



P&C Meetings held the 4th
Monday of each month at
7.00pm in the main
Administration office.

From the Principal

Personalising the Learning for our Students

Teachers at North Rockhampton High are committed to personalising the learning for all our students. A teacher's role is to tap into the potential of each child and ignite a love of learning. Every child is different so as teachers, we need to approach students learning in different ways.

Teachers consider how they can differentiate the learning for your child. They consider: WHO students are able to learn with best (peer, mentor, teaching aide support, home tutor, group); WHERE students can learn best (groups, outside, alone, inside, pairs); WHICH activities suit them best (on-line learning, role play, charts, diagrams, games, cloze exercise) WHAT resources are best to use (lap top, paper, post its, reading cards, smart boards); HOW students are empowered best (in silence, with stimulus material, doing and practice) and what PACE suits the learning best (fast, slower with repetition).

CONTROL, CHOICE, CHALLENGE, COMPLEXITY AND CARING TEACHERS

A new study explores factors contributing to the boredom of gifted high school students who have gradually disengaged from classroom learning.

Evidence from three case studies shows the complexities of this process. The core findings: (1) learning is the opposite of boredom, and (2) learning is the antidote to boredom.

Five interdependent features emerged from the interviews that distinguished boring from learning experiences: control, choice, challenge, complexity and caring teachers. The extent to which these five C's were present determined the extent of students' engagement and productivity. Participants attributed their increasing boredom to a gradual decline in the five C's in middle and high school. They reported a growing sense of indignation toward the activities they were offered as an education. They felt the honourable action in response to an inappropriate curriculum was to disengage from it and quit producing. It is recommended that interventions designed to re-engage bored, potential high-achieving students begin with a clear understanding of each student's boredom and then offer each a differentiated curricula rich in the five C's. To produce or not to produce?

From '*Understanding boredom and the honour in underachievement*' by Lannie Kanevsky, Associate professor of education, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, British Columbia

Keeping Students Safe

One rule that the school community has been highlighting to students currently, is the rule around transport to school. The students planner has a list of school rules and expectations. This is not a new rule but we are concerned with the number of students who are riding skate boards to school.

Riding skate boards to school is an unsafe practice. It puts the rider at risk of harm and recently a boy flicked his skate board into traffic and put others at risk.

Please do not allow students to bring skate boards to school. The students are well aware of this rule and if skates boards are seen at school they will be stored for parent collection.

The safety of our young people comes first. Thank you so much to most of our parents who have not allowed students to ride them to school. We really appreciate your partnership with the school.

Judi Newman
Principal

Special School Leadership Ceremony

In February, the Year 9 String Quartet, Abbey Biles, Alice Everitt, Tayler Bowdren and Georgina Daley performed at the North Rockhampton Special School Leadership Ceremony. The Special School would like to thank the girls for their lovely music which was appreciated by all attending the ceremony.



Photo- Abby Biles, Alice Everitt, Tayler Bowdren and Georgina Daley practise before their performance at the Special School.

Middle School SHEP (State Honours Ensemble Program)

The SHEP Program is a Queensland Conservatorium project which gives young musicians around the state the opportunity to work with staff from the Queensland Conservatorium.

North Rockhampton High was represented at the Middle School SHEP Program on the weekend of the 23 to 24 March, by 15 talented young musicians from the instrumental music program.

Georgina Daley (flute), Laura Gilbar (flute), Cameron Green (alto saxophone), Kaleb Ivers (alto saxophone), Shari Gordon (euphonium), Brin Lorian (trumpet), Amy Douglas (trumpet), Alice Everitt (violin), Abbey Biles (violin), Petra Barnbaum (alto saxophone), Emily Roberts (clarinet), Breanna Ramm (clarinet), Courtney Lear (flute), Bianca Purdie (flute) and Lachlan Preece (trombone) workshopped from Friday afternoon until Sunday afternoon with other instrumental students from years 6-9.

The weekend culminated in a concert at North Rockhampton High in which the 170 SHEP students performed with the string orchestra, choir or one of two wind bands. Congratulations to the North Rocky High students on their selection and participation in CQ SHEP.



Back row L – R Lachlan Preece, Brin Lorian, Laura Gilbar, Georgina Daley, Shari Gordon, Emily Roberts.
Front row L – R Cameron Green, Kaleb Ivers, Petra Barnbaum, Amy Douglas, Breanna Ramm, Alice Everitt.
Absent from the photo is Abby Biles.

**North Rockhampton High School
invites you to our
Beauty & the Beast
Fundraising Concert
Saturday 19th May
6pm
Performing Arts Centre**



**\$5 entry
Multi-Draw Raffles
Great Prizes to be won
Raffle Tickets \$1 at the Door
Concert Band, Stage Band, String
Orchestra
Drinks and Snacks available**

MANUAL ARTS NEWS

The Manual Arts Department wishes to welcome all students back to school for Term 2.

All classes are well underway with various Tasks and Projects with some assessment already completed.

Mr Rayner and his Year 12 Construction class are in the process of renovating the area at the eastern end of G block where the fence is being modified, new seating being established and the area will be concreted.

Mr Davey, Mr Rayner, Mr Rickertt and their respective Construction and Engineering classes are also working on projects for the School's Musical which is fast approaching.

The Central Queensland University and Manual Arts have begun communication in regard to linking our resources to enhance access of modern technology to our students at North Rockhampton State High School. I will keep you advised as this new partnership develops.



Trevor Rickertt
HOD Manual Arts



Yr 11 student Brodie Bunn
using the new band saw



Teacher Aide Ken Williams preparing materials for classes



Mr Niebling's Yr 8 Manual Arts class



Josh Humphris checking out the new cold metal cutting



Zane Barrett using a lathe in engineering



Mr Davey training Michael Bailey how to set up
and use the Milling Machine

DATE CLAIMERS

Term 2

Wed 25 Apr	Public Holiday - Anzac Day
Wed 2 May	Parent Teacher Interviews
Mon 7 May	Labor Day Public Holiday
Tues 8 May	Yr8/10 Immunisations
Thurs 10 May	Yr6/7 Enrichment Afternoon
Tues 15/16/17	
May	Yr9 Naplan Testing
Sat 19 May	Musical Multi-Draw Raffle - PAC
Thurs 24 May	Maths Fair
Mon 4-13 June	Yr11/12 Exam Block
Fri 8 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Thurs 21/22 June	Athletics Carnival - Red Food Day
	Semester 1 Reports posted
Fri 22 June	Athletics Carnival

LAST DAY OF TERM 2

Religious Education

Christian Religious Education is going to take place for Year 8 and 9 students on Monday mornings as an alternative to the Ethics class. It will be an interactive fun way to explore some of the big questions in life.


We have a variety of teachers from different denominations to conduct the lessons however, to start off the program we have Pastor Greg Frost who has been a youth worker for 15 years and Luke Walford who was awarded the Young Citizen of the Year award in 2010. He has been involved in youth and RE for the past 3 years.

Anyone who has misplaced their permission slip and would like to be a part of this program, can collect another from student services.

HOMEWORK CENTRE

In the library
Tuesday & Thursday
3pm-4pm
Supervised by qualified staff
Students must have a signed consent form to attend
Consent forms available in the library

Enquiries:
Phone 49247888
SHARR ROBINSON



Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent-Teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday, 2 May from 3:10 pm to 6:00 pm. For these interviews we are introducing a new internet-based booking system called **Parent Teacher On-Line (PTO)**.

Using this system you will be able to book the interview times that suit you best from any internet-connected computer. A computer will be available in the library during school hours if you do not have internet access at home or elsewhere.

Instructions have been included with this newsletter. To make your appointments go to the school's web site nhrckshs.eq.edu.au. On the left-hand side, go to Quick Links and then select "Bookings for Parent Teacher Interviews".

Bookings will be open from the 29 March to 2 May, 1:00 pm. If you have any trouble registering or booking your interviews, please contact the school on 4924 7888.

The P&C Report

Be Involved!

Next P&C meeting will be the 30 April at 7.00pm in the front administration building.

This is a change of date from the 23 April so please mark it in your calendar. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

- ◆ The P&C would like to announce an expression of interest for a casual tuckshop employee. A minimum of 12 hours per week. The interested person must have kitchen-hand experience. For further information contact Kim or Carole at the tuckshop 49 247 818.
- ◆ A new menu with small price changes is now available. Watch the tuckshop blackboard for new daily specials.
- ◆ A big thank you to all staff and students for helping at Kemp Beach cross country and also to Mt Archer school for lending eskies on the day.



Michelle Rixon
President

COMMUNITY NOTICES

- ◆ Rockhampton Junior Tennis Association is offering beginner and advanced coaching at Rockhampton Regional Tennis Centre. \$10per lesson. Qualified Level 1 coaches. Match and fixture \$8 per week 8.00am - 11.am Saturdays. Joining fee \$66. Season commences January 28. For further information contact 49 271 436
- ◆ Interested in Aviation? The Australian Air League may be for you. Cadets from 8 years, Adults/Officers from 18 years. Learn aviation subjects, drill and physical activities with opportunities for flying. Meetings Monday nights at 6.30pm at Athlestane Park, Melbourne St, Rockhampton. Contact Gary Ashton on 0439 764 262.
- ◆ Frenchville Rovers Hockey Club are looking junior players for under 12/15 boys and girls teams for the current season. Junior games played on Saturday mornings at Kalka Shades. Games played on both grass fields and the synthetic turf field. For further information contact Lynette Foster 0439 392 969 or Kylie Roser 0438 262 732.