Principal’s Report...

Welcome to our third newsletter for 2016 and term one which again highlights the extensive learning opportunities provided by North High.

P&C needs you!!!!

The P&C Annual General Meeting and March general meeting have been postponed until Thursday, March 10 at 6.00pm. The P&C needs at least 10 additional members as it is in danger of not continuing. Without a P&C the operation of the school tuckshop would be enormously difficult. The P&C needs your support and help. See you at the meeting on Thursday evening.

District swimming carnival

Congratulations to all students who represented our school at the recent Bundaberg District Swimming Carnival. While our performance did not match some of our more competitive schools, we more than made up for this with our strong spirit of getting in and having a go. I felt proud of all students who in some cases were not strong swimmers but always demonstrated a brave, never-give-in attitude. A special congratulations and thank you go to Mrs Susan Richardt and Mr Rob Thatcher for their organization of the team before and during the swimming carnival.

Senior school monitoring

Students who return to our school to complete their senior studies, do so in the full knowledge that they are expected to be working towards the attainment of a QCE. To achieve a learning environment where this is possible the school sets some very high expectations regarding uniform, attendance, punctuality, behaviour, effort and performance. These expectations are not unlike those that students would find in a workplace, in other schools or training organizations. Clearly the school expects students to; meet our uniform requirements including shoes and jewellery; attend school regularly aiming for a 95% attendance rate or better, with all absences explained; be on time for school and all classes; adhere to our code of conduct; make at least a satisfactory effort in class and perform at a “C” or Sound result or better or be up to date with all vocational competencies. I believe that as a senior student in our school the students understand that they have made a choice to be at school in the full knowledge of what is expected of them. Having made this choice I also believe that students should meet our expectations without argument or debate as all students need the maximum amount of time engaged in instruction.

This week the first of our senior monitoring was completed which identified students at risk of not achieving a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE). The students identified in this process will participate in a support program aimed at helping students to get on track to achieve a QCE. I encourage all parents to monitor their students’ progress and whenever possible to keep students focused on the main game of achieving the best results possible. It was also great to see that most students are on track and meeting all requirements of senior school study.
Student access to local shops during school time:

On a recent assembly I spoke about the school’s expectations around student access to our local shops or leaving the school grounds before and during school time. While most students understand their responsibility in regards to our local shops and remaining in our school grounds, I have included in this newsletter details of this expectation so that this can be discussed with your student. The school expects that students who travel to school by bus or car to remain in our school grounds until the conclusion of school. No student should leave the school grounds to go to the shop or anywhere else at any time throughout the day without permission. For students where a shop is part of their journey to school and they have not already arrived at school, there is no concern about them going to the shop provided that they do not remain in the shopping complex for an excessive amount of time.

This expectation is about the safety of our students and my responsibility to ensure safety and adequate supervision of students which I take very seriously. It is also about supporting what I believe would be your expectation that your student should remain in our school grounds at all times during the school day.

Responsible use of social media (internet, mobile phones, facebook and instant messaging)

The internet, mobile phones and instant messaging provide wonderful opportunities for students to learn, be creative and socialise online. They also provide opportunities for inappropriate behaviour, bullying and harassment to occur causing pain and suffering to the targets of such behaviour. Unfortunately I am becoming increasingly concerned with the number of incidents the school has had to deal with related to the irresponsible use of social media so far this year. These incidents have a direct impact on the learning environment of students and have the potential to affect the academic performance of students. As a school we take our responsibility to provide a safe and supportive environment for students to learn and achieve in, very seriously and do not wish to see any student feeling unsafe at school. We have a number of proactive programs in place to ensure that the school is a safe and supportive environment which includes our Junior Cyber Safety Workshop, RAS Program, Better Buddies Program and Peer Mediation as well as having a number of support staff including Year Level Coordinators, School Nurse, Chaplain, and Guidance Officer. If students are feeling uncomfortable as a result of the online activities of another student or any other harassing behaviour, I ask that the student report their concerns to one of the above support staff. I am also seeking your support and assistance in ensuring that all students understand their responsibilities in relation to the appropriate use of social media that you are aware of your student’s online activities. To assist you in this discussion I have provided a link to a range of resources published on the Education Queensland website.

Threatening phone calls

As you would be aware we have had two threatening phone calls to our school in recent weeks which has disrupted student learning and the general operations of the school. I wish to thank our staff who responded to these emergencies with calm professionalism, supporting and caring for our students throughout the events and working hard with students afterwards to minimize the impact of the lost learning time. I also thank the many parents who have shown positive support for the actions of the school through our Facebook page and other communication with the school. While students may suffer some discomfort during these episodes it is a case of “it’s better to be safe than sorry” as the school will always place the safety of students above everything else even though this maybe uncomfortable for a short period of time. We will also attempt to do our best to cater for the needs our students in terms of shade and sunscreen but please realise these are unplanned events with little time to put these measures into place. I also congratulate all of our students for the high level of co-operation and common sense exercised by them during these disruptive events.

Student Led Conferences

Thank you to all parents who participated in the Student Led Conferences showing a strong interest in your student’s education. While our parent response was down compared to last year’s conferences, the response was still significantly better than that of our traditional parent teacher interviews. However, the response to our workshops
held on the day of the conferences was very disappointing particularly for the Central Queensland University representatives and our staff who had prepared presentations. The Student Led Conferences and the workshops are a new concept aimed at helping students to take responsibility for their learning and grow their capacity for self-reflection. We held the conferences early in the year because academic goal setting is a major part of the work done by students in preparation for the conferences. Goals are set for the semester ahead and students look to the support of their parents and teachers to achieve these. Without parent participation, the articulation of the goals is less effective and a major support factor is missing. In many ways the conferences reflect the performance appraisal processes seen as best practice in many workplaces today. We held the conferences from 11.00am to 7.00pm to cater to all parent needs in terms of work commitments and any other demands on your time. This has been a successful strategy in many other schools contributing to better outcomes for all students, its impact however is reliant on having maximum participation by parents. We intend to continue this practice but want your feedback on what will get you to attend the conferences. A parent survey using Survey Monkey will be sent to you via email, I encourage you to respond to it.

In conclusion please continue to contact the school if you have any concerns regarding your student’s education as together we can produce the best outcomes for your student.

Ross Robertson
PRINCIPAL

When bringing students to school late, picking them up early or collecting them from sick bay, please go directly to our G Block Student Services Office. This office is accessed through the centre corridor of G block, which is to your right as you enter the school.

If you need to make a payment, or see Office staff, come to the A Block Administration building, using the Parent Foyer entry on the carpark side.
P&C Association

The P&C are an important part of the school, both now and moving forward, contributing to the future of the school. The P&C are actively looking for new and interested parents, carers and friends. Play a part in the future of the school and see how the students and the school can benefit.

Why be a member of the P&C?

We represent the voice of parents, carers and friends promoting community interest of educational matters, facilitating the development and further improvement of the school, and encouraging closer cooperation between the parents of students attending the school, other members of the community, staff and students of the school. The more input the more chance of benefits for all.

We are involved in a variety of school activities from school policies and finances, the provision of the tuckshop, school fundraising activities and having a say in other school functions.

What happens if there is no P&C?

If there is no P&C then the parents, carers and friends do not get a say as to how the school is run. This includes things such as school uniforms, school budgets and school policies.

The tuckshop is provided to the school and run by the P&C, if there is no P&C then the tuckshop will not run as it does now.

Last year the P&C donated over $10,000 towards different programs and facilities throughout the school, and parents would not have a say as to how the money is spent if there is no P&C.

I encourage you as a parent and member of the P&C association to get on board and come along to the P&C association meetings. It is just 1 ½ hours of your time once a month and that could make a real difference to the school as a whole. We would love to see some new faces attend our monthly meetings.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> March starting at 6.00pm. This will be our AGM followed by our regular meeting. The meeting is held in G Block conference room.

Regards

Matthew Batchelor

Vice President, Bundaberg North SHS P&C Association

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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Senior School News

Year 12
By now all Year 12 students should have received a letter outlining expectations for the year and information about the Senior Prom in November. If your son/daughter has not brought home a letter they should collect one from the office.
Year 10 -12 students have settled into their studies and teachers are currently monitoring their progress so far in terms of effort in class. Senior students are about to enter a disruption free period of time at school where they are focussing on completing assessment both exams and assignments. All students should have an assessment schedule. Students should have no more than 2 exams per day within the disruption free period. Any students with concerns about their assessment schedule should see their teachers immediately.
Our Year 10 – 12 students involved in Student Council have been busy organising the first free dress day on March 2 and also organising the Walkathon and Cross country to be held on March 9. Thank you to the Student Council members – they have had a good start to the year and are highly motivated and keen to organise events throughout the year.
A number of senior girls had the opportunity to attend an Engineering workshop at CQU on Friday, 26th Feb. Thank you to Ms Coulton for organising the students to attend.

Thanks,
Robyn Kent

Walkathon and Cross Country
The 2016 Inter House Cross Country will be held on Wednesday, 9th March directly before the walkathon. Students who compete in cross country can take part in the walkathon at their own discretion. The course will be through the school and neighbouring land (all supervised) and students will be encouraged to compete at the Interschool events next term.
Yr 7,8 Boys & Girls = 3km
Yr 9 Boys & Remaining Girls = 4km
Yr 10,11,12 Boys = 6km

CQU Scholarship goes to North High student
Our congratulations go to Caitlin Turnbull, who was recently awarded a CQU scholarship sponsored by Auswide bank. Caitlin graduated from North Bundaberg State High School in 2015 and we wish her well for an outstanding future.
National Day of Action Against Violence and Bullying – 18 March 2016

The Better Buddies Anti-bullying committee at NBSHS has designed a T-shirt to promote our stance against bullying. The T-shirts come in our 4 house colours - Walla (yellow), Monduran (green), Mabbro (red) and Tirroan (blue). You can order and pay for a shirt at the office for only $10. Feel free to see Mrs Jensen in D block staffroom to try on sizes or call her on 41300239 if you have any questions. There is some stock available in D Block staffroom or students are able to order a shirt if stock has been depleted. Sizes are available in adult sizes XS, S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL. Child sizes are also available. (10, 12, 14) Students will be able to wear these shirts at swimming and athletics carnivals, as well as designated school days throughout the year. The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence takes place shortly on Friday, 18th March. This is the day you can wear your groovy T-shirt to school instead of your uniform. All other students who do not own one of these T-shirts MUST wear their full school uniform to school on this day. By wearing this shirt you will be showing your support for a school that says “NO” to bullying.

Mikka Noblett
Year 11 Better Buddies Committee Member

School Dental Van

The school dental van is currently at North Bundaberg State High School. Medical history/consent forms have been issued to all Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students. If your students has not brought home a form and you wish to access the service please call the dental van to pick up a form. The dental van operates Monday to Friday 8am – to 5pm. The staff can be contacted by phoning 0427 691 725.

LIONS YOUTH OF THE YEAR – 2016

On Wednesday, evening 24th February the Lions Youth of the Year Quest was held at the RSL Fairways. Year 11 students Blake Batchelor, Alex Kidman and Skie Cronin represented the Bundaberg North Lions Club and the Moore Park Lions Club was suitably represented by Miranda Steel and Angela Elliott. Congratulations to Blake Batchelor who won the North Bundaberg Lions Club division with his enthusiastic speech on “making education free for all”. Blake will now progress to the next level of the competition which will be conducted in the library at Kepnock SHS on Sunday, 13th March. We wish you well Blake! Angela Elliott was awarded the Public Speaking Award on the night for her emotive speech on poverty. Well done to all of our entrants on your interviews conducted at the school in the morning and your well delivered 5 minute prepared and 2 minute impromptu speeches in the evening. You were all very impressive and great ambassadors for North Bundaberg State High School.

Keri Jensen, LYY Co-ordinator
Inter-house swimming carnival

On the 12th of February, North High held their annual swimming carnival at the Norville pool. With just under half of the school attending, it turned out to be a fantastic day. I would like to give a big thank you to the time keepers, Miss Kent, Mr Thatcher for organising and preparing and not to forget the Sport Captains, William and Kirralee and their House Captains. The day consisted of a variety of events such as breaststroke, freestyle, butterfly, backstroke, with social events all the way through followed by fabulous volleyball tournaments! The afternoon was made up of relay events with all age groups and an exciting teacher vs student relay held at the end. Lastly, I would like to give a big “congratulations” to everyone who made the effort to dress up in the Hawaiian theme and most especially to Walla house and their House Captains Hayley Sparozvich and Hayden Pope for defending their title and striving to be the best they could be.

Age Champions

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Congrats to Walla!
COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

TALENT QUEST
Do you have a fantastic talent that you would like to showcase? Would you like to be in the running for some amazing prize money? If the answer is yes, then you need to be at the Gin Gin Theatrical Society Inc. Talent Quest Auditions being held on Saturday, 19th March at 2pm, Tuesday, 22nd and Thursday, 24th March at 6.00pm at our hall (old SES building) on the corner of Dear and May Streets. Entry via showground side gate. Entry forms available at reception at your school or on our Facebook website page.

The Talent Quest will be held on Saturday, 2nd April at the Gin Gin RSL Hall 6pm and there will be some amazing talent, so don’t hold back … sign up now to audition your talent. We can’t wait to see you on stage!

For more information call Wendi on 0404 360 174.

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award is an exciting youth development program that is offered by North Bundaberg SHS. The Award is for people aged between 14 and 25 and comprises three levels – Bronze, Silver or Gold. Each level involves participating in a Skill, Adventurous Journey, Physical Recreation and Community Service element. Young people choose their own activities and set their own goals to complete their chosen Award level.

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award provides participants with an opportunity to get involved in something different. They will develop new skills, explore new places and meet new friends. For students in years 10 to 12, they can also earn credits towards the Queensland Certificate of Education. The Awards are increasingly recognised by tertiary institutions and can even help participants with securing a job.

It’s easy to get started as a participant. Contact Ms Latimer at the school on 41300222 or drop into Lower C Block staffroom. Further information is also available at www.dukesaward.qld.gov.au.
FREE LIVE ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION FOR Bundaberg North State High School STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE IN 2016

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is a not-for-profit organisation that is registered with all state and territory Departments of Education around Australia and with the Ministry of Education in NZ. We are the first and only secondary exchange organisation in Australia and New Zealand to be certified to ISO 9001 (Quality Management System) and we ensure the highest standards of care and support to our participants.

We would like to invite students and families to our one of our FREE Live Online Sessions in March. Students are welcome to register for the 9th March - 8.30pm - 9.30pm. AEDT Time or Wednesday, 23rd March at 7.30pm - 8.30pm AEDT.

www.studentexchange.org.au
1300 135 331 (cost of local call)

Come 'n' Try Day
Surf Ski and Surf Boats

Details
Have you ever considered being a part of lifesaving and interested in the surf sport available, but never had a chance to give it a go? Then come on down and try your hand at Surf Ski and Surf Boats, there will be experienced coaches and paddlers on hand to give you a hand!

Date: Sunday 6th March
Time: 10:30am
Location: Bundaberg SLSC
Nielson Park, Bargara
What to Bring: Swimwear
Who: Any one who is interested! Members, non-members, male or female
More Information: Paul Wessel
0407 139 222