**Principal’s Message**

**QCS Test This Week**
Thank you to our Year 12 students who sat the QCS test this week. Your behaviour and good manners was a credit to your school and parents. The QCS test is an important milestone in the Year 12 year. This exam is used to assist in calculating the OPs for the students who intend to go on to university.

**Year 8 Enrolments**
We are currently welcoming our new students for 2014. We are holding interviews over the next several weeks. If you would like an enrolment interview please, ring the school for an appointment. Parent information is available on our web site.

**Ipads for Gifted Students**
A class set of ipads will be trialled for a gifted class in Term Four to explore if this tool extends their learning. A letter will be sent home to relevant parents with the invitation and detail.

**Saturday Village Fair**
The Village Fair is on from 10am – 2pm on Saturday 14 September. It will be located on the Simpson Street side of the school. Everyone is welcome.

A lucky door prize will be drawn along with over 30 other prizes (valued from $30 - $200 each).

Two major prizes will be raffled – each worth $1000.

(Unlimited) ride tickets can be pre-purchased from the Uniform Shop for $28 until Friday 13 September. These will also be available on the day for $32.

COMMUNITY STALL SPACES ARE AVAILABLE FOR $30. Ring the school to rent a spot.

Judi Newman
School Principal.

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**Year 12 References**

Year 12 students may request a school reference for their portfolio. Students simply need to log on to One School and select the ‘Assign’ icon in the Student Reference section. Students are to select one of their Year 12 teacher’s to complete their reference for them. In the notes section, students are to add any additional information they would like included in their reference eg musicals, music ensembles, intra- and inter-school sport, etc.

Students may enter their request for a reference between 26 August and 13 September. Students will receive their reference with their graduation certificate at the end of the year. Please note that no late requests will be able to be accepted.

Cynthia O’Sullivan
Deputy Principal
In November 2007, a few friends and I were on a mission trip on the Island of Malo, Vanuatu. One afternoon, a truck with a few people and heaps of boxes on the back pulled up to the village where we were staying and offered us the opportunity to help hand out shoe box sized presents to the kids in a village up the road. Three of my friends hopped aboard the truck, leaving me and a few local boys to walk the other way to a soccer match.

Later that evening, my three friends, full of excitement, recounted the amazing experience they had had handing out presents to hundreds of kids, telling us the joy that the kids had while receiving the gifts was overwhelming. I was kicking myself for saying no!

The following year, I discovered the organisation that got the shoebox presents together is Samaritan’s Purse and the appeal is called Operation Christmas Child. This year, North Rocky High will be participating in this appeal, offering students the opportunity to bring in a few items to go towards filling a potential 50+ boxes. Students can find out what types of items are suitable and more by visiting myself or the library staff. You can also find out more info at www.operationchristmaschild.org.au.

Parents, you can pick up a box from the school to fill yourself if you wish. However, students won’t be allowed to take the boxes home. This is a simple, inexpensive opportunity to share the joy and Christmas with children who may have never received a Christmas gift.

Thanks for your support, Chaplain Aaron.

Round 3 Vaccination Program
19/9/13

Year 8 – Boys and Girls
  • Hep B (2nd dose)
  • HPV (3rd dose)

Year 10 – Boys
  • HPV (3rd dose)

Plus any students requiring catch-up vaccinations

Congratulations to Alice Robinson on her selection in the 2013 Capricornia 13-19yrs Track and Field Team. The State championships will be held in Brisbane later in the year.

Well done Alice.

Date Claimers

TERM 3

9 – 13 Sept  
Yr12 Exam Block

Wed 18 Sept  
Yr12 Big Day Out

Thurs 12 Sept  
AIME Program CQU

Thurs 19 Sept  
Immunisations Yr8 Boys & Girls

Fri 20 Sept  
Inter House Swimming Carnival

Fri 20 Sept  
LAST DAY OF TERM 3

Mon 7 Oct  
Labour Day Public Holiday

Tues 8 Oct  
FIRST DAY OF TERM 4

For employment/training opportunities, follow the link to the ETB:

SJ2 Website:
This is it – we are on our way in less than 3 weeks!

At the parent/carer meeting last night, excursion shirts, preparation Booklets and tickets were handed out and, of course, the final group photo was taken! I think you will all agree that the students did a fantastic job of designing their own shirts. We are also extremely happy with the quality of the shirts. These will be shown to the whole school at the next whole school parade.

At the two remaining weekly student meetings, final details will be discussed and students will be briefed on the cultural and/or historical significance of the places they will be visiting in Tokyo, Kyoto and Hiroshima so they have some background knowledge before they get there.

Everyone is welcome to see us off at the Rockhampton Airport on Saturday morning. We fly out at 11.25am on 21 September. We return at 7.15pm on Tuesday 1 October.

Sayonara!!
Hello again from the Arts Department. We are busy rehearsing and preparing for our biggest night of the year – One Night Only! at the Pilbeam Theatre on Friday 11 October at 7.00pm. The concert band, stage band and string orchestra all will be performing.

Year 11 Art students are keen to model the wonderful Wearable Art pieces they have been working on this term. Junior Drama students have been making masks and will be presenting their interpretations of the dramatic Greek theatre, Medea. Senior Drama students will present excerpts from Macbeth. The dance troupes have been practising conscientiously; there will be student made films, some of our talented singers and dancers and an encore performance of our Wotopera mini opera.

Make sure you get your tickets – they are on sale now from the Pilbeam Theatre – Adults $15, Secondary Students $12 and Children $7. You can either dial n’ charge on (49 274 111) or you can buy tickets at the door on the night.

Hope to see you all there for a great night’s entertainment!!!