

# North Bundaberg *State High School*

OUTSTANDING LEARNERS

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS

OUTSTANDING FUTURES

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## Principal's Report...

Welcome to our first 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 our semester two improvement agenda priorities, our participation in the North Coast Region's 'Success Schools' program, academic target setting and parent teacher interviews, Senior Education and Training Plan (SETP) development by our Year 10 students and the School Opinion Survey.

### Semester two improvement agenda priorities

Our improvement agenda priorities for semester two are;

- **Literacy and numeracy improvement:** Implementation of the North Coast Region's 'Success School' program (for more details please read the comments below in this article).
- **Behaviour improvement:** Continued implementation of the school's 'Behaviour Expectations Matrix', data analysis and response to emerging issues, and continued development of our junior and senior school behaviour teams as well as recognizing student achievement through the 'Reach for the Sky' awards program.
- **QCS and QCE attainment improvement:** Continued implementation of the school's academic target setting program and monitoring of senior school students progress towards attainment of a QCE and the OP Action Group continuing to mentor OP eligible students. As well as the finalisation of the Senior Education and Training Plan (SETP) for our Year 10 students.
- **Responsive curriculum:** Continued development of the Year 7 curriculum, Year 7 teaching team planning, and continuation of the 'Days of Excellence' and transition program.
- **Attendance improvement:** A strong focus on improving student attendance including the formation of an action group and the ongoing implementation of proactive and reactive attendance plans.
- **Improving teacher capacity:** Ongoing implementation of the school's teaching and learning framework based on the 'Art and Science of Teaching' with a focus on design question 3 "*what will I do to help students practice and deepen their understanding of new knowledge*"?

### Academic target setting and parent teacher interviews

Teachers across the school have commenced semester two with a focus on our program of academic target setting. Students have been asked to reflect on their semester one results and identify an academic target for semester two with the support of their teachers. In addition to this, students have also been asked to identify their strengths and areas for improvement and develop a plan of action to achieve their target result. The parent teacher interviews provide an opportunity for you to discuss this program with student's teacher and their plan of action to achieve their

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goal. I encourage all parents to attend the parent teacher interviews as your interest in and support of your student will assist in achieving their academic goals.

### **Senior Education and Training Plan (SETP) development**

Our Year 10 students are continuing the development of their Senior Education and Training Plan with the support of our team of dedicated SETP teachers who include: Keri Jensen, Phil Moller, Tammy McGregor, Keith Whalley, Sue Richardt, Orinda Martin and Leigh Moroney. Our SETP development process also includes our Subject Selection Evening which was held on Tuesday night. This was a very successful event with the school receiving lots of positive feedback from parents who found it informative and supportive of their students. All Year 10 students will now participate in a SET Plan interview with their parents, where they will make their final decisions about the subjects and pathway they will choose for Year 11 and 12. Thank you to our SETP teachers, Robyn Kent - Senior School Deputy Principal, Rob Schmidt - Head of Department, Senior School, Rob Miller – Guidance Officer and all of our Heads of Department for their work with our Year 10 students in preparing them for and supporting them in the SETP process.

### **School opinion survey**

In this newsletter you will find details of the 2014 School Opinion Survey which is conducted annually by Education Queensland to determine the satisfaction levels of the school community with the school's performance. All staff, a random sample of Year 8 and 11 students and for the first time in 2014, all parents will be surveyed. I encourage all parents to take this opportunity to provide the school with feedback on our performance. The data this will generate will help us to develop our relationship with you and improve the outcomes for your students. The survey is conducted online and details of how to access the survey are provided in this newsletter.

### **'Success School'**

As I indicated in last newsletter North Bundaberg State High School has become a 'Success School' which is a program organized by the North Coast Education, Queensland Region aimed at achieving improved literacy and numeracy outcomes for our school. This program will provide significant resources to help deepen and strengthen the school's current improvement strategies and add to the resources that the school has already directed to literacy and numeracy improvement. This week our internal team met with the external improvement team to develop an action plan for semester two. This plan will include development of coaching skills, whole staff professional learning, observation of teaching staff and feedback strongly focused on developing the literacy and numeracy teaching skills of staff. This is a great opportunity for our school which I expect will have a significant impact on the literacy and numeracy outcomes of our students. I will continue throughout the term to provide you with updates on our progress and the impact on student learning.

Finally please continue to contact the school if you have any concerns regarding your student's education. I am looking forward to working closely with you this term to produce the best outcomes for your child.

*Ross Robertson*  
**PRINCIPAL**



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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 7th of August. 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**

## **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

28 <sup>th</sup> July	Parent teacher interviews – school hall 3:30pm
29 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole school photos
29 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 10 subject survey
3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	School Opinion Survey closes
6 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Winter finals
13 <sup>th</sup> Aug	LEAP 'Day of Excellence'

## School Opinion Survey

Parents/caregivers, school staff and the representative sample of students are encouraged to take part in this year's *School Opinion Survey* and share their opinions about what this school does well and how this school can improve.

Access details for the parent/caregiver survey have been sent home with school reports – these are not linked to individuals, and you cannot be identified in the survey results that will be reported back to the school, or by the department. Parents/caregivers are welcome to complete their survey online at the school. School computers will be available if you do not have access to a computer at home.

If you haven't received any survey access details by the end of the week, please contact Trish on 07 4130 0222 or email [the.principal@bundnortshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:the.principal@bundnortshs.eq.edu.au)



### **NOTES FROM THE OFFICE:**

**-If you have missed a call on your mobile, and you think it was from someone at the school, please listen to your voicemail so we know where to direct your call.**

**-Commencing Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> July, you will be informed by SMS if your student arrives late to school. You do not need to reply, but please assist us by encouraging your student to arrive at school in time to start the first lesson.**



## Parent teacher interviews

Parent teacher interviews will be held on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> July in the North High School Hall. Interviews will commence at 3:30pm and continue through to 5:30pm. Each interview will be 10 minutes in length. We are using the PTO online booking system again this year. Further details, including your students EQ ID number, were contained in a letter along with your student's report cards which you should have received by now. You can log on through the Bundaberg North State High School website at <http://www.bundnortshs.eq.edu.au/> and click on the PTO symbol to book your appointments. The system is open for bookings now and will close on Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> July at 4pm. If you do not have internet access at home you may call the school office on 4130 0222 for assistance.



## School Photos

School photos will be taken on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> July in the assembly hall. All students should ensure they are correctly dressed. All year 8, 9 and 10 students should wear their purple and yellow polo shirt. Year 11 and 12 students should wear their formal uniform.



Students should ensure they adhere to the uniform guidelines in terms of jewellery, hair and make-up. Students who wish to purchase photos will deal directly with the photo company and should bring their envelope and money to school and give to the photo staff on the day.

Say cheese !!!

## Sports carnival

On Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> June North High's Greek/Olympian sports carnival was held. With the weather on our side and sun clear in the sky it was the perfect day to be dressed in a toga and out on the track. With points close throughout all the events it all came down to this year's newest addition, tunnel ball, to decide the winners. As we rallied our troops in single lines of ten, teachers among us, there was no shortage of cheers. There was great effort all round. Walla came out on top with 188 points ahead of second place Mabbro house, closely followed by Monduran. Special recognition must go to our Age Champions of the days;

13 Years:	Rick Wirth (Walla)	Kira Lloyd Jones (Monduran)
14 Years:	Kodey Sarnadsky (Tirroan)	Mikka Noblett (Walla)
15 Years:	Ashley Ibels (Mabbro)	Ariana Nicholls (Walla)
16 Years:	Liam Sohier (Mabbro)	Rebecca Chapman (Mabbro)
Open:	Joel Richardson (Monduran)	Tearnee Morrice (Mabbro)

One record was broken on the day. Kodey Sarnadsky broke a 15 year old record in the 14 years boy's high jump. Congratulations Kodey.

I would like to wish all those going on to compete at the district carnival on the 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of August good luck. Parents and friends are encouraged to support our athletes.

*Jamie Felstead, Walla House Captain*



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# Subject Selection Evening

Thank you to the many parents and Year 10 students who attended our *Subject Selection Evening* for Year 11 2015. Students and parents had the opportunity to talk with staff, tour facilities and speak with representatives from CQ University, TAFE, MRAEL Apprenticeship Services, Busy@Work, and Australian Agricultural College. The Year 10's were given their subject selection booklet and a subject selection survey form. Next Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> July students will be asked to complete the survey online – this is NOT the final subject selection form but asks for students to select what subjects they would be interested in. In approximately 2 weeks, the official subject selection form will be released and all students and parents will then be invited to attend a SETP (Senior Education Plan) interview to discuss final subject choices. More details about SETP interviews will follow.

I would sincerely like to thank the many staff and students who assisted with *Subject Selection Evening*. Your participation made it a rewarding experience for those who attended.

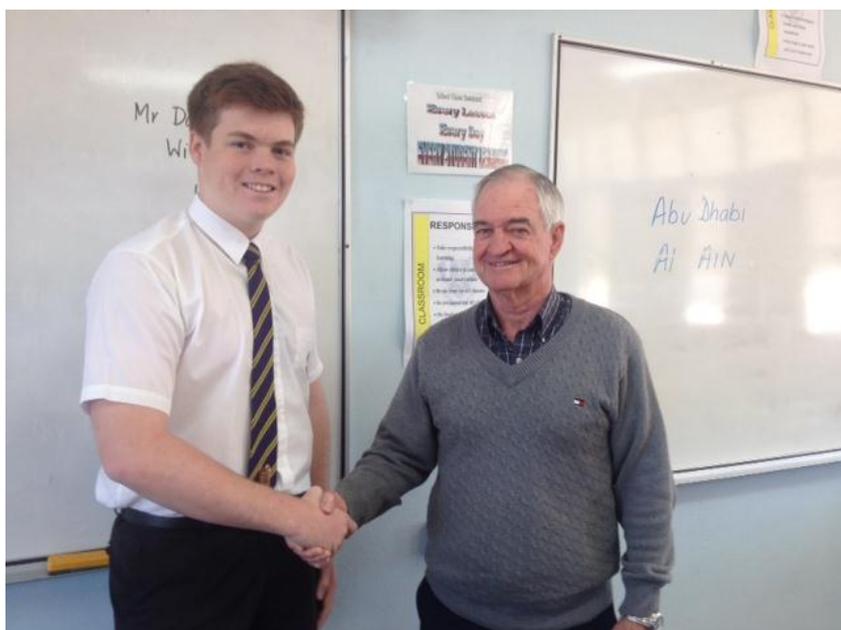
Robyn Kent  
Deputy Principal (Senior)



# CONDUCTING BUSINESS IN UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Mrs Jensen's Year 12 BCT class were fortunate enough to have Mr Dave Wilkinson, a former Principal of Bundaberg State High School, recently attend our class as a guest speaker. In the past, Mr Wilkinson lived and worked in Al Ain located near Abu Dhabi for approximately 4 years.

Our topic of focus for this term is international business and Mr Wilkinson was able to share with the students his own personal experience in how to conduct business with countries, trade issues, support agencies, business issues, currency, political and economic climate, religion and cultural differences just to name a few. We very much appreciated him taking the time out to do this.



Year 12 BCT student Connor Silcox thanks Mr Dave Wilkinson for sharing his expertise on international business.

## COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD



### *Family Fun @ 2014 Childers Festival*

Children and families are bound to be enthralled by the live entertainment and activities at this year's Childers Festival.

There'll be Linsey Pollak's music show "Live and Loopy", Pirate Pete, Robotec and the Ronald McDonald and Friends Stage Show.

Don't miss the RSPCA Queensland Education Mobile Unit (EMU), free badge making workshops at ChArts and a huge line up of entertainment on 5 stages on Sunday 27 July 2014 from 9am til 3.30pm.

For further information and show times head to [www.childersfestival.com.au](http://www.childersfestival.com.au)