



"WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF THIS LAND, THE DARUMBAL PEOPLE AND PAY OUR RESPECTS TO ELDERS, PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE"



*P&C Meetings held the 4th Monday of each month at 5.00pm in the main Administration office.*

Principal: Judi Newman

*from the Principal*



## **PRINCIPAL'S NEWS**

*We say congratulations to our Year 12 class of 2014 who have graduated this year. You have been a wonderful group of young men and women.*

### **CULTURAL HIGHLIGHTS 2014**

This year's **Musical TREASURE ISLAND** was an outstanding success. Months of rehearsal and hard work by students, teachers, parents and volunteers resulted in a very polished and professional performance at the Pilbeam Theatre, maintaining North Rocky High's long tradition of high quality school musicals.

Our Yr10 Drama class provided hilarious entertainment for over 70 guests at the **Pirate Banquet Theatre Restaurant** night in July. This was a very successful event, with delicious food, prepared and served by hospitality students, in the Trade Training Centre. Over \$1600 was raised to help with the costs of the school musical.

Each year we are proud to host **SHEP**- the State Honours Ensemble Program. In March, 140 talented music students from 19 schools across the region worked with tutors and conductors from the Queensland Conservatorium. We had 11 students participating in SHEP this year. Professor Scott Harrison, now Director of Queensland Conservatorium at Griffith University and a past student of North Rocky High, (the 1970's), was very impressed with the talent exhibited by the students and also commented on the high standard of facilities we have to offer. Congratulations must go to Georgie Daley and Petra Barnbaum, two of the 16 Queensland students selected to travel to Seattle, USA, to participate in the Pacific Honours Ensemble Program in November.

Our musicians have performed at many school and community events, including the recent **visit of Prime Minister Tony Abbott** in October and the **State Community Cabinet Meeting** at Frenchville SS in September. The Stage Band entertained the crowds at the **CQ Jazz Festival** while the String Quartet regularly plays at the **North Rockhampton Special School Leadership Ceremonies**, our **Volunteers Thankyou nights** as well as fundraising High Tea events.

Instrumental music students completed 2014 with the inaugural **Spring Concert**. The concert was well attended by families who enjoyed a Sunday afternoon of fine music from the String Orchestra, Stage Band, Concert Band and soloists performers, Melissa Green and Rhia Austin.

Congratulations to Yr12 art students Ashleigh Cassidy and Celina McMahon whose art work was on display at the Rockhampton Art Gallery in the regional **Creative Generation Visual Art Exhibition** in September. This exhibition showcases the best of Central Queensland's senior student artwork. Yr9 Art students were also again successful in the Indigenous Art section of the Rockhampton Show.

2014 saw the opening of North Rockhampton High School **art gallery**, regularly showcasing student art work from all grades.

Congratulations to Yr10 Media Students who in September produced the 12 page "**Hawk Talk**" lift out in partnership with the Morning Bulletin. Students were involved in all aspects of production, from conducting interviews and writing articles, to selling advertising and designing layout. Travelling to the print site to see their newspaper rolling off the presses was a highlight for the students and teachers.

Finally, Senior Film and Media students attended their inaugural **Film Awards Night**, showing family and friends their skills in making documentaries, ads and movie trailers. Students enjoyed dressing up and walking the red carpet for this fun night, which is sure to become an annual event.

These are only some of our events from 2014. Our students have once again enjoyed a variety of opportunities to excel in visual art, music, drama, media, film studies and musical theatre and as always, are supported by a team of very enthusiastic and dedicated teachers.

*Judi Newman - Principal*

## DATE CLAIMERS

### Term 4

26-27 Nov	Yr 11 QCS Practice Test
Fri 28 Nov	Last Day Yr 10 & 11
Tues 2 Dec	Year 8 Transition Day
Thurs 4 Dec	Year 7 Transition Day
Fri 12 Dec	Last Day of School for 2014

### Start dates for 2015:

Tues 27 Jan	Years 7, 8 & 9
Wed 28 Jan	All year levels attend

# 2015 Year 7 & 8 Enrolments

## Have your enrolled your student?

North Rockhampton High School are conducting interviews for Years 7 & 8, 2015.

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

North Rockhampton High hosted a 'Women in Leadership' event for senior girls from the combined Rockhampton high schools recently. Ms Bronwyn Bishop, Speaker of the House of Representatives, was our guest speaker and shared her wisdom on leadership.

Rockhampton has a unique network where private and state schools combine their senior leaders to network and train throughout the year.

Each school selected a senior student to represent their school to speak on the topic, "If I was Prime Minister for the day".

Michelle Landry, our local Federal member, was also present.



## *North Rocky High*

# *Christmas Trivia Night*

*P&C Fundraiser*

*Get your team together!*

*28th November 6pm*

*Master & Apprentice Café  
Bar & Bistro*

*\$15 per team member*

*Max 8 per team*

*Includes snacks*

*Bar Open*

*Pizza can be ordered*

*Lots of prizes to be won*

*Register your team at Tuckshop or  
call 49 247 818*

*Epos available*

## Stationery Lists

Students will be issued with 2015 stationery lists closer to the end of term. These lists will also be available on the North Rockhampton High School website [www.nthrckshs.eq.edu.au](http://www.nthrckshs.eq.edu.au).

Other information will also be available on our website; including start dates for 2015.

## End of Semester Report Cards



End of semester report cards will be emailed home at the end of Term 4. Parents/caregivers need to update their email information to ensure that they receive their students end of semester results. Those parents/caregivers who do not have access to email will be able to collect a hardcopy from Student Services on Thursday 11 December.

**Please contact the school to update your details.**



*Every school leaver will transition into training,  
further education or employment.*

## School to Jobs Alliance CQ

For updated Employment and Training Bulletins (ETOB)

Visit S2J CQ at:

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# Awards Night



## Concept to Code Competition

The Concept to Code competition was initiated by Bevan Slattery, a former NRSHS student, and CQU. The project was then implemented by our school as the pilot school, with the assistance of Dr Ron Balys. During terms 1 and 2, students spent one period of additional study learning computer languages, which culminated in presenting a project of their own design.

All participants received a Silver Hawks badge for their efforts.

The students involved in the competition were:

Alex Kirk  
Matthew Armitage  
Brodie Howkins  
Lachlan Mackintosh  
Keegan Nunn  
Sarah Coker  
Xanae Roe

The winners were:

**First place** - Alex Kirk, Year 11. His project was a Particle Clicker for which he won an iPad mini.

**Second place** - Matthew Armitage and Lachlan Mackintosh, Year 10. Their project was a Person Splicer. Matthew and Lachlan each received an iPod touch.

The school would like to thank Bevan Slattery and the CQU team who helped make this project possible and, in particular, the work of Dr Ron Balys.



## The Arts

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Another busy year is fast coming to a close for the Arts Department. This term we have taken Drama students to see the Queensland Theatre Company's simulcast of "Black Diggers" at the Pilbeam Theatre. This moving play tells the story of the indigenous soldiers of World War II. The following week, actors from the play came to workshop with our students, which was a very valuable learning experience.

Senior Film students presented their work to family and friends at the Inaugural Film Awards Night. Students had fun dressing up and walking the red carpet and the audience enjoyed documentaries, experimental films and movie trailers made by our student film directors. Film & TV and Media Studies are very popular subjects and the quality of the senior work is outstanding.

Our school Art Gallery is now up and running, with a variety of student artwork on display. Currently, Year 11 and 12 work is featured, including some amazing self-portraits by the Year 11 Art class.

Our instrumental music students performed at our inaugural Spring Concert on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October. The concert was well attended by parents and grandparents who enjoyed performances by our string groups, stage band and concert band.

Finally, I would like to thank the North Rocky High community for your continued support of the Arts this year. Special thanks must go to the classroom teachers: Mrs Addison, Miss Carte, Mrs Mc Caul, Mrs Wade and Mrs Weston and our Instrumental Music teachers, Mr Clancy, Mrs Everitt and Mr Weston. A truly great team of creative and dedicated people!

## Congratulations to Isobel Brosnan Year 10

Earlier this year, Isobel Brosnan responded to an advertisement on school notices about the opportunity of a Certificate III in Aged Care School Based Traineeship with Mercy Aged Care. She submitted her resume, attended an information session held at S2J and hasn't looked back. During her interview for the Traineeship, Isobel impressed Mercy Aged Care with her enthusiasm and work ethic.

Isobel started her traineeship in May and will have completed her Certificate III qualification within 10 months. This is an amazing effort. Isobel has found what she wants to do in life and she is excelling.

Isobel has been amazed at all the support she has received from North Rockhampton High School, Mercy Aged Care and National College. They have all worked together to assist her as she has progressed through her Certificate III qualification.

North Rockhampton High is very proud to have Isobel as one of our students and we were happy to award her with the Year 10 School Based Traineeship Award at our Awards Night on November 17. Isobel was presented her Certificate by her supervisor Traci Gilbertt at Mercy Aged Care.

Feedback the school has received on Isobel has been performing in the work place follows:

*All the feedback I have received from Care Staff, Relatives, Residents, Registered Staff and Administration staff is that Isobel is a breath of fresh air and a wonderful young lady. The respect she displays and her professionalism is beyond her years and experience. Isobel works very hard, and nothing is too much trouble. She is punctual, well behaved, polite, flexible and willing to learn. Isobel is a credit to your school and her parents.*

Traci Gilbertt

