Evidence strongly points to significant benefits to students’ reading levels when teachers and parents provide specific instruction before, during, and after students read. The application of focussed reading supports students to link new ideas to what they have learned previously, remember what has been read, and to think critically (Hirsch:2003).


**Code Breaker** – How do I crack this code? (grammar, structure, language)
- What words are interesting?
- What words are new?
- What words are familiar?
- How did you work out the difficult words?
- What other words are or have a similar meaning?
- Who is the author?
- What subject specific language do the students need to understand and access?

**TIP**: Ensure that all new and difficult words are identified and explicitly taught.

**Text Participant** – What does this mean to me? (link to prior knowledge of their world)
- Can you predict what the text is about?
- Does the text remind you of something else? (TIP: try to link the text to prior knowledge.)
- What did you feel as you read the text?
- What might happen next?
- How did the text position or change your way of thinking about this topic?

**Text User** – What do I do with this text? (purpose)
- What text type is this? (traditionally known as genre)
- How do you know this?
- How is the topic framed to influence the reader?
- How is this text put together?
- How is this text like others you have read?
- What is the purpose of this text?
- How would the language change if you were to use these ideas in a different text type?
- How is this text different from/like previous texts on the same theme/topic?

**Text Analyst** – What does this text do to me? (becoming critically aware)
- Are there new ideas that I need to understand in this text?
- Has the author demonstrated any bias and how do you know this?
- What was the author’s intent and did the author achieve this? How do you know this?
- What is the most important new learning that you need to take from this text?
- How does the new knowledge change your opinion/position/thinking?
- How would you reference this new knowledge?
CONGRATULATIONS RYAN

Ryan Kyriazis has been selected to attend QMEA Mt Isa Engineering Camp Challenge.

Ryan has been selected by the Queensland Minerals and Energy Academy (QMEA) to attend the Mount Isa Engineering Challenge camp in June. This camp provides students from across the state with the opportunity to work with engineers to solve genuine problems faced by the state. Upon conclusion of the camp, participants present findings and solutions to senior management and staff for feedback and consideration. Not only do these camps provide students with an understanding of a career as an engineer, they also allow students to experience life in a mining community.

What an inspiring opportunity this will be for Ryan. We wish him every success.

NEWS FROM THE MATHS DEPARTMENT

Our new Year 8 and 9 Mathematics textbooks arrived at the end of Term 1 and are being distributed early this term. These textbooks also have an eBook attached to them. If you would like your son/daughter to access the online textbook and resources, please ask them to collect their unique code from Tracy Langford in the Mathematics staffroom. These codes are valid for one year.

At North Rockhampton High School we do offer Tutorials to help our students to understand their classwork, homework, assignments, exam preparation etc. Tutorial times are listed below:

Senior Tutorials
- Monday 8:15 – 9am in B04 – Maths A
- Tuesday 8:15 – 9am in H06 – Maths A and B
- Wednesday second lunch – Maths C
- Thursday 8:15 – 9am in F13 – Maths A and B
- Friday 8:15 – 9am in B04 – Maths A

Junior Tutorials
- Tuesday 3 – 4pm in library (Homework Centre)
- Thursday 3 – 4pm in library (Homework Centre)

Students are also encouraged to contact their teachers or another Maths teacher, if they require help, at any time before school, after school or at lunch times.

Planning ahead for Term 3

Our 11 Maths B, Physics and Biology students will be going on their annual excursion to the Gold Coast as part of their assessment. They will be exploring the real life applications of these subjects by investigating rides at Dreamworld and White Water World as well as having discussions with tiger handlers and zookeepers at Dreamworld and Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary. Details and consent forms will be coming out mid Term 2.

We also have the Maths Teams Challenge, Westpac Maths competitions and the ICAS Maths Competition in August. Consent forms will come out closer to the dates.

If you have any queries, please don’t hesitate to contact either myself or your son/daughter’s Maths teacher on 49247821.

Regards
Nadene Housman Head of Department - Mathematics
**NAPLAN testing time again**

Our students in Year 9 will soon participate in the annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) to assess their skills and understanding in the areas of reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The tests will be conducted in all state and non-state schools across the country from 14–16 May.

An individual NAPLAN report for each child will be sent home later this year. Results provide additional feedback for parents, carers and teachers on how students are progressing in key curriculum areas.

Please contact the school if you have any questions about your child participating in NAPLAN testing. Further information is available on the [ACARA website](http://www.nap.edu.au/)

NAPLAN preparations will begin at 8am on Tuesday 14 with a sausage sizzle at school for all participating Yr 9 students – it’s not all bad!

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**Japan Trip 2013 Update**

22 weeks (142 sleeps) and counting!!

Departure from Rockhampton is Saturday 21st September and the group returns back into Rocky on Tuesday 1st October.

Plans are well underway, flights have now been booked and the first Parent/Carer information night was held Tuesday last week on the 1st May in the Library lecture theatre.

20 Students from Years 8 to 12 are accompanying 3 teachers from NRSHS - Mr Shane Newell, - SOSE HOD, Ms Helen Thompson - Business and Japanese teacher and Mrs Chrissy Dunphy - Japanese teacher. The group will visit Tokyo, Kyoto and Hiroshima spending 2-3 nights in each city.

Watch this space to share in the increasing excitement as the months go by. Updated photos will be posted here! Chrissy Dunphy LOTE teacher/Trip Coordinator

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**IMMUNISATIONS YEAR 8 & 10**

Ozcare is providing free vaccinations for all Year 8 and Year 10 students as part of Queensland Health’s annual School Based Vaccination Program.

Year 8 students are being offered vaccination to protect against hepatitis B and varicella (chickenpox). Year 10 students are being offered protection against diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (whooping cough).

All students in Year 8, 2013 (Boys and Girls) are also being offered Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination to protect against cervical cancer.

**Students have to return their consent forms to receive immunisation on the following dates:**

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Plus any students requiring catch-up vaccinations.

Students who arrive on the day without prior consent will not be immunised.

Ozcare are now the providers of the School Based Vaccination Program. Any questions regarding immunisation can be direct to Ozcare on 4937 4200.

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**Year 5,6 &7 Enrichment 2014 Afternoon Workshops**

Information has been sent to the primary schools regarding the Enrichment Afternoon Workshops being held on Thursday 9 May.

This afternoon highlights the subjects available at North Rockhampton High School and is a fun way for young students to experience these subjects.

Ask your Principal for more information.
DATE CLAIMERS

TERM 2

Thurs 9 May   Yr 5, 6 & 7 Enrichment Afternoon
14 – 16 May   Yr 9 NAPLAN Testing
Amended date:
Thurs 16 May   Immunisations Yr 8 Boys & Girls
               Yr 10 Boys & Girls
Thurs 23 May   Yr 9 & 10 School Dance PAC 6-9pm
3 – 12 June    Yr 11 & 12 Exam Block
Fri 7 June     Rockhampton Show Public Holiday
Mon 10 June    Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
13 & 14 June   Yr 12 QCS Practice Testing
Thurs 20 June  Sem 1 Reports mailed home
Thurs 20 &     School Athletics Carnival
Fri 21 June    Tuckshop Red Food Day

LAST DAY OF TERM 2

New on the menu for this term
Jaffles Spaghetti or Baked Beans $3.00 each. Also for breakfast Tuckshop are now selling raisin toast @ $1.50 a piece!
Eftpos is now available to students for food sales with minimum purchase only of $5.00.

Community Announcements

HIT Personal Training Presents
RUN FOR CAMBODIA 15 JUNE 2013
ST BRENDAN’S COLLEGE FOOTBALL FIELD
Sign on from 1pm on the day
Sausage sizzle and cold drinks available.

We made it through the severe weather that affected Queensland earlier this year, so now it’s time to have some fun and celebrate our great community spirit as the Rise and Shine Queensland Tour hits the road. This series of free community events will feature a range of family activities, a free BBQ and live entertainment program with some of Australia’s favourite performer. Bring your picnic rug, gather up your family and friends and come out for a great day of entertainment!

Rockhampton
When: Saturday 4 May 2013, 1pm to 5pm
Where: Rockhampton Heritage Village, 296 Boundary Road, Parkhurst
What: Featuring Australian performers Beccy Cole, Ella Hooper and Texas Tea

If you have any questions please feel free to contact:
Renaye Rostagno
Marketing and Development Manager, Events Coordination
Department of the Premier and Cabinet, Queensland Government
tel 07 322 42457 | mob 0428 950 583 | fax 07 3229 2990

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Be Involved

For employment/training opportunities, follow the link to the ETOB:
SJ2 Website:
Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered in Rockhampton by The Smith Family.
Saver Plus is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.

Contact Diana Friederichs, your local Saver Plus Worker: 07 4921 0273 / 0408 490 984 or diana.friederichs@thesmithfamily.com.au

For further information call Michelle Garnon 0408 702 406