Principal’s Report…

Welcome to our first newsletter for term two which again highlights the extensive learning opportunities provided by North High. I hope that all families had a relaxing and safe Easter vacation and all students are ready for the demands of the term ahead. In this article I will focus on The School Review, The Senior School Curriculum Action Plan, the new senior assessment and tertiary entrance systems, ANZAC Day commemorations, mid-semester reporting and the ‘Reach for the Sky’ awards ceremony.

School review – opportunity to have your say

Our school is scheduled for a school review from Wednesday, May 4 to Friday, May 6. The Department of Education and Training introduced new performance reviews for Queensland state schools in 2015. The reviews do not rate or compare schools but provide independent and quality feedback to help schools continue to improve outcomes for students. All schools will have a review at least every four years. A final report is made available to parents and the community on the school’s website.

The review team would like to hear from our school community and I encourage anyone who is interested to have their say. Your feedback is important and will help us continue to deliver a quality education for students. If you are interested in speaking to the reviewers, or would like more information about the review process, please contact the office. Further information about the reviews is available from the department’s website.

Senior school curriculum action plan

In 2015 the school conducted a review of the senior curriculum to ensure that it continues to provide for the needs of our students. The review was conducted over several months by a working party of staff led by Robyn Kent-Senior School Deputy Principal with the following recommendations being made;

Senior school curriculum review recommendations

- Make changes to the Year 10 curriculum program to provide an opportunity for students to try senior subjects in semester two Year 10, called Pre-Senior Subjects, to assist them in selecting and transitioning into Year 11 and 12 Subjects.
- Investigate ways to broaden the range of subjects available for study in the senior school including alternative methods of delivery e.g. online, dual subjects, Private RTO’s etc.
- Develop a Supported QCE Pathway to support learning support students and students with a disability.
- Develop a support program for students engaged in alternate senior pathways e.g. School Based Trainees,
TAFE students, work experience, school to work programs etc.

- Identify a set of pre-requisite skills required for Senior School success and ensure that these are being effectively developed in the Junior School.
- Revise the Senior Education and Training Plan program in line with the addition of Pre Senior Subjects and the implementation of the My Big Picture Plan Career Planning and Student Led Conference Programs.

Towards the end of 2015 and in term one this year the working party has further worked at implementing these recommendations, with all of them almost in place. The most recent work has been the preparation for the semester two introduction of Year 10 Pre-Senior subjects with Year 10 students currently considering their options. It is envisaged that these changes to our curriculum will meet the needs of our students giving them the best chance to achieve quality outcomes. Please refer to the article in this newsletter that provides more specific details on the changes to Year 10.

**New senior assessment and tertiary entrance systems**

The Queensland Government has announced the most significant changes to senior schooling for decades. The systems of senior assessment and tertiary entrance will both be strengthened. The purposes is to improve the Queensland Certificate of Education, thereby, giving students more opportunities for success after Year 12.

The new systems will include:

- a new model that uses both school-based assessment and common external assessment
- processes that strengthen the quality and comparability of school-based assessment
- a move away from the OP rank to an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank [ATAR].

These changes will be implemented in 2018 with our current Year 9 students being the first students to be part of this new system. In the meantime the school will continue to work hard to ensure that students working under the current system of senior assessment and tertiary entrance are not disadvantaged and are fully supported to achieve the best outcomes. In addition to this we will also do our best to keep you informed of the new system as it develops. I encourage you to use the link below to access further information about this new system.


**Anzac Day commemoration ceremonies**

Anzac Day is a time to honour the service and sacrifice of our original Anzacs, and the generations of Australian servicemen and women who have defended our values and freedoms in wars, conflicts and peace operations. The school will commemorate Anzac Day on Friday, April 22 on a special assembly led by our school leaders. You are most welcome to attend our school ceremony that will commence at 2.30pm in our school hall. We will also participate in both the town and Moore Park Anzac Day marches and ceremonies. Hoping to see lots of our students supporting the school and these community events.

**Mid-sememster reporting**

Mid-sememster reports for all students were recently mailed home. These reports provide a snapshot of student academic progress during term one. I encourage you to review the report with your student, acknowledging successes and looking for ways to support them to make improvements in areas that may require it.

In regards to Parent Teacher Interviews, there will be no formal evening set aside as these have been replaced by our Student Led Conferences. However, if you do have some concerns about your students’ progress in a subject or subjects please contact your student’s teacher to make arrangements to discuss your concerns. I encourage you to
take up this invitation and make the contact as any student’s success relies on a strong parent and school partnership.

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of your discussion please contact the relevant Head of Department or Deputy Principal depending on the subject and or year level.

**Reach for the Sky awards ceremony.**

On Wednesday, April 27 our School Assembly held at 10.35 am will be devoted to acknowledging outstanding learners in our term one **Reach for the Sky** awards ceremony. The criteria for these awards are outlined below and are based on the qualities of an outstanding learner. All students are being notified of who will be receiving an award this week. The awards are based on results in effort, behaviour and attendance and for students to achieve Gold, Silver or Bronze level; they must achieve the following results

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You are very welcome to join us in this celebration of student achievement.

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

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**Ross Robertson**
**PRINCIPAL**

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**Have you missed a call from the school?**

So that we can transfer your call to the right person, please listen to any voicemail messages left on your phone. Without the name of the person who called you, we will not be able to transfer your call. Thanks.
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, 5th May starting at 6.00pm.

Regards

Matthew Batchelor
Vice President, Bundaberg North SHS P&C Association

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DATE CLAIMER – NAPLAN
Years 7 and 9
10, 11, and 12 May 2016
Senior News

Year 10s are presently learning about the pre-senior electives available for selection in semester 2. This year, Year 10s will select 4 x pre-senior subjects to study in semester 2 in order to better prepare them for Year 11 subject choices. All students will continue to study Maths and English and then have the opportunity to trial 4 subjects that they are interested in selecting for Year 11. Students will receive a Subject Selection Booklet and be visited by Heads of Department and subject coordinators giving information about subjects. The subject selection booklet is also available on our website. Students will be required to select subjects by Week 4 and then a timetable will be created ready for semester 2. If you have any questions about the process please do not hesitate to contact me on 4130 0222.

Robyn Kent

Year 12 students working toward gaining an OP score

This term our Year 12 students will continue with their preparation for the QCS test held in September. Students will have 7 lessons on aspects of the QCS test and complete a practice writing task test during lessons 1 and 3 on the Tuesday morning of week 3.

Students will receive feedback on this test in week 7. Students should be working at all times to improve and enhance their knowledge and skills across all subject areas in order to best prepare for the QCS test. Students should revisit their targets set for each subject and discuss strategies for developing their skills to improve their results.

All students preparing for an OP have a mentor appointed who they can work with to assist them. At the start of term 3, students will receive another OP prediction that will help guide their QTAC application. Students should work with our QCS teachers each week – Mr Wright, Mrs Thrupp and Mr Hogan.
We wish them well as they continue to prepare for the QCS tests.

Rob Schmidt and Robyn Kent

ANZAC Day

On Friday, 22nd April our school will be holding an ANZAC day ceremony in the hall at 2:30pm. Thank you to our School Captains Georgia Prichard and Angus Ethell and Mrs Thrupp for organising the ceremony and to the students who have volunteered to take part and assist.
We would like to encourage as many students as possible to join in the ANZAC Day march in the Bundaberg CBD. Students should wear school uniform and meet opposite Target at 8:00am. The march ends at ANZAC Park and the service should be completed at approximately 10:00am. Students can be collected from ANZAC Park.
Students are also marching in the Moore Park ceremony. All students are welcome to assemble at 11:15am at the Moore Park Community Hall.
We thank all the students who participate and represent the school in the ANZAC Day marches.
On Friday, 18th March, North Bundaberg State High School students wore their Anti-Bullying shirts to school to show their support for the National Day of Action against Violence and Bullying. Thank you to all staff and students who purchased one of these shirts designed by our Year 11 and 12 Better Buddies Committee. These shirts are a constant visual reminder of our stance at North – “It isn’t big to make others feel small”.

Students in Years 7-12 will be given many other opportunities throughout the school year to wear this shirt to school instead of their normal school uniform. These days will be specified and only these shirts are to be worn on the day. Students who don’t have a school anti-bullying t-shirt will be expected to wear their normal school uniform. We would like to encourage more students to order a t-shirt, preferably in the colour of their sporting house so that they can also wear the shirt at school sporting carnivals. The shirts come in all sizes starting from XS to 4XL. There are also smaller sizes available in child sizes.

Students are invited to order a shirt and pay the $10 at the school office. There is a short supply still available however another order will be placed shortly. We hope to see the shirts grow in popularity ready for the day of action next year.

Mrs Keri Jensen, Better Buddies Co-ordinator

Principal Mr Ross Robertson and Year 12 students say “No” to Bullying at North High.

12 RECREATION STUDENTS
BOAT & JET SKI LICENCE OPPORTUNITY

Within the Year 12 Recreation course, during term 2, students are provided with the opportunity to obtain their Recreational Marine Driver’s Licence (boat) and/or PWC (jetski) Licence. Obtaining the licence is not a compulsory part of the course and is optional; however the reduced fees provide a great and rare opportunity for Recreation students.

The course is conducted through the Australian Boating College. The cost for the Boat Licence Course is $100.00 and the cost for the Jet Ski Licence course is an additional $100.00. The course involves a theory and practical component with some completed during and after school.

Students have been provided with an information letter and a permission form. Permission forms are to be returned to their Recreation teacher and payment is accepted by Friday, 13th May by;

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

Any questions please contact Teressa Gibson via the school number (41 300 222) or email ttibb3@eq.edu.au.

Thanks, Teressa Gibson (Senior Recreation Coordinator)
Shave for a cure

On March 18, a number of the year 11 student council representatives helped organise a ‘shave for a cure’ or ‘colour for a cause’ fundraiser to fundraise for the leukaemia foundation and support those diagnosed with blood cancer. Students had the option to shave their heads and fundraise or pay a gold coin donation and get their hair coloured. At big lunch there was the shaving of heads by Natalie Curtis along with Mr Wright shaving his beard he had been growing for three years and Mr Hogan waxing his legs. Students could pay $5 and ‘rip a strip’ from his legs. Overall the Bundaberg North SHS team, North Rocks, raised $1158.85 which is a great effort. Thank you to everyone for your kind donations.

Mikka Noblett
Year 11
TAking care of Business

Last semester, the Business, Accounting and Legal Studies classes were fortunate to hear from several guest speakers. We appreciate these people taking time out of their busy work schedules to share their expertise and knowledge with our students.

11 BCT – Tracey McPhee (pictured left) with Skie Cronin spoke about what is involved in running her successful business “Alowishus Delicious”. Tracey helped prepare the students for their upcoming exam at the end of term by sharing her many business ideas and strategies.

YEAR 12 LEGAL STUDIES – Mrs Christine Large, Solicitor from MRH Lawyers (pictured below left) with Kirstin Smith assisted students with their assignments on the conveyancing process. Mr Boyd Larcombe, from the National Australia Bank spoke about obtaining finance in relation to buying property and on another occasion Mr Grae Shelton, Real Estate Agent, advised students of what to consider when purchasing property.

Year 10 BUSINESS – Kristy and Jane (pictured above) from Ulton Accountants visited to discuss the role of an Accountant in the last week of term.

Keri Jensen (Mrs)
Business/Legal Studies Teacher
2016 Finals Day

On Friday, 24th of March, summer sport finals day was held. North Bundaberg State High School had a total of 4 teams competing. This included Under 13’s Girls touch coached by Mr Whan, Open Girls touch, coached by Miss Tallon, a mixed surfing team coached by Mr Moller and a mixed tennis team coached by Miss Kidman. This was a great day for our teams competing, coming home with several wins after a day playing with North High spirit.

Touch was held at the Bundaberg touch grounds opposite the airport; it was an extremely hot day making playing conditions quite difficult. Each game ran for 40 minutes with 20 minute halves. The Under 13 girl’s played Shalom first, this was a tight game with Shalom stealing the win, and the girls went on to play against Bundaberg Christian College for 3rd or 4th. This was an exceptional game from the girls, coming home with a 7-2 win and placing 3rd in the Under 13 girl’s competition. Demi Lloyd Jones played at 100% all day, easily earning best and fairest player. The Open girl’s team day was similar, with their first game against St Luke’s. The girls suffered a hard fought loss but continued on to play against Discovery Christian College for 3rd or 4th. The girls took their skills to the field and come home with a 7-3 win, placing 3rd in the Open girls competition. Well done girls.

Ms Kidman’s fast four tennis players went out with a bang at this year’s tennis finals day. Tarleah Richardson, Peter Johnstone, Bailey Quinn and Jackson Paul all had their game faces on and ready to play in the fast fours competition. Within this competition, students are required to play doubles against students from other schools. By the end of the day, the pairs found themselves coming first and winning a trophy. “All the students played exceptionally, it was well-deserved,” said Ms Kidman.

Mr Moller’s surfing crew took home a few awards at this year’s finals day. The team took to the waves at Nielsion Park, Bargara. Our seniors included Mikka Nobblet and William Robertson and juniors, Ethan Harvey, Beau Poole and Jarred Harper. Mikka was the open girl’s age champion for the season and accomplished first place on the day. William competed well throughout the season and placed second overall. Ethan did exceptionally well receiving age champion two years in a row and received year 9/10 age champion. The efforts of Beau Poole and Jarred Harper didn’t go unnoticed. With the combined effort of all the members, North’s Surfing team achieved third place overall trailing Kepnock in second by 0.2 of a point. “It was a sensational performance by all,” said Mr Moller.
Youth Homelessness Matters Day

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**Outreach**

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SUPPORT GROUP FOR CARERS OF YOUNG PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY - BUNDABERG

- Share knowledge about local services
- Discuss information regarding the NDIS
- Learn more through guest speakers
- Access to free one to one counselling

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Community Room – Hinkler Shopping Centre
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For more details call 07 4150 1900
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For more information, please go to www.greencrossvet.com.au/Careers/School-Based-Traineeship.aspx
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Dates: 2 Groups to choose from, both on WEDNESDAYS 18 & 25/5, 1/6/16
Register for either Group 1: 9am – 12noon or Group 2: 6pm – 9pm

Learn:
✓ Some common ground shared by parents & reasonable expectations to hold about adolescents
✓ New understandings of adolescence
✓ A three-option model & flow chart for decision-making
✓ Self check-in, first - for parents
✓ Building a relationship with your teenager & making the best of your non-crisis conversations with them
✓ Skills for tough conversations for handling those problems you just can’t ignore

FREE PROGRAM: Course handbook is provided. Catering is provided by the school.

RSVP: Please register to participate by contacting the school* by Wednesday 4/5/2016.

What parents have said...
A local mum and dad changed their approach to a difficult son, starting a simple reward system aimed at reducing bad language and organizing family outings. Both parents reported a happier, less stressful household and improving family relationships.

Who’s running it?
The presenters for this course are Debbie Quivooy (Bundaberg District Behaviour Support Teacher, Northern Alliance cluster), Cheryl Pardats (Early Years Behaviour Support Teacher & MYCP Facilitator, Engaging Early Learners Bundaberg PLC) and Betty Farrell (Positive Behaviour for Learning Schools Coordinator, North Coast Region) who have training and experience in running Parentshop’s Engaging Adolescents program.

For more information contact:
Debbie Quivooy (c/- North Bundaberg SHS* 41300222, email: dquiv1@eq.edu.au)

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