P & C Meeting

Thursday 9th October, starting from 5.00pm. All welcome!

North Bundaberg State High School

Principal’s Report…

Welcome to our last newsletter for term three and this newsletter again highlights the extensive learning opportunities provided by North High. In this article I want to focus on the attainment of the Queensland Certificate of Education, the senior prom preparation, the presentation of the term two Reach for the Sky awards, further celebration of student achievement and learning, the development of our junior school precinct and best wishes for the September vacation.

Queensland Certificate of Education attainment

All Year 11 and 12 students make the choice to attain a Queensland Certificate of Education [QCE] when they undertake the completion of senior schooling. To attain a QCE students have to achieve at least ‘C’ or ‘Sound’ achievements for at least five of their six subjects, and/or complete all vocational education qualifications. Student progress towards a QCE is consistently monitored by the school and students at risk of not achieving a QCE are identified and intervention action is taken, with Parents notified of the school’s concerns. For Year 12 students next term becomes a critical time for them to ensure that they keep working towards the attainment of a QCE. It’s a time when some students make the mistake of reducing their commitment to study and begin to celebrate the end of their schooling a little too early with a devastating impact on their final results. Year 12 students need to remain committed to their study through to their final piece of assessment and do whatever they have to ensure that they achieve the results necessary to achieve a QCE. If you are a Year 12 parent I encourage you to discuss this with your student.

Senior Prom preparation: A chance for Year 12 students to celebrate

As the end of the school year and schooling for our year 12 students draws closer, preparations for the Senior Prom are intensifying. Student participation in this event is by invitation only and recently a letter was sent to both parents and students outlining what was required in order to receive an invitation. It is important that students understand these requirements and are working towards the achievement of them. If it is likely that your student may not meet these requirements I encourage you to discuss this with your student and the school sooner rather than later. The Senior Prom will be a great opportunity for students to celebrate 12 years of schooling and I hope we can work together to ensure that this is an occasion for the whole family to remember.

Reach for the Sky awards

On assembly this week we celebrated our Reach for the Sky awards for semester one, where we presented Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards in recognition of students who achieved outstanding effort, behaviour, achievement and attendance for semester one. In total, 106 students were recognized for their achievements which set a standard for
other students to aspire to. It was a privilege to recognize these hard working students and celebrate their achievements. Congratulations to all the students who received an award.

**Further celebration of student learning and achievements**

During the course of term four there will be a number of other opportunities to celebrate student learning and achievements. These events include the Annual Presentation Night, *Reach for the Sky* awards assembly and the senior school graduation. I invite you to participate in all of these events as I feel that student achievement needs to be highly valued and recognized by the whole school community. Details of each of these will be provided in this and future newsletters.

**Junior school precinct**

As part of preparation for the inclusion of Year 7 into secondary school we are developing a junior school precinct which will comprise B and Q Blocks and the area between B and G Blocks. This area will be for the sole use of Years 7, 8 and 9 students and it will allow them easy access to all of our student support team including Year Level Co-Ordinators as well as the Administration team. A large shade structure with seating for approximately 50 students and landscaping will be constructed over the September vacation which will provide a comfortable lunch space for the junior school. In term four the school will be trialling the junior school precinct which will see areas between B and G block extending to the area between M Block and the hall, being designated as the junior school precinct where only Year 8 and 9 students will be permitted. All other areas will be considered as common areas for all students to use. This will be a trial and we will be seeking student and staff feedback during term four on the success of this concept and making any necessary adjustments.

**RUOK? Day**

Recently North High students were encouraged to ask their fellow students this simple question: RUOK?, in recognition of RUOK day on 15th September. RUOK day is a day dedicated to ensuring we check on the mental health of those around us. Students were encouraged to be more aware of their classmates and to ask the question - RUOK? In recognition of the day, students participated in RAS activities, pavement art with RUOK? featured around the school, and a short DVD presentation on assembly. Students were made aware of Helplines such as the *Kids Helpline* 1800 551 800; *Lifeline* 13 11 14 and websites such as [www.kidshelp.com.au](http://www.kidshelp.com.au); [www.youthbeyondblue.com](http://www.youthbeyondblue.com); [www.headspace.org.au](http://www.headspace.org.au); and [www.reachout.com](http://www.reachout.com). as well as our school support services. Thank you to our Youth Health Nurse, Robyn Kirby, Youth Support Coordinator, Susie Mant, RAS teachers and Art teaching staff for their organisation of the day.

**September vacation**

I wish all students and their families a safe and restful September vacation and hope that students return ready for a busy term four.

Finally, please continue to contact the school if you have any concerns regarding your student’s education. Working together we can produce the best outcomes for your child.

*Ross Robertson*

**PRINCIPAL**
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 9th of October. 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

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Enrolments for Years 7 and 8 for 2015
If you, your friends or your family have students to enrol at North High for 2015 we encourage you to return your completed paperwork as soon as possible. If you require assistance or just have questions to ask, please call the office on 4130 0222 – we are happy to help.

Keep a watch on our school these holidays
With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please call School Watch on 13 17 88.

The School Watch program is a partnership between the Department of Education, Training and Employment, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools.

If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter. Keep the number handy—13 17 88—and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.
Senior News

School Captain and Student Council positions for 2015.

This week, Year 11 students will be invited to nominate for the following Student Council positions:
- School Captain (2)
- Treasurer of Student Council (1)
- Secretary of Student Council (1)
- Parade/Cultural Representative (2)
- Publicity/Activity Representative (2)
- Sports Captain (2)
- House Captain (8)

Students will be required to complete an application form, some positions will undergo short-listing and an interview process, followed by student and staff voting.

The 2015 School Captains will be announced at our Annual Presentation Night on 21st October. All Student Council and Sporting positions will be announced in Week 4 of term 4.

We encourage all Year 11’s to consider applying and wish them luck in the selection process.

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WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU TO THE NORTH HIGH SPRING CARNIVAL ARTS NIGHT ON WEDNESDAY, 29TH OCTOBER. TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR, WITH PRICES BELOW.

COME ALONG TO THE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY HALL AND ENJOY A SHOWCASE OF TALENT FROM OUR STUDENTS.

- ADULTS - $5.00
- STUDENTS - $2.00
- UNDER SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN ARE FREE
YEARS 10/11/12 - MUSIC ASSESSMENT

Emails have been sent to parents and students to notify them of assessment items that were not listed on Semester 2 student assessment schedules.

Details of assessment items are as follows:
MUS102A – Music in the Media composition due 19th November (Length: min. 12 bars)
MUS112A – Pop Tha’ Bass composition due W/E 14th November (Length: min. 16 bars)
MUS122A – Classic Hits – Post verification task (Own choice) Due Monday 10th

Thank you
Amanda Denham (Music Teacher)

Year 8 and 9 subject selections

Last week our Year 8 and 9 students selected their 2015 electives. All students should have returned their subject selection form signed by a parent, to the office by now. If there are any Year 8 or 9 students who have not selected their subjects for 2015 or returned their forms they should do so before the end of term 3.

Past student wins prestigious award

Our School Captain of North High in 1983, and ‘News Queensland’s’ Leisa Scott has been named ‘Journalist of the Year’ at the State’s prestigious Clarion media awards.


We would like to congratulate Leisa on this great achievement. We are very proud of her accomplishments.

Presentation Parade and Presentation Night

Make sure you mark in your calendar our annual presentation ceremonies.

Presentation Parade will be held on Tuesday, 21st October – 8:50am – 10:00am

Presentation Night will be held on Tuesday, 21st October – 7:00pm – 9:30pm

Early next term, students receiving awards will be notified. We would like to extend an invitation to all parents and families to attend our Presentation ceremonies to help celebrate the achievements of our students.
Tearnee Morrice – Our rising star

Tearnee began playing T-ball at the age of 10 with her talents steering her to softball. Tearnee’s ability has enabled her to rise through the ranks to compete at an elite level. Tearnee competed in the under 19 state titles in Noosa in September, 2013 and was selected in the under 19 QLD team.

January 14th – 22nd 2014 the team travelled to Blacktown, Sydney where they won gold, downing NSW 6 – 0. March 20th – 23rd 2014, the under 19 school girls competed at Downey Park, Brisbane. From this, Tearnee was selected to play in the Qld school girls team and competed in Sydney from 3rd to 10th of May, 2014.

On 24th September – 1st October, Tearnee will be competing in Hawai’i for Australian School Girls under 19 softball team. Tearnee is also a keen netball player and has recently commenced playing rugby league. Tearnee was awarded Bundaberg Rugby Leagues under 18 ‘Player of the Year’ and ‘Player’s Player’ for her club.

We wish Tearnee every success for the future.

RELAY FOR LIFE FUNDRAISING COMES TO AN END …..

Last week our Relay for Life participants raised even more money for the Qld Cancer Council by conducting a ‘Slave Auction’. Students from all year levels were invited to buy a ticket costing 50 cents for a chance to win a “slave for a day”. As you can see from the photograph below, some of the slaves were required to “dress up” and this was certainly embraced by the Year 12s. Some slaves were busy washing the cars of staff under the watchful eye of Mr Orpin, during their lunch breaks and this enabled more money to be raised. A big congratulations to the students who were part of this. Our school has generously donated $2900 through our fundraising efforts now towards Cancer Research.

Congratulations also to Tayla Pashley, Year 10 who was the lucky winner of our ‘Nana’s Pantry’ gift basket raffle. We hope that you enjoyed this and would like to thank the members of our school community for supporting this raffle.

We hope to have another Year 12 Relay for Life team/s next year embracing the theme “Grease – The Musical”.

Keri Jensen
Relay for Life Co-ordinator

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INVESTIGATING CURRENT LEGAL ISSUES

Mrs Jensen’s Year 12 Legal Studies class has been very busy this term working on an independent research project. This is a chance for students to select a topic of interest relating to our legal system and spend 8 weeks exploring that topic in detail. Topics chosen by the students this year have included, same sex marriage, paedophiles, asylum seekers, terrorism, gun laws, animal cruelty, legalisation of marijuana for medical purposes, juvenile crime, euthanasia, capital punishment and double jeopardy.

Our School Based Police Officer, Trish Applebee has visited our class on several occasions to share her knowledge and work individually with students on their topics. Just recently, Stephen Bennett, our local member for Burnett, also addressed our class in relation to current laws and the changes being made to the legal system. We would like to thank these people for taking the time to talk to us and share their expertise. It was great to see the students actively engaged in healthy debates relating to legal issues that are very important to the society we live in.

Pictured above are Eboney Braysher, Mr Stephen Bennett (Member for Burnett), Chloë Dear, Brooke Dunn and Jaimee Haste.

Awards in Visual Art 2014

Three of our Year 12 students have had their work selected for the annual ‘Creative Generation Excellence Awards in Visual Art 2014’ North Coast regional exhibition, showcasing the outstanding artworks by the region’s talented senior Visual Art students. Congratulations Taylor Klaasen, Brigid Holt and Kristy Jensen.

The exhibition opens in Hervey Bay this Thursday night and continues until the 2nd of November 2014.

The attached image shows Taylor Klaasen’s work.

The hand made, Alaia-style surfboard represents a career journey where one can either soar or fall. Drips show how one can be dragged down by the darkness...or break away. Warmth over the heart emphasises a love of surfing, a metaphor for the “dream job”. The flowers in the same warm colours show the ability to blossom and thrive or wither and die. Wavy hair symbolises the ups and downs of breaking from tradition and also represents the uncertainty. The remainder of the board has been kept raw, a representation of being vulnerable during the decision making process.
40 Hour Famine at North

Last week on parade Dan from World Vision thanked North High for our participation over the years with 40 Hour Famine. Last year we raised over $3000 and currently we have just on $1500 with half the students still to return their money. Approximately 80% of World Vision money raised reaches the people in the target country. This year it is Sudan which is experiencing civil war so many families have become refugees to escape the violence. A little bit can make a huge difference – providing food, health or education to many children in such poor situations.

Students have been collecting cash but there is also a way of donating electronically. We have a school group website that you may make a credit card donation to – so it is not too late to contribute, (apparently possible until the end of the year). Go to www.40hourfamine.com.au and then search for our group – North Bundaberg Official Group Site and add your bit for making a difference in people’s lives.

Ako, our Japanese exchange student has enjoyed participating for the first time in this charity event and gave up food for the 40 hours. On Friday she managed to collect over $80 from our school community. “How generous everyone is,” was Ako’s comment on being able to collect so much money just during lunch time. She intends promoting the charity when she returns to Japan. Ako is impressed by all the different opportunities for involvement beyond just academic which our students have during their school year. This Friday she is off to be part of our school Surf League.

Katrine Rayner
Parent and Community Engagement

Manna from heaven for our migrant guests

Year 12 Hospitality students under the guidance of Mrs Austin, created a sumptuous lunch for our migrant guests. With a choice of 2 mains, coffee and desert – it was an impressive lunch and many visitors commented as to how delicious the food tasted and the high quality of the table service offered by our students. Well done and thank you Year 12 Hospitality.

Twenty members of our community came for our Year 10 migrant talks. This gives our students the chance for first hand research and to hear the stories of people as to why they migrated and what their life has been like in Australia. Year 10 History is currently finalising their scripts with the speeches and power point to be presented in Term 4 week 2.

Katrine Rayner
SOSE HOD
Sunday Chess

The last two children's Sunday Chess Tournaments for 2014 will be on 26th October and 30th November.

To encourage attendance, any child who has not attended a Sunday Chess Tournament may come along at no cost for one session. The tournaments are held at the U3A rooms and students must complete registration by 9am.

For further information please contact Allan at bundabergchessclubinc@outlook.com

Allan Menham
Secretary/Treasurer
Bundaberg Chess Club Inc

RUMMAGE FOR RELAY

Bundy's mega community garage sale
Do you want to be a part of the Garage Sale Trail without the hassle of opening your home?
Join our mega community sale at the Bundaberg Recreational Precinct on October 25th and help us to raise money for Relay for Life.
Sites are reasonably priced and all funds raised will support the Cancer Council.
Suitcase site (inside 1.5mx1.5m) - $5
Stall (inside 3mx3m) - $10
Car boot (outside) - $10
Stall (outside 5mx10m) - $15
Find an application form at www.bundaberg.qld.gov.au or call 1300 883 699 for more information.
If you don't want to hold a sale, but have some unwanted items to giveaway you can contact the team to donate them.

Spring into Avoca State School P & C cent sale on Saturday, 25th October 2014 at the CQ Leagues Club (Western Suburbs) at 1.00pm. Entry will be $5.00 and includes afternoon tea.
There will be plenty of prizes, jackpots, whip-arounds and raffles.
For more information and bookings please phone Naomi on 0401 947 757 or email: pandc@avocass.eq.edu.au.