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north rocky high news

North Rocky High—a great school

I am always excited when I walk around the school and see so many wonderful educational success stories and well behaved classes at work with their teachers.

Today I visited Mr Davey's Year 8 ITE (Manual Arts) and the students were hard at work on their individual projects. The students looked happy in their learning and I congratulated them all on their good manners. Their work was of excellent standard.

Recently I also visited our team of IT teachers training in ways to teach graphic design animations and they have just ordered some great robotic kits. Students will learn robotics and build their own project.

I visited the local theatre where our musical team were rehearsing and I have to say a big congratulations to the whole crew on a wonderful musical on Friday night.

North Rocky is a school that is serious about learning and serious about kids. We have had many comments from our teachers and the public about how our new behaviour management and high expectations are making a positive impact on the whole school. We will continue to push and insist on high standards of social skills from every student.

Report cards were issued on Friday 18th and your son or daughter will have handed this to you already.

There will be a Parent Teacher night on Wed 30th July 3pm - 6pm in the Hall. Please come and collect some feedback and information around the most precious thing in your life - your child. Those students who have parents who take an active interest in their school life by attending the above types of nights do achieve better. It's always best to get the whole picture of the real story!

Subject selection talks are being held at on the same night. Details can be found in this newsletter, also handouts were given to students with their report cards.

Judi Newman
Principal



Congratulations!

Two North Rocky High Students will this week will travel to Brisbane to receive their St John's Grand Prior Awards from the Governor General Quentin Bryce. Renae Leis in Year 10 and Gemma Tarlington in Year 11 have had to complete and earn badges and certificates in 12 proficiencies such as child care, fire safety, camping, environment studies as well as first aid.

Renae completed one of her projects for knowledge of the order and was nominated for the Mark Compton Award, which is awarded annually to one Cadet in each state. Renae won the Queensland award for her powerpoint presentation.



Gemma Tarlington



Renae Leis

Kelly Preston has won the U/17 Girls State Junior Squash Championships. She will now represent Queensland at the Australian Championships to be held in Perth in the next school holidays.



Year 10 Parents - Date Claimer

SET Plan (Senior Education and Training Plan) sign-off afternoon

TUESDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER
12:00 - 7:00PM
NRSHS LIBRARY

All Year 10 students must have their SET Plans signed. Parents will have an appointment time to go through the plan with a teacher and sign it. Interview booking sheets will be available in Term 3.

Find out how the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) can open doors to work, training or further study for your student.

The QCE is Queensland's new senior schooling qualification. It offers greater flexibility in what, where and when students study during Years 10-12.

Students, parents and schools work together to plan individual pathways to a QCE - come and find out how you can get involved! Senior students and parents are encouraged to come.

Where

North St Annex
Cnr North & West Streets
Rockhampton

When

7:00-8:00 pm
Wednesday 20 August

www.qsa.qld.edu.au

ORAL HEALTH SERVICES

The School Dental Service will be offering examinations to Year 8, 9 and 10 students at North Rockhampton High School from Monday 28th July for approximately three weeks.

Parental consent and medical history forms have been distributed to students. These need to be returned to Student Services by Monday 28th July to enable dental staff to examine your child.

The dental van will be providing dental examinations only.

Please note—Oral Health Services cannot access school records to retrieve missing information, therefore failure to provide necessary information may prevent your child from receiving an examination/appointment.

Spare consent forms can be collected from Student Services.

News from Student Support

North Rocky High is very lucky to have a committed team of staff who care about the well-being of our students. Students are able to access a range of professionals who are willing and able to help them. A reminder to students of the correct procedure for seeing Support Staff:

- ◆ During lunch time or before school, make the appointment
- ◆ Get an appointment slip
- ◆ Show appointment slip to the relevant teacher
- ◆ Attend appointment
- ◆ Return to class with signed slip

Congratulations to the following Year 9 students who have been selected to be trained as a Peer Helper through the Kids Help Line Peer Skills Program:

Paula Hockings	Mikaela Kerr
Pomaa Gyasi-Agyei	Tegan Seath
Emily Spellman	Jacob Preece
Benjamin Commins	Chloe McGuire
Louise Van der Meer	Darcy Ogle
Thomas Woodfield	James Wolfe
Rebecca Armitage	Emily Beck
Beate Paterson-Wiebe	Ashley Stewart

WHAT A GREAT BUNCH OF STUDENTS!

Many other Year 9 students nominated, but these students were recommended by their Year Coordinators. Well done! There will soon be a 2 day training course for these students. They will be able to develop some valuable peer mentoring skills and will be involved in our Year 7 into Year 8 Transition Program.

2008 NRHS Interhouse Track and Field Carnival

The NRHS Interhouse Track and Field Carnival was held on Wednesday 25th June 2008. The day started with the HPE staff setting up tents and equipment with the help of the House Captains, some of our Senior Leaders and also a few dedicated junior students. Thank you to those staff and students for arriving early and getting the set up done. Also, a big thank you goes to Mr Iffinger for arriving early to set up the announcing equipment and speakers, a job that he has done at all of our school carnivals where his expertise and effort is greatly appreciated.

This year a different format was trialled for our events where both track and field events were scheduled for the same time slots. This is the same format that the District Athletics follows and running the carnival in this way allowed time for a scheduled lunch break, which allowed the athletes who were competing in every event time to have a break.

Congratulations to all students who were in attendance on the day, your behaviour and enthusiasm was outstanding.

We had a close carnival in terms of house points, throughout the day the lead changed several times as all the houses jostled for positions. The **final house points** were:

Fitzroy finished in 4th position with 943 points,
Keppel finished in 3rd place with 962 points,
Archer finished in 2nd place with 1111 points, and
Berserker finished in 1st place with 1198 points.

Congratulations to Berserker House for working hard to achieve the Overall Winning House title. The carnival also put on display some excellent individual performances and talent. The **Age Champions** for 2008 are:

- ◆ 13yrs Sharae Doyle and Travis Atkinson
- ◆ 14yrs Brooke Andrews and Michael Goodhew
- ◆ 15yrs Krystal Hansen and Nick Turner
- ◆ 16yrs Kayla Stevenson and Johnathon Sauer
- ◆ Open Melanie Burgess and Tyson Payne

Well done to all of our age champions, some of them had to work pretty hard to get the honour.

The Keyra Steinhardt Gift is a 120 metre Handicap event where the winners of the 100m for each age group compete against each other for prize money. This years competitors were:

- ◆ Jasmine Cleland 13yrs Girls starting off 98 metres
- ◆ Riley Baira 13yrs Boys starting off 110 metres
- ◆ Katina Lauer 14yrs Girls starting off 98 metres
- ◆ Michael Goodhew 14yrs Boys starting off 115 metres
- ◆ Krystal Hansen 15yrs Girls starting off 100 metres
- ◆ Nick Turner 15yrs Boys starting off 120 metres
- ◆ Jaclyn Morris 16yrs Girls starting off 98 metres
- ◆ Brodie Ah Wong 16yrs Boys starting off 117 metres
- ◆ Kimberley Reid Open Girls starting off 98 metres
- ◆ Tyson Payne Open starting off 115 metres

The winner of the Keyra Steinhardt Gift was Brodie Ah Wong, runner up was Riley Baira and third place was Krystal Hansen.

We have a 93 competitor strong team to go to the District Track and Field carnival on July 24th and 25th at Rockhampton SHS. Good luck to these athletes, no doubt you will do NRHS proud.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS & SUBJECT INFORMATION SESSIONS

WEDNESDAY 30 JULY

Parent/Teacher interviews 3.00 - 6.00pm in the Hall

Subject Information Sessions for Year 8, 9 & 10

- ◆ Yr 8 at 5.15pm in the Performing Arts Centre
- ◆ Yr 9/10 at 5.30pm in the Performing Arts Centre

This is an opportunity for you to meet and discuss your son/daughter's progress with their teachers and to find out information on subject selection.

Appointment schedules have been issued to all students. If your child has not received this information spare forms can be collected from Student Services.

DATE CLAIMERS

28 July	P & C Meeting - 7PM Confererence Room
29 July	HPV Immunisations for Yr 8, 9 & 10 girls only
30 July	Subject Selection Sessions Yr 8, 9 & 10 ParentTeacher Interviews
31 July	Australian Maths Competition
2 Sept	Year 10 Set Plan sign-off
2/3 Sept	QCS

IMMUNISATIONS

Gardiasil (HPV) immunisations will be held on Tuesday 29 July for female students in Year 8, 9 and 10. This is the follow up immunisation for students who have received their previous vaccination.

Year 7 Interviews for Enrolment at NRSHS in 2009

Parents of children currently in Year 7 who wish to enrol their child at North Rockhampton SHS next year are reminded that an interview is required to ensure a place for 2009. Interviews are being held with Year 7 students and their parents to ensure that we have the necessary information required to enrol the student in the correct class and also to give families the opportunity to ask any questions they may have about North Rocky. Already we have had over 30 students enrol for next year and many other interviews have already been scheduled.

Following on from our successful Open Day in June there will be visits to primary schools by North Rockhampton SHS staff and students to further explain subjects and timetable arrangements for 2009. Students enrolled for 2009 will attend North Rockhampton SHS on Tuesday 2 December, 2008 for the annual Transition Day. This will give them the opportunity to meet their classmates and to experience some classes in the high school setting.

If parents have any queries about enrolling their son/daughter at North Rocky or would like to have an interview please contact the office to make an appointment. We look forward to meeting our new students and their family.

Janet Young
Deputy Principal



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COMMUNITY NOTICES

- ◆ Cent Sale: 2.00pm Sunday 3 August 2008. Bauhinia House, Berserker St, in aid of the Lakes Creek Primary School. Over 200 prizes to be won. Free admission and refreshments available. Contact school on 4926 4018.
- ◆ Rockhampton Learning Clubs: The Smith Family are running free weekly Learning Clubs open to all 12-18 year old students looking for a bit of extra help with assignments, homework or just a quiet place to study. 3:30 - 4:30pm Wednesdays, Northside Library, Berserker Street, North Rockhampton. Volunteers will be on hand to give you help and support with your education needs.