Principal’s Report...
Welcome to our first newsletter for Term 4 which again highlights the extensive learning opportunities provided by North High. I hope that all students and families had a safe and restful September vacation ready for a very busy final term of the year. In this article I want to concentrate on: 2016 Needs Based Funding Investing in Success; Bring Your Own Device 2016; Additional staffing for 2016, Senior Prom/Year 12 completion of schooling and celebrating student achievement.

2016 Needs Based Funding Investing in Success:
In 2016 the Queensland Government will continue to provide additional funding to state schools to support the improvement of student learning outcomes. This funding was previously called Great Results Guarantee (GRG), and this year the school received $250,000 in additional funding. This funding has supported the establishment of literacy, numeracy, and teaching and learning coaches, the ongoing development of the school’s professional learning model aimed at teacher capacity building, the purchases of resources to support QCE attainment, and literacy and numeracy improvement and the funding of additional teacher aide time to support the expansion of the schools Intervention Reading Program. The GRG was not based on need. In 2016 a new program called Investing in Success will replace the Great Results Guarantee program and will use a needs-based allocative funding model, where school communities are funded on the basis of need. The model which is based on the recommendations of the David Gonski Inquiry into Education Funding where schools receive funding depending on;

- their Socio Economic Status [Lower the level the greater the funding],
- Indigeneity,
- the numbers of students with a disability,
- who speak English as a second language
- who are refugees,
- remoteness and outer provincial city location

These factors will be used in 2016 to determine funding for North High. The purpose of this approach to funding is to recognize that student’s life chances and education success should not be determined by their postcode and that schools and their communities know what is needed to improve student outcomes. In 2016 the school will receive $414,000 in additional funding dependent on Day 8 numbers and is guaranteed similar funding in 2017 provided our school profile remains the same. This is exciting news for our school community which will have a significant positive influence on our students’ academic success. In future newsletters this term I will provide more details on the proposed expenditure of this funding and the processes used to determine this.

Bring Your Own Device 2016:
As indicated in previous newsletters the school is moving to a Bring Your Own Device model for the provision of information communication technology. This means that students will be able to bring their own computer...
device to school and log into the school network. The school is taking this approach for a number of reasons, firstly we are in the digital age where a lack of computer literacy places all people including our students at a disadvantage in terms of accessing information, engaging in our society, having the skills required for employment and the capacity to effectively participate in ongoing learning. Secondly, the resources available online to support teaching and learning are endless and without students having one to one access to a computer device the teaching and learning environment is restricted, restricting the academic growth of our students. Thirdly governments are reducing their investment in computer technology in schools making it almost impossible for schools to provide the level of access to computer technology needed to ensure every student has access to a computer.

The school recognizes that the needs of all families will be different when it comes to engaging in our Bring Your Own Device program. In recognition of this we will be working towards a two year phase in period with a number of alternative ways for students to access a computer device, these will include parents purchasing a device for their student, Year 11 and 12 students participating in the take home program with other students gaining access to the take home program, the operation of an application in writing only equity pool with participation approved by the Principal, and a daily borrowing program. The expectation is that by 2018 and as our existing desk top, lap tops and tablets are taken out of use due to age and warranty expiry, there will only be three ways in which students can access a computer device. This will be through individual purchase, accessing the equity pool or making use of a few high end specialized computer labs for selected subjects. This phase in period will allow families time, and a choice of when they embrace fully the Bring Your Own Device program.

As part of the school’s preparation for this new approach to the provision of computer technology our staff are busily developing virtual classrooms to meet the expectation of at least one unit of study per semester will be a digitally based unit. We are also investigating our use of textbooks and whether there are online alternatives. In addition to this the school is purchasing and installing technology or services that will support improved access to or capacity of, the school network. These improvements include, improvement in our wireless capability, a technology solution that will allow safe student access to our network and improved bandwidth. Some of these improvements will however incur ongoing costs and will require the school to charge a small network access fee to parents. While there are additional costs involved, it is anticipated that the long term positive impact on student academic success will far outweigh the impact of these additional charges.

We have also been conducting a trial of this program and from this trial have gathered a lot of useful information on how to conduct a Bring Your Own Device Program as well as advice on the purchasing of a computer device. Details of this information and more details on arrangements for 2016 will be provided in our next BYOD Newsletter to all parents. I encourage all parents to read this and to start making plans for 2016.

**Additional staffing for 2016:**

We have received news from Education Queensland that the school will have access of an additional teacher in addition to our final Day 8 staffing numbers in 2016. This teacher will perform the role of a learning support teacher assisting to deliver in our Individual Curriculum Program in the junior school. This additional allocation of staffing is warmly welcomed by the school and in combination with the Investing in Success Program will have a positive effect on the academic success of our students.

**Senior Prom and Year 12 completion of schooling**

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[90% 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 second 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?

As part of our ongoing strategy to achieve 90% of Year 12 students attaining a QCE 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, in these last few weeks of school. 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 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.

Celebrating achievement:

During the course of this term there will be a number of other opportunities to celebrate student learning and achievements. These events include the Annual Presentation Parade and Night, the Senior School Graduation and a Junior School Certificate of Education presentation assembly [More details on this in the next newsletter. 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 coming newsletters.

In conclusion 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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Lost Property

There are lots of jumpers from Term 3 in Lost Property again. If your student has lost a jumper, please ensure collection before 23/10/15 as they will be donated to charity after this date.
Presentation Ceremonies

On 20th October we hold our Annual Presentation ceremonies. Presentation Parade will be 8:50am – 9:50am in the school hall. Presentation Night will be 7:00 pm – 9:30pm in the school hall.

Last week students were notified if they were receiving an award and should have brought home a letter outlining the details of the ceremony they will take part in. Lists of award winners are displayed around the school and we have asked students to check the lists.

We would like to congratulate all award winners and invite parents and family members to attend the award ceremonies to celebrate the achievements of our students. We look forward to seeing you there.

Subject Selections for Year 7, 8 and 9 students

Year 10, 2016

This week the Year 9 students will be making their subject selections for year 10 next year. They have been given a Subject Selection booklet and form and by now should have made their selections online when Miss Kent visited their class on Wednesday. Any Year 9 students who were absent on Wednesday 14th should bring their Subject Selection form to the office by the end of the week and see Miss Kent.

Year 8 and 9, 2016

All Year 7 and 8 students should have received a Subject Selection book and Subject Selection form on Tuesday, 13th October. Students should read the booklet carefully and discuss with their parents and teachers the best subject choices to make. On Thursday, 22nd October students should bring their completed subject Selection form to school as they will be doing their online subject selection with Miss Kent in one of their classes.

If any parents or students have any questions about subject selection for 2016 please do not hesitate to call the office to speak to Miss Kent (Deputy) or Mr Miller (Guidance Officer).
North Currently 2\textsuperscript{nd} Highest School in Qld for Blood Donations

This week I received some wonderful news that North High is currently in 2\textsuperscript{nd} place for the highest amount of blood donations received from a school in Qld. This is exciting news as we are only 1 donation away from the leading school which is Siena Catholic College on the Sunshine Coast. So far this year North High has recorded 175 donations. This is an amazing effort and well over 500 lives have been saved thanks to our students.

I am looking for new students to donate blood for the remainder of this term hoping to overtake the school currently in the number 1 spot. Students wishing to donate blood must be 16 years of age and in good health. It is important that students donating blood have eaten well on the day they donate and have consumed plenty of water. Students must collect and return paperwork to Mrs Jensen (in D block staffroom) beforehand and will be transported to the Blood Bank free of charge on Wednesday lunchtimes to donate. New legislation means that students under the age of 18 can only donate blood once a year.

If you or any of your family members currently donate blood on a regular basis be sure to tell the staff at the centre that you would like your blood donation to count towards the North High tally. A huge thank-you to all of our students and staff who have donated blood this year on behalf of the school as without you we would not be currently in 2\textsuperscript{nd} place. A special mention must go to our Year 12 Blood Ambassadors, Amanda Brocklehurst, Lachlan Baildon and also to Mrs Cheryl Weller in the office for all of your hard work in relation to blood donations at North. If you would like to know more information with regards to students donating blood please contact Mrs Keri Jensen at the school on 41300239.

Keri Jensen (Mrs)
Blood Co-ordinator

Film and Television workshop

A big thank you to Bentley O’toole for running an optional workshop last Tuesday for year 11 Film and TV Students. Mr O’toole is a professional special effects artist who travelled up to Bundaberg to show us how to do both special effects make-up and fabricate props. Students got to create their own moulds and then use them to design unique wounds, all liberally slathered with fake blood. Now the students can take their new skills back to the class and teach their classmates. Either way it’s clear some students are going to have some exciting costumes this Halloween!
WHAT’S BEEN HAPPENING IN 11 BUSINESS COMMUNICATION & TECHNOLOGIES?

Last term the Year 11 BCT class studied the topic “Industrial Relations”. We recently attended a half day excursion to reinforce what we had been learning in class and commenced our new topic Workplace Health Safety and Sustainability (WHSS). We enjoyed a yummy lunch at Guzman Y Gomez as well as an informative talk by Franchisee Owner Warwick Jones about the business’s safety procedures and policies. Some of us were lucky enough to win a free burrito for lunch by answering some challenging questions. Next we travelled to The Waves Club where the Human Resources Officer Tanya McCombe gave us an interesting talk on WHSS. It certainly was a great day. We farewelled our student teacher Miss Cavallaro, at the end of last term. We would like to thank her for all of her enjoyable lessons and wish her success with her teaching career.

Mrs Jensen
Year 11 BCT Teacher
Ho Ho Hope you can share the spirit...

North High are making up Christmas hampers to be donated to the Mayor’s Christmas Appeal.

On Wednesday, 14 October, Junior RAS classes have spent their big RAS lesson, looking at the value of helping in your community by donating or volunteering.

They will discuss, as a RAS group, the collection of non-perishable items suitable for a Christmas hamper.

We have done this for many years and each year we have donated a huge number of RAS hampers to the Mayor’s Christmas Appeal which is truly appreciated and noted as a great contribution by our school. We do this on a parade with representatives from stakeholder groups present to receive the donations. That organisation then distributes the hampers to places like the Salvation Army to be distributed at Christmas to people who struggle at this time of many costs.

Later in the term, some RAS time will be spent in discussing how to decorate the boxes and getting students to use their creative ideas to make the boxes Christmassy.

We would be very grateful for your support by talking to your students about this worthy activity and donating a couple of suitable items. You might give canned food (especially something that would be yummy at Christmas), other packaged food that will not be out of its use by date before Christmas, Christmas sweets or nuts, maybe even a couple of Christmas decorations or box of Christmas bonbons or whatever you can easily give.

There is a friendly rivalry amongst classes to prepare the most number of boxes and that class is acknowledged on donation day.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Colasimone

Junior Schooling, Head of Department.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Shawline Embroidery are pleased to let students and their families know that they currently have stocks of all North uniforms. They have a limited supply of sports shorts but these will be replenished by January.

If any students are requiring formal uniforms for the awards night they do have limited numbers of these in stock.

Thanks.
Walk for Prems 2015 and help the Life’s Little Treasures Foundation to support families of premature and sick babies. If you can’t join me, you can still help by sponsoring my participation in this event. To sponsor me donation online https://secure.lifeslittletreasuresfundraising.com.au/registrant/FundraisingPage.aspx?RegistrationID=914112#&panel1-4

Life’s Little Treasures Foundation is Australia’s leading charity for families of children born premature or sick. They provide support, information and services to families when they need it most, with resources offered in hospitals throughout Australia and support when the family returns home.

As part of the Crush Festival Bundaberg, Moncrieff Entertainment Centre is taking part in the ReSTAMPED Event, a Place Activation Project of the Crush Festival for 2015. Post Office Lane will be re-invented and come to life with street art, live music, pop up cafes, fun activities and market stalls on Saturday October 17 from 3pm to 9pm.

ReSTAMPED will be a collaborative effort of numerous local businesses, organisations and artists which aims to get the community thinking differently about the space. ReSTAMPED will also be linking with a simultaneous Place Activation project in the Bell Street Plaza in Toowoomba, facilitated by Arts Council Toowoomba and the Toowoomba Regional Council. Via technology we will be able to discuss in real time the impact of Place Activation in spaces in our respective communities.

We are currently looking for duos, small bands, single artists, stand-up comedy, performance art, magicians and instrumentalists to perform on a small outdoor stage. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to showcase their talents in a creative environment and to gain insight into the entertainment industry. Please encourage any students that are interested to contact MEC Venue Coordinator Bronte Morris on 07 4130 4100, Bronte.Morris@bundaberg.qld.gov.au or in person at the Moncrieff Entertainment Centre, 177 Bourbong Street, Bundaberg.

Place Activation and the Crush Festival are programs of the Bundaberg Regional Council delivered through Creative Regions.

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Class Stalls
Poo Lotto
Community Market Stalls
$100 Raffle Boards
Multi-Draw Raffle – Over 30 Prize Chances

& 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)

Entertainment

Haylee & Billie-Jo Pamplin
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

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

Cold Food
- Ham/Chicken & Salad Roll
- Ham/Chicken & Salad Sandwiches
- Egg & Lettuce Sandwiches

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

P & C Meeting
Thursday 5th November, starting from 5.00pm. All welcome!
CONGRATULATIONS
YOU'VE FINISHED YEAR 12!
WHERE TO NEXT?

EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS

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