Principal’s Report...

Welcome to our last newsletter for this term which again highlights the extensive learning opportunities provided by North High. In this article I want to focus on: mid semester reporting and the ‘My Big Picture Plan’; a thank you to our dedicated teaching staff; and staff professional learning.

Mid semester reporting and the ‘My Big Picture Plan’

Recently I wrote a letter to all parents regarding our Career and Education Planning Program ‘My Big Picture Plan’. I also invited parents to visit our website to review the activities that students had already engaged in in relation to this program. I again encourage you to visit our website to gain a detailed understanding of the purpose of this program and its various elements. Part of this program involves reporting to parents and this will done through our student led conferences which will be supported by your student’s RAS teacher. The student led conferences will take the place of our Parent Teacher interviews and will take a holistic view of a student’s performance and how this has contributed to the achievement of their ‘Big Picture Plan’ or Career and Education plan. It will cover what is required in their next phase of learning to maintain their learning journey towards the achievement of their plan. The concept of a student led conference is in line with the school’s strategic plan, one of the objectives of the strategic plan being the development of a self-reflective student learning culture. Mid-semester reports for all students will be issued at this conference or after the conference if students do not attend. Our expectation is that this approach will lead to a greater number of parents attending the student led conferences which will take more time than in the past. To provide this additional time, the school day on Thursday, May 7 2015 will be altered. The school day will run from 11.00am to 7.00pm and students will only be expected to attend the student led conference to satisfy school attendance requirements for that day. The school will not be closed but will be working in a different manner in the interest of achieving the best outcomes for all students. The school will continue to utilise the PTO Parent Teacher Online system for parents to book for their student led conference. More information is provided in this newsletter.

Staff professional learning

Teacher capability and quality teaching are critical to the success of your students and this school is always striving to ensure staff are able to provide quality teaching and learning experiences to your students. This term our staff has participated in two workshops focused on developing skills for the teaching of reading. Our teaching staff are also members of Professional Learning Communities [PLCs] which have met three times this term under the leadership of an instructional leader. The PLC’s have provided an opportunity for staff to discuss instruction related to reading, ways to strengthen their effectiveness in the teaching of reading and sharing best practice. The PLC concept is in line with our aim of ensuring that teacher professional learning is built into everyday teaching practice. In addition to this our junior school Maths and English teachers have also been focused on developing their skills of using Literacy and
Numeracy warm ups to engage students and activate thinking. As well as this, a significant number of staff have participated in classroom profiling which supports classroom teachers to reflect on the quality of the learning environment within their classrooms. In term two our focus will be on reading, Literacy and Numeracy Warm-ups and classroom profiling will continue with the aim of consolidating and deepening teacher practice of these skills. This would not have been possible without the support of our Master Teacher - Belinda Arnold, our Literacy Coach - Tom Wright, Numeracy Coach - James Peach and our Teaching and Learning Coach - Gillian Colasimone. I thank them for their ongoing commitment to our improvement agenda.

A thank You to Our dedicated staff

In the past two years our school has undergone a lot of changes in many areas of its operation ranging from our Vision, to classroom teaching practices, to how we engage in professional learning to the addition of Year 7, to secondary and many other areas. Our motivation has been, and continues to be, a desire to see all students learning and achieving. Change as you would be aware, is often challenging to most of us and change in the practices of a school presents its own unique sets of challenges. Our staff however, while finding change challenging, have embraced the changes to our school in a professional and dedicated manner working extremely hard to adopt new practices and processes. Our journey of change has continued this term and will continue next term and, like all other terms in the last few years our staff have delivered and remained committed to ensuring learning, and motivating students to achieve the best outcomes possible. I want to take this opportunity to show my appreciation for what they are achieving and thank our staff for their ongoing commitment to want to make a difference in the lives of your children.

Finally, please continue to contact the school if you have any concerns regarding your student’s education. I also wish to thank the school community for your ongoing support throughout term one and hope that you have a restful and safe Easter break. I also look forward to working closely with you in term two to produce the best outcomes for your child.

Ross Robertson
PRINCIPAL
DATES TO REMEMBER:

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Statements for student accounts have been sent home. Several options are available, to make payment as convenient as possible; Direct Credit to Bundaberg North State High School,
BSB: 064-403  Acct: 0090504, Reference: Student name or EQ ID number.

OR  Credit card over the phone
OR  BPAY (details on statement)
OR  Centrepay (see Cashier in the office for details)

Payment plans may be discussed if other options are not possible.

BLOOD AMBASSADORS AT NORTH

On Tuesday, 10th March, Blood Service Ambassadors from several different schools gathered at the Bundaberg Base Hospital to learn about their positions as Blood Bank Ambassadors. North Bundaberg State High School’s Year 12 representatives, Lachlan Baildon and Amanda Brocklehurst spent the day at the Base Hospital with Mrs Jensen learning about what their positions entailed and how to promote the donation of blood within their school. The day was hosted by the Australian Red Cross and educated the Youth Ambassadors on the process and distribution of blood donations. The day ended with a short tour of the blood donation facility.

Lachlan Baildon
Year 12 Blood Ambassador

P & C Meeting  Thursday 7th May, starting from 5.00pm. All welcome!
Student Led Conferences

Over the past weeks, you would have been introduced to My Big Picture Plan. If you are not familiar with your students involvement in this program, more information can be obtained by visiting https://bundnortshs.eq.edu.au/Calendarandnews/News/Pages/My-Big-Picture-Plan.aspx

Student Led Conferences will be held on May 7th 2015 and take the place of our traditional Parent Teacher Interviews. Your student will lead a meeting between yourself and their RAS teacher at which time you will receive your student’s report card. Bookings open on Thursday, 23rd April and can be made using PTO on the NBSHS website www.bundnortshs.eq.edu.au just look for the PTO logo and follow the instructions. If you don’t have access to a computer, or need help, please call the office on 4130 0222.

Year 10 P.E. Extension Excursion

On Thursday, 12th of March the year 10 P.E. Extension students went to Nielsen’s Beach as part of the Lifesaving unit. The day doubled as culminating assessment for their physical mark, as well as reward for the hard work each week in the pool.

Qld Lifesaving officials Jamie Finlay and Julie Davis co-ran the day. Together they put the students through a comprehensive CPR and first aid activities in the morning. The afternoon session consisted of board rescues, swim rescues, boogie board surfing and body surfing. The students quickly developed a new formed respect for the water skills required to carry out these rescues in testing wave conditions.

A great day was had by all and a special thank-you must go to the Queensland Lifesaving Team who made the day so memorable.

Robert Thatcher
10 PEX Teacher
Children’s Sunday chess tournaments

Children Sunday chess tournaments will be held on the following dates in 2015:-

26\(^{\text{th}}\) of April, 31\(^{\text{st}}\) of May, 21\(^{\text{st}}\) of June, 19\(^{\text{th}}\) of July, 30\(^{\text{th}}\) of August, 25\(^{\text{th}}\) of October and the 29\(^{\text{th}}\) of November.

For further information please contact Allan on 0417 073 094.

ANZAC IN THE GARDEN

Next month North High will be commemorating its Rainforest Memorial Garden with a ceremony in memory of all our fallen soldiers.

The rainforest memorial garden was created by the North High \textit{Planetrees} and the \textit{Youth Change Makers} students, and funded by the University of Southern Queensland’s Youth Change Makers Program. Its multipurpose status means that it can be used by a variety of different groups of students, from taking time out, reconnecting with nature, to being a place where lost ones may be remembered. The plants came from a local, dry, littoral rainforest, and have been establishing themselves for over a year. The garden has been grown under the towering shelter of some existing Cadagi trees, which imitate the protection the parent trees offer seedlings in an established rainforest.

The rainforest garden will be a long-lasting memorial to those brave souls who fought for the freedom we now enjoy.

The ceremony will be on Friday, April 24\(^{\text{th}}\), at 8am at the garden, which is at the back of the school. Any community members who would like to attend would be most welcome.
This term, our year 12 hospitality students have been operating ‘The Daily Grind’ coffee shop, during two lunch hours, per week. Our students have had the opportunity to practice their skills interacting with customers, processing financial transactions and producing non-alcoholic beverages and simple dishes for customers, mimicking what peak service demand would be like out in the hospitality industry. Our students operate from a staff roster, and offer these services in our simulated work place, giving them real world experience prior to them attending work placement in term 3.

Students will continue to participate in this venture in terms two and three, as they learn and implement their skills in two new units – prepare and serve espresso coffee and prepare sandwiches.

Throughout the term customer numbers have been excellent, and we hope for their continued support next term, with coffee being sold to our senior students only. Hopefully the aroma of coffee will also draw some of our teaching staff to venture over and enjoy the hospitality we have on offer.

All food and beverages offered by the coffee shop are at a discounted price and monies raised through this operation are put back into the business itself. This term we have been able to purchase new signage and arrange for an eftpos merchant facility. It is anticipated that an iPad and appropriate software will be our next major purchase to align with industry expectations.

The students working in ‘The Daily Grind’ have been outstanding - taking on the task of running a small business with enthusiasm, offering many wonderful ideas and have worked well together to make the operation a success. Ms Harvey and I have certainly enjoyed watching the students grow into competent industry employees! Congratulations year 12 Hospitality Students, keep up the great work – the career where you can travel the world, is at your feet!!
RELAY FOR LIFE 2015

Easter Raffle
In the lead up to Easter, our school’s 2015 Relay for Life team conducted an Easter Raffle. The lucky winner, Mrs Spratling, received a Jakes Candy Easter Basket valued at $72. The Relay for Life fundraiser made a considerable profit of $248, which has been a great start to our fundraising. Thank you to everyone who supported and bought a ticket.

Free Dress Day
A free dress day has been planned for the second Wednesday back after the holidays, 29th April. Students who wear free dress will be required to bring a gold coin, with all proceeds going to Relay for Life. Please ensure you are dressed appropriately for this day.

Movie Night Date Claimer
A movie night is planned for Wednesday, 13th May previewing the new release comedy ‘Pitch Perfect 2’ at Reading Cinemas. This movie is rated PG, starts at 6:30pm and the tickets will go on sale first week back after the holidays at a cost of $15 each. We are encouraging you all to get a group of friends together and hope to see you there.

Indiah Saunders
Relay for Life team member

Mrs Sandra Spratling receives her prize.
COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Positive Discipline in Everyday Parenting
Parenting 0-13 yrs
Positive Discipline uses warmth and firmness to teach children long-term skills in self-discipline. The program will help you to build a mutual respectful relationship with your child.

When: Monday April 20, 2015 (6 week duration)
Time: 6:30pm to 8:30pm
Contact: UnitingCare Community on 4153 8400
Where: 3A River Terrace Bundaberg
Cost: Gold Coin
Funded by Australian Government Department of Social Services

Kindsight Workshop

This experiential workshop will explore how to extend kindness, compassion and understanding to oneself. This workshop is for anyone who judges themselves harshly, has a strong inner critic or just anyone wanting to learn a skill that becomes an invaluable internal resource.

When: Thursday April 30, 2015
Time: 9:30am to 12:30pm
Contact: UnitingCare Community on 4153 8400
Where: 3A River Terrace Bundaberg
Cost: $5 p/p (for materials)
Funded by the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services

Visual Art Workshop Times

- Digital Photography with Scott Allison from Bundaberg CameraHouse – 10-11am or 2-3pm at Bundaberg PCYC 48 Targo St
- Chalk Art with Jamie Kirby from 11am-1pm at the Bundaberg Regional Arts Gallery (Cnr Barolin & Quay Sts)
- Manga Drawing with Rebecca McPherson from 10am at the Bundaberg Regional Arts Gallery

**PLEASE NOTE - Possible Oil Pastels workshop depending upon interest.

Music Workshop Times

- PA & Recording with Peter Knight - 12-1pm at Bundaberg PCYC 48 Targo St
- Vocals with Jo Carr - 11-12noon at Bundaberg PCYC 48 Targo St
- Guitar with Gavin from Bout time
- Music - 1-2pm at Bundaberg PCYC 48 Targo St

**PLEASE NOTE – There is a possibility of a drums or keyboards workshop depending upon interest.
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Bundaberg in

UNION
Come and “TRY”
Rugby Union / Touch / Sevens

ALL WELCOME
Girls and Boys — U6s to U18s
Every Friday from 6pm
Play Friday night only, have your weekends free!

ATW Sports Complex
Corner Thabeban and Richie St, Bundaberg

PCYC Poolside BlueLight
celebrating National Youth Week

Friday 17th April @ Norville Pool
6.00pm-8.30pm

***FREE ENTRY***
& Sausage Sizzle
(Limited to 250 people)