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 concentrate on Year 10 subject selection for 2016, cyber safety workshops, the Maths team challenge and end of semester assessment.

Year 10 subject selection for 2016:
As indicated in the previous newsletter Year 10 students have begun the process of developing their Senior Education and Training Plan, deciding their pathway beyond Year 10 and thinking about their subject choices. In that newsletter I spoke about a four part process which includes: participation in a preparation program called SET P lessons; attendance and participation in the subject selection evening; discussion with and guidance from parents; and engagement in a Senior Education and Training Plan interview. Information is critical in any decision we make and choosing your pathway beyond Year 10 is no different. The processes listed above are all about providing information for both students and parents so that everyone is as informed as possible. The Year 10 into 11 subject selection evening is another source of information specifically aimed at families so that they can play a role in supporting their children. I ask that if you are Year 10 parent you make this evening a priority as your contribution to this decision is vital. The subject selection evening will be held on Tuesday, July 21 commencing at 6.30pm. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Cyber safety workshops:
Last week all students from Year 7 to 12 participated in junior and senior school cyber safety workshops during their RAS Lesson. These workshops were organized by our junior and senior school behaviour and welfare teams. Students were given information on being safe on-line, acting responsibly online and appropriate ways to respond to online situations that have made them feel uncomfortable. Junior school students took home a letter which detailed the program and identified the role that we as parents, should play with our students, in supporting their safe on-line behaviour. Senior school students were provided with a number of scenarios which carried a strong message that the internet used safely can have a positive influence on our lives but if it is used in an unsafe manner it can become a tool of abuse. Across all year levels the take home messages were to think before you post and report to any adult any activity that has made you feel uncomfortable. For more information go to: https://bundnortshs.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Documents/tagged-cybersafety-pdf.pdf

Maths team challenge:
Every year North High participates in the Bundaberg Maths Team Challenge where teams of students compete in four divisions Year 7, Year 8, Year 9 & 10 and Senior, solving challenging mathematical problems. This year North High sent one of its largest teams and came home winners. Two of our Year 8 teams were placed first and second with very good
scores in the Year 8 division while one of our senior school teams won the senior division. This is a very tough competition and to win two out of the four divisions is just outstanding by anyone’s measure. Please refer to the article in this newsletter for more details. Well done to all our students and special congratulations must go to our team coaches, James Peach, Rhonda Cutmore and Sue Jenner.

End of semester assessment

As the semester draws to a close the intensity of assessment increases and all students are completing many forms of assessment before term ends. 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 drafts of assignments or the completion of revision activities. It is essential 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 ensuring they are taking advantage of the support provided and completing all assessment tasks.

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

Ross Robertson
Principal

Athletics carnival -26th June

This year our Athletics competition will be held over 2 days. On Thursday, 25th June there will be some events run during the day at school for those students who nominate for specific events. On Friday, 26th June we will hold the full day Athletics carnival at the Bundaberg Athletics ground, near the airport. All students will be transported by bus to and from the venue. Student should wear their house colours, bring a hat and be ready to join in the events. A canteen will be running at the grounds. It should be a great way to end the term. Good luck to all involved.

School Opinion Survey

The annual School Opinion Survey will be conducted between 29 June and 31 July 2015. All families, school staff and a random sample of students will be invited to participate. We encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what this school does well, and how this school can improve.

More information about the surveys will be provided closer to the opening date.
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It is important that our office staff are kept up to date with the latest information and process involved in their role and the day to day operation of the office. To ensure that they are given the opportunity to receive professional development of this nature, the office will close, EACH WEDNESDAY AT 3:30pm.

Please ensure that any business you need to conduct at the school office is completed before 3:30pm.

We sincerely appreciate your cooperation.

Office hours:  
- Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri  - 8:00am – 4:00pm  
- Wed  - 8:00am – 3:30pm

To ensure we have the correct details on file for your student, please update any changes to address, phone and mobile number and email address.

brainstormproductions
AWARD WINNING IN-SCHOOL PERFORMANCES

On Friday, 19th June Brainstorm Productions will be presenting the play ‘Sticks & Stones’ for Years 7-10, a play about non-violent conflict resolution.

This is an entertaining way to promote discussion and to give the students guidelines for our anti-bullying/harassment policy. The message is clear – violence is not on – at school, at home, on the street, anywhere. We must learn constructive ways to deal with our anger.

This show will assist in creating a safe harmonious environment for students and staff and has won the Australian Violence Prevention Award. For more information about the company follow this link or go to www.brainstormproductions.edu.au

P & C Meeting  Thursday 16th July, starting from 5.00pm. All welcome!
Year 11 – 2016 Subject selection night

All year 10 students intending on continuing to Year 11 next year are required to attend an information evening with their parents on Tuesday, 21 July from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

There will be displays from each subject area, information on the QCE (Queensland Certificate of Education), QCS test, OP and non OP courses, Vocational Education VET, and will give students and parents the skills and knowledge on how to select a suitable pathway for the future.

More information will follow in the coming weeks. Subject Selection booklets will be available to download in week 10. It is important that all Year 10s and their parents/guardians attend and we look forward to meeting you.

Robyn Kent
Senior School Deputy Principal

Walkathon

The 2015 Walkathon was an amazing day which every year level participated in. Modifications had to be made to the course due to road works and each student walked six laps around the oval. However, it was a fantastic day with many students wearing ‘wacky hats’, cheering their friends on and looking forward to the ice-block at the end. It was new and exciting for the Yr 7 and 8’s who had never participated in this event before, which raises a huge amount for Student Council. Everyone made more school memories and had a positive attitude toward one another.

Celine Muscat, Year 12 student

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School musical – “Back to the 80’s”

Do you remember the 1980’s? Leg warmers, the Rubik’s cube, fluoro colours, Wham, Rick Astley, Michael Jackson, Star Wars and big hair?

On May 22nd and May 23rd, the students of North High presented the musical “Back to the 80’s”. The performance followed by a fun-filled story of high school students at William Ocean High in the 1980’s. A cast and crew of 80 students and staff spent 3 months rehearsing and preparing for the final productions. This year a year 12 student, Tim White assisted with Mrs Belinda Arnold to direct the show. There were plenty of catchy songs and dances that took the audiences down memory lane such as “Girls just want to have fun”, “Wake me up before you go go” and “Footloose”.

Students from Year 7 to 12 were given opportunity to join the cast and it provided all students with skills in singing, dancing, acting, and building confidence through teamwork.

“Back to the 80’s” wowed and entertained large audiences and was enjoyed by all involved and all who attended. Thank you to you all.
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Cyber Safety

A Message for Parents and Carers

Hi Folks

Just want to let you know that all Year 10, 11 and 12 students were involved in a lesson on Cyber Safety at school on Wednesday, June 1st.

Please ask your son or daughter to share with you the handout, Tagged, they received to take home at the end of the lesson. A copy of this can also be found on the school website. This document contains information and reflection on the DVD students watched in class during RAS time.

Hopefully, this may help start a discussion at home about the challenges of remaining cyber safe – an extremely important goal in our rapidly changing, contemporary society. Together we can all work to keep our precious young people safe in the digital world.

If you have any further questions or comments, please contact the school on 41 300 222 or email jthru5@eq.edu.au.

Kindest regards
Judy Thrupp on behalf of the Senior YLC Team

There is no such thing as privacy if you put it on the net.

Maths Team Challenge

The journey started under a beautiful winter sky, the perfect environment for a North Bundy mathematical conquest. The mathematicians were led by the long-time commander Mrs Cutmore and ably assisted by her ‘deputies’ Mr Peach and Mrs Jenner. Everyone involved knew the contest would be close with no team willing to denounce their right to the title of ‘Maths Team Challenge’ champions.

After the first round of math questions the North teams had placed themselves nicely within the pack ready to launch their offensive in the second and ultimate round. The second round would be the round that would separate the champions from those that wouldn’t be champions! 45min into the final round the stress of competition was plastered across the competitors’ faces, straining to find that illusive value that would shower their team in glory.

The final bell rang and the contest was finished, the verdict rested in the hands of the markers. All of the North teams had brought pride to the school but a couple of teams had their sites set to soar higher than the rest. Grade 8 competition was one of the more fiercely contested with the North team of Maverick Pearce, Isabella Murdoch, Dean Noffke, Lachlan Slean and Jackson Paul securing 2nd place. This effort was upstaged by another North team of Ashton Cartner, Tyler Crosswell, Georgia Haupt, Nathan Richardson and Thomas Walker who won the title of Maths Team Challenge’ champions for grade 8.

Not to be upstaged by their juniors, the senior teams battled strongly and a dark horse arose from the pack to claim the senior title of ‘Maths Team Challenge’ champions. The victorious team was Stephanie Buckholz, Emily Fisher, Stephanie Johnson, Georgia Boswyk and Adam Parker.

The North invasion was complete, winning 2 out of the 4 divisions.
“Beating around the bush” performance

On Wednesday, 3rd June all instrumental music students and Years 9 – 12 music students were invited to attend a performance by experienced percussionist, Mark Stewart. He has toured with Marcia Hines and worked with Phil Collins and Pink Floyd.

During the presentation, students were demonstrated a wide range of percussion instruments, including some state-of-the-art electronic drums.

Some students were lucky enough to get to try the instruments out, with the Roland HandSonic HPD-20 being a crowd favourite, with 850 ready-to-play sounds. Mark commended the outstanding behaviour of our students and was impressed by their involvement. Well done to all that attended.

NORTH BUNDABERG STATE HIGH SCHOOL TRIVIA NIGHT

On Friday evening, 17th July, NBSHS will be holding a Trivia Night in our school hall. The evening will commence at 6.30pm. Cost per person is $5. (Maximum of 6 people per team – booking form below)

A light supper will be provided on the night and a continuous raffle held.

All proceeds raised will go towards our fundraising for our 5 Year 12 teams participating in Relay for Life in August this year. Bookings can be made by phoning the school office on 41300222

We look forward to seeing you all there for a fun night.

Keri Jensen
Relay for Life Co-ordinator

BUNDABERG NORTH STATE HIGH SCHOOL TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Bundaberg North State High School is conducting a trivia night on Friday evening 17th of July from 6:30pm to 9:30pm in the school hall. Cost is $5 per person (maximum of 6 people per team) and a light supper will be provided on the night included in the cost of your ticket. A continuous raffle will be ongoing throughout the night with excellent prizes on offer. So come along and support our Relay for Life school teams and have a great night.

Please return to the office by the 16th of July or phone (07) 4130 0222 to book your table!
Dear parents/carers,

Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability.

All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability.

All Australian schools participate in this annual data collection.

The data provided to the Australian Government is aggregated data only. Please be reassured that the Department will not provide on to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

- number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
- level of adjustments we provide for those students; and
- broad category of disability.

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you are aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We will therefore continue to consult with you.

While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child’s details to be included, please let me know.

Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the:


Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data I encourage you to contact me directly.

Ross Robertson
Principal

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**Chaplaincy breakfast**

On Tuesday last week our school captains, Lachlan Jensen and Emily Kurtz accompanied by Mr Robertson and Miss Kent, 2 year nine reps and a year 10 rep, went to a Chaplaincy breakfast at the Civic Centre. This meeting was for the global immersion organisation which brings together youth from around the world for global leadership. Bernie Kelly, the founder of this organisation was there to talk about our Chaplains and what they do for schools. They were celebrated on the work that they do for us. Our thanks go to our Chappy, Lisa Crosbie.

David Scott, Year 9 student
COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Drumbeat
A workshop for Children (12-17yr olds)
Drumbeat is a 10 week group workshop which uses a drumming circle format to deliver a range of therapeutic & social learning outcomes; improved emotional regulation, self-esteem & social skills. No prior drumming or musical experience required.

When:          Tuesday 14 July, 2015
               (10 week duration)
Time:         3.30pm to 5.00pm
Contact:   UnitingCare Community on 4153 8400
           (Bookings essential)
Where:    3A River Terrace, Bundaberg
Cost:      Gold coin

Funded by Australian Government Department of Social Services

P & C Meeting  Thursday 16th July, starting from 5.00pm. All welcome!
PARENTING ORDERS PROGRAM (POP)

The Parenting Orders Program (POP) is a FREE service provided to families who have separated and who are involved in high conflict situations. POP is an initiative funded by the Department of Families and Community Services and run by Relationships Australia.

The aims of the program are to:
- reduce conflict between parents that is harmful to their children,
- assist parents in finding ways to focus on the relationships they have with their children and to avoid expensive and lengthy litigation and reduce the breaching of court orders.
- help parents learn more about themselves, their own behaviours and how this contributes to the conflict that the children are witnessing.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Parents, step parents, grandparents and other significant people - any person that is in conflict with another person in relation to a child. Children also feel the impact of separation and the Parenting Orders Program addresses this by having specific support for children that can be delivered in schools as groups or individually.

DO PARTICIPANTS NEED TO HAVE COURT ORDERS?

No, participants do not need to have court orders. Some participants will have interim or final orders, others will have informal arrangements and some will have no arrangements with the other party at all.

WHAT IS INVOLVED IN THE POP PROGRAM?

All participants will have an initial individual appointment which is an opportunity for them to talk about their experiences of parenting. We will work with each person to identify their needs and those of their children before creating an individualised and holistic plan.

If appropriate they will be invited to participate groups where participants learn about many areas such as grief and loss, the neurobiology of caregiving, children’s rights and interests and how they can make a change to their relationship with the other party.

WHAT AREAS ARE SERVICED?

Bundaberg, Fraser Coast, North Burnett, and South Burnett. Referrals are happily accepted from any organisation and individuals can self-refer. The law courts are also able to mandate the attendance of individuals as they see fit.

HOW IS POP DIFFERENT TO OTHER PROGRAMS?

POP is all about long term results for parents and children - that’s why we aim to engage with families over the long term. Whilst other programs will support separated parents with small co-parenting hurdles, we work with parents and family members that have little to no persuasion to co-parent, adults whose behaviours impact upon the child’s wellbeing. We ask participants to reflect on their own behaviours and try to get to the core of what is/ isn’t working for their children.

Parents will have free access to all of the complementary RELATIONSHIPS AUSTRALIA’s services for the next 2 years. Services include: counselling and mediation. We further encourage a coordinated response through building partnerships with other federally funded programs. Contact Emma for more details: evincent@raq.org.au Phone: 0438 691 411 or 1300 364 277