Welcome to our fourth newsletter for this term which again highlights the extensive learning opportunities provided by North High. In this article I want to concentrate on; the school review, career planning, sporting and academic successes.

School Review

The school review was conducted over May 4, 5 and 6, and was a comprehensive evaluation of our school against the National School Improvement Tool. The tool is used to examine 9 areas or dimensions of our school’s operation which include:

1. An Explicit Improvement Agenda
2. Analysis and discussion of data
3. A culture that promotes learning
4. Targeted used of school resources
5. An expert teaching team
6. Systematic delivery of curriculum
7. Differentiated teaching and learning
8. Effective pedagogical practices
9. School-community partnerships

The final report comes in two parts and includes an executive summary and a 20 page detailed school review report. Provided below is a brief summary of the report’s findings:

- The school leadership team is driving a rigorous improvement agenda.
- The school has set clear targets for performance in key areas and the cyclical nature of the whole-school data plan allows for the improvements to be measured over time.
- The sharing and showcasing of best practice are becoming embedded in the professional life of the school.
- The school provides opportunities for meaningful observation and feedback as means for improving specific pedagogical practices.
- A teaching framework providing teaching staff with a common language to discuss student progress, knowledge and skills is established.

The more detailed Executive Summary can be found on our school website. The report also provides key improvement strategies which I have outlined below, with the school expected to act on and incorporate into our 2016-2020 Strategic Plan:

- Monitor the pace of change to enact the consolidation of the initiatives undertaken and celebrate the success of these initiatives across the school community.
- Identify commendable practices and data improvements by individual faculties and teaching staff so that these can be shared, celebrated and adopted.
- Develop and implement a consistent structure for teacher data reflection and faculty review with line
managers to improve line of sight.

- Continue to refine and embed the collegial mentorship, observation and feedback processes that have been initiated.
- Continue to provide teaching staff with specific PD aligned with the school’s teaching framework that supports differentiation in the classroom.
- Develop an implementation strategy that incorporates opportunities for teaching staff to reflect, consolidate and celebrate the successful implementation of new effective teaching strategies and share these through the PLC.

This is a very good report that confirms the school is heading in the right direction providing high quality learning environments for all students to succeed in. The report is also a significant commendation of the staff professionalism and their commitment to our students. As the Principal I am extremely proud of this achievement and thank all staff and the school community for their support and willingness to embrace change in the last three years, together we have achieved great things.

Career Planning Framework

In line with our vision of Outstanding Learners, Outstanding Achievements and Outstanding Futures the school has increased its Guidance Officer time from one to one and half Guidance Officers. We have been able to do this by combining the additional Guidance Officer time allocated to the school and some of the ‘Investing in Success’ funding provided by the Queensland Government. Rob Miller has continued as our full time Guidance Officer with a focus on social and emotional counselling and support with Helen Coulton filling the second Guidance Officer role. Helen’s focus is on career planning and building student aspiration. Her goal is to build a comprehensive year 7 to 12 Career Planning Framework linked to the My Big Picture Plan program and Student Led Conferences. So far this year as a result of Helen’s work we have seen a dramatic increase in opportunities for students to engage in career planning activities. These opportunities have included: The development of the Year 7 to 12 Career Planning Framework, career lessons for Year 7 and 8 supported by the Central Queensland University, Year 9 career lessons supported by East Coast TAFE, participation in the Bundaberg Careers Expo, apprenticeship talks by East Coast Apprenticeships, Defence Force talks, and career counselling interviews with all year 12 students. Later this term all Year 10 students will attend Central Queensland University and TAFE ‘experience day’. It is our intention to ensure that all students have career and education plans that map out every student’s pathway through school and transition into their chosen career. We want our students to have a strong clarity about their futures and how to achieve it as we believe this will impact positively on student motivation to achieve to their full potential. I want to thank Helen for her enthusiasm in taking on this new role and the great progress she has made so far.

Sporting and Academic Success

Sport: Congratulations to Claire McKean who recently competed in the Under 19 Queensland Schools Squash Championships and achieved second place. Well done Claire, this is an outstanding achievement!!!

Academic: This week 14 teams of Mathematics students participated in the Bundaberg Maths Team Challenge. This competition focuses on problem solving and is divided into three sections - Year 7, Junior, and Senior. Our Year 7 team consisting of Kasey Houston, Zahli Schrader, Olivia Scott Alison Quinn, and Amber Blanch, performed very well achieving second place. A great outcome and a big thank you to Rhonda Cutmore and James Peach for their preparation of the teams and support of them during the competition.

Finally, please continue to contact the school if you have any concerns regarding your student’s education so that together we can produce the best outcomes for your child.

Ross Robertson
Principal
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)

Disruption free period

To give our students uninterrupted study and exam time in the classroom, from Wednesday 1st June the school observes a ‘Disruption Free Period’. During this period, calls can only be made to classrooms in an emergency situation. With this in mind, can you please make prior arrangements if you would like your student to leave school early. Sick students needing to be collected must be in sick bay as per the proper process and cannot be called out from the classroom.

Many thanks for your cooperation, as we support our students during their exam period.
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
Treasurer, Bundaberg North SHS P&C Association

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Senior News

During the past 2 weeks Year 10, 11 and 12 students have been involved in a variety of activities.

Career Expo

On Tuesday, 24th May Ms Coulton (Career Education Guidance Officer) organised for interested Year 10, 11 and 12 students to attend the Bundaberg Careers Expo which was held at the Civic Centre. Students were given the opportunity to visit and talk with a wide variety of representatives from trades, training organisations, and universities. Students collected information and samples that will assist them in planning their career and creating or updating their Senior Education Training Plan (SETP).

Year 12 – QCE

The Year 12s have received an update on their progress toward gaining their QCE. All year 12s should have a print out of their predicted QCE points. If there are any concerns/errors with their data, students should see Mr Schmidt immediately.

Hospitality students cook up a storm

On Tuesday, 24th the Year 11 Hospitality students were involved in their own “MKR” North competition with students producing a range of delicious lunch items and the Year 12s produced a café style lunch activity on Wednesday, 25th. All students were working on assessment toward gaining their Certificate II in Hospitality. Well done to the students and teachers – the food was delicious!!

P & C Meeting

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

All Year 10, 11 and 12 students should now have a current exam/assessment schedule for the Disruption free period. The latest version is on coloured paper and this is the one you should use. Students should check all their assessment now and notify Miss Kent if you have more than 2 assessments on any particular day. All assessment must be completed by the due date and submitted.

Fatality free Friday

Our School Captains Georgia Prichard and Angus Ethell attended the launch of the ‘Fatality Free Friday’. The students signed an inflatable key in support of the campaign. Everyone is reminded to drive safely and preserve life.

Head lice!

The perennial issue of head lice has raised its collective head once again. Most people get no symptoms despite the fact that we all start itching when we talk about lice and nits! Head lice are a very common problem in schools the world over, they are not a threat to health, nor do they transmit disease. They do, however, cause a lot of distress and anxiety for families and schools.

Head lice is not a reason to be excluded from school, however, it is important to treat both student and family. There are a number of methods to treating head lice, including chemical solutions but the easiest and recommended way is using hair conditioner and a fine tooth comb (nit comb). Once treated remain vigilant and check on a regular basis.

Year 7 students will have a flyer sent home with them this week with more details about Nits and how to treat. A copy will also be on the school web site.

Robyn Kirby, School Based Health Nurse
THANK YOU KEEGAN FROM JETTS FITNESS!!!!
The North High Rowing Team would like to shout out a huge thank you to Keegan, the Manager of Jetts Fitness. Keegan has been training the rowing team for the past 2 terms on a Monday afternoon to help build the rowers fitness off the water. The results have been outstanding with all the rowers showing huge improvements in their training & racing. Keegan has also donated thousands of dollars of equipment to North High for a future gym that will be develop in the stadium shed for students to use for both curriculum & personal uses. I would like to also wish the rowing team success for their upcoming Head of River Regatta on this weekend. Thanks again Keegan!!!!
Teressa Gibson
Rowing Coach & Coordinator

North High Rowing Team after a hard session with Keegan from Jetts Fitness (middle)

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL-BASED APPRENTICESHIPS

TAFE East Coast and MRAEL are starting The Bundaberg Talent program for Year 11 students in 2017. Qualifications for students to undertake as a School Based Apprentice or Trainee.

- Cert II Engineering
- Cert III Early Childhood Education and Care
- Cert III Hairdressing

Approximately 12 positions are available in the Bundaberg area for each qualification offered. Successful applicants will need to be available on their school holidays for the practical component of the apprenticeship/traineeship. This is paid employment.

Students will be required to attend the Bundaberg Campus, TAFE Queensland East Coast to undertake the theory training one day a week.

An information session at North Bundaberg State High School is being conducted on Tuesday, 14th June 2016 at 6pm in the Dining room (L Block). If your student (Year 10) is interested in undertaking a school based apprenticeship/traineeship starting in December 2016 it would be advisable to attend the session to obtain more information. Please RSVP with the expression of interest form given to your student by Monday, 13th of June.

Application forms will be available at the information session, the applications will need to be completed on the night. Please bring a resume to attach with the application forms for submission.
North Kitchen Rules

Last Tuesday the Year 11 Hospitality students participated in a challenge called “North Kitchen Rules”. The day ran very smoothly with four teams participating and with the help of Year 10 students and teachers judging the amazing food. All the Year 11 students had a great day cooking and serving the wonderful food that was made. The day ended on a high when the teams all had the great excitement of finding out the winners of “North Kitchen Rules”. Congratulations to Vanessa Bazeley and Georgia Churchill for claiming the title of “North Kitchen Rules Winners 2016”. A big thanks to Ms French, Mrs Brocklehurst, Miss Maidment and Jenni from Blueprint for spending the day helping the Year Elevens.

Georgia Churchill – Yr 11 student

Has your student lost a jumper?

Lost property is located at Student Services/Sick Bay. If you have lost an item of clothing, please check the bins to see if it has been handed in. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity after the end of term.

Mobile phones at North High

We would like to remind parents that students must not use their mobile phone during class time, or have it visible on their desk. If a student is caught using their phone during class time, a teacher may remove the phone and it will be returned to the student after school.

If a student has the phone removed for a third time, a parent is required to collect the phone from the school office.
DID SOMEONE SAY TRIVIA?

PRIZES

RAFFLES

LUCKY DOOR

WHIP AROUND

Come join in the fun and get that grey matter working (and if that doesn't work then come enjoy some great company, amazing supper and fantastic prizes!!)

When:  Friday 24th June  Doors open 6pm  Trivia starts 7pm
Where:  Bundaberg Playhouse Theatre, Steffensen Street
Cost:  $7 per person  Tables of 6

Call Nigel on 4154 5302 to book your table