Principal’s Report…

Welcome to our first newsletter for term four and this newsletter again highlights the extensive learning opportunities provided by North High. In this article I want to focus on, Presentation Night, Senior Prom, QCE attainment, preparation for Year 7 and communication with students during school hours.

Presentation Night:

Our preparations for our Annual Presentation Night are nearing completion with a full night of celebrating student success and showcasing some of our talented students, planned. This evening is a real opportunity to acknowledge and congratulate students on their academic, sporting, cultural and citizenship achievements. I hope that you are able to join us next Tuesday evening in our hall to share in the excitement of this celebration of student success.

Senior Prom:

On recent Year 11 and 12 assemblies I have spoken about our Senior Prom as an evening to celebrate the end of formal schooling for our Year 12 students. I have emphasized that for our school this means the attainment of the Queensland Certificate of Education as this marks the goal our students have been striving for in senior schooling and it indicates a level of success. To achieve this qualification students have demonstrated a level of commitment by attending regularly [95% or better], behaving in a safe and respectful manner, maintaining a significant effort and level of success with classwork, homework and assessment and engaging positively in and contributing to school life. I reminded students that attendance at the Prom is by invitation only and that the school had published a letter outlining what was expected of students if they wished to be invited. Specifically the letter referred to a number of expectations but of significance was good attendance, respectful behaviour and completion of assessment, all of the actions that ensure the successful attainment of a QCE. My question to them was what are we celebrating if we have not achieved a QCE? I encourage all Year 11 and 12 parents to discuss this with their students so that all students keep their “eyes on the prize” attainment of a QCE and give themselves something to truly celebrate at the Prom whenever that may occur for them.

QCE attainment:

I have asked our teachers and Year 11 and 12 students to make a strong effort towards ensuring that as many students as possible meet the requirements of a QCE or are on track to gain a QCE. For some students in Authority and Authority Registered subjects this may mean making that extra effort to achieve a ‘C’ result. For students completing a Vocational Qualification this may mean ensuring that all competencies have been completed and re-sitting those competencies that were not achieved in the first attempt. To do this, students need to work closely and co-operatively
with their teachers and ensure they are focused on what they need to do to achieve the qualification. I urge you as parents to get involved in this push for students to attain a QCE.

Preparation for Year 7:

Preparation for the arrival of Year 7’s is continuing with our elective subject (The Arts, Industrial Technology & Design, Home Economics and Business) Head of Department meeting to plan the elective program. It is envisaged that students will get an opportunity to complete “small taster” learning experiences in these subjects. Students will complete a small project as part of the program and work in the practical classrooms and use the specialist equipment associated with each of these subject areas. Student will have a fun and enjoyable experience in preparation for spending more in-depth time on these subjects in Year 8.

Communication with students during school hours:

Recently there has been an increase in students using mobile phones to contact parents when they have become ill at school without any contact being made with our school office or staff. This has led to some significant confusion when parents arrive to collect their children and the student is still in class or not in our sick bay. This practice also has the potential of placing students in an unsafe situation where they could be seriously ill somewhere in our school but we are unable to help them due to not knowing where the student is located. The school has a set of expected procedures when students become unwell which have been developed to ensure the safety of our students and the provision of swift and clear information to parents. If a student becomes ill at school they must either let their teacher know who will arrange for them to go the school office or the student comes directly to the school office to inform the staff there that they are not well. Once at the school office our staff will assist students and provide some first aid if needed. They will then contact families and an ambulance if required. If your student should contact you during school time when they have become ill can you ask them to follow the above procedures while you make contact with the school.

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
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Report cards will be sent out at the end of term 4. Please ensure you have updated the office with any changes to your address, email address and contact numbers.  

Thanks 😊

YEAR 12 PVM MATHEMATICS PARENTS AND STUDENTS:

Please note that the exams at the end of term 4 have been re-scheduled from Monday, 3rd November and Wednesday, 5th November to **Friday, 7th November and Monday, 10th November**.

*Mrs C Purcell. (Yr 12 PVM co-ordinator)*

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 6th of November. 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
Presentation ceremonies

On 21st October we will be holding our Annual Presentation Parade at 8:50am and Presentation Night at 7:00pm. These ceremonies celebrate the successful achievements of students and we would like to invite parents and families to attend these celebrations to help share and acknowledge the excellent work our students are doing.

Students have been notified if they are receiving an award. They should check carefully which ceremony their award will be presented at. On Friday, 17th October students receiving awards at the Presentation Parade will have a rehearsal and students receiving an award on Presentation Night will have a rehearsal on Tuesday, 21st October.

We congratulate all our Award winners who worked hard this year and over a number of years to achieve great results. We hope to see many parents and families at our ceremonies.

Social Inclusion week

The Yr 11 Early Childhood class has become involved in the Bundaberg Regional Council initiative to celebrate social inclusions.

Students are supporting the initiative by encouraging fellow students, friends and parents to contribute to the world record attempt of the longest paper doll chain. Currently the record is held by the International School of Kabul, in Afghanistan, and was achieved on the 2nd December, 2013 with a 6,590 metre paper doll chain.

If you would like to support this attempt, please collect templates for colouring from either the library or reprographics, and return to either place.

On Thursday, 27th November the students will be taking their contribution to the Civic Centre for inclusion in the record attempt.

We look forward to your support.

Yr 11 Early Childhood class.
North High students excel !!

In June this year, two futsal teams (1 x boys Under 19 and 1 girls Under 19) attended the ‘Fraser Coast School Futsal’ titles held in Hervey Bay. While our teams may not have won any medals in the competition, our students acquitted themselves very well in the competition and we had 2 students, Amelia McLeod and Kiama Theuerkauf-Smith selected in the Queensland Under 19 Girls futsal team. Beth Parish who competed in the Under 19 competition was selected in the Queensland Under 16 girls team and Jonathan Dixon and Eric Johnstone were selected in the Queensland Under 19 boys futsal team.

The boys finished 5th and 6th in the finals while the girls finished 4th in their final pool.

Beth Parish’s team (the Under 16 girls team) finished in 3rd place at the National Championships which were held in Ballarat, Victoria on August 28th – September 8th.

Congratulations to our Queensland representatives and to Beth Parish who has just been selected in the Australian Under 16 girls team. Well done to all who went away to Hervey Bay as we will look to increasing our involvement next year when we may have more teams to enter into the competition.
Visual Art success

Congratulations to the following Visual Art students who have had their work selected for the annual ‘Emerge Exhibition’ at the Bundaberg Regional Art Gallery.

Taleisha Carra, Brigid Holt, Kristy Jensen, Taylor Klaasen, and Justin Ryan from year 12.
From year 10: Emily Fisher, Georgia Boswyk, Natalie Curtis, Shannon Passmore, Caitlin Ward, Chloe Totterdell, Deaz Rohan, Alyshia Marshall, Tayla Wilson, Shyanne Rowe, Ariana Nicholls.

The exhibition opens on Friday the 31st of October @ 5:30pm.

2014 Senior Prom

Preparations are well underway for the North High Senior Prom on Thursday, 20th November. It is an exciting time for our Year 12 students. Students will need to complete their clearance forms that they will be issued to ensure they are eligible to attend. Tickets will go on sale on 27th October and the price will be confirmed very soon.

Student’s arrival at the Prom will be staggered, and begin at 5:00pm. When advised, students will be able to request the time they would like to arrive. There will be an area for parents to stand and view arrivals plus an areas for the public. Parents will be able to view the room with all of the decorations between 4pm – 4:45pm only.

More details will be released as they are confirmed, and will also be available on the website www.bundnortshs.eq.edu.au
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

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Free autism workshop for BUNDABERG families
Like all school-age students, children with autism spectrum disorder benefit from strong, positive relationships between the home and school. Positive Partnerships uses evidence based materials and practical resources to help support these relationships by facilitating workshops for parents and carers in your local community.

Details for the upcoming FREE 2 day workshop
Dates: 22nd and 23rd October 2014
Venue: Burnett Riverside Motel, 7 Quay St, Bundaberg
Cost: FREE - including folder of resources, lunch, morning tea and refreshments
Full details and online registration at www.positivepartnerships.com.au
The workshop is funded as part of an Australian Government Department of Education initiative to support school-age children with ASD across Australia.
Bundaberg Anglican Parish is holding a special ecumenical service on Remembrance Sunday, 9th November at 10.30am, to honour ALL who served in the Great War of 1914-1918. In particular we shall be commemorating those 238 men whose names are on our church’s Roll of Honour and who enlisted to serve, 42 of whom died in action.

We invite ALL interested people to attend, especially those who may have connection through family/friends to these veterans – also students or adults with an interest in the history of that war. The service will be held in Christ Church Anglican Church, corner Maryborough/Woongarra Streets.

Further information: Anglican Parish Office - Ph. 4151 2138
admin@bundaberganglican.org

Are you looking for a fun, challenging yet safe youth group for your child? Then the Australian Air League may be for you.
We are a uniformed youth organisation for boys and girls from 8 to 18 years. We provide leadership, team building, self-reliance and other life skills whilst encouraging interest in aviation as a hobby or career. We meet every Friday night, term times 6.30pm-9.00pm at the Big Blue building, 1 Kendalls Rd Bundaberg. The first 3 nights are free. For more information please call: 41597489 Please leave a message and we will call you back or visit our web site at www.airleague.com.au

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After school, weekends & school holidays
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