Principal’s Report...

Welcome to our third newsletter for this term which again highlights the extensive learning opportunities provided by North High. In this article I want to concentrate on our outstanding semester one results, our NAPLAN performance, Year 10 into 11 Subject Selection Evening and the development of our 2016 to 2020 Strategic Plan.

Outstanding semester one results and “Reach for the Sky” Awards:

On our assembly last week we held our “Reach for the Sky Awards” celebration, where we acknowledged great attendance, effort, behaviour and results of Year 7 to 12 students. It was a real privilege and an honour to present the Gold, Silver and Bronze certificates to these students and join with them and their parents at the celebration morning tea. Not only were these achievements of note and deserving of celebration but the general performance of all students in semester one is also worth celebrating.

As part of our vision we talk about “Outstanding Achievements” and by this we mean 100% of students achieving a ‘C’ standard or better for behaviour, effort and academic achievement in their End of Semester report. While these are aspirational targets and very hard to achieve, our students have gone a long way to achieving them with 95% of students receiving a ‘C’ or better for classroom behaviour, 87% of students receiving a ‘C’ or better for effort and 84% of students achieving a ‘C’ or better for their academic result. These are outstanding achievements and I congratulate all of our students and staff for these great outcomes.

Outstanding Reading and Numeracy NAPLAN performance:

In the past 3 years our school has had an unrelenting focus on improving the reading and numeracy skills of our students, so that they can successfully transition into the senior school. This has seen the introduction of our Bridging the Gaps: Literacy and Numeracy Improvement Program which has included the implementation of the following strategies: Whole school data analysis; reflection and response to student needs; Academic target setting; Intervention reading program; Junior School Sheena Cameron Reading Program; School wide Comprehension Reading Strategy: Question Answer Response; School wide Writing Program: Consistent writing process; drafting and feedback and common correction system and Academic vocabulary and Literacy and Numeracy Warm-Ups. The impact of these strategies is beginning to produce some consistent outcomes, with both Year 7 and 9 students this year performing similar to the Nation in reading and numeracy. The number of students performing in the upper two bands is similar to the Nation across all test strands. Below are the Reading and Numeracy results for 2016:

- Reading Year 7: School: 97.2%, Nation: 94.7%  Year 9: School: 91.4% Nation: 92.9%
- Numeracy Year 7: School 97.2% Nation 95.8%  Year 9: School 100%, Nation 95.4%
These results are similar to the performance of the school in 2015 and are the result of a significant consistent effort by our staff and students.

Development of the North Bundaberg State High School 2016 to 2020 Strategic Plan:

On Thursday, August 25 at 3:30pm the school will be facilitating a major consultation meeting as part of the process to develop our 2016-2020 Strategic Plan. The meeting will examine what we have achieved from our last 2013 to 2016 Plan, discuss what we have not achieved, consider how the school will prepare students for the future and give some broad general directions for the school from now to 2020. We want to hear more than my voice or the voices of our staff in this discussion of our future, we want to hear your voice, the voice of parents and students, the voice of our community. So come and join us, so we can shape the future of the school together. Please contact the school office to register your attendance at this major Strategic Plan development and consultation meeting by Monday, August 22.

To give you some idea of the future we need to plan for and the importance of your participation in this meeting, the following link provides access to an ABC Television Four Corners Program called, “Future Proof”. This program examines the impact of automation on the future of employment and its implications for our society and education.

http://www.abc.net.au/4corners/stories/2016/07/04/4491818.htm

Year 10 into 11 Subject Selection Evening

As indicated in the previous newsletter Year 10 students have begun the process of developing their Senior Education and Training Plan, deciding their pathway beyond Year 10 and thinking about their subject choices for Year 11 and 12. This a five part process which includes participation in a preparation program called Senior Education and Training Plan Lessons, the selection and study of Pre Senior Subjects related to a student’s possible choice of senior subjects, attendance and participation in the subject selection evening, discussion with and guidance from parents regarding subject choices and finally, engagement in a Senior Education and Training Plan Interview. Information is critical in any decision we make and choosing your pathway beyond Year 10 is no different. The processes listed above are all about providing information for both students and parents so that everyone is as informed as possible. The 10 into 11 Subject Selection Evening is another source of information specifically aimed at families so that they can play a role in supporting their children. I ask that if you are Year 10 parent to make this evening a priority, your contribution to this decision is vital, it will be held on Tuesday, August 16 commencing at 5.00pm. I look forward to seeing you all there.

In conclusion please continue to contact the school if you have any concerns regarding your student’s education. I look forward to working closely with you in term two to produce the best outcomes for your child.

Ross Robertson
Principal

Presentation Night

Please put in your calendar our annual Presentation Parade and Presentation Night on Tuesday, 18th October. We will be holding a special Presentation Parade at 8:50am – 10:00am for a selection of Awards and our Annual Presentation Night will be held at 7:00pm for students winning major awards, top of subject awards and academic, service, cultural and sporting awards.

An awards committee will be meeting shortly to determine Award winners. Students will be notified if they will be receiving an award early in Term 4.

We wish all students the best in continually striving to gain outstanding results.

P & C Meeting

Thursday 1st September 2016, starting from 6.00pm. All welcome!
P&C

Our P&C Association performs a vital role in the functioning of the School including the operation and management of the Tuckshop. Without a committee the tuckshop cannot operate and we need committee members. The P&C Association may have no alternative but to close the tuckshop if we do not get more parents to our monthly meetings and committee members committing their time.

Our next meeting is Thursday 1st September 2016 at 6pm, and meetings usually go for an hour. Please contact Shelly on 0414 965 002 or the office on 4130 0222 for further information. Shelly Hansen, P&C Vice President.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

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"Year 7 & 8 Japanese students have been making Origami Cranes to send to Hiroshima. Firstly, these cranes featured on the tables at our school’s Relay for Life trivia night to raise awareness of leukaemia, which many people acquired after the WWII nuclear fallout. They will then be sent to Hiroshima where they will be on display at the World Peace Memorial."

- Japanese Teacher

**Year 12 Legal Studies – Change of assessment date.**

Notice to all students of Year 12 Legal Studies - change of assessment due date for the Extended Legal Response from Friday, 19th August to Thursday, 25th August.

**Year 12 – Change of assessment date.**

Year 12 Maths A (Mr Spanks’ and Mr Schmidt’s classes)
Maths exam scheduled for 19th August (Knowledge & Procedures) and 23rd August (Modelling & Problem Solving)
Has been rescheduled to:
23rd August – Knowledge & Procedures
25th August – Modelling & Problem Solving
Year 12 Tertiary Trip 2016

The Y12 Tertiary trip was another great success. This excursion gave students an opportunity to visit some University campuses and find out more about courses offered, experience campus accommodation and learn about scholarships, HECS and living costs. This year we visited:

- University of the Sunshine Coast (USC)– Sippy Downs Campus
- Griffith University (GU)– Gold Coast Campus
- University of Queensland (UQ)– St. Lucia Campus
- Queensland University of Technology (QUT) – Gardens Point and Kelvin Grove campuses.

All students stayed overnight at Women’s College at UQ and had enjoyable, educational and informative excursion. We look forward to the 2017 Tertiary Trip.

Year 12 Business

The Year 12 Business students enjoyed a highly informative presentation by Michael Stacey from Bundaberg Brewed Drinks in Week 4 of this term. Bundaberg Brewed Drinks sells its products in many countries around the world and Mr Stacey gave the students a lot of information in relation to conducting business internationally. Students enjoyed detailed explanations of the opportunities and pitfalls that are faced by companies doing business overseas and some excellent examples of what can go well and what can go very badly. The presentation gave students important information relevant to their current assignment which requires them to investigate business opportunities in a Middle Eastern country. We are very grateful for the generosity of Mr Stacey who also donated a book to the Faculty on conducting business in the United Arab Emirates. It will be a great resource for both students and teachers.

QTAC

As QTAC applications for University and TAFE courses opened last week, attached is the latest careers newsletter from QTAC aimed for Year 12 students and their caregivers. This article provides some general information about QTAC processes for entry to a large range of institutions. Further information can be found in your QTAC guide, www.qtac.edu.au or seek assistance from your school guidance officer.

Future Pathways & Subject Selection Evening

For all Year 10 students and parents.

All students and parents of Year 10 should attend the “Future pathways and subject selection” evening.

When: Tuesday 16th August, 2016
Where: NBSHS Assembly Hall
Time: 5:00pm – 8:00pm

Students wishing to return to Year 11 in 2017 should attend the information evening with their parents. There will be information, tours of facilities and workshops available.

5:00 – 5:30pm: Sausage Sizzle, Tour Sign-Up & Visiting Static Displays
5:30 – 6:30pm: Tour of facilities
  - Engineering / Furnishing
  - Hospitality
  - Science

6:35 – 6:50pm: Official Welcome & Subject selection information talk
6:50 – 7:10pm: Vocation Education info (VET) (for students selecting Non-OP Subjects)
7:10 – 7:35pm: OP information (for students selecting OP Subjects)
7:35 – 8:00pm: Close of evening
FREE Pizza
with 2014 Young Australian of the Year Finalist - Nicole Gibson

When: Tuesday 6 September - FREE
Time: 4.30pm - 7.00pm
Where: UnitingCare Community, 3a River Terrace, Millbank
RSVP: Ph. 4153 8400

Nicole Gibson is the CEO and founder of Rogue & Rouge. The Rogue & Rouge Foundation actively works within the education system at schools and community groups to empower, inspire and support young people through their schooling.

Learn to master yourself
We are inviting young people to come and share some food, and explore the themes of identity and belief systems. Learn how to change your self talk, reverse negative thinking, and have healthier relationships.
MOORE PARK BEACH FESTIVAL 2016

PRESENTS

FREE LOCAL SCHOOLS CONCERT

FRIDAY, 12th AUGUST, 2016 from 10.30 AM

MOORE PARK BEACH COMMUNITY HALL GROUNDS

FEATURING

KALKIE STATE SCHOOL DRUM BAND and CHOIR
KOLAN SOUTH STATE SCHOOL CORP OF DRUMS and CHOIR
MOORE PARK CHOIR and INSTRUMENTAL BAND
BUNDABERG NORTH HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT BAND
FOLLOWED BY

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE BY MOORE PARK LIONS
FOR THE SCHOOL CHILDREN

Sausage Sizzle available for purchase by Public

COME ALONG AND SUPPORT OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS

Brothers Junior Cricket

2016-2017 Season

Brothers Cricket have spaces available for junior cricketers in all age groups between Under 10s and Under 16s.

Sign-on at Brothers Sports Club, Takalvan Street, on Friday 19 August from 5.30pm to 7pm.

If you would like more details, please contact any of the following:

President: Vince Habermann: 0407 606 266
Secretary: David Boge: 0407 158 922
Registrar : Wendy Saunders 0422 439 788
Email: brewen86@gmail.com

We are on Facebook—https://www.facebook.com/BrothersCricketBundy/

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BUNDABERG JUNIOR SPORTS BURSARY

The Rotary Club of Bundaberg West is seeking nominations from sporting coaches and associations for suitable nominees for the Bundaberg Junior Sports Bursary 2016/2017.

The bursary is valued at $1,000.

Bundaberg West Rotary Club members, in conjunction with life members of the Bundaberg Sportsman’s Association, established the Bursary in 2001.

The group’s aim was to establish a perpetual Sports Bursary for Bundaberg youth and to provide a legacy for future generations of Bundaberg sporting youth by annually assisting a junior sportsperson in Bundaberg to realise their dreams. Bundaberg West Rotary Club continues to help these aspirations in a tangible, financial way through the Bursary.

The Bundaberg Sportsman’s Association (now defunct) provided $5,000 to establish the bursary and annual charity golf days were held by the Bundaberg West Rotary Club for a number of years to add to the bursary fund. The annual bursary is now funded from the interest generated by this fund. A Deed of Trust provides for the perpetual nature of the Bursary.

Criteria as set out by the Bursary Deed of Trust are:

1. Applicants must be under 16 years of age as at 30 June 2016
2. Permanent residents of the Bundaberg area postcode 4670
3. Nomination must be submitted by a sporting Club or Association
4. Application must state how the bursary will be spent (eg Travel to participate in a representative team, acquire specialist equipment necessary to improve performance / skill development etc. etc.)
5. The Selection panel will consider the sport and the qualities of the junior sportsperson
6. Bursary will be for the period 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017
7. Bursary will be paid to the supplier or organisation where the application stated the bursary is to be spent. A maximum of 10% ($100) may be given to the recipient in cash.

Applications should include: a short personal profile of sporting achievements, personal qualities and aspirations. Supporting comment from coaching / sport officials is desirable.

Written applications should be forwarded to:

The Trustees, Bundaberg Junior Sports Bursary
Rotary Club of Bundaberg West
PO Box 829
Bundaberg Q 46710

Or email to: bursary@rotarybundabergwest.org.au

For further information contact Des Barritt (Bus: 41517323)
Applications Close on 31 August 2016

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