Village Fair
We are planning our school village fair for the 14 September. If you can volunteer to work on the day I know the P & C would appreciate a hand. After the holidays we will again advertise for community stall spaces and keep you up to date with all the fun. Raffle tickets are also available in a major draw of $1000 Electrical from Thomo's Electrical Store Yaamba Road and a series of multi draws.

Uniform
Black socks are NOT part of our uniform; nor are black stockings, beanies or jeans. To assist our teachers to sustain their high standards for our school, please ensure your child does not leave home out of uniform. The uniform policy is on the Web site for your reference. The uniform is a policy that we firmly stand behind and students are encouraged to wear their uniform with pride. TIES should be worn with the formal shirt. If you have a formal shirt please organise to purchase a tie.

It is important for us to be fair and consistent. Please help us by talking to your child about wearing the uniform so we don’t have to speak to them about it every day. Shoes need to be closed in and either black, white, grey or maroon – the school colours. BRIGHT shoes are not appropriate. Please be mindful of this when you purchase your teenager’s shoes.

School jumpers should be school colours. Track suits are available for sale at tuckshop and these can be worn on any day.

Congratulations
Over two recent days we had two inspectors in the school. I want to compliment the students on how they all represented our school. Our visitors commented that our students were courteous and communicated well. Well done students! I am proud of you. If we want to be a great school, students need to all act accordingly and you stepped up to the challenge. Your input was fantastic!

QCE
All year 12 students must be participating in the work program to a level to generate 20 QCE points. If students in year 11 and 12 are not participating in the work program then they risk their enrolment status. We are adopting a NO EXCUSE culture. All assessment needs to be handed in, drafts need to be completed and students must attend exams. If a senior student is not willing to participate in these reasonable learning requirements then they are CHOOSING not be part of our schooling programs. Students should keep in mind that they can choose their behaviour but they can’t choose their consequence.

Make school work for you – give it your best. We are here to help those who are willing to participate. Together, with your parents’ partnership we can assist you in achieving your goals.
Judi Newman
Principal
Year 11 and 12 Block Exams

Year 11 and 12 block exams will be held from Monday 3 June to Wednesday 12 June. Students are only required to attend their exams during this time. The exam schedules can be accessed via the website under Calendar and News, then Exam timetables - https://nthrckshs.eq.edu.au. If a student is unable to attend an exam, the student’s teacher must be contacted immediately and the student may be required to provide a medical certificate. Students must attend their scheduled exams before attending any other activity eg School-based Apprenticeship/Traineeship work days, work experience or TAFE.

On Thursday, 13 June and Friday, 14 June, Year 12 students will sit a practice test for the Queensland Core Skills (QCS) test. This test is COMPULSORY for all OP-eligible students and optional for all other students. Normal classes will be held for students not sitting the test.

If you have any queries regarding the exam block, please contact the office or your child’s teachers.

Congratulations to all NRSHS students that competed in the recent Rockhampton Eisteddfod. Hats off to our School Concert Band for winning first place. Dennis Ilott was very pleased with the performance of our students and reported that this is the tenth time that NRSHS has won this section since the competition began in 1990. Band captain Sami Day said that this has been the highlight of her senior year at North Rockhampton High School. We hope that all our competing students will look back with fond and proud memories of their cultural achievements.

Well done everyone involved.

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Year 9. It has been an everyday part of the school calendar since 2008. NAPLAN tests the kinds of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN tests are not pass/fail tests. NAPLAN tests provide very valuable information, but there are no consequences for individual students for poor or good performance.

Congratulations to all the Year 9 students who sat their NAPLAN tests May 14, 15 & 16. All students followed our school values of respect, responsibility, learning and excellence. Their behaviour was commendable and their commitment to focusing on the tests was admirable.

Our key priorities at North Rockhampton High School are reading comprehension, academic writing, higher order thinking and good manners – all of which came into play during the NAPLAN testing.
**Year 11 Early Childhood Studies**

Mrs Robertson’s Year 11 Early Childhood class have recently completed the ‘Planning Activities for Childcare’ assignment. Students planned and conducted an activity with children in the 3-5 year old age group. Activities included vegetable printing, face plates, tray printing, making paper chickens, finger puppets and finger painting. Students enjoyed preparing and sharing their activity with children at several local Childcare Centres. Thank you to the staff and students at the following Centres:

- Narnia Kindergarten & Pre-school Association
- Illoura Child Care Centre
- Little Zebra Childcare Centre

We appreciate the support of the Centres as it provides a real life context for student assessment. It also assists students to gain an understanding of the skills required to work within a childcare setting.

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**SHEP PROGRAM AN INSPIRATION**

Last Sunday’s State Honours Ensemble Program (SHEP) Grand Finale Concert became a very special occasion when Mr Ralph Hultgren, internationally acclaimed composer, Artistic Director and Head of the Open Conservatorium introduced *The Capricornian*. He composed this piece to recognise and honour the work of two highly regarded instrumental music teachers in the region, Mrs Jeanette Douglas and our very own Mr Denis Ilott. In a world premiere performance, *The Capricornian*, a stirring march, was performed by the SHEP Wind Ensemble and conducted by one of Australia’s greatest conductors, Mr David Jones.

Each year, music teachers throughout the region nominate their most outstanding students to participate in the ensemble programs under the guidance of tutors and conductors from the Queensland Conservatorium of Music. North Rockhampton High School is always proud to host these prestigious events.

This year, our students Sophie Baynton, Breanna Ramm, Courtney Lear, Rachel Harvey, Felicity Finlayson, Cameron Green, Steven Kyriazis, Lachlan Preece, Jarryd Lebeter, Abby Biles, Alice Everitt, Georgina Daley, Shami Satter, Brin Lorien and Petra Barnbaum joined with students from schools throughout the region for intensive workshops with some of Australia’s leading conductors. Last weekend, after two days of preparation, the String, Vocal and Wind Ensembles delivered a standard of performance that was outstanding and the Grand Finale Concert on Sunday was thoroughly enjoyed by the large audience which filled our Performing Arts Complex. Congratulations to our SHEP students and congratulations to Mr Ilott, a wonderful teacher who has made a profound contribution to music education over many years and who is highly deserving of this prestigious honour.

Helen Lomas Arts HOD
Army Band Entertains Students

North Rockhampton High School was proud to welcome back the Band of the First Battalion of the Royal Australian Regiment on Friday 24 May. The Nineteen band members, led by Major Lindsay Mee, workshoped with our Stage Band in the morning, before an entertaining lunch time concert in the PAC. The concert was thoroughly enjoyed by hundreds of students. Thank you to Mr Ilott and Miss Carte for making our visitors feel welcome. Thanks also to Mrs Sands and her hospitality students for the delicious lunch the band enjoyed in the school coffee shop after the concert. We will all be looking forward to the next time the band is in Rockhampton.