Principal’s Report...

Welcome to our final newsletter for term 3 which again highlights the extensive learning opportunities provided by North High. In this article I want to concentrate on; Senior Prom preparation, student academic success, and further celebration of student learning and achievements.

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 at the start of the school year and more recently, letters have been sent to parents and students outlining what is required in order to receive an invitation. Students are expected to fulfil a set of criteria including high standards of behaviour, attendance, and effort made in class. Specifically students who have a record of suspensions for poor behaviour, attendance of less than 90% and not having made a reasonable effort to achieve a QCE may not receive an invitation to the Prom. It is important that students understand these requirements and are working towards achieving 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.

Cyber Safety - it’s everyone’s responsibility

Our strong message as a school community is that if the internet used safely it can have a positive influence on our lives but if it is used in an unsafe manner it can become a tool of abuse. In recent weeks the school has had to deal with a number of incidents related to the inappropriate use of social networking sites. In many of these incidents it appears that the messages of our cyber safety workshops, “think before you post” and “report any activity that has made you feel uncomfortable to an adult” have not been heard by all students. The result of poor behaviour online directed at other students who attend this school is disruptive to the good order and management of the school and to learning. It is important that we talk to our children about responsible use of social networking sites and set high expectations about online behaviour. To assist you with these conversations I have provided the following link to more information.  

Student academic success

Congratulations to the Science and Maths faculties and the following students who have recently achieved outstanding academic success in the both Mathematics and Science competitions.
Science competitions results: The school achieved two High Distinctions: Nathan Richardson, Yr 8 and Maverick Pearce Yr 7, 10 Distinctions, 35 Credits, and Year 7 to 11 students were at/or above the national competition mean average across all strands.

Mathematics competition results: Maverick Pearce achieved at the 100th percentile and won a cash prize which was only the second time this has occurred in the history of the school’s participation in the competition. Two other students, Ashton Cartner and Angus Ethell achieved in the 99th percentile.

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.

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

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Several options are available when you would like to make a payment to the school.

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 /BPoint (details on statement)
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.
Subject selection for Year 7, 8 and 9

All year 7, 8 and 9 students will receive a letter about the subject selection process before the end of term 3. Year 9 students will also receive a Subject Selection Booklet. Next term Year 7 and 8 students will receive a Subject Selection Booklet with information about course details. All students will make their subject selections online at an organised time in one of their classes.

Year 9 will make subject choices in week 2.
Year 7 & 8 will make subject choices in week 3.

Please discuss options with your son/daughter so that informed and appropriate choices are made.

Senior news

Year 10 students

Year 10 students have completed SETP interviews and now we will start forming classes for the 2016 timetable. Any classes that have low enrolments may not run and students who have selected these subjects will be asked to select another subject. All students need to continue to work on gaining a “C” or better for all subjects and in particular English and Maths, in order to meet the prerequisites for Year 11 subjects. Subject choices will be finalised and confirmed at the end of term 4.

Year 11 students

Year 11 students have been given the opportunity to apply for 2016 leadership positions;

- School Captain
- Student Council
- Sports Captains

Applications are due in the office on September 18th. School Captain interviews and selection process will take place in week 1 and 2 of term 4 and the 2016 School Captains will be announced at Presentation Night on October 20th.

Year 12 students

This week, Year 12 students received a letter to take home about school expectations and gaining an invitation to the Prom. It is important that students maintain a high level of positive behaviour, attendance and effort in class up until their graduation.

Year 12s also received a school reference form to complete and return to the office. Students who would like extra curricula activities included in their reference should return the form by the due day.

I wish all the senior students a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Robyn Kent
Betterman

A new program was introduced to Bundaberg North High this term. Ten year 11 students were the lucky first participants. The program is an evidence-based personal development program for young men. Participants explored issues that relate to their masculinity and identity, self-esteem, body image, challenging the often toxic stereotypes, anger awareness and assertiveness, men’s health, mateship and respect. The aim is to empower participants with tools to better look after themselves, their mates and those around them. Here are some of the comments from the participants when asked if they had learnt any new skills or information from the program:

- You can be kind and caring and still be a man.
- It is good talking about your own thoughts and feelings.
- To be more kind and respect others while not being judgemental.
- To be a better person, how to control certain situations.
- Respect, to be a listener, working as a team.

To complete the program, participants also enjoyed a celebration at Bundy Bowl and Leisure Centre.

The comments indicate the success of the program. Thanks to Mr Shield (Yr11 Coordinator), Susie Mant (YSC), Mrs Quivooy (Behaviour Support teacher), Mr Johnson, and Nurse Robyn for their involvement in delivering this successful program.

Mr Cahill (Instrumental Music Teacher) has some brand new guitar bags available for only $10 each - found at a closing down sale. They are good quality - first in gets best pick. See Mr Cahill at the back of the Hall or P Block staffroom on Thursday or Friday.

Thanks!
Leanne Donaldson MP
State Member for Bundaberg

Youth Forum 2015

The Bundaberg Campus of CQU will be the venue for a Youth Forum on Sunday 11 October 2015.

The event is open to young people aged between 16 and 26 to come together and discuss issues as they see them in regards to education, training and employment.

The day will consist of two parts. In the morning industry experts will provide information to those in attendance about being job ready. While the afternoon will be an opportunity for young people to discuss what they believe is needed locally in regards to education, training and employment.

The organising committee consists of young people and the event is being driven by young people for young people.

For further information please contact Leanne Donaldson’s Office on 41113100 or email bundaberg@parliament.qld.gov.au
FREE COMMUNITY INFORMATION NIGHT

SCHOOLIES AND END OF YEAR PARTIES ARE COMING UP.
BE PREPARED.
THURSDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2015

Presented by Accredited Criminal Law Specialist (Qld) Nick Dore and Solicitor Rian Dwyer

Nick Dore
Rian Dwyer

THIS SESSION WILL FOCUS ON YOUNG PEOPLE AND CRIME INCLUDING:

1. The truth about drugs
2. The pitfalls of social media
3. Personal safety and security
4. How to get help and support

ALL ARE WELCOME. TO REGISTER
Please call: 07 4151 5905 or email bundabergsupport@fisherdore.com.au
When: Thursday 8th October 2015 Time: Doors open at 5pm for a 5.30pm start
Where: Room 1M, School of Arts Building, 184 Bourbong Street, Bundaberg
Refreshments and information handouts provided.

COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday 8th October, starting from 5.00pm. All welcome!
Kolan South State School
P&C Association

~ Proudly presents ~

'KOLAN COUNTRY FAIR'

Sunday 25th October, 2015
10.00am – 3.00pm
Kolan South State School
2297 Gin Gin Road

FAMILY FUN

Corp of Drums Presentation
Bohdi The Great Ventriloquist Show
Taekwondo Demonstration
Bundaberg Dog Sports Presentation
Class Stalls
Poo Lotto
Community Market Stalls
$100 Raffle Boards
Multi-Draw Raffle – Over 30 Prize Chances

Entertainment

Haylee & Billie-Jo Pampling
Local artists playing a range of contemporary
and ‘blasts from the past’
(ex-students of Kolan South)

Food

Hot Food
Hot Chips
Sausage Rolls/Pies
Sausage on Bread
Chicken Burger
Hamburger
Steak Burger

Cold Food
Ham/Chicken & Salad Rolls
Ham/Chicken & Salad Sandwiches
Egg & Lettuce Sandwiches

(Drinks: softdrinks, juice poppers, tea & coffee)

& FOR THE KIDS

Garden Creations Competition
(Grab a flyer for more details – entries due at 10am)
Rides & Slides – Super Slide, Giant Swings, Rockwall, Cars
Lightning McQueen, Castle/Slide Combo

( Unlimited Rides $27.00 early bird discount applies before the event or $32.00 on the day – single fares available on the day)

Contact:
Sherry Wilson
Fair Co-ordinator
Ph 4157 7502 or
desshe@bigpond.com

P & C Meeting
Thursday 8th October, starting from 5.00pm. All welcome!