Principal’s Report…

Welcome to our fourth 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 end of semester assessment, the outcomes of the ‘Discipline Audit’, Maths team challenge success, student sporting success and the unveiling of the REACT Youth Art Project.

End of semester assessment

As the semester draws to an end, intensity increases with all students completing assessment between now and the end of the term. In the completion of assignment work or in the preparation for pen and paper testing students will receive lots of support from their teachers. This may include feedback on draft assignments or the completion of revision activities. It is essential that students take advantage of these opportunities to ensure they produce the result they are capable of. I ask you to support your student by asking how they are preparing for this period of intensive assessment and ensure they are taking advantage of the support provided and completing all assessment tasks.

The school ‘Discipline Audit’ outcomes

On Monday, 2 June the school participated in a school ‘Discipline Audit’ where the school’s performance regarding how we lead and manage both the negative and positive behaviour of students was assessed against five domains. These domains included: 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 was conducted by an Education Queensland Auditor who provided a report to the school which rated our school as high performing in all five domains. The Audit also affirmed the strategic direction the school has taken in regard to student behaviour and learning. Not only is this a good outcome for the school, it is also recognition for all staff at the school who have worked hard in the past year to implement a large number of changes in the way we manage student behaviour.

Maths Team Challenge success

Congratulations to the Year 8 Maths team consisting of Rick Wirth, Peter Johnstone, Jai Poulsen, Ashley Rowlands and Nathan Van Rooijen who won the Bundaberg District Year 8 Maths Team challenge. Please read the article in this newsletter to find more details on our schools participation in this competition which also included junior and senior teams. Also a big thank you and congratulations go to Rhonda Cutmore, Maths Teacher and David Austin, Head of Mathematics Department for their co-ordination and development of our teams.
Student sporting successes

Congratulations to Liam Cann of Year 11 who has just been rank 14th in Australia by the Australian Professional Rodeo Association for Junior Steer Riding. To achieve this Liam has had recent successes, being placed 2nd at the Bundaberg Show Rodeo and winning the Emerald Rodeo in the Junior Steer Ride divisions. Well done Liam and all the best with your future Rodeo competitions.

REACT Youth Art Project

On Friday, June 6 the school conducted an Unveiling Ceremony to celebrate the completion of the REACT Youth Art Project. Year 11 and 12 students and students from Oakwood State School collaborated with the support of their Art teachers Ms Petrina McDonald and Ms Orinda Martin to produce a tile mural which was inspired by Burnie Johnson’s thoughts about the value of trees. The project was a Bundaberg Regional Council initiative supported by the Council’s Youth Development Officer, Andrea Bax and co-ordinated by our Junior School Head of Department, Gillian Colasimone. The mural has been installed on the outside of G Block near the art rooms, please have a look at it if you are ever in the school, I am sure you will be impressed. A big thank you and congratulations go to all the students, teachers, the Regional Council and Burnie’s family who have all contributed to make this project such a great success.

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
FAMILY LAW – YEAR 12 LEGAL

On Thursday, 14\textsuperscript{th} May Christine Delaney from MRH lawyers visited Mrs Jensen’s year 12 Legal Studies class to talk to us about Family Law, the topic we’re currently studying. It was a great and educational experience, with Christine giving us a lawyer’s perspective of the Family Law Court. We were also given varied facts and figures on marriage and divorce rates, and were able to ask questions that weren’t quite covered in our text books. I think our whole class would agree that we were very lucky to have this kind of specialised insight into the legalities involved, and that we all learnt a lot from Christine’s visit. Overall, it was an excellent opportunity for our class, and will no doubt help us with our upcoming exams on the same topic.

\textit{Chloe Dear}

Year 12 Legal Studies Student

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Uni Skills Program – Tuesday, 24\textsuperscript{th} June and Wednesday, 25\textsuperscript{th} June.

Uni Skills Program is a free program held over two days at the CQU Campus and the Wide Bay TAFE Campus. The Program is designed to assist students in making decisions about their senior school years and future educational opportunities through fun and interactive sessions. Year 10 students will learn about programs offered at University and post-school and career options. Students will be transported to and from the campus by bus, returning to the school in plenty of time to catch buses home.

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NUMERACY AT NORTH - HELPFUL HINTS

One of the key strands of numeracy is time. One way to increase your child’s ability to work with time is to get him or her to read and understand timetables as well as by adding and subtracting time. If you are going on holidays in the future then draw up a calendar and EACH WEEK have your child calculate the exact number of days, hours and minutes until departure. It will give your child something to look forward to as well as helping them with their TIME numeracy skills.

\textbf{REMINDER} – Free maths tutorial takes place in C03 on Tuesday afternoons from 3:10pm to 4pm each week.

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P & C Meeting

Thursday 7\textsuperscript{th} August, starting from 5.00pm. All welcome!
ROWING - HEAD OF THE RIVER

The local rowing season has come to an end, as the final Bundaberg Radiology ‘Head of the River’ Regatta was held on Sunday, 25th May. A great day was had by all with some crews walking away with bronze medals and most crews making finals. Outstanding results included:

Bronze - Mikayla Roll, Nykisha Roll, Mayla Engstrom, Rebekah Ide, Chloe Thomson, Melissa Price, Natalie Curtis, William Robertson (Cox) in the Senior Girls 8
Bronze - Callum Colasimone, Lachlan Jensen & Cooper Habermann in the composite Senior Boys 8
4th - Jake Thomson in a composite Yr 10 Double & Quad
5th - Lachlan Jensen in U/17 Single
5th - Jake Thomson in U/16 Single
5th - Callum Colasimone in a composite Yr 12 Double & Quad

In addition, a special mention to our Year 9 Boys Quad – Connor Clancy, Luke Laven, William Robertson and Cooper Roll who had a convincing win in their heat and then got 6th in the final. Also, Luke Laven and Jack Clark had a strong win in the Yr 9 Boys Division 2 Double.

Congratulations to all our Year 8 rowers, especially Brady Curtis and Jai Poulsen who made the finals in their Yr 8 double and also Brady making the U/14 Boys single final. Great results for their first rowing season.

Despite all the great efforts of the North rowers, St Luke’s took out the overall trophy for the second year in a row.

As this is the end of the season, I would like to congratulate all the rowers on their outstanding commitment to their sport and huge THANK-YOU again to the parents and coaches that assisted the rowers and myself throughout the season. Thanks

Coordinator/Coach, Mrs Teressa Gibson

2014 North High Rowing Team

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE:
Mobile phones are not permitted to be on during class time. Mobiles, ipods etc may be used at morning tea and lunch breaks only. If a student is seen to have a device out during class time, the device will be withdrawn and must be collected from the office after school. After the third time a device is withdrawn from a student, it can only be picked up by a parent or guardian.
DATES TO REMEMBER:

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EXCITING NEW EQUIPMENT FOR THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The Music Department is excited to introduce their newest addition – a brand new Yamaha electric drum kit and a JamHub. A Jam Hub is a revolutionary piece of equipment that allows students to perform on usually loud instruments without disturbing their classmates.

Just think about how loud a rock band would be if it was performing next to you while you were trying to write an assignment! By connecting the electric guitars, electric drum kit and keyboard to the JamHub, the only sound the other students in the room will hear is the occasional tapping on the drum pads, while the performers are getting the full effects of their performance through their ears. An added feature of the JamHub is that students can also record their performances onto an SD card and save them on their computers.

The Music Department is extremely grateful that a Brisbane group were generous enough to donate almost $3000 from the proceeds of their 2013 concert “Fortitude from the Valley” to make this project possible after hearing about the devastation students of BNSHS endured after the floods.
Upcoming chess tournaments

Sunday tournaments for the rest of 2014 will be held at the U3A rooms on 22 June (not 29 June), 20 July (not 27 July), 31 August, 26 October, 30 November. **Please note** that some of the dates have been changed due to two day tournaments being held.

Round three of the Gardiner Chess Teams Championships will be held at Walkervale on Tuesday, 12 August

The yearly Weekday Tournament for Children will be held at ATW on Tuesday, 28 October.

*Allan Menham*
*Bundaberg Chess Club Inc Secretary*

North High competed at the Interschool Chess Competition last week and achieved 3rd place – well done boys!!

**Bundaberg Careers Expo.**

On the 27th May, over 100 year 10, 11 and 12 students attended the Bundaberg Careers Expo at the Bundaberg Civic Centre. There were an extensive range of exhibits including employment agencies, apprenticeships, universities, TAFE, Defence Forces and local businesses. Feedback in regards to the Expo, from the students was very positive. Many of the students said that they enjoyed engaging with the people who were directly involved in careers for young people, and that they came away from the Expo with a more definite career plan. The overall behaviour of the students was excellent.
MATHS TEAM CHALLENGE ACHIEVEMENTS

North Bundaberg State High School is once again proud to acknowledge the successful achievements of the students who competed in the Bundaberg District Maths Team Challenge 2014 at the Civic Centre on 3rd June. North entered 16 teams across the 3 divisions and it is a credit that all students volunteered to be part of the competition. Also 16 of our senior students served as team supervisors and markers during the competition. Results were: In the Senior Secondary division of year 11 and 12 students, we placed 7th out of 24 teams. In the Junior Secondary division of year 9 and 10 students, we placed 6th out of 36 teams and in the Year 8 division the North team of Rick Wirth, Jai Poulsen, Peter Johnstone, Nathan Van Rooijen and Ashley Rowlands placed first in the competition out of 22 teams. One of the outstanding features of this team’s performance was that in the first round of the event, they achieved a 100% success rate with every question answered correctly – a remarkable performance. Special thanks also go to the Year 8 LEAP teacher and School Numeracy coach - Mrs Cutmore, for her work in teaching these students.

D. Austin
HOD Mathematics

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Asthma—Do you know the signs?

Asthma symptoms can occur anywhere, at anytime—it may not always be in the classroom. For example, asthma flare ups can also occur during excursions, camps, sports carnivals and lunch breaks, to name a few.

Asthma is not a condition which affects each student the same way. Symptoms, medications and management vary between each student living with the condition and can change over time.

In order to ensure that students with asthma are safe at school, it is imperative that school staff can recognise signs of an asthma attack (mild, moderate and severe). Being vigilant to asthma in the school setting can help with the effective management of students’ asthma and also help reduce student absenteeism due to asthma. It can also help save a life.

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