Principal’s Report…

Welcome to our third newsletter for term two and this newsletter again highlights the extensive learning opportunities provided by North High. In this article I want to focus on our outstanding Musical, the school Discipline Audit, student sporting successes, Parents and Citizens Association membership, quality teaching and getting ready for year 7.

Outstanding Musical

I hope you were able to get to the Musical last weekend as it was an outstanding example of the quality this school can produce when students, staff, members of and organisations within our community and parents work together. This collaborative effort produced three shows packed with star quality singing, graceful dancing and fine acting. It was definitely a showcase of the talented students and staff we have at this school. Well done to all the cast, back stage crew, and the sound and lighting crew - you were outstanding. Congratulations also go to our musical production team; Sue Latimer, Robyn Kent, Belinda Arnold, Kerry Avery, George Shuter, Keith Detenon, Orinda Martin, Petrina McDonald, Gillian Colasimone and Susan Whitelum for their creativity, energy and guidance of our actors, singers and dancers. Their skills are so appreciated.

The School Discipline Audit

On Monday, June 2nd the school will undergo a School Discipline Audit where the school’s performance regarding how we lead and manage the behaviour of students will be assessed against five domains. These domains include: Principal leadership, Parent and community engagement, Data informed decision making, Clear and consistent expectations for behaviour including consequences and Explicit teaching of appropriate behaviour to all students. The audit is conducted by an Education Queensland auditor who will provide a report to the school which will include commendations and recommendations. This will provide an opportunity to reflect on our strengths and identify where there are opportunities for improvement.

Student sporting successes

Congratulations to both Tearnee Morrice and Ben Edwards who have both had recent sporting successes. Ben has recently been selected in the Queensland Under 16 Schoolboys Hockey Team to play in the Australian Championships later this year. Tearnee recently returned from the Australian Softball Championships where she was a member of the winning Under 19 team. What a great reward for a very dedicated and talented athlete. Not only does she have the skill to be selected in a state team, she is also an Australian Champion. Now that is impressive.
Parents and Citizens Association membership

Our P and C need your membership and our President Roger Burtt has written an article for this newsletter encouraging your participation. Please read what he has to say and act on his appeal. I would like your input into how we run the school and organize our P and C. I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting Thursday, June 5th.

Quality Teaching

As you would be aware from previous articles I am very serious about ensuring that North Bundaberg State High School has a strong learning culture and that your student has a learning environment in which they can learn. To ensure that students have access to a quality learning environment the staff at this school are deeply engaged in the process of implementing a common teaching and learning framework based on the Marzano Art and Science of Teaching. At present all staff participate in instructional rounds where they are observing each other’s teaching practices in regards to:

- What will I do to establish and maintain classroom rules and procedures?
- What will I do to recognise and acknowledge adherence and lack of adherence to classroom rules and procedures?

Next week on Thursday, June 5 all staff will be participating in the two hour workshop that will focus on:

- What will I do to help students to effectively interact with new knowledge?

The document Review and Reflect celebrates our progress with ensuring that quality teaching is happening in all classrooms. I encourage you to read this document as it will give an insight into just how hard our staff have worked and are working to ensure that your students are able to get the best outcomes.

Getting ready for year 7

Last Friday, May 23 a number of current primary school teachers visited our school to participate in a ‘Getting Ready for Secondary’ day. The teachers present had all expressed an interest in secondary teaching in 2015 when the year seven’s arrive at high school. During the day they were provided with briefings about our school including the year seven program for 2015, interacted with junior school teaching staff, met with the Senior Leadership Team and toured the school. This is part of a process of selecting staff for this new initiative. It gave the teachers a great opportunity to hear and experience what this school is about and to assist them in their decision to join us in 2015. For us it was an opportunity to find out which teachers are best suited to join our year 7 program in 2015. We expect to have our staffing for year 7 finalized by the end of this term in readiness for the year 7 team to start planning the curriculum program in semester two.

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
Dear parents/carers,

Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability.

All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability.

In 2013, 10% of Queensland state schools participated in the first year of implementation. In 2014, two thirds of Queensland schools will participate and all schools will collect data from 2015. Our school will be involved in the nationally consistent collection of data from this year.

Please be reassured that the Department will not provide on to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

- number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
- level of adjustments we provide for those students; and
- broad category of disability.

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We will therefore continue to consult with you.

Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the:


Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data I encourage you to contact me directly.

While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child’s details to be included, please return the slip below and hand in at the main office by June 13th.

Ross Robertson
North Bundaberg State High School

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RETURN SLIP TO MAIN OFFICE BY JUNE 13TH

I _________________________ **do not** wish for my child ________________________ Year_______

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**P & C Meeting** Thursday 5th June, starting from 5.00pm. All welcome!
School Musical – “XANADUDU”

We would like to thank all the staff and students involved in the highly successful production of Xanadu Jnr. Thanks must also go to parents and guardians who supported the students as they attended the many rehearsals and workshops…..and endlessly sang in front of the mirror and learned their lines at the dinner table.

Untold hours went into the production from staff who helped students to reach their potential in dance, song and drama. We were very proud of their efforts.

Behind the scenes, staff and students learned how to manoeuvre sets and lights and apply makeup and hairspray. Costumes were begged and borrowed, stitched and glued, and bedazzled with bling. Sets were covered with litres of paint, rolls of masking tape, and the odd can or two of spray paint (thanks for the graffiti bombing Jamie Kirby from Static Clothing). Daytime, night-time, after school, Sundays and holidays ...... staff and students worked behind the scenes to make it all happen.

Most of all, we want to thank all our wonderful cast and crew who managed to balance their school work with their rehearsal time to put on such an amazing performance.

The many raffle prizes donated on the night by; Business name Astrid’s Hair 2 Go, Old Bundy Tavern, Malouf Pharmacy, Saskia Home, Spinnaker Bar & Restaurant, Bundaberg Players Inc., Metro Hotel, Signature Hair, Dymock’s Book Sellers, Mrs S Johnson, Lavish Flowers, Essence Spa and Beauty, Hughes Butchery, Bauer's Butchery, Grunkske's By The River, North Bundy News and Bundaberg Brewed Drinks. Your ongoing contribution and support to our school is greatly appreciated.

Congratulations North High, again you have entertained our local community with a professional performance.

Arts Department.
P & C Meeting

Thursday 5th June, starting from 5.00pm. All welcome!

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www.bundnorths.eq.edu.au
Japanese Sports Day -

At long last the end of term 1 was here! After a lot of hard work over the last few weeks year 8 Japanese blew off some steam in a friendly undokai (sports day) death match. The two classes battled through tug of war and three legged races among other competitions. However it was Mrs Appleby’s shiroi (white) team that emerged victorious, winning by a narrow 16 point margin. All was forgiven as the teams celebrated with ice blocks and okonomiyaki (savory pancake) prepared by Mrs Brocklehurst, year 11 helpers and year 8 volunteers. A special thankyou to Ms Rayner, Mrs Belz, Mrs Brocklehurst and Mrs Appleby for helping to put together the break up lesson.

Amy Buettel and Natalie Te Huki trying their feet at the three-legged races

Brodie Chester using Ohashi (chopsticks) to pick up some slippery smarties

Year 11 Sophie Rowe providing supervision for cooking with Izac Mischewski and Nic Wilson
So where are you from?

People knew what to expect this time with the migrant interviews as this was our second time to run such an event. Some of our guests came with photos of their arrival to Australia, old passports showing their Dutch background and even a book written about Italian migrants to Queensland. But one thing in common—was their enthusiasm to talk to our students about their experiences as migrants on their arrival and how life has improved for them over the years in their adopted country.

Partly as thanks, and partly to give our guests time to meet up with fellow speakers, our senior hospitality students provided light refreshment on their arrival. It turned into a feast!! Thanks to senior hospitality and of course their teachers.

Our guests were also impressed with North students’ behaviour and manners during the interview. This is important as we never know who else they may tell about the positive experience—perhaps a future employer?

The information collected from the interview will assist students with their research into migration and how migrants have contributed to our Australian society. Now our year 10 students are busy sorting the details in preparation for writing their speech and accompanying power point presentation.

Numerous phone calls of course are required to organise the 23 migrants who then spoke to small groups of our year 10 History students for over half an hour. One of our new guests this time was Dorit, a 93 year old Dutch survivor of Nazi occupied Holland—so you are never too old to participate. If you know of other people who would like to be migrant guests in the future, please let us know. The other half of the year 10s will be conducting their interviews in early November.

Being able to talk with our migrant guests makes the whole unit more relevant and gives our students at North an insight into the experiences/feelings of migrants and a greater appreciation of their contribution to Australia.

Katrine Rayner
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Senior School News

Last week exam schedules were issued to the year 10, 11 and 12 students. The exam period is 10th – 20th June. Students will attend all lessons as per normal during this period but will only have a maximum of 2 exams per day.

Congratulations to all the senior students who participated in the school musical last week. It is always a memorable and very valuable experience for our senior students.

For our year 10 students and parents, please put in your calendar July 22nd for our Subject Selection Evening. This will be an important evening for all year 10’s and their parents to attend so as to collect information about the 2015 subjects and opportunities on offer.

Our year 11 and 12 students participated in the new RACQ Docudrama Road Safety Education Program on Tuesday and Wednesday. Members of Police, Ambulance, funeral home and RACQ provided an intense road safety program. Thank you to the students who assisted in the road crash re-enactment, to our photographers and make-up artists and a big thank you to Mr Schmidt for his organisation and our Groundsman Neil Studholme for his help. Look for the full report in the next newsletter.

Many of our senior students have been involved in subject based excursions such as visiting law courts for legal studies, Boyne Island for biology, canoeing and geography field trips and competing in a business competition. Also on Tuesday, 27th May over 100 students attended the Bundaberg Careers Expo at the Bundaberg Civic Centre. Students used their visit to investigate future pathways.

Concert band on show

Well done to our concert band who played at ‘Fanfare’ on Monday evening, May 26th. All students played well. Thank you to Mr Dale Lockley, our conductor, for preparing the band.
“Be a zebra amongst the horses”

The business students of Bundaberg North State High School thought they were about to hear from just another guest speaker on Friday, 16th May but little did they know that Tom Potter, the founder of Eagle Boys, was about to give a speech that surely wouldn’t be forgotten.

After an introduction by Katie Grimson, the talk began with the story of how a 15 year-old Tom Potter left school and stepped into the big wide world of apprenticeships, bank loans and franchises. As the talk continued more and more humorous stories of Eagle Boy’s infancy came to light along with tips on how to promote, handle and efficiently manage a single business and ultimately an entire franchise. His main message for business organisations is “be a zebra amongst the horses”.

Tom then eagerly wrapped up with a rapid fire question and answer session about why he chose the colour pink for his franchise to what was the most efficient form of marketing. All-in-all the students were captivated and clung to every word that left Tom Potter’s mouth, particularly his repeated mentioning of how it is okay to make mistakes. He continually stated to just acknowledge that you made a mistake and then keep trying, to not give up because of one mistake or one person’s negative comment. Tom further reinforced this advice with examples from his own life and if he went on to own and operate a franchise as large as Eagle Boys it must be working!

Taleisha Carra
Year 12 BCT Student

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE:
Much of the communication between the school and the community now happens via email, and on the internet. It is therefore vital that we have your current email address. Please update the office with any changes.
If you have any school fees outstanding, we would greatly appreciate payment. Payment can be made in person at the office with cash, cheque or EFT, or you can pay direct deposit into our bank account or by Centrepay.
DATES TO REMEMBER:

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North High P & C

Hi to all parents. Your P & C Association has operated since the establishment of this great school. We act at a level between the parents and the school, to hear what is going on, have an input to many decisions and events that occur throughout the school year, and to provide items for the students and staff that are not part of the school budget. This is why the Tuckshop operates, as well as providing healthy food for your child's hungry stomach.

Currently we need new members to operate efficiently. There are just a handful of dedicated parents and other interested persons, left to run the P & C and make decisions that ultimately affect you. Please seriously consider regularly attending the meetings, which are held at the school on the first Thursday of every month at 5 pm; the next is on the 5th of June. Without your help, the future of the P & C is questionable, and its demise would be of serious consequence to you and your children. Please make an effort to be part of this important committee. If there are enough of you interested, but find the current meeting time inconvenient or impossible, it can be changed to 7 pm. Contact the office to indicate your interest.

Roger Burtt - President

U/13 Rugby League – Jersey Presentation

On whole school parade on Wednesday, 28th June, Keegan Lankowski (Manager, Jetts Bundaberg) presented jerseys to the Under 13 Rugby League team. We would like to thank Jetts Bundaberg for their sponsorship support of North Bundaberg school rugby league.

Keegan Lankowski - students - Greg Whan (Coach)
COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Autism Training Workshop BUNDABERG Qld

WHEN: Saturday, 21st June 2014
WHERE: Brothers Sports Club, 130 Takalvan Street, Bundaberg, Qld 4670
TIME: 9:00am – 3:00pm (Registration from 8:30am)
COST: $125- (morning tea and lunch provided)
TO REGISTER: https://www.stickytickets.com.au/16984 or email support@aspiechild.com.au

Nelle Frances will be delivering a training workshop in BUNDABERG on Saturday 21st June 2014.

This workshop gives Teachers, Child Care workers, Parents and families a vivid insight into the subtle intricacies of the Autism Spectrum condition and provides participants with a myriad of strategies to help them cope.

The workshop includes Nelle’s high-impact Sensory Detective Workshop ® - an interactive exercise that places participants in the shoes of those with the condition, giving them an insider’s look at the world of Autism/Asperger’s.