Principal’s Report…

Welcome to our last newsletter for this term which again highlights the extensive learning opportunities provided by North High. In this article I want to focus on mid semester reporting and parent teacher interviews, the retirement of two long serving staff members, staff professional learning and the Year 6 and 7 parent information evening.

Mid semester reports and interviews

On Thursday the school will mail out your student’s Mid Semester progress report. I encourage you to take time over the vacation 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 upcoming parent teachers interviews scheduled for Tuesday, April 29th from 3.30pm will again provide an 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 term two and achieves success in semester one. 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.

Farewell to Clive Roydhouse and Frank Metz

This week we will farewell two of our long serving staff members Frank Metz and Clive Roydhouse who will commence their retirement from Education Queensland on Friday. Frank has given 31 years of service to public education including 14 years of service to North Bundaberg SHS. I thank Frank for his contribution to this school and the positive change that he has made in the lives of many thousands of students he has taught. Clive has given 26 years of service to public education and 12 years of service to this school. I thank Clive for the contribution he has made to this school and the positive influence he had on the lives of many thousands of students he has taught. I wish them well and hope that their next adventure in life is as rich and fulfilling as their careers in education have been. Good luck Frank and Clive.
Staff professional learning

Teacher capability and quality teaching are critical to the success of your students and this school is always striving to ensure our staff is able to provide quality teaching and learning experiences. Last week our staff participated in a two hour workshop focused on developing literacy teaching and information technology skills. Our teaching staff also participates in ‘Professional Learning Communities’ which meet three times a term with a leader to discuss instruction and ways to strengthen their effectiveness. In term two this will be extended to a program of observation and feedback where staff will be able reflect upon practice and strengthen their delivery of quality teaching.

Year 6 and 7 Parent Information Evening

Last week we held a Year 6 and 7 Parent Information Evening in preparation for Year 7 becoming part of secondary schooling in 2015. The evening provided information on ‘Our Vision’, expectations, goals as a school, curriculum, well-being programs, organisation of the school day and our strategies to provide a safe, supportive and secure learning environment. The presentation style for the evening made limited use of formal presentations with more emphasis being on an informal interaction between parents and the school staff. More of these evenings are planned for Terms Two, Three and Four, with an enrolment afternoon planned for Wednesday, 11th June. Session A commences at 3:30pm and session B commences at 5:30pm.

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 one and I look forward to working closely with you in term two to produce the best outcomes for your child.

Happy Easter

Ross Robertson
PRINCIPAL
Parent teacher interviews

Parent teacher interviews will be held on Tuesday, 29\textsuperscript{th} April in the North High School Hall. Interviews will commence at 3:30pm through to 5:30pm and will be 10 minutes in duration. Last year we introduced the internet-based booking system PTO (Parent Teacher Online) and we will be using this system again this year. If you do not have internet access at home you may call the school office on 4130 0222 for assistance. Further details, including your students EQ ID number will be contained in a letter along with the Interim Report Cards which you should receive this week. You can log on through the Bundaberg North State High School website at http://www.bundnortshs.eq.edu.au/ and click on the PTO symbol to book your appointments. The system will be open for bookings from Friday 4\textsuperscript{th} April.

Civvies Day raises money for the farmers in drought!

On Friday, students and staff donned their checked shirts and jeans to raise money for our Australian farmers. The Student Council organised their first ‘Free Dress day’ and worked with 2 of our senior students Debbie Blanch and Paul Kearney who suggested we raise money for the farmers. Thank you to the many staff and students who donated to the cause.

‘METZY’ RETIRING

After 30 years of teaching, Mr Frank Metz has decided to retire. He can remember clearly his first teaching position in Brisbane at Rochedale State High School. After two years he and his wife were posted to Mirani State High School just west of Mackay. He has fond memories living on a cane farm and bush walking in the region. In 1990 he transferred to Bundaberg.

The last 13 years was spent at North Bundaberg SHS as Head of the Department of Industrial Technology and Design (Manual Arts). He had many highlights at North including coaching the Open Boys Soccer Teams and winning several times in the district. He was also heavily involved in the Human Powered Vehicle (H.P.V.) race at the Technology Challenge in Maryborough where his team “Dark and Storm” won three times in the design, make and race division. He said he will miss the students and his colleagues. Now he is looking forward to spending more time with his family down south and travelling extensively.
Medieval Morning 2014

By: Jess Bujayer

Year 8 students had an excellent time at the medieval morning set up by year 8 SOSE teachers, Miss Rayner and her year 9 ‘LEAP’ Class. Students had a go at jousting, shield making, costume competition, archery, quizzles, shogunate Japan, and many more activities. We had demonstrations that had the WOW factor. We also had some hot cross buns to eat, yum! Thanks to the Teachers who helped make the Medieval Morning possible.
- Loving Lifestyle Technologies in Year 8 -

Message from the school dental van

All year 8, 9 and 10 students have now received medical consent forms. Students will then be given an examination appointment. If treatment is required a further consent form and appointment time will be sent home. Please return consent forms signed in black or blue pen and please return the forms promptly. If you have any enquiries regarding treatment please phone 0408 772976. All emergencies phone 4150 2243. Usual hours of operation are 8am to 4:30pm Monday and Wednesday; 8am to 3pm Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Migrant Talks on again

Following the success of the migrant talks with our Year 10 students last year, this project will be occurring mid term 2. It involves groups of students interviewing a migrant to Australia asking why they migrated, their experiences, what they’ve gained and how they have contributed to Australian society. It was fascinating last year to hear the various stories and to see the growing awareness amongst our students as to the reasons why people migrate and how lucky we all are to live in Australia. If you are a migrant (or know someone who is) and would be happy to come and share your story for 50 mins with a small group of year 10 students (4-6) please contact me for further information.

Katrine Rayner
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P & C AGM & General Meeting
Thursday 3rd April, starting from 5.00pm. All welcome!
Senior School News

Robyn Kent, Senior School Deputy

**Senior school news.**

The Year 10, 11 and 12 students have been completing exams over the last 2 weeks. All students are required to submit all pieces of assessment on or by the due date. Mid Semester reports will be mailed out this week. It was very pleasing to see so many students achieving a ‘C’ or better for Effort, Behaviour and Classroom achievement. Congratulations to all students who have achieved their goals. Next term students will once again be setting targets for their next pieces of assessment. We encourage all students to work with their teachers and peers to ensure they are doing their absolute best to be passing their subjects with their best results and on track for gaining their Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) at the completion of Year 12.

**Year 10 ‘Futures Focus’ day**

On Monday, 10\(^{th}\) February the year 10 students participated in an alternative day. The day, as the title suggests, was based around their future. The emphasis was looking at the whole person.

The activities the students participated in were conducted by school staff and external providers. The activities included: Positive Mental Health with Robyn our Health Nurse, Teenage Health & Safety (Drugs and Alcohol) with Janelle (Indigenous Wellbeing Centre and Rebecca (IMPACT); Physical Wellbeing with Keegan, Ashleigh and Scott (JETTS Bundaberg); Careers with Jeff (IMPACT); Teambuilding with our ‘Chappy’ Lisa and Steps to Success with Rob Miller the schools’ Guidance Officer.

Many positive comments came from the presenters. Some of these comments included:

“I think the day was great. I couldn’t fault anything with the organisation or facilities. On an overall scale the students exceeded my expectations of their behaviour and participation which in result allowed us to hopefully provide them with some useful knowledge for now and the future”.
Keegan Lankowski - Jetts Bundaberg Club Manager

“The day was very well organised and times of sessions were adequate. Students, even though initially quiet, became involved and had some valid input and discussions. Students were impeccably behaved, which was very nice to see. They seemed to enjoy themselves”.
Jeff Messit (IMPACT - Program Facilitator | Trainer/Assessor | Special Support Officer)

Feedback from the students regarding the day included:

Physical Wellbeing: ‘good to learn about exercise and the gym’; ‘I liked the rotations and the three trainers’; ‘Keegan was strict’; ‘they had freebies’.

Positive Mental Health: ‘talking about how to reduce stress was helpful’; ‘I spoke to someone in Year 10 I had never spoken to before’; ‘I didn’t realise I had so much in common with others in my group’.
Teenage Health & Safety: ‘the beer goggles were fun’; ‘I didn’t know alcohol affected you like that’; ‘I liked that the presenters’ were not teachers’.

Teambuilding: ‘the challenges were great’; ‘you couldn’t succeed without working together’; ‘working with students I didn’t know’.

Careers: ‘I didn’t know I had so many options’; ‘I found out what I wanted to do’; ‘the presenter listened to us, he was helpful’.

Steps to success: ‘Mr Miller showed inspiring stories about people’; ‘I learned never to give up’.

I would like to thank our school staff, Rob Miller, Robyn Kirby and Lisa Crosbie as well as the external presenters for their efforts on making the day a great success.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

As a form of recognition for students doing the ‘right thing’ teachers are nominating students for a ‘student of the week’ award. In nominating students, teachers are referring to our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Safety.

All nominees are called up on the weekly Year Parade and receive acknowledgement for their nomination. The ‘winner’ for the week receives a certificate and a tuckshop voucher for $2.50.

Recipients this term have included:

**Maddison Armstrong and Taylor Collins:** for seeing a younger student being bullied and reporting it to a teacher.
**Emily Fisher:** for demonstrating excellent behaviour and work ethic in class.
**Jake Walton:** for demonstrating great participation in class.
**Samantha Fincher:** for always completing her homework, participating in class and showing great improvement.
**Georgia Prichard:** for always being to class on time, completing homework, showing interest and enthusiasm in class.
**Max Gregory:** for showing huge improvement in effort in class. Working hard to complete set work, paying attention in class and answering questions when asked.
**Clayton Hall:** for always showing the three school values of respect, responsibility and safety. In addition, Clayton did well on his maths assignment due to his persistence and effort on the task.
**Kiara Heiniger:** for always working hard in class.

I wish all students a safe and relaxing ‘Easter’ break and I look forward to seeing them all back ready for Term 2.

Rick Hogan (Year 10 Coordinator)

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **3rd April**  Uniform meeting in Administration building at 3:30pm
- **4th April**  PTO Parent Teacher Online bookings open for parents
- **4th April**  Last day of term 1
- **18th April**  GOOD FRIDAY
- **22nd April**  Term 2 commences
- **25th April**  ANZAC Day
- **29th April**  Parent Teacher Interviews, commencing 3:30pm
IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO PARENTS OF YEAR 11 SCIENCE STUDENTS

NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM (N.Y.S.F.)

Applications for the 2015 National Youth Science Forum are now open. The N.Y.S.F. is a unique Twelve Day Programme that offers students entering their final year of secondary school the opportunity to get a hands-on feel for careers and learn about study options in the fields of science, engineering and technology.

In partnership with Rotary International, sessions are run in Canberra and Perth where students live on campus as a university student for 12 days in January.

Further details about this wonderful opportunity can be obtained from http://www.nysf.edu.au or by contacting N.Y.S.F. Local Co-ordinator John Weir Phone: 0428620262.