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

from the Principal

Principal: Judi Newman

Welcome back to our students for the 2013 school year. A special welcome to all our new Year 8 students. We also have some new teachers joining our NRHS team: Caitlin Carte, Dale Davenport, Zac Ashford, Michael Zimmer, Gaye Sands, Mycha Woodward and Melissa Hunt. We hope our new students and teachers have a happy settling in time and we look forward to getting to know you.

This is our third year into our school strategic plan. These are some of our significant programs (for your information:)

READING COMPREHENSION: All teachers have completed reading comprehension training and students should be getting plenty of exposure to reading in the classroom. All teachers have made space for more reading in their teaching programs. "Readers are our future leaders" Anon.

EXPLICIT INSTRUCTION: All new curriculum will be taught in a style known as explicit instruction. Our teaching model is based on the work of John Hattie and John Flemming. Essential knowledges are repeated in warm ups to help take important information from the short term memory to the long term memory. The teacher moves through the teaching process of "I Do...We Do...You do," where the content is modelled and the students are guided through the new information towards independent learning.

FEEDBACK: "The most powerful single modification that enhances achievement is feedback." (John Hattie) North Rockhampton High has adopted the theme of feedback to drive our improvement agenda. Students and teachers will be explicitly taught feedback protocols such as the FEEDBACK BRIDGE.

Quality feedback cannot be provided if we have not set goals for ourselves. Students and teachers are expected to set three goals. All feedback must align with learning intent.

PERFORMANCE GOAL: By November I would like an A for English and a B for Maths.

LEARNING GOAL: By November, I would like to improve my spelling so I can improve my personal score on the spelling test.

INTERPERSONAL/BEHAVIOURAL GOAL: By November, I would like to improve my bookwork so that it is neat and tidy.

GOOD MANNERS: Students and teachers will be having much discussion and modelling around good manners and improved social skills. This includes a 'Finishing Program' for Year 12 students. This will be a voluntary program for students so they are ready to move into professions but it will be open to any Year 12 student in Term 2. See the principal for an application form.

WELL BEING: Our new model of Junior High Year 7-9 will have a well-being component embedded in our practice. This model is already incorporated in our ethics program for Years 8-12.

E LEARNING: Every Year 9 student has the opportunity to hire a lap top for \$120. A parent information night will be held tonight in the PAC from 6pm-7pm. This will greatly enhance our e-learning ethos and engage our younger students. This program will be rolled out to year 10 the year after. We are introducing ipads to the reading tutors and more classrooms will have electronic smart boards.

ACADEMIC TUTORS: We want to help students reach academic excellence. In Week 3, our Homework Centre will begin operating out of the library. This is your chance to access free, professional tutoring in English, Maths and Science and get help with any assessment work for any subject.

TRUANCY: The school police officer will be tracking truancy and absenteeism. Students who miss more than a few sick days tend to get behind in their schooling. Parents must send their students to school every day. Students should also attend at the sports carnivals as this is not 'a day off'.

UNIFORM: Please ensure your child comes to school in full school uniform. A policy document is available from the office. We are a uniform school. You can purchase uniforms at the new Uniform Shop under N Block 8am to 10am any school day.

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES: At each year level there is different leadership opportunities. In the coming weeks we will advertise these in the newsletter.

MOBILE PHONES: *We are a no mobile phone school.* Students must turn off their mobile phones when they enter the school grounds and can switch them back on when they walk through the gate at 3pm. *All mobile phones are to be out of site and switched off at ALL TIMES from 9am-3pm.* No electronic devices or recording devices are not permitted (except for lap tops, of course) *NO RECORDING* devices are permitted at school, unless the teacher has given permission to use a video camera for curriculum purposes.

For emergency type messages, parents can contact the school office and the school will locate the student concerned or students can come to the office to use the school phone. For normal messages, students can check their texts/messages outside the gate at 3.05pm.

Judi Newman
Principal

North Rockhampton High School Village Fair

March 9 2013

GET READY TO HAVE SOME FUN!

Join us for stalls, food, rides, raffles, games and much, much, much more

To make the Village Fair the success we know it can be, the school needs your support. If you can help out in any way or know someone who can help please let us know! We would greatly appreciate prize donations for raffles, as well as cash donations to help with the expenses incurred. Also, if you have any skills we may be able to utilise we would be grateful of your time. Donations of any value can be dropped off at the Tuckshop at any time.

Thank you for your generosity and for having taken the time to consider our request.

Michelle Rixon. P&C President

NATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS

COMPUTER FUND

The NSSCF has provided North Rockhampton High School with funds to enable the school to reach a 1 to 1 ratio and create a digitally rich classroom environment to support 21st century learning. NRHS P&C support the expenditure of these funds to participate in the Q3 Rollout of 3G laptops. Year 9 and 10 students will have the opportunity to take home a laptop in 2013. NRHS P&C endorses this rollout schedule and the take home parental co-contribution that has been outlined to the school community by the Principal. The annual take home co-contribution of \$120.00 is supported by the P&C on behalf of the school community and we are confident this process will support learning outcomes for our students.

A parent information night will be held on **Tuesday 12 February 2013 6pm – 7pm in the PAC** for all Yr 9 parents and parents of new Yr 10 students. This will allow discussion around timelines, contract details, insurance, software and application processes. Application forms will be provided to Yr 9 and Yr 10 students.

This program will provide your student with: some software, internet access, wireless, insurance, \$1400 3G laptop, case and in class time information technology support personnel.

CQ TAFE

Students – did you know that you can study at TAFE while you are still at school? Visit the CQ TAFE website www.cq.tafe.qld.gov.au or phone 1300 CQ TAFE (1300 278 233) to see what programs are on offer for secondary students or contact your VET Coordinator.

Want to upgrade your current skills, learn new skills, or do a short course? – visit the website or phone our 1300 number for further information on programs and the variety of study mode options.

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For employment/training opportunities, follow the link to the .ETOB:
<https://www.learningplace.com.au/deliver/content.asp?pid=49951>

SJ2 Website:

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

DATE CLAIMERS

TERM 1 2013

Tues 5 Feb	School Photos
Wed 6 Feb	School Photos (catch-up day)
Thurs 7 Feb	Indigenous Camp
Tues 12 Feb	Yr 9 Laptop Information Evening
Wed 13 Feb	Yr 8 Meet and Greet BBQ
Fri 15 Feb	Yr 12 Investiture Ceremony
Mon 25 Feb	NRHS Interhouse Swimming Carnival Tuckshop Red Food Day
Thurs 28 Feb	Enrichment Afternoon Yr 8, 2014
Wed 13 March	QCS Practice
Thurs 14 March	Immunisations - Yr 8 Boys & Girls, Yr 10 Boys
Wed 20 March	2014 Yr 8 Information Evening
Wed 27 March	Mid Semester Reports Issued to students
Thurs 28 March	School Cross Country – Kemp Beach Tuckshop Red Food Day LAST DAY OF TERM 1

News from Manual Arts

Manual Arts, like many other subjects areas, had a hectic fourth term last year. This year we have returned to refurbished rooms. This has improved the learning environment for both students and staff. Classes in the department, in both the Junior and Senior School, are mostly full with one subject having students who want to join if a vacancy becomes available. The Year Eight students doing our ten week introductory course are progressing very well and appear to be really enjoying the experiences in the workshops. The Tin Man and the Spinning Top have been popular projects for some time now. Manual Arts teachers have been impressed with the responsive attitude of the Year Eight students involved. These students have taken up the school expectations of learning, respect, responsibility and excellence and are performing well at this early stage. This is also clearly visible in the high standard of dress following the uniform policy. In the Senior School, some of our Vocational Education (Voc Ed) students have taken the opportunity to become School Based Apprentices. They are gaining a wealth of experience by participating in industry situations. The Voc Ed students in Year Twelve have a busy year ahead of them. With some enthusiasm many of these students will leave with nationally recognised qualifications which are in demand in the building and engineering industries.

Tom Raynor
Acting Manual Arts HOD

Japanese Department News

Japan Trip 2013

Plans are well under way for this year's school excursion to Japan. To date, 14 students and 3 teachers will be taking part in the experience from 22 September until 2 October. We will be visiting Tokyo, Kyoto and Hiroshima and the 10 day itinerary is packed with wonderful cultural and historical experiences. Watch this space for updates as we continue our preparations!!

NRHS School Website



This website will give you up-to-date news stories, calendar events, access to the latest newsletters, curriculum information and much more. Add the website to your favourites so that you can easily stay in touch with current events and information about North Rocky High. Website address is: <https://nthrckshs.eq.edu.au>

When students are away sick, parents are asked to send a note explaining the absence or to ring the **Student Absence Line 4924 7860**

Or Email the school on absences@nthrckshs.eq.edu.au

Students signing out:

If a student is required to leave school for an appointment a note is required for the student to leave class and sign out at Student Services

(NB all Senior Students are requested to supply the school with a Medical Certificate if an absence of more than 3 days occurs)



CHILD AND ADOLESCENT ORAL HEALTH SERVICES

Free child and adolescent oral health services will be available to all students at North Rockhampton High School this term.

A consent form for a dental examination and information sheets on Dental Check-up & Dental X-rays will be sent home shortly with your child. If you do not receive these forms and you would like them, contact the school. Please complete this form and return them to North Rockhampton High School by: **Friday 1st March 2013.**

To ensure that the Oral Health Services can provide optimum service it is requested that all issued appointments are kept. Please note that if your child fails to attend two appointments their course of dental care will be closed and they will not be offered further treatment until the service is next offered at NRHS.

NB. If your child has a Teen Dental Voucher, please return it with their consent form. Please write your child's name, Medicare number & Medicare reference number on the top of the Teen Dental Voucher & staple it to the consent form when returning.

Child and Adolescent Oral Health staff can be contacted on: 0409 574 276

DO YOU HAVE ANY UNWANTED NRSHS UNIFORMS?

Please send any of your unwanted NRSHS uniforms into Student Services, we have a number of ways that we can utilise them to support our students. All donations will be gratefully received and appreciated. Thank you

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! The Smith Family is now offering the Saver Plus program in your area.

To find out more contact your local Saver Plus Coordinator on 4921 0273 or email gemma.holt@thesmithfamily.com.au

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rockhampton Musical Union Youth Choir (RMUYC) is an organisation for children aged between 8 and 18 yrs. We have a long and proud history in the Rockhampton region, having been in existence since 1951. The aim of the RMUYC is to foster a love of singing and performing in a safe, secure and affordable format.

Rehearsals are held on Tuesday evenings from 6.30pm until 8.30pm and on Saturday afternoons from 3.00pm until 5.00pm. No previous experience is required just an ability to hold a tune and a desire to have fun through song! Rehearsals begin this coming Tues 29th January. Please contact Sonya Acutt on 49263722 / 0412721549 or secretary@rmuyouthchoir.org.au

“TABLE TENNIS – Sessions are starting for 2013. All standards welcome with coaching and equipment available. Adults from 7.30pm Monday and Juniors from 4.30pm Thursday at the centre, 157 Campbell Street. Contact the centre on 4922 5380 or rockhampton@tabletennisqld.org to find out more.”

BMX Australia National Sign on Day: Rockhampton BMX Club will be holding FREE Come & Try Days from 4pm Saturday the 16th and 9am Sunday the 17th of February (weather permitting) at the Rockhampton BMX track, Hollingsworth St.

Kids and their parents can head down and see what this Olympic sport is all about.

BMX racing (bicycle motocross) is an exciting family based sport for all ages from 4 to 45+, boys and girls, mums and dads! Riders sprint around a dirt track 300-400 meters long, with jumps and turns.

It offers a great alternative to those sports traditionally offered to school kids, and is full of excitement and FUN! To register to attend and for information on what to bring and wear email rockybm@gmail.com or call 0467 167213.

Frenchville Rovers Hockey Club invites all new and current players to come down and sign up for the new season at Frenchville Sports Club Function Rooms on Sunday 3rd February 2013 from 9am to 12noon. All grades are open for registration including Under 5 (Mixed), Under 7 (Mixed), Under 9 (Mixed), Under 12 Boys & Girls, Under 15 Boys & Girls, A3 Men & Women, A2 Men & Women and A1 Men & Women.

Rockhampton Junior Tennis Association's coaching (\$12/lesson) and fixtures (\$8 Weekly) commence Saturday, February 2, from 8.00am – 11am. Register any Saturday at Rockhampton Regional Tennis Centre, Victoria Park, or by phone (07) 4927 1436. Qualified coaches and experienced supervisors employed.

Bluebirds Softball: Season goes from March through to September. Men, women, girls and boys all welcome. Please contact Julie on 0417639619 for more information.

The P&C Report

Be Involved

New uniforms are available for purchase from the Uniform Shop under N Block each morning 8am to 10am. Cash, check or EFTPOS facilities are available for your convenience.

The latest Tuckshop menu is included with this newsletter and is also available from on our NRHS website under Facilities. <https://nthrckshs.eq.edu.au>