Principal’s Report...

Welcome to our first newsletter for term two and I hope that all families had a restful and safe Easter vacation. This newsletter again highlights the extensive learning opportunities provided by North High. In this article I want to focus on the term ahead, literacy and numeracy development, ANZAC Day, parent teacher interviews and student feedback.

Upcoming events in term two

Welcome back to term two which will be a very busy term with many events on our calendar. These include:

- NAPLAN tests May 13th, 14th and 15th
- School Musical – “Xanadu” May 23rd and 24th
- Education Queensland, School Discipline Audit, June 2nd
- ‘Art and Science of Teaching’- Professional Learning, June 5th and ongoing professional learning through ‘Professional Learning Communities’
- Year 6 into 7 and Year 7 into 8 Enrolment Afternoon, June 11th
- End Semester Testing, June 10 to June 21

The School Discipline Audit scheduled for Monday, June 2nd is part of our commitment to ensuring that every day, in every lesson, every student in our school is learning and achieving within a safe, supportive and disciplined learning environment. We promote a positive and inclusive community that affirms the rights of all our members to feel safe and be safe at school. We recognise the reciprocal relationship between academic success and social behaviour. Clear and consistent school discipline is an essential component of a high performing school and this audit provides an opportunity for the school to engage in a conversation about the strength of the school in building discipline and where there are opportunities for improvement. I want to ensure we are doing our best to provide a disruption free learning environment and participation in the Audit is another strategy of ensuring this. I will provide further details of the Audit in future newsletters.

Literacy and Numeracy Development

I have provided below a link to our Great Results Guarantee Plan which is published on our website. This plan is our response to the funding provided by Education Queensland to support the schools literacy and numeracy development programs. All aspects of the plan are now fully implemented with our Literacy Coach: Tom Wright,
Numeracy Coach: Rhonda Cutmore and Teaching and Learning Coach: Gillian Colasimone working closely with staff and students. Our re-developed ‘Focused literacy and Numeracy program’ is well underway with students fully engaged in the program and showing improvements. The re-developed ‘Spot-Lit program’ is also well underway with staff focused on improving the areas where students have gaps in their literacy and numeracy skills. With NAPLAN testing just around the corner I am keen to see our results as they will provide a gauge of our progress in developing students literacy and numeracy skills and will provide valuable information on the student’s strengths and weaknesses.

Participation in ANZAC Day Commemoration ceremonies

I am so proud of our efforts to commemorate ANZAC Day this year which began with our student led ceremony and Parade on Wednesday. This was a moving and solemn ceremony which provided all our students with an opportunity to remember those who have lost their lives through armed conflict. We were represented as a school by students at the Kalkie and Bundaberg North State School services, the Bargara Dawn Service, The Town Parade and Ceremony and the Moore Park Service. In addition to this many of our students participated in the ceremonies as part of the community organization they belong to and it is just so pleasing to see students giving back to their community.

Parent teacher interviews and student feedback

I hope that you were able to take the opportunity to participate in our parent teacher afternoon. This is part of a number of ways in which students have received feedback regarding their term one performance which I spoke about on our assembly this week. I reminded students of the feedback they would have received by now which has included assessment they completed in term one, the reflection they have done on the targets they have set for themselves as part of our academic target setting strategy and the feedback they have received via the parent teacher interviews. I then challenged students to ensure that they were responding to this feedback by acting upon it during the course of term two. I also encourage you as parents to ask your students about the feedback and how they have responded to it.

Finally please continue to contact the school if you have any concerns regarding your student’s education. I look forward to working closely with you in term two to produce the best outcomes for your child.

Ross Robertson
PRINCIPAL
ANZAC Day – 2014

Battle fields ahead; this war was not meant to be. 
A sudden surge of anger created war at Gallipoli. 
Standing before the anger; an icy, cold stare. 
Will you lay down your life, into deaths angry lair?

Bitterness and sorrow flow, mingled in the blood. 
Screams of pain escape and through the air they flood. 
Cold and merciless foe’s; they fight just as hard. 
Will you lay down your life, under the sword’s shard?

The class of sides in disagreement; fear hangs nearby. 
The wounded drop to the ground; some, a deathly sigh. 
The battle is long, it wears people hard and through. 
Will you lay down your life, as others did for you?

Reaching down a hand, soldiers grasp this chance. 
Healing can be done though most get no second glance. 
Back to the battlefields; smoke and loss fill the air. 
Will you lay down your life, as others have done there?

The fight is drawing nigh, many people are gone. 
There is no time to gather dead, or sing a weary song. 
A victory is to be decided now; the battle continues on. 
Will you lay down your life, another to keep strong?

Heads hung low, so tired; yet smiles on their face. 
The victory is theirs; they claim the first place. 
Kneeling silently before the dead, remembering their fight. 
They laid down their lives, so you could see tonight. 

Cherish those ‘free’ moments, they weren’t free if you see. 
Many people died for you, so you may have liberty. 
Bow your head for once; pray for those who fell. 
Laying down their lives is the greatest sacrifice to tell.

Debbie Blanch – Year 12 student, North High
ANZAC Day Ceremonies

On Wednesday, 23rd April our school conducted our ANZAC Day ceremony. The ceremony was hosted by members of our Student Council and student volunteers. The ceremony also included the participation of our Army cadets led under the watchful eye of Hayden Churchill.

We would like to congratulate our cadets Jake Thomson, Caleb Deller, Alex Brix, Ebonny Deller, Connor Clancy, Liam Hart, Zennin Latimer and Hayden Churchill for participating in our ceremony. They then went on to participate in the North Primary school ceremony the following day.

Thank you and congratulations to all students and staff involved in the ceremony.

On Friday, 25th April approximately 30 students and staff represented the school in the Bundaberg ANZAC Day march. Students and staff also participated in the Moore Park ceremony and other students were involved in a number of parades representing other service organisations.

Congratulations to all who participated in ANZAC Day functions.

Robyn Kent
Deputy Principal
School Musical – “XANADU”

The musical “Xanadu” is taking shape. Students are working hard learning lines, songs and dances and starting to put together the Musical which is sure to take you down memory lane with some of the music. Remember to keep May 23rd and 24th free to come along and support the students. It should be a great show.

Summer finals day report – touch football

On Friday, 4th April the summer finals day for Wednesday afternoon sport was held in various sporting locations around Bundaberg. There was a great effort throughout the season but not all made it through to the big day. The senior boys and senior girls teams both scored themselves a place on the day and played in the deciding game at 11:30am. The senior boys played Shalom College and were unfortunately defeated but there were some highlights to the game and some great tries by Justin Ryan and Darcy Wust. The boys went on to play Kepnock in a game for third place while the final was on, but after a very close 45 minutes they finished in fourth place. The senior girls also shared the same fate as the boys. They played an epic first half with a shot at the grand final but were defeated in the second half by Bundaberg State High School. They also battled St Luke’s for third place and came a few points away from winning. There was also an awesome break through the St Luke’s defence made by Emilie Fowkes. All in all, the senior touch teams played great games and had a lot of fun.

Jarren Cross & Felicity Drinkwater
**Tennis 2014**

This year North High had two tennis teams, one senior and one junior. Nowadays, the teams can be a mixture of boys and girls, although at North most of the players are boys.

The junior team was Peter Johnstone, Daniel Smith, Jake Pollock and David Scott with help from Blake Zielke and Nathan Van Rooijen. They came 4th in the competition, behind Shalom Black and Red, and Bundaberg Christian College. Mr Kimber accompanied them each week to play at Shalom.

The junior team was Jack Hicks, Mason McInnes, Brock Gunsser and Corey Weier with help from Jake Pollock, Zoe Evans and Hayden Donoghue. They were minor premiers, but unfortunately lost to St Luke’s, who played better on finals day. Mrs Purcell accompanied them to St Luke’s each week to play.

Well done to both teams for their good sportsmanship throughout the competition.

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**Senior School News**

**Year 10, 11 and 12**

Students have recently received their mid semester reports and should take time to plan for maintaining and improving results in term 2. Students are encouraged to contact their teachers to discuss their profiles and identify which aspects of their work they can develop.

Year 12s will begin QCS practice tests this term. Results and feedback will be valuable for students to develop their QCS skills and preparation.

Year 12s will be involved in fundraising for their Prom. Money raised will help contribute to the costs of the venue and help keep ticket prices down. It is important for all year 12s to get involved to help out.

Year 10s begin developing their SETP (Senior Education Training Plan). Students have one lesson per week where they will be researching career options, creating a resume and planning for year 11 subject selections.

Year 11s – Students should be working hard this term to ensure they are achieving a “C” or better in all the subjects they have chosen for their senior years. Students completing VET subjects should be ensuring they are up to date with all “units of competence”. If students are unable to maintain a “C” or better or keep up to date with VET demands they should make an appointment with the Guidance Officer before the end of semester to discuss subject change options for semester two. The process must be completed prior to the start of semester two.

Robyn Kent, Senior School Deputy

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**Change of assessment date**

Year 11 Maths A - First assignment will be handed out on Wednesday, 7 May and is due on Wednesday, 14 May.

Year 11 Maths A - Second assignment will be handed out on Wednesday, 14 May and is due on Wednesday, 21 May.

Rob Schmidt
Year 10 Big Day Out

On Monday, February 10th all year 10 students were treated to a day out of the classroom. They were introduced to a vast array of new activities and the day was a huge success. The photos are now available to share with you.
DATES TO REMEMBER:

13th - 15th May  
Naplan – Year 9 students
20th May  
Docudrama – Yr 12
21st May  
Docudrama – Yr 11
23rd – 24th May  
School Musical – “Xanadu” in the school hall.
29th May  
Bundaberg Show holiday

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

HERITAGE CHRISTIAN CENTRE PRESENTS

EXTREME SUNDAY
An event for all the family!

10AM - 2PM | SUNDAY 18 MAY 2014
ALEXANDRA PARK, QUAY STREET, BUNDABERG
ENTERTAINMENT - FREE AMUSEMENTS - FOOD & DRINKS FOR SALE
For more info: Ph 4133 6469, info@heritagecc.com.au, www.heritagecc.com.au

NIELSON PARK

SUNDAY 11 MAY 2014
Walk or run for breast cancer research

P & C AGM & General Meeting  
Thursday 5th June, starting from 5.00pm. All welcome!

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Enjoy a night of laughs and fun at the fundraising screening of “The Other Woman” (Rated M) Friday, May 16 at the Moncrieff Entertainment Centre. Tickets are just $15 including a glass of wine with cheese and crackers; plus there’ll be a ladies ‘pamper pack’ being raffled, with proceeds to Bundaberg Regional Council Staff’s Relay for Life Team.

Tickets must be pre-purchased and are available now at the Moncrieff Box Office or phone 4130 4100 for credit card bookings.

Starring Cameron Diaz, Leslie Mann and Kate Upton – the oddest friends are about to get even!

Australian Air League.

Aviation based youth group offering challenging and disciplined fun for boys and girls aged 8 to 18. Offers life skills such as team building, self-reliance and leadership. Plus a variety of fun camps throughout the year. Fridays 6.30-8pm. Kendall’s Road, Bundaberg. Call 0400907807/41597489 or visit www.airleague.com.au