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"WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF THIS LAND, THE DARUMBAL PEOPLE AND PAY OUR RESPECTS TO ELDERS, PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE"



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

Principal: Judi Newman

*from the Principal*



## Interschool Maths Team Challenge

North Rockhampton High School was proud to once again, host the Maths Team Challenge on Thursday 9 August.

Maths Team Challenge is a one day event sponsored by QAMT Rockhampton branch. As a school, we are happy to host the competition each year. Teams of promising young mathematical minds, from local schools, in years 7 to 10, join each other for a day of challenging Math competition.

Our own North Rockhampton High School Year 10 team participated well; their efforts rewarded with a score of 395 points out of a possible 400. This gave them a placing of second, only narrowly missing out on first place to the Rockhampton Grammar School.

Our team consisted of Ryan Kyriazis, Nicholas Peters, Dean Cheha, Christopher Boswood and Conlin Hillert, these students are to be congratulated for their enthusiasm and hard work. Well done to all students who participated. Thank you also to Melinda Graham (Mathematics department) for finding the time to organise this day and make sure everything ran smoothly.

On a different note, it is with great pleasure that we are notifying our school community that North Rockhampton High School is hosting a community Village Fair on March 9 next year. We will have rides, games, cafe and art displays. The fair will operate from 12 to 3pm and will be an ideal Saturday afternoon outing for young and old.

There will also be an opportunity for community groups to hire a space to sell high quality crafts. More information on this fair will follow soon.

## Tale As Old As Time

Our School musical; 'Beauty and the Beast' is happening this Friday 17, 7.30pm and Saturday 1.30pm and 7.30pm. Tickets can be purchased at the Pilbeam theatre any time. We invite the Rockhampton community to come along and see this wonderful performance



Book at the Pilbeam Theatre or online at [www.seeitlive.com.au](http://www.seeitlive.com.au) or Dial n' Charge 49274111



Our NRHS Awards Night will be held on Monday November 12. VIP guests and sponsors will be invited along to a function in our new Trade Centre before the ceremony commences this year. Our guest speaker will be Brad Hillier from Sea FM. We look forward to celebrating the academic, sporting and cultural successes of our students and teachers alike on this occasion.

Judi Newman  
Principal

## News from Social Science

This year has been an exciting one for some of our students. In May our Year 12 Tourism students organised a very successful trip to the Gold Coast for 4 days. Students experienced many aspects of the industry that they had not been exposed to before. They were particularly excited by the Jet Boating, Go-Kart racing, Zorbing and, of course, the theme parks. The cabaret entertainment of Draculas Theatre restaurant was somewhat of a culture shock for some students. The Year 12's had the reward of seeing their holiday planning put into effect. They had to organise all aspects of the tour including accommodation, transport, entry charges, food and risk assessment. Our students won praise everywhere they went for their excellent behaviour. Our accommodation manager was so impressed that she wrote to us afterwards to congratulate the school. Students are already planning next year's trip and considering more ambitious options like a ski trip to New Zealand.

Another very successful training day was held for our Tourism students at Capricorn Caves.

Students Impressed their teachers and management with how polite, considerate and attentive they were. Working through the criteria for Advanced Eco-tourism Accreditation was balanced with an adventure caving tour. In spite of the muddy wet bat poo all students got to experience some serious challenges and utilize their leadership and team work skills. We have another training day planned for Capricorn Resort in Term 4 and a Reef Guiding trip to Great Keppel Island yet to go.

Our Japanese students participated in a hand writing competition this year with all receiving certificates for their efforts. Their teachers have been busy re-organising their course to gain more engagement with greater emphasis on literacy skills.

We are saying good-bye to our Study of Society and Environment (SOSE) program this year and gearing up for the new Australian Curriculum in History. It will be implemented years 8, 9 and 10 next year and is more academic focused. We will also introduce some of the units of the Australian Curriculum into Geography.

Our senior Geography class is off to Yeppoon for a day soon to evaluate the various proposals for foreshore redevelopment.

Shane Newell

HOD Social Science

*Enjoying the Draculas Theatre Restaurant 2012  
Sarah Phillips, Ashleigh Johnson and Emmy Mienert*



## Year 12 Exam Block

Year 12 exam block will be held from 10 to 14 September. The exam schedule can be accessed on the school's website at <https://nthrckshs.eq.edu.au> under the Calendar and News page.

## Home Economics News

It's getting closer and closer to the Hospitality Trade Centre completion date. Very soon the centre will be finished and ready to stock and move into. Whilst the Hospitality Trade Centre will not be online until next year; some very lucky Hospitality students may get to experience a lesson or two in the new building. Students interested in studying Certificate II Hospitality in Yr 11 in 2013 will have their lessons in the centre. If you have selected Certificate II Hospitality for next year, it is a requirement that students attend an interview with MRAEL and myself regarding suitability. Interviews will commence early in term 4. If you would like to know more about the process please don't hesitate to give me a call at school.

Home Economic students across all grades have been cooking and sewing this term. I would like to ask for some assistance with regards to bringing ingredients from home. Cooking each week in class is a vital component to being successful in Home Economics. When students do not cook, they are not completing the mandatory requirements of the course. Over the last five weeks, a large number of students have not brought ingredient items to class. We understand that sometimes providing or remembering to bring everything needed can be hard. If this is the case, please contact the teacher and let them know or send a note with your child so we know you are aware your child will not be cooking that week. If this is a long term problem, for whatever reason, please contact me at school so an alternative solution can be worked out.

Rachael Lewis  
HOD Senior Schooling  
and Home Economics

# H P E N E W S

It is a busy time of year for North Rockhampton High School in the Sport and Physical Education Department. The last two days of Term 2 saw our school spirit and athletes on show at our annual school athletics carnival. The carnival had great participation from students and showcased the athletic talent we have in our school. Term 3 is another big term for HPE. Already this term the top athletes in our school have competed at the District Athletics Championships and a number of students have, through their success, been given the opportunity to represent the district at the Regional Carnival. Our Hawks Rugby League teams are competing this term and all teams have felt success with wins in the first rounds of the competition. Our Netball and Soccer girls are also playing this term. A special congratulations to Jordyn Witt who was selected in the state soccer team. Thank you to our dedicated coaching staff of all our sports teams for their professionalism and time commitment that allows our students the opportunity to compete.

Within the HPE Department our Outdoor Recreation students are participating in a number of activities this term. Both our Year 11 and 12 students will be bushwalking from the top of Mt Archer, down the 14Km down the difficult grade Zamia Track. They will also be going on a Caving and Abseiling excursion to the Capricorn Caves. The Year 11 Physical Education students are studying a unit on Lawn Bowls. We have been working with the Diggers Bowls Club who have been coaching our students in the sport. The Year 10 Coaching class have been working with AFLQ to attain their AFL coaching certificate while the Year 10 HPE class are studying Biomechanics. Our Year 9's are looking at Sociology of Sport and our Year 8's are continuing to study Nutrition.

Aaron Clohesy HOD HPE



*Senior Students tackling the Zamia Track while bush walking.*



*Year 11 PE Students at the Diggers Bowls Club*

## ANNUAL NAIDOC TOUCH FOOTY CARNIVAL

Hello to everyone,

The annual Naidoc Touch carnival was held on Saturday. A big congratulations to the North Rocky Hawkes for winning all four of their games and making the Grand Final. Unfortunately, CQID were the winners at the end of the day but it was an incredible game to watch. Margaret Hornagold, CEO of Darumbal Community Youth Services said it was great to see a school enter the competition and she hoped to see NRHS back next year. Thank you to Greta Doherty for nominating the team and helping me out on the day. Also, a very big thank you to the parents who came along and supported everyone.

Emma Harbin Community Education Counsellor



North Rockhampton High School  
Naidoc Touch Footy Team 2012

Back row: left to right  
**James Western, Brent Dwyer, Leithen Goltz, Anson Tovi and Alex Western.**

Front row: left to right

**Kate Bromley, Kaylah Lawson, Kealie Pollett, Kyla Kenny and Alice Robinson**

# 2013 Year 8 Enrolments

North Rockhampton High School is currently taking enrolments for Year 8, 2013. Please contact the school on 4924 7888 between 8am and 4pm Monday to Friday to arrange an interview.

## DATE CLAIMERS

Tues 14 Aug	ICAS Maths Competition Library
Thurs 16 Aug	Australian Mathematics Olympiad Library
Fri 17/Sat 18 Aug	Beauty & the Beast Musical
23 – 26 Aug	Maths B, Physics, Biology Excursion off Campus (NB Students leave 10 pm 23 <sup>rd</sup> , only day away from school is Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> )
27 Aug – 31 Aug	Naidoc Week
27 Aug – 2 Sept	National Literacy and Numeracy Week

LAST DAY OF TERM 3 FRI 21/09/12



## PISA is coming to our school!

Our school has been chosen to represent Australia for the OECD Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) which is taking place between 30th July and 7th September 2012. A random sample of 15-year-old students will be part of a once in a lifetime opportunity to represent Australia in education!

PISA is an international assessment, occurring every three years, which measures skills in mathematics, science, reading, problem solving and financial literacy at a point when students have almost finished their compulsory schooling. PISA helps to inform policy makers involved with education on how well schools are succeeding in helping students to acquire the skills and knowledge they will need to meet challenges beyond school.

Since the first PISA assessment in 2000, the survey has continued to raise interest amongst educators and policy-makers world-wide. In 2012, Australia will be one of almost 70 countries participating in PISA. More than 800 schools and over 15 000 students will represent our country in this important project.

PISA is part of the National Assessment Program in Australia. Participation in these sample assessments is an obligation for government schools under the National Education Agreement between the Commonwealth and the States and Territories, and an obligation for non-government schools under Commonwealth schools funding legislation and funding agreements for 2009-2012.

What will PISA mean for our school?

Twenty-five students who are randomly selected from our school will be sampled to complete a two-hour paper-based assessment consisting of mathematics, science, financial literacy and reading questions. These students will also be asked to complete a questionnaire.

After the paper-based assessment and questionnaire, a sub-sample of 20 students who participated in the paper-based assessment will also participate in a computer-based assessment of problem solving, mathematical literacy and reading literacy.

Date of Assessment: **Wednesday, 22 August, 2012**

PISA School Coordinator: **Cynthia O'Sullivan**

PISA IT Coordinator: **Kathy Andrew**

ACER- PISA Project Information Line: **1800 280 625**

Every participating school and student has an important role in showing the rest of the world what Australia can do.

ACER will provide our school and participating students with a certificate, recognising their contribution, and students will receive results from PISA. Each student will also receive a small gift in appreciation of their participation

**You may be eligible to receive  
\$500 to  
assist with your child's sports fees,  
lessons, uniforms and equipment!**

- Would you like \$500 to spend on your child's sports costs?
- Do you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card?
- Do you have some regular work?

If you answered yes to these three questions then you could be eligible for the Saver Plus program, which matches your savings, dollar for dollar up to \$500!

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**<http://www.learningplace.com.au/sc/cq/s2j>**

## Community Announcements

Are your children interested in learning to play tennis? If so please contact Rhett McKinnon (Tennis Coach) CQU Tennis Courts any time on 0459030395 or e-mail – [mckinnonstennis@live.com.au](mailto:mckinnonstennis@live.com.au)