NEW PARKING CONDITIONS to keep our kids safe

Over the past few years I have been working with the city council, police and transport department to make the school exits safer for our kids. The Berserker and Robinson Street corner and roads are congested in the afternoon between 3pm-3.30pm. The transport department kindly erected a fence on the corner at this juncture to limit the ability of students to cross the corner on the diagonal. This has been a significant improvement. For stage two, I worked with our local politicians to install slow down electronic signs in Berserker Street. This has also made a difference to traffic problems.

However, there remains an issue with the line of sight. The traffic is so heavy at the Berserker end of Robinson Street that the drivers can’t see the students as they cross the road. So our next step is to create drop off zones for parents and no parking areas in this area.

Stage three will be happening in the next few weeks. The following will be changes:

1. The two bus zones will be clearly marked (Strictly no cars in bus zones).
2. More NO PARKING areas will be installed to clear the area so cars on the road can see what’s ahead.
3. Two areas have been added as DROP OFF ZONES. Parents can stop for a maximum of 10min and drop off or pick up their kids in this area. One drop off zone will be in Robinson Street and one will be in Simpson Street.
4. The no parking and drop off areas in Berserker have been changed. Please read road signs for details.

A big thank you to those parents who have assisted me in making our roads safer for our young people. I have really appreciated your input.

Dress Code for 2015

This year has seen a great improvement in our uniform standards. To keep this consistency in 2015, a new Dress Code in regard to footwear will be implemented at North Rockhampton High School. Our new policy will state that all BLACK SHOES ONLY, either leather black shoes or black joggers with short white socks. No other footwear will be accepted. This will help keep our uniform consistent and alleviate confusion regarding appropriate footwear.

Here are some samples of acceptable footwear for 2015

Judi Newman - Principal
Dates for 2014 School Immunisation Clinics

Round 2 13/5/14
Yr 8 Boys & Girls
- HPV (2nd dose)
- Chickenpox
Yr 10 Boys
- HPV (2nd dose)
  Plus catch up students

Round 3 16/9/14
Yr 8 Boys & Girls
- HPV (3rd Dose)
Yr 10 Boys
- HPV (3rd dose)
  Plus catch up students

DATE CLAIMERS

Term 1 2014
Wed 2 April  Parent Teacher Interviews - bookings available on-line
Thurs 3 Apr  Reports issued to students and emailed home
Fri 4 Apr  Cross Country – Kemp Beach – Red Food Day

Term 2
Fri 25 April  ANZAC Day
Mon 28 April  P&C Meeting 5-7pm Admin Bldg
Wed 30 April  Parent Teacher Interviews
Thurs 8 May  Enrichment Afternoon
Tues13 – 15 May  NAPLAN testing week Year 9
Tues 13 May  Vaccinations Yr 8 Girls/Boys Yr 10 Boys
Mon 26 May  P&C Meeting 5-7pm Admin Bldg
Fri 6 June  Show Day Public Holiday
Mon 9 June  Queens Birthday Public Holiday
16-20 June  Yr 11/12 Exam Block
Mon 23 June  P&C Meeting 5-7pm Admin Bldg
26-27 June  Athletics Carnival-Red Food Day

Term 3
19-21 July  Music Camp
Wed 23 July  Subject Selection Evening 9 & 10
Mon 28 July  P&C Meeting 5-7pm Admin Bldg
Wed 30 July  Parent Teacher Interviews
11-12 Aug  Yr 10 Work Experience
12-15 Aug  Musical Production
Mon 25 Aug  P&C Meeting 5-7pm Admin Bldg
2-3 Sept  QCS Test
8-12 Sept  Yr 12 Exam Block
Thurs 18 Sept  Yr 12 Big Day Out

Term 4
22-24 Oct  Yr 11 Leadership Camp
Mon 27 Oct  P&C Meeting 5-7pm Admin Bldg/Volunteers Night
10-14 Nov  Yr 12 Exam Block
19-21 Nov  Yr 11 Exam Block
Mon 24 Nov  Mon 20 Oct  P&C Meeting 5-7pm Admin Bldg
26-27 Nov  Yr 11 QCS Practice Test
Fri 28 Nov  Last Day Yr 10 & 11

Lions’ Club Youth of the Year

On Saturday 15 March, Mrs Fletcher and myself accompanied Jaun-Paul Jacobs to the regional finals for the 2014 Lions’ Youth of the Year Quest in Yeppoon where he represented both his school and family exceptionally well.

The competition gave Jaun-Paul and the other contestants invaluable experience in both interview processes and public speaking.

Thanks must be given to Mrs Fletcher who gave up two week-ends to support our students in this competition.

Ryan Kyriazis and Jaun-Paul Jacobs
Louise Gleeson

2014 Next Step Survey

The Queensland Government is conducting its annual state wide survey of all students who completed Year 12 in 2013. The Next Step survey is a brief, confidential survey that gains a comprehensive picture of the employment, study and life choices made by Queensland school completers in the year after they finish Year 12.

Between March and June, all our students who completed Year 12 last year can expect to receive instructions to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician’s Office to complete the survey. Please encourage them to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate. Thank you for your support of the Next Step survey in 2014.

For more information visit www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep/ or telephone toll free on 1800 068 587.
Certificate I & II in Self Awareness and Development

Three Students from North Rockhampton High School recently participated and completed the Self Awareness course held at S2J. The students came back excited by what they learnt about themselves and have each reported on ways this knowledge has impacted on their private lives already. It was great to see their enthusiasm about the course. Some of their observations are:

- **It has given me a lot of confidence and it has made a difference in my activities outside of school.**
- **I thought that the course was fantastic. I found I understood more while I was there. I recommend it to everyone, whether or not you need the points.**
- **It was a great chance to meet new people and gave me a different perspective on life.**
- **It gave me a better understanding of myself and I was able to use the skills I learnt when I become upset.**

Blaine, Clayton and Isaac were all disappointed to see the course come to an end and will miss seeing new friends made within the course. They were also very complimentary of Gayle, who ran the course over the eight days.

State Honours Ensemble Program (SHEP)

Every year a combined school musical workshop is held in the Performing Arts Complex at NRSH. North Rockhampton State High School and the Queensland Conservatorium of Music at the Griffith University have had a valued partnership for the past three years. The third annual SHEP Capricornia 2014 was held last weekend and was an outstanding success.

One hundred and forty participants represented nineteen schools throughout the Capricorn district. North Rockhampton State High participating students were Steven and Ryan Kyriazis, Alice Everitt, Georgina Daley, Sharni Slatter, Shaylee Clarke-Pollock, Breanna Ramm, Leonie Austen, Petra Barnbaum, Sophie Baynton and Tyler Kennedy.

SHEP Capricornia gives secondary school musicians the opportunity to work with a team of eminent Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University conductors. String, vocal, wind, brass and percussion ensembles worked tirelessly over the weekend which culminated with an outstanding Grand Finale Concert Sunday afternoon.

Professor Scott Harrison, Director of Queensland Conservatorium at Griffith University and a past student of North Rockhampton State High School, was very impressed with the talent exhibited by the students and also commented on the high standard of facilities that NRSH had to offer.
SPORTS NEWS

The sporting year has started off with North Rocky High HAWKS sporting teams and individuals excelling in a variety of pursuits.

Eight of our students have gained selection in Capricornia Region representative teams and many more have been selected to represent Rockhampton Secondary Schools.

Both the boys and girls FUTSAL teams have made finals in the interschool competition with our girls going through the season undefeated.

The girls Basketball competition has been completed. Despite results not going the way of both the Junior and Senior teams every player enjoyed playing against some tough opposition.

Term two is again busy with Interschool Netball on Wednesdays with five teams, Boys Basketball on Tuesdays with two teams and preparations for our annual Athletics carnival which is held on the last two days of term.

Congratulations North Rocky High Capricornia Representatives:

Jared Blanchard- Basketball
Demi Roser- Hockey
Lachlan Wilson- Hockey
Lachlan Hardy- Hockey
Jacob Redsell- AFL
Joshua Crone- Rugby Union
Caleb Brown- Swimming
Chanae Reed- Softball
Courtney Stubbins- Softball

A big thank you goes out to all staff and volunteers who have given up their time to allow North Rocky High students to participate.

Aaron Harmsworth
A/HOD - HPE

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent-Teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday, 30 April from 3:10pm to 6:00pm. For these interviews we will be using an internet-based booking system called Parent Teacher On-Line (PTO).

Using this system you will be able to book the interview times that suit you best from any internet-connected computer. A computer will be available in the library during school hours if you do not have internet access at home or elsewhere.

Instructions regarding registration and the booking process will be issued via email with hardcopies available at Student Services. Instructions can also be found on School’s website (https://nthrkchs.eq.edu.au) on the home page under the Quick Links section.

Bookings will be open from the 2 April to 29 April, 3:00 pm. If you have any trouble registering or booking your interviews, please contact the school on 4924 7888.

Percussion lessons available

We currently have places available for students to learn percussion through the Instrumental Music Program at North Rockhampton State High School. Students are taught skills on all instruments in the percussion family, including timpani, drum kit and mallet instruments e.g. xylophone. You do not require prior experience to be eligible to apply. Students receive free tuition in small groups for one lesson per week during school time. Lesson times rotate weekly to minimise the impact on regular classes. If you are interested, please collect, complete and return an application form which is available for collection from the Art Block staffroom.

2015 Year 7 & 8 Enrolments

North Rockhampton High School will be conducting interviews in Term 2 for Years 7 & 8, 2015.

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