Principal’s Report…

Welcome to our third newsletter for this term.

Whole school review of Teaching & Learning

Last week we concluded our Teaching and Learning Review. This review is a 3 day process with external staff who speak to staff, students, parents and outside organisations in our school community to hear about processes and programs within our school.

It was fantastic to hear the extremely positive feedback from the reviewers on the outstanding outcomes that all have achieved in our school. A huge thank you to all staff, students, parents and our community for making our school such a great place to be in. Well done!

BYOX – Bring your own device.

Thank you to all the parents and students who have assisted in ensuring they have a device at school every day to use for the enhancement of their learning.

We currently have 85% of students with a device which is a great outcome.

Students who currently do not have their own device or a school device are encouraged to please choose one of options below;

1) Purchase a device with school recommended specifications
2) Sign a form to be a part of our school take home program – students can use a school device which will be specifically made for your student to use at school and home ($90 for the remainder of the year)
3) If you are unable to afford the above programs a very limited pool of equity devices are available. You can apply for one of these devices by completing the Equity Pool Application Form on our website or from our office. This application is then forwarded to the principal to approve.

Please note you can download a free copy of Microsoft Office for apple via our website. Students need their logon code and password. Downloading this program must be done at home as the download exceeds school usage.

Our staff are ensuring that students are using devices each day, we ask that you support your students learning by guaranteeing they have a device to use each day. Students are now accessing lessons and resources on line in their virtual classrooms. Staff have recently completed professional development to commence including student assessment on line.
**NAPLAN**

Thank you to our wonderful Master teacher Shelley Thornton for organising and running the NAPLAN program. Shelley and the volunteers in the tuckshop were fantastic in organising breakfast of sausages, bread, juice and fruit for all students participating in NAPLAN.

The results from NAPLAN will be returned later in the year and we look forward to our students results.

**Parent details**

Please ensure your contact details are kept up to date. A lot of our correspondence is now completed via email. Staff are trialling the *ediary* version of our student diary that has links to parent emails, and newsletters are emailed etc.

We communicate regularly with parents via phone and daily send out SMS alerts if students are absent. Thank you for helping us keep the communication flowing by calling the office on 41300222 to leave new contact detail updates.

Thanking you

*Michelle Pole*

Principal (Acting)

**Student-led conferences 2016**

On Thursday, 28th July (week 3, term 3), North High will again be holding student-led conferences. This is an opportunity for students, parents and teachers to reflect on successes, identify areas for improvement, articulate aspirations, and make concrete plans to achieve goals. Report cards will be distributed at the conferences.

Why attend a student-led conference?

- In contrast to traditional parent-teacher interviews, the student-led conference involves students in the process of reporting success, identifying improvements required and setting educational goals. This is vital in building student aspirations.
- The process has real-world relevance. Setting goals, reflecting on performance and making plans for improvement are common practices in many industries today.
- The process encourages students to talk about the positive things, things they are proud of, as well as things they would like to improve. This is an important opportunity to celebrate student success in a formal environment.

In addition to the conferences, the day will also feature workshops and sessions delivered by specialist school staff. Sessions include:

- Pathways information
- School programs
- Transition information

Bookings for these sessions will be available closer to the day.

On this day, the school’s opening hours will be from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm, to ensure parents and carers with work commitments can attend. There will be no regular classes and no supervision provided. Parents and carers are asked to make an appointment using the PTO online tool (on the school’s website), which will open several weeks prior to the day. The conference will take place at the nominated time with your student’s Relationships and Self (RAS) teacher.

Details:
- Date: Thursday, 28th July
- Time: 11:00 am – 7:00 pm
- Location: North Bundaberg SHS

“*Achievement is enhanced to the degree that students and teachers set and communicate appropriate, specific and challenging goals.*”

*John Hattie (educational researcher and author)*
Exam Date Change – Year 10 History

Due to the rotation for Term 2 starting in week 2 of this term, we are moving the Year 10 History exam back one week to Tuesday, 7th June.

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Do you need to collect your student from school during class?

If you need to pick your student up from school early or during school time, please call the office or send a note with your student. Your student will then be issued a slip to show their teacher so they can leave the classroom at the pre-arranged time and be ready to be picked up from Student Services located in G block.

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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, 2nd June starting at 6.00pm.

Regards

Matthew Batchelor

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P & C Meeting

Thursday 2nd June, starting from 6.00pm. All welcome!
Vice President, Bundaberg North SHS P&C Association

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Senior News

Term 2 is progressing well and students will soon be preparing for their final Semester 1 assessment. Students should be referring to their assessment calendar and planning for the upcoming assessment. The disruption free period is from 1st June. During this time there will be no excursions or major disruptions. Students will be issued with their exam/assessment schedule that will take place during the disruption free period. During this time, students should only have a maximum of 2 pieces of assessment per day. If students find they have more than 2 pieces on one day they should see Miss Kent (Senior school Deputy Principal) to organise a solution.

Year 11 and 12 students are continually being monitored by their Year Level Coordinator and Senior School Head of Department to ensure they are working toward gaining their QCE (Queensland Certificate of Education). All Year 12 students who are not on track to gain their QCE will be contacted and a plan made for them to work on improving their performance. It is expected that all Year 12 students achieve their QCE by the end of the year and we wish them well as they work on this.

Year 10s have submitted their Pre Senior Subject Selections online and will be notified before the end of term about their subjects for semester 2. As mentioned previously, students in Year 10 must gain a “C” level or better in English and Maths in order to give them opportunity to enrol in Year 11 subjects. Year 10 students will be given an opportunity to study four Pre Senior subjects in semester 2 in addition to Maths and English. This will provide students with a ‘Senior experience’ and allow them to make a more informed decision about their year 11 choices. This is a new ‘try before your buy’ concept where students can select a range of subjects in semester 2 before making their final decisions for their year 11 and 12 course. The opportunity aims to reduce the number of subject changes that students make in Year 11 due to poor choices or selecting subjects that they are not able to achieve in satisfactorily.

We look forward to supporting the Year 10s in this new course of study and will be providing a letter to all Year 10 students next week with further details.
ROWING – SECOND REGATTA

Sunday, 9th May saw the North High rowers participate in their second lead-up Regatta. With the extra training and experience under their belts, the rowers definitely showed improvements and a great day was had by all. The outstanding results on the day included:

1st – Thomas Walker, Nathan Richardson, Kerrod Box, Georgia Haupt & Bradley Holder in the Yr 9 Boys Quad
1st – Alice Wake in the U/14 Girls Single
1st – Thomas Walker & Nathan Richardson in the Year 9 Boys Double
2nd – Luke Laven in the U/17 Boys Single
2nd – Connor Clancy, Luke Laven, William Robertson & Cooper Roll in the Year 11 Boys Quad
2nd – Georgia Haupt in the U/15 Girls Single
2nd – Alice Wake & Georgia Haupt in the Year 9 Girls Double
3rd – Nathan Richardson in the U/15 Boys Single
3rd – Georgia Haupt, Alice Wake, Jessica Laven & Jamima Stephenson in the Year 9 Girls Quad

Well done to our new rowers, who made it down the course in a straight line and past the finish line in their boats. The major Head of the River Regatta is on the 4th & 5th June. Again huge THANK-YOU to all the parents and coaches that helped out – we couldn’t do it without you.

Coordinator/Coach Mrs Teressa Gibson

Open Girls Quad

Year 9 Girls Double
YEARS LEGAL STUDIES

Wednesday, 11th May saw the Year 11 Legal Studies classes of Ms Williams and Mr Hogan travel to Brisbane to the Supreme Court Complex. Our intrepid travellers’ embussed at 5.00am. A refuelling stop at Gympie was welcomed by all. Arriving in Brisbane just after 10.00am, the students were eager to see in real life what happens inside a courtroom.

A wide range of trials were available for the students to view. These included murder, supplying schedule 2 drugs with aggravation, assault occasioning bodily harm, accessory after the fact to an offence and fraud. There were two murder trials the students were able to sit and view and in each of these trials the prosecution had witnesses in the stand and presented various items of evidence. If the accused, in these murder trials, are found guilty they will both serve a mandatory term of ‘life imprisonment’. In Queensland, depending upon the factors/elements of the murder, the accused could spend up to a minimum of 30 years in jail. The shortest time a person can serve for murder in Queensland is 15 years.

In the trial whereby the defendant was accused of supplying a schedule 2 drug with aggravation, the aggravating factor being the person supplied was currently in a correctional facility (prison). If found guilty the maximum penalty for this offence in Queensland is 20 years imprisonment. The accused pleaded guilty prior to the trial commencing. Students were able to hear the prosecutions remarks with regards to sentencing as well as the defence’s arguments in why their client should not receive a custodial sentence (prison). In this case many factors were taken into consideration before the Judge handed down her sentence.

When the court broke for lunch, students headed to the Queen Street Mall. After lunch students headed back to the courthouse for another hour to see how the trials had progressed or to visit another trial for the first time. One group was fortunate to have the Court Bailiff make themselves available to field any questions the students had about courtroom procedure as well as show them the jury room where the jury adjourn to during breaks in the trial as well as where they deliberate the verdict (guilty/innocent). The return trip saw a ‘dinner’ pit stop at Caboolture to fill up, for some, on Krispy Kreme donuts. Our day ended with the bus arriving back at school at 9.30pm. A great day was had by all, with much discussion in the following lessons about what was observed on the day. Many students remarked how interesting they found the procedures within the courtroom and many wished they could have spent more time there.
COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Flourish
FAMILY FUN DAY

Come and join us for a school holiday event

Welcome Baby Celebration & Teddy Bears Picnic

PLUS MANY FUN ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS!

BOREHAM PARK
AVENELL STREET, BUNDABERG
MONDAY 27 JUNE, 2016
8.30AM TO 12NOON

Lots of Arts and Crafts ♦ Reading Corner ♦ Family Friendly Businesses
Welcome Baby Celebration ♦ Teddy Bear Parade ♦ Park Activities
Face Painting ♦ Displays ♦ Rides ♦ Club ‘come and try’
... plus many more fun activities for kids!

P & C Meeting
Thursday 2nd June, starting from 6.00pm. All welcome!
The Bundaberg Cycling Club will have a “come and try” day on Sunday, June 19th at 9:30am at the velodrome, corner of Crofton and Powers Streets.

This would be followed by a BBQ, fellowship and information talk where parents can have the opportunity to ask questions about the club and our chosen sport.

For more information contact club secretary Peter Rasmussen 0418 728485 or go to www.bundabergcyclingclub.com.au
P & C Meeting

Thursday 2nd June, starting from 6.00pm. All welcome!