Principal’s Report…
Welcome to our fourth newsletter for term four which again highlights the extensive learning opportunities provided by North High. In this article I want to focus on the recognition of White Ribbon Day on November 25, the Year 12 Graduation and Prom, early results for Year 12 students, safe holidays for Year 10 and 11 students and student footwear for 2016.

White Ribbon Day - November 25th
A number of students and staff were able to attend the Bundaberg community event which recognized White Ribbon Day on Wednesday, November 25. As you may be aware, this day observes the International Day of the Elimination of Violence against Women. Of course our collective concern and action around the ending of domestic and family violence should be every day of the year not just on one day only. This event however helps to highlight and draw attention to this very troubling and disturbing crime and is part of an ongoing campaign led by men. Domestic and family violence impacts on women, children and extended family members with often fatal outcomes and long term psychological harm to women and children affecting the quality of their life. Recent research released by the Federal Government indicates that a man’s capacity for violent acts begins early in life heavily influenced by adult attitudes towards and behaviour regarding violence. This school has a strong position on the use of verbal and physical violence putting in place strong consequences and support programs for all students who engage in violent behaviour. I encourage you to discuss this issue with your student and please contact the school should you require any assistance or support for you or your children.

The Year 12 Graduation and Prom
Last Thursday we were able to celebrate the completion of formal schooling for our year 12 students at the Senior Graduation Ceremony in the morning and Senior Prom in the evening. The Senior Graduation Ceremony was a quality, entertaining and memorable event with lots of positive feedback from families and students. This event was so successful because of the leadership of Robyn Kent and her team of hard working supporters. Congratulations to Robyn and her team, well done!!!

Once again the Prom was an outstanding event due the efforts of Sandra Spratling and Leigh Moroney who excelled in making sure the evening was something for our students to remember. Everything including table decorations, the meal, gifts for the students, the theme and the program for the evening was completed to a level of perfection, which said to every student “we care about you and want this night to be special for you”.

It was pleasure and privilege to share in these celebrations with our Year 12 students who can feel very proud of what they have achieved and my words at the Graduation Ceremony best describe my pride in them. I have included below excerpts from my speech to illustrate this point.

No. 19, 25th November 2015
“I said before I stand here representing your teachers, I also stand before you very proud, a very proud Principal indeed, proud of what you have achieved, because as a group you have set the benchmark for future cohorts of Senior Students at North Bundaberg SHS to aspire to. You have set new standards in academic performance, behaviour, and attendance and above all else you have been outstanding role models showing how to lead by example. I said this to the school yesterday and I will keep saying this about you, you have delivered well beyond all that you pledged to do when you took your senior badges at the start of the year. 94% of you will achieve a QCE, your average attendance rate is 92% with 96% of you having maintained exemplary conduct throughout the year, I think if anyone wants to know how to do school just ask any of our Seniors here on this stage and they cannot only tell how to do it but they have lived it and done it and have been outstanding at it.” When you leave here I urge you all to challenge, and to dream; but above all to be active in your lives.

John Lennon said “Life’s what happens when you are busy making other plans”
Do not let life happen to you; make your life happen for you.
Above all be gentle and be strong. You cannot be one without the other.
Live your life as a strong gentle man or as a strong gentle woman.
So before you commence your journey I have the words of an Irishman for you;
“May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warmly in your face
May the rain fall gently on your fields,
And until we meet again (until you meet again)
May God hold you in the palm of his hand”

Goodbye and farewell 2015 seniors you have been outstanding.

Promising early results for Year 12 students

Early indications are that our Year 12 students have produced some outstanding results with:

• A 99% pass rate in Mathematics [Sound or better] with all students meeting the Numeracy standard for the QCE.

• A pass rate of 100% in English and 99% in English Communication [Sound or better result] of the students who finished the course with all students meeting the literacy standard.

• 84% of students who sat the QCS Test achieved a C or better on the test and as stated above 94% of students attaining a QCE.

Congratulations to all our senior students on the achievement of these results and well done to our Senior School Maths and English teachers and Heads of Department. I am looking forward to seeing more results with some degree of excitement.

Safe holidays for Year 10 and 11 students

This week is the last week of the school year for our Year 10 and 11 students and I wish those students who will not return to our school next year all the best for their future and hope that you achieve your dreams. To those students who will return after the summer vacation I wish you a safe and restful vacation and look forward to seeing you in the New Year. I hope that all families and students have a Happy Christmas and a great New Year.
Student footwear for 2016

Please find attached a footwear document which details the range of acceptable and unacceptable footwear at North Bundaberg State High School. Our footwear expectations [black leather lace up shoes or joggers] have been endorsed by the Parent and Citizens Association and I seek your support in ensuring that in 2016 all students meet these expectations.

Finally in conclusion please continue to contact the school if you have any concerns regarding your student’s education.

Correct Footwear Guide

[Images of acceptable and unacceptable footwear]

Dates to Remember:

P & C Meeting Thursday 3rd December, starting from 5.00pm. All welcome!
Graduation

We farewelled our Year 12s last week at the Graduation Ceremony held on 19th November. The hall was packed with family and friends of our graduating students. We were overwhelmed by the number of people who attended to show support for the students. The students were presented with their Graduation certificates and school reference before entertaining the audience with the traditional Year 12 dance performance.

Later that afternoon, the students arrived in style looking very glamorous for their Prom. The students arrived and were greeted by a large crowd of parents, family and onlookers. At 7:00pm the formalities began where students and staff enjoyed their last function together before being farewelled. A big thank you to Ms Moroney and Mrs Spratling for organising an outstanding Prom. The decorations, photo booths, food and entertainment were wonderful and all who attended had a great night.

We wish all our graduating Year 12s of 2015, “All the best for a successful future”.

Robyn Kent, Deputy Principal
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Congratulations to our graduating Year 12s
RAS CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Following the tradition of many years, families at North High have generously donated towards the Lord Mayor's Christmas Appeal. Students in Junior RAS classes brought donations of food and Christmas items to school and the RAS classes filled hampers to be given to those in need. They were asked to decorate the boxes creatively and the Junior RAS class with the best decorated hampers received a certificate for their RAS room and everyone in the class received a voucher for an ice-block from the tuckshop. Our community spirit was evident on parade when Councillor Vince Habermann from the Bundaberg Regional Council came to receive the donations and congratulated the school on its ongoing support to the community. He expressed gratitude for the hampers on behalf of the Mayor and assured us the Salvation Army would find worthy recipients at Christmas. The class who won the ‘best decorators’ title was Miss Hall’s Walla JC class. Well done North High’s school community!
Mrs G Colasimone
Junior Schooling Head of Department
Subject Selections for 2016

Year 11 students
Any Year 11 student who will not receive a "C" or better result for a subject or who is not on track to receive their QCE should make an appointment with the Guidance Officer to discuss possible subject changes. This should be done this year before starting back in Year 12.

Year 7, 8 and 9 students
You will be notified of the electives that you will be studying next year by the end of Week 8. This will assist you when organising year stationery and equipment for 2016. There may need to be some minor changes to selections but students will be notified if it affects them.

Reports cards will be posted out the week after school finishes. Please ensure you update us with any changes to your postal or contact details.

White Ribbon breakfast
On Wednesday, 25th November ten members of our 2016 Student Council attended the White Ribbon Breakfast in support of saying NO to domestic violence. Our students were kindly sponsored by the Daybreak Rotary Club and we thank them for their support. Over 200 people from across the Bundaberg community attended this special event. The guest speaker for the CQ University delivered a strong message of “saying NO to domestic violence”. Our Student Council members aim to discuss the promotion of this important message next year.
North Bundaberg State High School Orientation Day 2015

(Year 6 students moving into year 7 in 2016)

Wednesday 9th December 2015 - 8:00am

- Year 7 teachers
- Sports coordinator
- Head of Department
- Special Needs
- BYOD information
- Master Teacher
- Head of Department – Junior
- Year level coordinator - Yr 7 (2016)
- Nurse
- Chaplain
- Indigenous Education Counsellor
- Instrumental music teachers
- Guidance Officer
- Deputy Principal
- Principal

Students will be assigned to their year 7 teacher for the day (9:00am until 3:05pm) and participate in classes. They will need to bring a bag, pen, paper, a hat and their food and drink bottle for the day.

Parents can participate in a short question and answer session with the principal and a short tour of the year 7 facilities from 9 until 10am. Lucky door prizes.

Please note that students must be enrolled at North Bundaberg State High School to participate in this program. If we have not yet received your application please call into our office at 9 Marks Street, Bundaberg North or go to our website.
Mayoral Christmas Concert – December 6

Mark Vincent, 2009 Australia’s Got Talent winner, will perform live at the Moncrieff Entertainment Centre for the Mayoral Christmas Concert.

Enjoy a captivating performance by Mark, who has been the featured performer at the Sydney Carols in the Domain since 2012.

The concert kicks off from 1pm on Sunday, December 6 with top local talent supporting Mark throughout the event.

Other highlights include Christmas carol renditions by a beatboxer, an Elvis impersonator and young talent from the Queensland Conservatorium of Music.

The concert will also feature greater audience participation and quality production values to make it the best Mayoral Christmas Concert yet.

Tickets are $5 with all funds raised donated to the Mayor’s Christmas Appeal to support families in need this festive season.

The 2015 Mayoral Christmas Concert is presented in partnership with Takalvans, H2O Restaurant, Sunstate Travel Centre and McDonalds.

Contact the Moncrieff on 4130 4100 to book or head to Moncrieff-bundaberg.com.au
CHRISTMAS CAROLS
TALENT QUEST

Dear Principal,

On December 12, Moore Park Beach Community Association and the Moore Park Lions Club will produce our annual Christmas Carols to be held outside at the Community Hall.

This year we would like to get children more involved by having a Talent Quest at the event with three age groups: children up to 7 years old, children 8 to 12 years, and 13 years and over. Children can sing, dance, play a musical instrument or recite. There will be prizes for each age group.

Enclosed are some entry forms with a closing date of December 1st. We hope you will present a copy of one in your Newsletter, along with this information.

It would be great if Application Forms could be handed in at your office; we will pick them up on December 2nd. Entry forms will also be available and completed forms can be handed in at "the hub", IGA Shopping Centre, Mundoo Shopping Centre.

The Talent Quest will start with the youngest age group at 4pm, followed by the other age groups, then musical entertainment, after which we will all sing Christmas Carols by candlelight until Santa arrives at 7pm with presents for the children.

By incorporating the Talent Quest, we hope to make this annual event even more entertaining for everyone and we look forward to your support. For more information, please contact Nicky Carr on 4159 8419 or email: davidcar@bigpond.com

Rod Layt
President
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Maureen Lawrence
President
Moore Park Beach Community Association