Welcome to our third newsletter for term four which again highlights the extensive learning opportunities provided by North High. In this article I want to focus on 2017 School leadership positions, Year 7 Electives Day, Year 10 mock interviews, QSR and Strategic Plan progress, 2017 Independent Public School application the Year 12’s final weeks of school. I would also like to acknowledge some recent student successes.

**2017 school leadership positions:**
Congratulations to the following students who have been selected for our leadership positions in 2017.

- **School Captains**
  - Amber Tobin and Blake Batchelor
- **Secretary**
  - Alex Kidman
- **Treasurer**
  - Sophie Parkinson
- **Cultural representatives**
  - Bianca Maultby and Cooper Roll
- **Publicity Representatives**
  - Angela Elliott and Katelyn Neubecker
- **Indigenous Student Representatives**
  - Katuna Theuerkauf-Smith and Dakota Cogzell
- **Sports Captains**
  - Skie Cronin and Will Robertson
- **WALLA Captains**
  - Mikka Noblett and Nick Sarnadsky
- **MABBRO Captains**
  - Josh Hayhoe and Sarah Korn
- **MONDURAN Captains**
  - Robbie-Lee Kennedy and Emily Farmer
- **TIRROAN Captains**
  - Miranda Steel and Rhys Smyth

I wish them all the best in their new roles and look forward to working with them in 2017, I am sure they will all make a very positive contribution to our school.

**Year 7 Electives Day:**
As part of our year 7 program the school provides the opportunity for students to complete a short elective unit in every elective subject area on offer in the junior school. This elective program consist of 5 lessons with a 2 to 3 lesson culminating activity. Last Tuesday was the end of the first elective rotation for term 4 with the students having a further opportunity to study another elective in the final five weeks of term. Students were given the opportunity to produce a website in Information Technology, develop a product and make a pitch to a Year 9 Shark Tank for investment in their business venture in Business, create some culinary delights in Home Economics, practice their film making talents in Media and work on group portraits in Art. The teaching staff’s commitment to this program and the activities they had developed for students was a real credit to their professionalism and the quality of the teaching provided by this school. It was also a real pleasure to witness the level of student engagement and their enthusiasm for the learning. Congratulations to our Year 7 Elective teachers and students.
Year 10 mock interviews:
As part of the Year 10 Senior Education and Training Plan [SETP] program, students have been participating in mock employment interviews with real employers. During the SETP program students have developed their resume writing skills and interview techniques with the mock interviews giving students the opportunity to test their skills with real employers and get industry specific feedback. This has all been possible as a result of Helen Coulton and Susie Mant’s collaboration with the Bundaberg Regional Youth Hub’s Fiona Zimmerlie-Clarke, to structure the event and source employers who have been willing to volunteer their time and contribute to the learning of our students. It is always very special when the school and community come together in growing the skills of our students.

QSR and Strategic Plan Progress:
The construction of the Quadrennial School Review Report and the 2017 to 2020 Strategic Plan is continuing and it is expected that a draft of these will be available for comment early next week. The draft of these two documents will be sent to all stakeholders for comment and feedback and I encourage you to participate in this process. These documents will determine the direction of the school over the next four years, and your input will be vital to ensure that this direction has the full school community support.

2017 Independent Public School Application:
The decision-making process for determining if the school was going to make an application for becoming an Independent Public School in 2017 has been completed. The school’s local consultative committee made up of union and management representation met on Tuesday after both union and staff ballots, and considered the proposal to apply to become an Independent Public School. The committee voted 7 to 1 for the proposal which now means that school will now fully develop an application ready for submission on Friday November 11. Prior to this meeting our school Parents and Citizen’s Association also considered the proposal and voted unanimously in favour of the proposal. I thank the school community for your participation in this process and for your support of the proposal.

Year 12’s final weeks of school:
I have said much about our Year 12 final days of schooling in previous newsletters and again I ask that all parents of our Year 12 students continue to assist our staff in keeping students focused on learning in these last few days. These students are likely to match or exceed the performance in the attainment of a QCE and I look forward to them achieving this outcome.

Recent student successes:
- The Year 12 Indigenous Graduation celebration dinner was held on Wednesday 2nd November. Big thanks to our CEC Angela Long for her leadership of this event, and congratulations to the graduating students.
- Maths competition: best results ever: 3 high distinctions [Top 3%], 11 distinctions [Top 20%], and 20 credits [Top 55%]. Congratulations to the students and a big thank you to Rhonda Cutmore for her organization of the competition and support of the students.
- Titration competition: Two golds and a silver, well done to the students and Mr Graham Quinn for his coaching and support of the students.
- OPTI Minds Year 7 team came 2nd in National Competition. Congratulations to the students and a big thank you to Mr Graham Quinn for his coaching and encouragement of the team.

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
Year 12 Disruption Free Period runs from 31st October to 11th November. This period allows our Year 12 students to complete assessment and exams without classroom interruption. During this time, students needing to leave school early will need to make arrangements prior to the time they need to leave as we will not be able to ring through to classrooms. As a courtesy to our students, parents should call 4130 0232 or 4130 0222 to arrange a leave request.

Many thanks

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

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**Year 10 Interviews**

Year 10 students were put through their paces in mock job interviews at North this week. To help the students transition through to gaining employment and other future endeavours, they prepared portfolios, completed resumes and worked on interview techniques. We would like to thank the members of the Bundaberg business community who gave their time to conduct the interviews including EPIC, IMPACT, Red Cross Employment Services, Southern Cross Support Services, Friendly Society Private Hospital and TAFE East Coast. The remaining Y10 classes will have their interviews in the next two weeks.

"Good idea – it does give you a taste of what it is like. I recommend it", Ashton Thompson.

"It was good, they were nice and you get more comfortable when you talk more. It was scary at the start, but not anymore. I will feel a bit more relaxed going into another interview. Eye contact was important", Dana Roberts.

"Good. Kane was nice – EPIC. Told me to get some training and experience before applying for the job", Tyler Wilson.
2017 Student Leaders

Last week we announced our Year 12 Student Leader positions for 2017. Congratulations to those who were successful in gaining a position and thank you to all who applied. We look forward to an exciting 2017 with our new Year 12s leading the way.
Puppet workshop

On Monday, 24th October, students from the Year 10 and Year 11 Drama classes had a lot of fun taking part in puppet workshops with Helen Stephens from Dead Puppet Society.

Students created small, three-dimensional puppets using simple materials and learnt about character design, the function and fabrication of different joint and hinge types, and how to bring their puppet character to life. Dead Puppet Society - follow them on Facebook - [https://www.facebook.com/deadpuppetsociety/](https://www.facebook.com/deadpuppetsociety/)

Careers with CQU

This term we have welcomed back representatives from Central Queensland University, Bundaberg to take career lessons with all Year 7 students. The key messages of the Year 7 program are for students to identify personal values and to be optimistic about their future. The lessons so far have focussed on Dreams, Passions and Strengths and the next lessons will be about Values, Resilience and Goals.

"It was interactive and motivating, helped put me in the right direction" - Logan Heath

"This has helped me learn about what I want to do after school. Now I can decide!" - Caitlyn Pape

"I really feel positive about my future" - Callum Monagle
School to Work Graduation

North Bundaberg students celebrated Graduation of the 2016 GenR8 and AllevE8 School to Work Programs, with over 100 in attendance, made up of employers, school representatives, students, their parents and extended family members.

The formal presentations and award ceremony included students receiving a Statement of Completion and a Certificate II in Logistics or Health Support. All employers were presented with a Certificate of Appreciation. A delicious cake to celebrate completed the evening.

Student interviews for the 2017 program commenced last week with all involved looking forward to another fantastic year with the GenR8 and AllevE8 programs being offered again.


Lachlan’s future is looking bright

Lachlan Jensen graduated from North High in 2015 and has just neared completion of his first year of four studying a Bachelor of Engineering Degree at UQ in Brisbane.

As part of Lachlan’s degree he must complete a 60 day work placement/internship with an Engineering Firm. Lachlan recently applied to complete this placement with Global firm Fugro Roames and was successfully shortlisted. These work placements are not often offered to first year Engineering students with most firms preferring to select more experienced 3rd or 4th year students. Lachlan not only secured the work placement but was offered paid employment with the company during the interview. This will be a wonderful opportunity for Lachlan to combine study and work in an industry he is keen to learn more about. Whilst working for Roames, Lachlan will be able to learn more about the specialised field of Electrical Engineering. Through Roames 3D virtual world, power companies can remotely investigate and monitor their network condition and performance to reduce risk and cost.

Lachlan is very grateful for his schooling years at North Bundaberg SHS and believes that the learning and leadership opportunities offered to him whilst as a student have definitely prepared and helped him to soar beyond his high school years.
Ham Wheel

When: Saturday
19 November

Where:
Gooburrum State School
cnr Gooburrum & Moore Park Roads

Time: BBQ from 5pm
6pm wheel starts to spin

Lots of Prizes:
- Vouchers
- Large and small Hams
- Party Packs and much more
**Sharon State School P&C**

**Christmas Cent Sale**

at Sharon State School  
Saturday 26 November 2016  
12:30pm Start  
$2 Entry (kids free)  
Loads of Raffles, Grocery Items  
and Fantastic Jackpot Prizes,  
Adults and Kids Lucky Door Prizes

Lunch available at Tuckshop from 11:30am  
Afternoon Tea Provided

Book a table or for further enquiries  
Sharon State School  
18 Sharon School Road, Sharon  
Phone: 4130 9222

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**Bundaberg Junior Basketball – Come and try!**

Bundaberg Junior Basketball offers a special $5 registration (plus $2 a game) for a two week trial! This special is available throughout the season and places are available in all teams. At Bundaberg Basketball teams are based on ability so if you are a beginner you will be placed in a team with similarly skilled players. First games start at 4.20 however new players should arrive at 4 pm so we can put you in the right team. Basketball is played on Friday nights at the courts on Flint Street. All you need is black shorts and sports shoes and if you decide to register as a full time player a singlet will be provided. If you have any questions email juniors@bundybasketball.com.au or just come down on any Friday night and ask a friendly volunteer at the front desk!
**Christmas School Holiday Workshops**

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All Workshops $10 and include morning or afternoon tea.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
Take the Plunge Community Cafe
17 Electra Street (opp Kmart) Ph: 0468 855 449

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**North Bundaberg S.H.S**

**Orientation Day – Wed 30th Nov**

**NORTH BUNDABERG STATE HIGH SCHOOL**

- See static displays in the hall 8am-9am and meet key members of the Junior School team
- At 9am students will be dispersed to class to meet their teachers & peers for 2017
- Seek information about sport, music, support, guidance or ask any questions you may have
- School will finish at 3pm, students can be picked up or catch a bus outside the school hall

North Bundaberg State High School welcomes your students to Year 7 in 2017.

We are a small and supportive school where your child will receive a quality education from committed and caring teachers.