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## Principal's Message

The end of Semester 1 is upon us and this provides an opportunity for the staff, students and parents to reflect on the first six months of education at North Rocky High in 2015. Your child's report card will be arriving shortly and will not only contain information about their academic results but also their effort and behaviour.

Another piece of information that is contained in the report card is how many days absence your child has had this semester. Please take the time to look at this and discuss this with your child. Being away from school for 1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but over time this mounts up and can have a substantial impact on your child's education. If a child is away from school they miss the teaching of new work, opportunities to practice the class work and feedback from their teacher.

This semester there have been 96 school days or 20 weeks (excluding the Public Holidays) where students are expected to be at school learning. Please check your child's report card to see how many days they have missed. The table below outlines the impact that absence can have on learning.

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...	Which means the best your child may achieve is...
3 days a week	120 days a year	24 weeks a year	Nearly 8 years	Equal to finishing in Year 4

Please do what you can to support your child to attend school regularly. We recognise that there are some legitimate reasons that students do not attend school. These include sickness, approved sporting or cultural events, approved work experience or other training and emergent family reasons. In all circumstances the school should be made aware of the reasons so that your child can be supported to access the work that they may have missed.

Enjoy the winter holiday break. We look forward to Semester 2 and further learning opportunities.

**JANET YOUNG**  
**PRINCIPAL**

## VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

It's been a busy Term 2 in the Arts Department. Instrumental Music students performed at the recent Community Cabinet and also enjoyed a workshop with US conductor, Steve Davis, from the University of Kansas. Miss Carte and the music students thoroughly enjoyed African music and dance at the Drumstruck performance at the Pilbeam theatre. Congratulations to Mr Clancy and the Concert Band for third place in the Rockhampton Eisteddfod. To be consistently placed in the top 3 school bands in Rockhampton year after year in that competition is testament to the dedication and effort of our instrumental teachers and students.

Our Art students were very successful in this year's Rocky Show Art section and won many prizes. Thank you to Mrs Weston for organising our entries and to Mrs Scott for helping to frame the works. Yr 7 students are enjoying their Arts lessons. Some of their trick photography is currently on display

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1 day a fortnight	20 days a year	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1.5 years	Equal to finishing in Year 11
1 day a week	40 days a year	8 weeks a year	Over 2.5 years	Equal to finishing in Year 10
2 days a week	80 days a year	16 weeks a year	Over 5 years	Equal to finishing in Year 7

in the office foyer. Miss Hearn's 7R class, in particular, is to be congratulated on their outstanding efforts and exemplary behaviour.

This term, Drama students attended a performance from Grin and Tonic and also participated in a workshop with the actors.

With subject selection coming up next term, remember that the Arts engages students in learning that develops their creativity, builds their confidence and helps them work effectively in teams. These are all characteristics employers are looking for. Our teachers of Art, Music, Drama and Film look forward to seeing you at the Subject Selection evening on Wednesday 29 July.

**MISS H. LOMAS**  
**HOD VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS**



*Laticia Lonsdale, Petra Barnbaum, Alice Everitt and Abbey Biles meeting with Queensland Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk at the recent Community Cabinet held at North Rockhampton High School.*

## HOME ECONOMICS

It has been a busy Term Two in the Home Economics Department with Early Childhood Studies students visiting our local childcare centres and delivering quality play activities to 3-5 year old children. The activities included finger painting, craft and cooking activities. The visits were very successful and the student involved gained valuable experiences on how to deal and manage very young children in a learning environment. Previously Year 12 Early Childhood read stories that they had created, to children at Illoura Early Childcare Centre.



Year 8 Home Economics classes are busy developing their knowledge and skills in the kitchen and creating some delicious meals that they enjoy sampling for lunch. They have been learning about the benefits of healthy eating and how to create healthy, economical snacks and meals to eat at home.

Year 9 Food Technology students are in the middle of planning and implementing a class function for assessment. They are creating a themed menu around a Mad Hatter's Tea Party and will be decorating and setting the tables for Thursday 18 June. Students will also demonstrate their socialising skills with their families and friends who will be their guests at the function.

**CHERYL ROBERTSON**  
**HOME ECONOMICS TEACHER**

## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

### Year 10 News

Congratulations Year 10 on completing your first semester of Senior School. Term 3 has a number of important events including.

- parent teacher interviews
- subject selection talks
- work experience
- set plan interviews.

More information about these events will become available as they get closer.

Next semester is a fresh start. Come back with a positive attitude and be willing to reflect on feedback given. I have added a poem this week about being proud of who you are. Cheers Year 10 and have a safe holiday.

### Be Proud Of Who You Are

I come with no wrapping or pretty pink bows,  
I am who I am from my head to my toes,  
I tend to get loud when speaking my mind,  
Even a little crazy some of the time,  
I'm not a size 5 and don't care to be,  
You can be you and I can be me,  
I try to stay strong when pain knocks me down,  
And the times that I cry is when no one's around,  
To error is human or so that's what they say,  
Well, tell me who's perfect any damn way.

Author unknown

**GAILYN MCCAUL**  
**YEAR 10 COORDINATOR**

## SUPPORT FOR SCHOOL CHAPLAINS

The Rockhampton Chaplaincy Committee is responsible for 10 Chaplains who work in 16 schools in Rockhampton and the surrounding areas. While there is much government money provided for the chaplaincy program there is still a great need for the committee to raise funds to cover the shortfall in the government support and to provide for two of the chaplains who are not provided for under the government funded program.

You can help support the Chaplaincy Program by attending a "Chappy Dinner" at the Thai Taste Restaurant in Norman Road, Thursday 30 July, where you will enjoy a two course meal and meet one of the Chaplains who will give a short talk about

his/her work. The cost is \$40.00 and \$15.00 of this will be a donation for Chaplaincy.

More information about these dinners is available from your School Administration, your School Chaplain or by contacting Allan at [chappydinner@gmail.com](mailto:chappydinner@gmail.com)

## LIBRARY NEWS

Barbara May (Teacher/Librarian) hosted a QSLA (Queensland School Library Association) meeting in the Trade Centre on Wednesday 17 June 2015.

Librarians from various other Rockhampton schools attended and were treated to a delicious afternoon tea provided by Mrs Gaye Sands and her staff. Those who attended were very impressed with the trade centre facilities and agreed the food was worth coming back for.

QSLA members meet regularly for business, sharing of ideas and providing professional development activities.

Library hubs are important to student education as they provide a place of learning, lunch time activities, a meeting place and many other resources. Information is the foundation of all education, and therefore libraries play a pivotal role within Queensland schools.



## REPORT CARDS

End Semester 1 Report Cards will be emailed on Friday 26 June. Please ensure that the school has your correct email address by contacting Student Services. If you do not have email access, a hard copy will be available through Student Services.

## PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent-Teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday, 22 July, 3:10 pm to 6:00 pm. 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 can also be found on School's website ([nthrckshs.eq.edu.au](http://nthrckshs.eq.edu.au)) on the home page under the Quick Links section.

Bookings will be open from the 26 June to 21 July, 3:00 pm. If you have any trouble registering or booking your interviews, please contact the school on 4924 7888.

## SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY

The annual *School Opinion Survey* will be conducted between 29 June and 31 July 2015. All families, school staff and a random sample of students will be invited to participate. We encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what this school does well, and how this school can improve.

Access details for the *Parent/Caregiver Survey* will be sent home with students this week.

Parents/caregivers are welcome to complete their survey online at the school, and school computers will be available upon request.

Survey queries or requests for translations can be directed to Robyn on telephone 07 49 247 888 or email [principal@nthrckshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:principal@nthrckshs.eq.edu.au) .

## DATE CLAIMERS

TERM 2	
Tues 23 – Wed 24 June	Year 12 QCS Practice Test
Thurs 25 – Fri 26 June	Athletics Carnival
Fri 26 June	Last day of Term 2
TERM 3	
Mon 13 July	School Commences
Wed 22 July	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Mon 27 July	P&C Meeting – 5pm Admin Building
Wed 29 July	Subject Selection Evening Years 8, 9, 10 & 11 in 2016
Mon 24 Aug	P&C Meeting – 5pm Admin Building
Tues & Wed 1/2 Sept	QCS Exam
Wed 2 Sept	Year 10 Set Plan Interviews
Mon 7 – Fri 11	Year 12 Exam Block
Thurs 10 – Tues 15	Year 11 Exam Block
Fri 18 Sept	Last day of Term 3

## P&C MEETINGS

### 5pm Administration Building

Mon 27 July
Mon 24 Aug
Mon 26 Oct
Mon 23 Nov

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to attend the Parents and Citizens meetings held the fourth Monday of each month. A lot can be achieved through the P&C and school working together towards common goals. To do this we need people from all walks of life who are committed to delivering great outcomes for our children and our school.

The P&C and school partnership is built on trust, respect and shared values. It thrives on open and honest communication relishing the challenges of educating your children in the 21st Century.

Everybody has a role to play and your ideas will be heard. The more people involved in our P&C, the more exciting and successful it will be.

Great results can be achieved for your children and our school when we work together.

Joining the P&C is as easy as coming along to the next P&C meeting or by contacting the school.

## IMMUNISATION CLINICS FOR 2015

ROUND 3	13/10/ 15	<p><b>Year 8</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HPV (3rd dose)</li> </ul> <p>Plus any students requiring catch-up vaccinations</p> <p><b>Year 10</b></p> <p>Any students requiring catch-up vaccinations</p>
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For further information please contact **Ozcare** on 4937 4200.

## SUBWAY STUDENT OF THE WEEK



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Chappy Dinner

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The good news is that you can enjoy yourself and help chaplaincy.

- Would you like to enjoy a delicious 2 course meal at a restaurant?
- Would you like to have time with some friends or meet new people?
- Would you like to help provide for chaplaincy in Rockhampton?

More good news.

You can do all three by attending a Chappy Dinner!

<p><b>Where:</b> Thai Taste Restaurant 655 Norman Road North Rockhampton</p>	<p><b>Format:</b> There will be two courses, an entrée and main course</p>
<p><b>When:</b> Thursday 30th July</p>	<p><b>Cost:</b> \$40.00 - (\$25.00 for the meal and \$15.00 Chaplaincy Donation) A bar will operate and all drinks will be an extra cost.</p>
<p><b>Time:</b> Gathering from 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start.</p>	<p>Tax Invoice will be provided for all donations</p>

The guest speaker for this Dinner will be Samantha Whittington. Sam is the Chaplain at Allenstown State School and The Hall State School.

To find out more information or reserve a place at the next dinner contact Allan at [chappydinner@gmail.com](mailto:chappydinner@gmail.com)

## D2A TUTORING

D2A Tutoring is now taking new students. Prep to Year 12. Individual, affordable, fun, one-to-one tuition available. Celebrating 10 years of providing exceptional educational services in CQ. Morning, daytime, afternoon, evening and Saturday sessions available. Curriculum based literacy, numeracy, reading, Maths A, English, HSS/SOSE. Phone Jody Davis to arrange your lessons today. 0400 378 843 or 07 4921 0663.

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

### School to Jobs Alliance CQ

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