individual assessment schedule and an exam timetable. Parents are encouraged to check on their students’ exam and assessment commitments. Students will be expected to attend school every day during the disruption free period but we have organised that students will have a maximum of 2 exams on any one day. If students have more than one subject listed for an assessment on any one day they should see their teacher immediately to negotiate a change.

Students should have by now, highlighted their exam timetable and be very aware of when assessment is due. Students should read the assessment policy in their homework diary to ensure that they follow procedures and complete all assessment on or by the due date.

Robyn Kent, Senior School Deputy

eLearning Program

It is fantastic to see all our year 11 and year 12 students busily using their ACER tablets in classes and around the school.

Unfortunately we have had a lot of students not carrying their Tablets in the protective carry case (black satchel) provided with their device. It is important to remember that your accidental insurance cover will not cover “careless damage” or “negligence”. Our Student Device Care states the device must always be carried in the protective carry satchel. Please ensure your student has their Tablet in its case at all times when not in use. This will reduce the likelihood of damage which may be costly.

Gail Norris – eLearning HOD

P & C AGM & General Meeting Thursday 3rd April, starting from 5.00pm. All welcome!
COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

DO YOUR BEST – come and join BARGARA LITTLE ATHLETICS.

Does your child like to run, jump, throw and play games in a fun family environment? The Bargara Little Athletics season is about to start.

- **Sign-on** - Saturday, 29 March 2014 at IGA Bargara 8am – 2pm
- **Competition starts** Sunday, 4 May 2014 at 10am at Neilsons Sports Oval.

Every Sunday in April will be coaching sessions 10 – 11am at Neilsons Sports Oval.

For more info **phone Kay 4159 1881 or 0427 695 167**

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On the 30th of March, the Moore Park Beach Tavern is hosting a World’s Greatest Shave and family fun day fundraiser. All the fun will begin at 12pm and go until 4pm. There will be rides from Fun Time Amusements, camel rides, Monster raffles, auction, lunch specials, live entertainment, market stalls and much more!

We are still seeking market stall holders, donations from local businesses and of course more people who are brave enough to shave!!!! All proceeds go to the Leukaemia Foundation.

If you’re interested in having a market stall on the day, want to donate to our monster raffle and auction or want to register to shave, please contact Samantha Myles at the tavern on 4154 8519 or email on **samantha.myles@hotmail.com**

Thanks

Samantha Myles

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Brothers Bulldogs Afl 
SIGN ON DAY 
27th of March 2014 
4.00pm - 6.00pm

Brothers Bulldogs welcomes all 7 - 17 year olds to register at our club grounds, Faircloth Crescent, Bundaberg. Cheapest winter sport in Bundaberg.

For more information please contact: Sonya on 0439746683 or go to www.aflbba.com.au

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P & C AGM & General Meeting

Thursday 3rd April, starting from 5.00pm. All welcome!
Hi all, my name is Chappy Lisa. I’m in my 5th year at Bundaberg North High. I find being a chaplain isn’t just a job or a service to young people, teachers and families. It’s more than that, I love it. I love people and I love being a part of a young person’s journey to self-discovery. Yes there are ups and downs in the lives of families and I have been, and intend in the future to hopefully be that support person in the school to help with choices and the valuing of themselves and others. I do this through one-on-one chatting and group work, immersing myself in the daily culture of the school and intentionally bringing hope to our young generation. Thank you for your ongoing support. Bless you all.

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