Welcome to our fourth newsletter for term four which again highlights the extensive learning opportunities provided by North High. In this article I want to focus on farewelling our 2016 seniors, the last week of the year for Year 10 and 11 students, the school’s 2017 to 2020 Strategic Plan development and the school’s Bring Your Own Device program.

Farewell, good health and good luck to our 2016 Year 12 students.
Farewell to our Year 12 students who completed their final day of formal schooling today. Our Graduation and Prom provided great opportunities to celebrate the achievements of both students and families and give our Year 12’s a farewell to remember. This has been both a sad and happy time, sad because it is the end of an era for students, teachers and parents, and happy because it is the beginning of a new adventure for our students, a very exciting time for them. I wish our 2016 seniors a future that is bright, full of hope, health and happiness and a future in which they achieve everything they dream of. "To accomplish great things we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe." Goodbye and good luck 2016 seniors.

Last week for Year 10 and 11 students
As I write this newsletter our Year 10 and 11 students have just over 1 week remaining of their school year. I have spoken to students on recent assemblies about my expectations for the remainder of the school year. Students have been reminded of the need to complete all assessment to a level that reflects their capacity, maintain high standards of behaviour, attend school regularly, explain all absences and participate in all learning activities in a committed manner. The curriculum program will continue to the end of the year with students completing assessment in some cases up to the last day. I have also acknowledged that this is an exciting time that some students may want to celebrate the end of the year. This is fine provided that all school expectations are met. I encourage you to discuss the end of the year with students to ensure that the year finishes on a positive note.

North High Strategic Plan development
In recent weeks the school has been working on finalising a draft version of our 2017 to 2020 strategic plan. Please use the link below to see a copy of the plan. We are now looking for feedback from the community and I encourage you to give your feedback no matter how small this may be. We are seeking responses to;
- What are the positives of the plan?
- What are the negatives about the plan?
- What suggestions would you make for improvement of the plan?

Find attached the survey link https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/F23BXR9
Bring Your Own Device [BYOx]

As you would be aware, in 2016 the school began the introduction of a Bring Your Own Device model for the provision of information communication technology. This has meant that students have been able to bring their own computer device to school and log into the school network. The implementation of this program was planned with a two year phase in period, with students and families having the following four options for accessing a device in 2017 only:

- Preferred Option - Purchase your own device (Information on our website to assist with this)
- Preferred Option 2017 only - Hire one of the schools existing take home devices
- Emergency Option - Apply through the principal to access the school’s equity pool
- Emergency Option 2017 only - Borrow a device from the resource centre from the daily borrow pool (Students borrow the device for the day only – this does not allow them to take the device home & access virtual classrooms or online tasks).

The intention of this phase in period which will continue into 2017 is to assist families to prepare for this change and plan for the purchase of a device. If you have not yet bought a device for your student we encourage you to make arrangements to purchase a device as soon as possible. In 2018 students and families will only have the following options to access a device:

- Preferred Option - Purchase your own device (Information on our website to assist with this)
- Emergency Option - Apply through the principal to access the school’s equity pool
- Emergency Option - A small emergency borrow pool (For students where there is any issue with their own device).

In addition to this the school will operate and maintain 3 high end computer labs for subjects with advanced information technology needs. Our school has a vision to move to a digitally based teaching and learning future in line with the digital demands of our society and future employment opportunities. We want your children to have the capacity to be able to take the full advantage of this future and we encourage you to engage in our BYOD program to ensure your child does not miss out on this opportunity. I have attached a link to a short video produced by the school that is about some recent research on future employment skills that has found:

- 213% increase in employers demanding digital literacy skills in their job advertisements.
- 37% of future jobs will require the skills of using digital technology to communicate and find information.
- 46.65% of future jobs will require the skills of configuring and use information technology systems

The video can be found by clicking here. (Please scroll to the bottom of the web page to locate the video).

Finally 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.
### Dates to Remember:

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<td>Student hire devices for Yr 10 &amp; 11 students should be returned.</td>
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<td>25th November 2016</td>
<td>Year 10 and Year 11 students last day of school.</td>
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<td>Orientation Day for Year 6 students.</td>
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<td>7th December 2016</td>
<td>Student hire devices for Yr 7, 8 and 9 students should be returned.</td>
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### Fast-track to University

North Bundaberg SHS would like to congratulate the following girls who have already received an offer to the University of the Sunshine Coast. These students applied to the Early Offer Guarantee at USC and have been successful in gaining their first preference at this University. Well done girls, we wish you all the best for a bright future.

- Georgia Boswyk - Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science
- Samantha Fincher - Bachelor of Business (Tourism, Leisure and Event Management) - South Bank
- Brittani Fogarty - Bachelor of Animal Ecology - Sippy Downs *(missing from photo)*
- Kiara Heiniger - Bachelor of Social Science (Psychology)/Bachelor of Criminology and Justice Bachelor of Paramedic Science
Year 12 Graduation

Congratulations to our Year 12 graduating class of 2016 – we wish you well for your future.
P & C Meeting  Thursday 1st December 2016, starting from 6.00pm. All welcome!
Student Council Break-up

One Friday, 11th November the outgoing Student Council met with the incoming executive members. A big thank you to the members of the 2016 Student Council – you did a great job.
Farewell Keith Detenon

After 41.5 years at Bundaberg North State High School we are farewelling Keith Detenon. Keith has been a Science Operations Officer (SOO) at North since 1975, the year after the school opened. During this time Keith has seen many changes at North High. During this time Keith has worked behind the scenes to ensure science lessons were well resourced and helped provide valuable learning experiences for thousands of students. Keith has also been involved in lots of extra-curricula activities and will be remembered by many as the face behind the scenes in Sound and Lighting for many Musicals, Rock Eisteddfods, presentation parades and other functions at the school. Keith passed on these skills to many students, some of whom are now working in this industry. Keith has also enjoyed time playing drums with the staff band.

Keith is also a valuable member of the state SOO’s network and is often called on by his colleagues and peers for help and advice and to present Professional Development for them. He will be missed by all who work with him here at North and in the wider community.

From everyone here at North we wish you all the best for your pending retirement but hope to see you around during your busy schedule of retirement activities.

END OF YEAR ACTIVITY 2016 – Year 7, 8 and 9

With the Year 12’s graduation fast approaching and the Year 10 and 11 students in their final weeks of school, our attention now focuses on the last two weeks of school for the Year 7, 8 and 9 students. On Monday to Friday of week 9 – (28th November to 2nd December) students will be completing their formalised assessment tasks and finishing their assigned coursework in English, Mathematics, Science and their elective subjects. During this week all outstanding text books and materials booked out from reprographics during the year may be returned. Tablets hired from the Take Home program can be returned from the end of week 9.

From Monday 5th December to Friday 9th December, students will then take part in a special program which builds on the main Education Queensland themes of healthy and active living as well as numeracy and literacy and critical thinking that have been stressed during 2016. Some of the activities will include sun safety and surf safety with swimming/boogie boarding; a maths Olympics, visualising and verbalising; art work and community service. It is expected that all students will participate in these activities.

To aid in the organisation of these activities, there will be some changes in the school timetable. Starting and finishing times are as usual but during the day students will have just one main break from 11:30am to 12:30pm. The school tuckshop will operate a limited set menu during this time with pre-orders of each daily ‘meal-deal’ required. Students will also be divided up into special classes for this final week of activities. All pupils will be advised in assemblies of any special clothing or material requirements that will be needed for any sessions - however they should all come to school in the final week with pens, pencils, a calculator and a notebook.

If parents have any questions regarding the program they are welcome to contact me on 41300222.

Graham Quinn
Head of Department – Science/LEAP, Program Coordinator
IMPORTANT NOTE FOR ALL PARENTS

OUT OF GROUNDS EXCURSION - END OF YEAR PROGRAM 2016 – PHYSICAL EDUCATION

As part of the end of year program all Year 7, 8 and 9 students will travel to Nielsen Beach to participate in educational and enjoyable sessions of beach safety, lifesaving and sporting activities. Students are requested to bring their beach clothes on the required day outlined below:

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All students, including non-swimmers, will be bussed to Nielsen Beach on their allocated day. Non-swimmers will be provided with relevant lifesaving educational worksheets to be completed at the beach. All students in the MONDAY AFTERNOON session must attend school in full uniform and change at school into their beach clothes/ togs prior to the start of their beach session.

Students in the TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY MORNING sessions may arrive at school in their beach clothes, then must change back into full school uniform at the end of their session on their return to school. Student may bring their own Body Board (at their own risk). While not in use the board may be stored in the PE staffroom.

It is strongly recommended for students to bring a water bottle, wide brimmed hat and long sleeved shirt for sun protection. Sunscreen will be supplied.

No student will be allowed to leave directly from the beach, and students that do not travel on the bus to the beach will not be considered part of our group.

Any issues regarding these arrangements can be directed to Robert Thatcher, Physical Education Department.

Robert Thatcher
PE Department

Uniforms in 2017

After completing a tender process Lowes, in Sugarland is now the sole supplier of uniforms for North Bundaberg State High School. There has been a small change to the senior formal uniform and a two year phase in period for the new uniform will commence in 2017. Please follow the link to view the uniform guidelines including shoes, jewellery and make-up.
Jacky Burtt – Legend of the tuckshop.

Congratulations to Jacky Burtt who has been the tuckshop convenor at North High for 20 years.

Jacky’s smile is always bright and she has been a friendly face to thousands who have passed through the tuckshop over the years.

Jacky was presented with Platinum Tongs to mark the occasion.

Career and goal setting with TAFE

North Bundaberg SHS welcomed back Bronnie Sewell from TAFE Queensland to teach our Year 9 cohort about careers and goal setting. Our students discussed and explored personal qualities, discovering pathways to achieve success and have started to investigate a wide range of career opportunities.

Thank you Bronnie for visiting our school.
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
### 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.

Phone: 41 300222 or visit us @ [www.bundnortshs.eq.edu.au](http://www.bundnortshs.eq.edu.au)
Get into the Christmas spirit and help raise funds for Variety-The Children’s Charity of Queensland by joining in the Bundaberg Variety Santa Fun Run on Sunday 4th December at 7am. All registered participants receive a free Santa suit to wear in the 4km fun event which starts and finishes at Alexandra Park, Quay Street and takes a course around the beautiful parklands along in the banks of the beautiful Burnett River. Your entry fee includes not only the Santa Suit, but also an energetic warm-up at 6.45am, and some light refreshments at the end whilst recognising the top fundraising individuals and teams and there is a special award for the biggest team. The Santa Fun Run is not a timed event and has been devised to be all inclusive so those in wheelchairs and parents with prams can be involved in the fun! Admission is Adults $25.00, Children $15.00 or Family of two adults and two children $65.00. To register, go to www.varietysantafunrunqld.com.au Santa suits can be collected from Bundaberg Broadcasters’ Office, 38 Crofton Street. Inquiries, phone Josh Freeman 0437 137764 or Vince Habermann 0407 606266.

**Parent Education and Support Group**

**UNDERSTANDING ADHD**

A two session program for parents and carers, designed to help understand and support children with an ADHD diagnosis.

To be held at: Bundaberg Library
49 Woondooma Street

**Session 1:**
- Understanding ADHD
- Family Survival Tips
Tuesday 29 November, 9.30am – 1.30pm

**Session 2:**
- Home & School Management
- Reducing Parent Stress
Tuesday 6 December, 9.30am – 1.30pm

Please note that to be eligible to attend, your child must have a diagnosis of ADHD from a psychiatrist.

Group size will be strictly limited to 10 parents/carers and you must attend both sessions.

**Sorry, no childcare available**

For more information and to register, contact:
BUSHkids Bundaberg Centre
On 4152 3799

You do not need to be an existing client of BUSHkids.

Presenters: Elise Osborne – Provisional Psychologist