Aaaarr! The North Rockhampton High School Community organised a Free Dress Day with a Pirate theme in order to raise money for one of our mateys, Lana “Boss” Brown, a current year eleven student. This fundraising event was initiated and organised by the students in the School Council. Both students and staff embraced the day by coming to school in a variety of costumes. The money collected will be given to Lana and her family during their time of need. Lana has been battling a viral illness over the past seven weeks and has experienced several surgeries during her time in the Prince Charles Hospital, Brisbane. Lana continues to fight and is always in the thoughts of everyone in the school community.

Students show their support for a fellow student and her family.

2013 Year 8 Enrolments
North Rockhampton High School is currently conducting interviews for Year 8, 2013

Please contact the school on 4924 7888 between 8am and 4pm Monday to Friday to arrange an appointment.
2013 Year 11 Bursaries

North Rockhampton State High School has a long tradition of excellent achievement in all areas of student endeavour and the aim of the bursaries is to promote even more achievement within the school community. By supporting students who already have a proven record, North Rocky High School will encourage them to strive for even greater success both for themselves and for their school.

Bursaries can be applied for in the following areas: Academic, Cultural, Sporting and All Rounder. Students can be awarded in only one category.

All Year 10 students have been advised of the application process by Scott Pearson Year 10 Coordinator, applications have been made available to them. If you would like more information in regards to available bursaries please contact the school on 4924 7888 or call into the Administration Office.

NB The submission date for both Year 8 2013 and Year 11 2013 Bursary applications has been extended to Friday 26 Oct 2012.

**NRHS SCHOOL BASED POLICE OFFICER**

I would like to start with the welcome announcement of a 3rd School Based Police Officer (SBPO) being appointed to the Rockhampton District. This position was advertised in the police gazette and successful candidate will start at the beginning of the new school year in 2013. In essence, this means that North Rockhampton High and Glenmore State High Schools will each have their own full time SBPO.

**Facebook**- Students misuse of facebook is something which appears to consume a lot of time with the administration team and student support workers. All persons are reminded about the way they conduct themselves when using communication lines. Any person using Facebook, chat logs or telephones in a harassing, threatening or menacing manner, either written or verbal, is in breach of the Commonwealth Criminal Code. Queensland Police regularly deal with such complaints. I ask parents to ensure Chat logs, etc are kept by parents and ensure their sons/daughters ‘filter’ their friends by using the block button where appropriate.

**Parents who have concerns with aspects of the school**- Our staff are dedicated to providing all students the best environment for learning. From time to time the school is forced to make decisions based on policy, legislation and for the benefit of the school. We invite parents with any concerns to contact the administration team to discuss such issues. All discussions will remain confidential and conducted in a respectful environment. It is worth noting that staff, as with any individual, who receive abuse can forward a complaint onto the Queensland Police Service.

**Schoolies 2012**: Later in the term, I will be talking to the Year 12 students about Schoolies; what to expect and clarify what supports have been coordinated for this event. In the past students who have participated in this event shared both positive and negative experiences. Parents, please make sure that while your High School Graduate is at one of these events that you are contactable. I would suggest that parents know who their Graduate is with and if you haven’t already done so swap contact details with their parents. This will help if phones get lost or if excitement overwhelms the need to phone home to tell Mum and Dad that their Graduate is okay.

I am currently present within the school on Mon, Wed and Fridays. If you wish to contact me, please call the school on 4924 7888.

Constable Graham Parkinson, SBPO NRHS
## Senior Schooling News

For Year 12 students the end is near for their schooling career! This means that it is now crunch time for them as they enter the final weeks of their study and exams. Whilst it might be exciting to be thinking about School Formal and beyond, it is important to stay focused on their studies and make sure that they are aware of what their results for each subject are and what they need to do to maintain, if not improve, for final assessment. If you have any concerns or need more information regarding QCE or options for 2013 please contact Mrs Gordon (Transition Officer) or myself in the Careers Room in the Library.

**Goodluck!**

Rachael Lewis
HOD Senior Schooling and Home Ec (acting)
The P&C Report

**Be Involved**

*RED FOOD DAY* Tuesday 16 Oct – Pink themed to support Breast Cancer awareness  
*Volunteers Dinner 2013* – will be held Mon 29 Oct at 6pm in the Trade Centre – followed by P&C meeting at 7pm  
*eftpos is coming to Tuckshop soon!*  
*Tuckshop has some delicious new frozen yoghurt available in cones or cups*  
*Purchase a Slush Puppy for a chance to win a prize! 1st Prize DRIFTING CASTER SCOOTER. Other prizes include Turbo Cups and free Slushies.*

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**Lakes Creek State School**

**Twilight Christmas Fair & Markets**

For more information contact  
Lakes Creek State School on 49326333  
Stall costs $10 (3m x 3m) non powered - $15 powered  
Stall holders must have Public Liability  
7 December 5pm - 9pm

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**2013 Miss Showgirl Quest is now open with new additions!**

For the first time ever the Rockhampton show is introducing Junior and Teen Showgirl Quests to give the youth in our community an opportunity to develop their social graces and public speaking skills, make new friends, give something back to their community.

The Junior Quest is open to all girls aged between 8 and 12 years old and is a non-competitive quest designed to give young ladies an opportunity to partake in some personal development training and raise some much needed funds for the RACQ Helicopter Rescue Service.

The Teen Quest is open to young ladies aged between 13 and 17. The entrants will be judged on their appearance, public speaking skills, involvement with the quest and the community engagements, interaction with their peers and the showgirl committee’s and their knowledge of the Rockhampton Show. However all the above will be taught to every entrant through the course of the quest.

Each Quest will be designed to ensure that each entrant receives enough training and guidance in all aspects of deportment, public speaking, nutrition and health, fashion and skin care and hosting and attending community and fundraising events.

For more information contact the Showgrounds on 0749374600 or download the application forms on our website www.rockhamptonshowgrounds.com.au

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**Raising Down Syndrome Awareness**

Come and join us as we walk approx 2kms around the heart of Rockhampton, raising awareness about Down syndrome and celebrating the many accomplishments of people with Down syndrome.

**When: Sunday 28th October 2012**

**Time: Registration from 9:30am**  
(registration is essential)

**Walk starts at 10:00am**

**Start: Boardwalk near Saigon Saigon Quay Street, Rockhampton**

"Let's Walk Together" is open to everyone. Why not get a team together? Talk to friends, work mates, teachers, class mates etc and join us.

Everyone who is involved is invited to gain sponsors for the walk to help raise much needed funds for people with Down syndrome in our community.

Walk participants will then enjoy a sausage sizzle lunch ($2 for a sausage and $1.50 per drink) at the finish point.

Included with this invitation is the registration form and waiver that all walkers must sign in order to participate. Please return your registration form and signed waiver together prior to the walk to avoid lining up on the day.

We hope you can join us - whether you have Down syndrome or just want to show your support, come and walk with us and experience the possibilities.

If you would like more information email rockydsgroup@gmail.com or contact Kathy

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**Homework Centre**

Tuesday and Thursday  
3pm – 4pm  
In the library

Supervised by qualified staff  
Students must have returned a signed consent form to attend.

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**Rockhampton PCYC Down Syndrome Support Network**

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**SJ2 Website:**  

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*For employment/training opportunities, follow the link to the .ETOB: HTTPS://www.learningplace.com.au/deliver/content.aspx?pid=49951*