Welcome to our second newsletter for term two which again highlights the extensive learning opportunities provided by North High. In this article I want to focus on our Senior Education and Training Plan Program, NAPLAN testing, senior outcomes, musical preparations and Blue Shift competition success.

**Senior Education and Training Plan Program (SETP)**

The year 10 students are currently participating in the Senior Education and Training Plan program which is aimed at supporting students to develop this plan. Students are informed about career pathways, career planning, decision making, personal attributes and the type of career what would suit their interests. This program also includes the Senior School Subject Selection Evening and the Senior Education and Training Plan interview which will occur in term three. (Refer to the date claimer in this newsletter). I encourage all Year 10 parents to discuss the program with their student and to keep the Subject Selection Evening free so you can support them in these important decisions.

**NAPLAN Testing**

This week Year 9 students completed their NAPLAN testing which included writing, reading, language conventions and numeracy skills testing. The students approached the tests with confidence and a high level of engagement. I want to thank all staff who played a role in preparing the students for the tests and the students for the serious and committed manner in which they approached the preparation and testing. Even though the testing has finished our *Literacy and Numeracy development programs* of Spot-Lit and FLI will continue with a strong focus on strengthening students’ skills to ensure they achieve the best outcomes across all of their subjects.

**Senior Outcomes**

The school is continuing to monitor our year 11 and 12 students’ progress towards achieving a QCE and an OP below 15. This includes a review of year 11 students mid semester performance to identify and support students not on track to achieve a QCE, identifying and supporting year 12 students through the use of TraQCEr, a software program that tracks student’s progress towards a QCE, and the utilization of OP Analyser to provide a predicted OP range for OP eligible students. This monitoring and support assists in encouraging and motivating students to achieve their best. I encourage year 11 and 12 parents to discuss this monitoring with their student.
Musical Preparations

The production of our school musical “Xanadu” is drawing to a close with the final touches being made to the set, acting and singing. Our students and staff have worked hard throughout term 1 and 2 putting the musical together and it promises to be an acting and singing spectacular showcasing our many talented students and staff. Tickets can be purchased at the door from 7:00pm on Friday, 23rd May and from 7:00pm on Saturday, 24th May.

Blue Shift Competition success

Congratulations to Connor Silcox, Chloe Thomson, Kahli Bourne and Amy Wilson who have been successful in becoming finalists in the Blue Shift Competition. Blue Shift is a business case competition run by the Queensland University of Technology. Please see the article later in the newsletter for all the details. A big thank you to Keri Jensen who has provided support and guidance to the students and with Gail Norris have managed to secure sponsorship for the team from Ulton Chartered Accountants. Well done to both of them and Ulton for their generosity towards our students. I wish the students all the best with in the final.

In conclusion 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
School Musical – “XANADU”

There is a buzz around our school hall and tapping of feet as students prepare to deliver our school Musical “Xanadu”. Students from Year 8 to 12 have been busy attending rehearsals, learning lines and hunting up amazing costumes just to entertain YOU! Our local primary school students will be treated to a matinee on Thursday, 22nd May. Opening night is on Friday, 23rd of May followed by a second performance on Saturday, 24th of May. With only two showings, be sure to enter one of these dates on your activity calendar. It is an affordable night’s entertainment at only $10 for adults and $5 for students. No need to pre book tickets, as they are available at the door. We look forward to seeing you there as the raffles are drawn over a cold drink or cuppa.

Orinda Martin
Arts Co-ordinator.

Bundaberg Careers Expo – Tuesday, 27th May

An excursion to the Bundaberg Careers Expo at the Bundaberg Civic Centre has been organised for interested year 10, 11 and 12 students. The excursion has been designed to assist students make informed career choices.

There is an extensive range of exhibits including employment agencies, apprenticeships, universities, colleges, TAFE, defence forces, local businesses and much more. At this stage, it is anticipated that 2 bus loads (120 students) will be making the excursion to the Careers Expo. Preference will be given to those students who return their permission slip by the due date.

Please encourage your son/daughter to attend. Permission forms are available from the school office. Please complete the relevant form and return it to the office by Friday, 23rd May, if you would like your son/daughter to attend. The expo is also open to the general public from 4pm -6.30 pm.

Contact the Guidance Officer, Mr Rob Miller, for more information.

Senior School News

Year 10, 11 and 12

A team of year 10 students participated in the Science and Engineering Challenge at CQU. They placed 4th in the competition. Thank you to all those involved and thank you to Mrs Cutmore and Mrs Purcell for working with the students.
On Friday, 9th May an enthusiastic class of Hospitality students headed to Agrotrend to volunteer at a number of catering outlets run by volunteer organisations such as Scouts and Rotary. The students returned to school buzzing with excitement. They worked hard all day and represented the school extremely well. Thank you to Mrs Harvey and Mrs Holloway for organising the excursion. Congratulations to all the senior Hospitality students involved.

Our senior students undertaking a ‘construction’ course in semester 1 have been working hard to complete their units of competence. Successful students will have completed Certificate I in Construction by the end of this semester.

Our next disruption free period for Year 10, 11 and 12 exams will be held 10th – 20th June. Students should begin preparing for exams over the next few weeks.

Mr Schmidt and I have been interviewing year 12 students over the past week and checking out their progress in gaining their QCE. All year 12s should be working on ensuring they pass all subjects and are on track for completing all certificate level VET courses in order to give them the best chance of leaving year 12 having gained their QCE. Parents of year 12 students please discuss your child’s QCE progress with them and please do not hesitate to call Mr Schmidt, myself or the Guidance Officer Mr Miller if you have any queries.

Robyn Kent, Senior School Deputy

NUMERACY AT NORTH - HELPFUL HINTS

Numeracy is defined as “The effective use of mathematics to meet the general demands of life at home, in paid work and for participation in community and civic life. At North we break numeracy into 5 key strands. They are Number, Data, Location & Time, Measurement and Finance. We will present helpful hints in each school newsletter to assist you in promoting numeracy within your homes.

REMINDER – Free maths tutorial takes place in C03 on Tuesday afternoons from 3:10 to 4pm each week.
10 HPE Extension – Lifesaving Excursion

In the second last week of term 1, the year 10 HPE Extension class went on an excursion to Neilsens Beach (Bargara) as part of our Surf-Lifesaving unit. Students participated in a wide variety of activities to help develop and challenge the skills already learnt in class when at the pool.

Before we got in the water we went upstairs in the clubhouse to learn about potential dangers of the beach and surf conditions. As a class we identified and spotted rips and learnt about marine creatures that pose threats to humans.

We then ventured to the beach where we went on a lengthy run and did some stretching to warm up prior to participating in a variety of beach and life-saving activities. Activities included relays, tube rescues, board rescues and beach safety. Although exhausting, all class members participated well and gave 100% effort throughout the day. The afternoon session involved learning basic first aid skills, including CPR and resuscitation techniques.

We would like to thank the Bundaberg Lifesaving Club for the use of their facilities and in particular the lifeguards Jo, Kane and Mark for teaching us and sharing their knowledge and experience on beach and surf safety. Also thanks to Mr Whalley for the organisation of the trip.

Kirralee Randle, Hayley Sparozvich and the 10 HPE Extension class.
ROWING – FIRST REGATTA

Sunday, 4th May, was the first BDSSS regatta for 2014. Our 23 proud rowers, took on the five other Bundaberg school. Despite the cold windy start to the day there were some outstanding results. These included:

2nd – Lachlan Jensen & Cooper Habermann in a composite Open Boys 4
2nd – Senior Girls in the Open 8
3rd – Nicholas Sarnadsky & William Robertson in Yr 9 Double
3rd – Melissa Price & Natalie Curtis in a composite Yr 10 Girls Quad
3rd – Jake Thomson & Cooper Roll in a composite Yr 10 Boys Quad
3rd – Lachlan Jensen in Under 17 Boys Single
3rd – Connor Clancy in Under 15 Boys Single
3rd – Cooper Roll in Under 15 Boys Single
3rd – Jai Poulsen & Brady Curtis in Yr 8 Double

Congratulations to our 8 novice rowers, all making it to the end high and dry. There was good racing conditions on the day with a nice tail wind and all put in a great effort and valuable race experience was gained for the upcoming Head of the River Regatta. The Head of River Regatta is on Sunday, 25th May. A big THANK-YOU to all the parents and coaches that helped out on the day, the day would not have been as successful without your assistance.

Coordinator / Coach - Teressa Gibson

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS ....... EVERYDAY!

This term year 12 BCT students are studying Financial Administration. As part of this topic students are investigating the various types of insurance policies that are compulsory and advisable for business. We were very fortunate to have Mr Michael Brown, an Insurance Broker come and discuss this very important topic with us recently in class. Michael is a Commercial/Corporate Authorised Representative for Aon Risk Services Australia Ltd. He was able to discuss at length the necessary policies, concerns and considerations that relate to business insurance. Students have learnt specifically about policies such as Worker’s Compensation, Professional Indemnity, Business Interruption, Fidelity, Burglary, Marine Transit, Industrial Special Risks, Public and Products Liability, Fire, Flood etc. We appreciate Michael taking the time to come and share his expertise with us. It was very interesting and worthwhile.

Mrs Keri Jensen (BCT Teacher)

Michael Brown is thanked by Katie Grimson.
Business department take on a ‘Blue Shift’ thanks to Ulton

A team of four yr 12 Business Education students from North have been successful in their entry into the inaugural Blue Shift secondary school competition. Connor Silcox, Chloe Thomson, Kahl Bourne and Amy Wilson are now finalists in the Business Case competition that is run by QUT Business School. The case study submitted in the preliminary round won them the opportunity to compete against 12 other schools on 31 May at QUT Gardens Point Campus.

The students were required to research and write a report on Caresuper that focused on aspects such as the superannuation industry, business location, target markets, customers and any environmental factors that need to be taken into consideration.

The team named “The Prodigies” along with their mentor teacher Mrs Keri Jensen are very excited to have made it to the finals and have winning firmly set in their sites. The students will receive another case study and have 1 week to present their solution to judges from QUT staff and business professionals. If crowned Champion Team each student will receive a $2000 scholarship to QUT Business School, cash and other prizes.

We are very excited and grateful that our team has received sponsorship from our local Chartered Accountants & Business Advisors ‘Ulton’. A big THANK YOU must go to Ulton, without their financial support towards this endeavour our students may not have been able to participate in this fantastic opportunity. We will keep you posted on our results and hopefully “The Prodigies” live up to their name and bring home the gold.

Gail Norris
HOD Business Education
12 Recreation Studies
Term 1 was a busy term for the 12 Recreation students. Within the course of study, students commenced first aid training, with most students finishing the course and gaining their First Aid Certificate from Queensland Ambulance. In addition, students undertook a boating studies unit. Within this unit, students were offered the optional opportunity to gain their boat (RMDL) and jet ski (PWC) licence. This required some extra theory and practical hours and fees. It was great to see 35 students gain their boat licence and 16 students gained their jetski licence. A BIG thank you goes to Keith Whalley, one of our Recreation teachers, who put in the extra hours to sign off the students in gaining their first aid qualifications and to Leon Rutherford from the Australian Boating College for working with the school to allow our students this great opportunity to gain their boat and jet ski licence.

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE:
If your child will not be attending school for any reason, please phone the school ‘Absence Line’ on 4130 0266. This line is open 24 hours a day.

If your student feels unwell at school, they should first report to the office where office staff will make them feel comfortable and if necessary will contact the parent to collect.
Let us be of Service!

On Friday, 9th May, eleven year 11 Hospitality students volunteered to assist the service clubs operating food booths at Agro Trend. On arrival the students were allocated to various booths, where they set about preparing burgers, sandwiches and various take-away food items, including beverages. The day past swiftly and provided a valuable learning environment for the students, dealing with customers and providing appropriate service, always with a smile and friendly words of greeting. Congratulations to Rachelle Stephens, Lani Silleman, Tamicka Christopher, Kaitlyn Calthorpe, Kate Chester, Jess Scrivener, Rebecca Chapman, Olivia Maher, Terri Marsden, Jess Mann and Sophie Muller. You did yourselves and North Bundaberg State High proud. The feedback received from the service clubs was extremely positive and your support was valued. Well done!

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

Need an excuse to go shopping? Why not join Carinbundi for its annual Mother’s Day Shopping Trip to Eumundi Markets and Sunshine Plaza, and help to raise funds for people with disabilities in the Bundaberg Region. When: Saturday, 24 May, 2014. Bus leaves at 6am and returns at approximately 8pm from our office at 4/44 Johanna Boulevard. Pick up is also available from Childers. Cost is $55. So gather a group of friends and phone Carinbundi on 41513510 to book your seat.

The Nuts and bolts of kids and school
Parenting course for Fathers
This course gives dads an opportunity to build on their existing parenting skills and provides practical ideas which can bring them even closer to their children.

When: Wednesday June 11, 2014  
(4 week duration)
Time: 6.00pm to 8.00pm
Contact: UnitingCare Community on 4153 8400 (Bookings essential)

The Sharon State School P&C will now be running the monthly cent sales at the South Kolan Hotel which were previously run by the South Kolan Community Kindergarten.

The next Cent Sale will be on Saturday, 17 May starting at 1:30pm. There will be a Lucky Door Prize, Raffles and loads of goodies and afternoon tea will be provided.

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Friday the 13th Trivia Night

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