



9 December 2015

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

For the first time, Year 10 students were offered the opportunity to return to school in weeks 9 and 10 to attend Master Classes. The Master Classes, aimed at providing students with skills which will assist them with their senior studies, covered a number of subject areas and offered some very interesting topics such as 'Murder, Manslaughter, the Works' and 'Ground Hog Day'. Even though the numbers were not quite what we were hoping, we anticipate that this will continue to grow next year as students become more aware of the great opportunity being offered.

Tuesday, 1 December was the 2016 Year 7 Transition Day. Approximately 155 students from over seven different primary schools attended the day. Students enjoyed some 'getting to know you' team building games, a tour of the school and meeting their 'buddies' who will help them out next year. The Year 6 students certainly enjoyed the day and declared that they are excited about starting their high school journey.

Some important dates to remember. Report cards for Years 7 – 11 will be emailed home on Friday, 11 December. Year 12 – results and statements will be mailed from the QCAA on Friday, 18 December. In 2016, all year levels will start school on Wednesday, 27 January.

On behalf of the school community, I would like to wish everyone a very joyous Christmas and safe holiday. We look forward to seeing you all again in 2016.

CYNTHIA O'SULLIVAN
ACTING PRINCIPAL

In the Event of a Natural Disaster - Access to School Closure Information

1. QSchools app

The QSchools app will provide up-to-date information about school closures, in the event of a natural disaster causing damage to the school or preventing access to the school.

Visit the department's apps page for more information and all the features:

<http://deta.qld.gov.au/about/app/>

The QSchools app is available for free download through iTunes, Google Play and the Windows store.

2. Websites

Up-to-date information about school closures can be accessed on the following websites.

<http://deta.qld.gov.au/natural-disasters.html>

<http://www.qld.gov.au/education/schools/information/pages/closure.html>

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM JANET YOUNG

Best wishes to students, parents and staff for a restful and relaxing Christmas and New Year. Be safe and enjoy your holiday break.

Janet Young
Principal

JUNIOR MATHS

Congratulations to our first cohort of Year 7 students at NRSHS. In the Junior Maths Department, the students have adjusted to their new routines and have finished the year with some positive outcomes. Parents, you can be proud of how the Year 7 students have conducted themselves and that they are now ready to continue their high school education.

From Scrabble games to designing garden beds, the Junior Maths Department has provided practical applications to demonstrate how mathematics is an essential part of our everyday life. The teachers who have been on a journey to extend their teaching practices, have introduced more open-ended questioning techniques and the use of mini white boards to improve their students' engagement.

Recently the 2016 booklist was sent home with the students, it is also available on the school website. Please note: small amendment to the maths requirements: we are now requesting 4 exercise books – 1 numeracy book, 2 maths books and 1 homework book. The teachers will collect these books in the first week. One of the best ways you can encourage your children to be ready for learning is to ensure they come to school each day with their equipment – develop a routine with your children to enable them to check the subjects they have each day and ensure they have all necessary equipment.

This year we farewell Mr Kodel from the Junior Maths Department. In 2016, we welcome back Mrs Kele (formerly Miss Bembridge) as well as two new teachers.

Thank you to all parents who support and encourage their children to always do their best.

Looking forward to 2016

ANNELLIE REID
HOD JUNIOR MATHS

2016 BURSARY RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the following bursary recipients for 2016:

Academic Bursary	Daniel Richardson – Year 7 Bailey Barrett – Year 10 Sarah Coker – Year 11
Cultural Bursary	Nina Tickner – Year 7 Charlotte Higgins - Year 10 Steven Kyriazis – Year 11
Sporting Bursary	Mikayla Druery – Year 7 Katrina Druery – Year 10 Felicity Finlayson – Year 11
All Rounder Bursary	Tiann Harbin – Year 7 Hannah Crane – Year 10 Tyler Kennedy – Year 11

Recipients were presented with their certificate and compendium at the recent Annual Awards Night ceremony.

2016 P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The P&C AGM will be held Monday 22 February, 2016 at 5:00pm. This is when a new executive will be elected. The meetings are held in the main administration building. Everyone is welcome.

ENGLISH NEWS

As the 2015 school year draws to a close, it provides an excellent opportunity for each of us to reflect on our personal achievements for the year. Students will soon receive their Semester 2 Report Cards showing their academic result and an indication of their effort and behaviour. Congratulations to

those students who have shown improvement. Be proud of your achievement which comes from the hard work and commitment you have made. Attendance is an all important factor in success. An interesting fact - if a student is absent for 1 day per week, over the 13 years of their schooling, this works out to be about 2 ½ years of schooling missed. If a student is away for 2 days per week, it translates to approximately 5 years of schooling missed. 'Every day counts!'

Our Senior students finished school nearly three weeks ago. On behalf of the English staff, we wish each and every one of them well in their future endeavours, be it the workforce, TAFE or university.

Some of our Year 10 students have returned to school in week 9 to participate in Master Classes. The Senior English staff have conducted sessions on Analytical Essay Writing and English Basic Skills. Thank you to Mrs Littleton for facilitating and teaching these extra sessions.

The introduction of Year 7 to our school for the first time this year, and the creation of a Junior precinct, certainly made 2015 a very different year. The students have transitioned well and it has been an interesting, challenging and successful year for both students and teachers.

In mid-October, two of our Year 7 students, Nikita Nunn and Joshua Betts, participated in an opportunity provided by the Morning Bulletin called 'Our Priceless Past'. Escorted by Miss Hearn, the students went to *The Morning Bulletin*, had a 'crash course' in journalism and then were lucky enough to interview two senior citizens from within our community. The opportunity allowed the students a chance to connect with senior citizens. Nikita and Joshua were also given the privilege to highlight an aspect of a senior citizens life in a short article. Over the next two weeks Nikita and Joshua wrote and refined their articles. On Thursday 3rd December, the articles were published in a special feature as part of the daily *The Morning Bulletin*. Congratulations to Nikita and Joshua on a job well done!

As a faculty we farewell to Miss Worsley, Mr Flint and Mr Moore. Thank you for your valued contribution to the English Faculty and we wish you well in your future schools.

The English Faculty look forward to 2016. We're certain that everyone will return keen for another year of teaching and learning.

MAUREEN FLETCHER
HEAD OF ENGLISH

INDOOR HOCKEY

Recently the Under 13 Indoor Hockey State Titles were held. Students Ebonee and Jessica Moffat both played with both girls gaining selection in the Queensland team. Rockhampton won the title in Division 1.

In the recent Under 15 Indoor Hockey State Titles, Courtney Moffat, Brittney Willie, Gemma Koster and Aria Roser all competed for Rockhampton. Courtney and Brittney both gained selection in the Queensland team. Ebonee and Jessica Moffat along with Lacey McDonald-Hearn all played for Gympie

in Division 2 which saw their team go through to win the final undefeated.

All Queensland players will travel to Wollongong in January for the national titles.

NEWS FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Selling Days January 2016 – Opening Times/Days

Wednesday 20	8am to midday
Thursday 21	2:30pm – 6:30pm
Friday 22	8am to midday

Monday 25	No uniform sales
Tuesday 26	Closed
Wednesday 27 - Friday 29	7:30am – 11:30am

Uniform Prices

POLO SHIRTS	\$40.00
MAROON SHORTS	35.00
BLOUSE FORMAL – GIRLS	35.00
SKIRT – GIRLS	40.00
SHIRT FORMAL – BOYS	35.00
GREY SHORTS - UNISEX	40.00
LONG PANTS – GIRLS	10.00
LONG PANTS – BOYS (SELECTED SIZES)	10.00
PULLOVER JUMPER	40.00
TRACKSUIT TOPS	55.00
TRACKSUIT PANTS/BOTTOMS	45.00
HATS	20.00
TIES – GIRLS	25.00
TIES – BOYS (LONG/SHORT)	25.00
SOCKS	7.00
LANYARDS	5.00
BADGES	10.00

Prices are subject to change

Eftpos available. Uniforms are also available to be purchased through phone orders. Please call for further details.

Tuckshop: 49247 818

Uniform Shop: 49247 868

**Normal Opening Times for the Uniform Shop during the school terms are
Monday to Friday from 8am to 10am**

AFTER SCHOOL PARKING

Please be advised that the carpark attached to Illoura Child Care Centre is private property and is reserved for clients of the childcare centre. There will be police patrols to ensure that this carpark is being used by the correct patrons. Parents of North Rockhampton High School students are requested to park elsewhere while waiting to collect their child.

Thank you for your assistance.

DATE CLAIMERS

These dates are subject to change and will be updated throughout 2016:

TERM 4	
Fri 11 Dec	Reports Issued / Last Day for 2015
TERM 1 2016	
Wed 27 Jan	School starts for ALL year levels
Tues 2 – 3 Feb	School Photos
Fri 5 Feb	Senior Leaders Induction
Mon 22 Feb	P&C Annual General Meeting 5.00pm Main Admin Building
Mon 22 Feb	Swimming Carnival Red Food Day
Thurs 24 March	Cross Country Red Food Day Last day of Term 1
TERM 2	
Mon 11 April	Term 2 Commences
Fri 22 April	ANZAC Day Commemoration
Mon 25 April	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Mon 2 May	Labour Day Public Holiday
Thur 19 May	Yr 7 Overnight Camp
Wed 25 – 26 May	Yr 10 Love Bites Program
Thur 23 – 24 May	Athletics Carnival (over two days) Red Food Days End of Term 2
TERM 3	
Mon 11 July	Term 3 Commences
Wed 7 Sept	Yr10 Set Plan Interviews

Wed 14 – 16 Sept	Yr 11 Leadership Camp
Fri 16 Sept	End of Term 3
TERM 4	
Tues 4 October	Term 4 Commences
Tues 15 Nov	Year 12 Day Red Food Day
Wed 16 Nov	Annual Awards Night
Thur 17 Nov	Graduation for Year 12s Formal for Year 12s
Fri 18 Nov	Last Day for Year 12s
Fri 25 Nov	Last Day for Year 11s and 10s
Fri 9 Dec	Last School Day 2016

COMMUNITY NOTICES



May this Christmas end the present year on a cheerful note and make way for a fresh and bright New Year. Here's wishing you a Merry Christmas.

Councillor Neil Fisher
Division 10
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THE HANDMADE EXPO MARKET
Rockhampton

2nd Saturday of the Month

9am - 2pm
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1-47 Exhibition Road

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