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Principal's Message

Term 3 is almost over! Where has 2015 gone? I am sure that everyone is looking forward to the September holidays and the two week vacation. Many students and staff have struggled with the flu this term and we are all hoping that a few weeks rest and relaxation will assist with recovery from the flu and restore energy levels for the final term this year.

As you read this newsletter you will be soon be receiving your child's Term 3 Report Card. Please take the time to review not only their Academic Rating for each subject but also the grade for Effort and Behaviour. These results are often a far better indicator of how well your child is working than the actual result. Our expectation is that all students can learn and while we recognise that not every student will achieve an 'A' for every subject, we do expect that every student is capable of achieving the equivalent of an 'A' for their Effort and Behaviour. To achieve this 'A' standard students should be on time, prepared and fully engaged in their learning. All assessment must be completed to the best of their ability and must be handed in on time. Students should have very few absences and all absences must be explained.

Please feel free to contact your child's teacher if you have any concerns or questions about their Term 3 Report card. Term 4 provides further opportunity for improvement and I encourage students to ask for help and support to achieve the best results they can.

JANET YOUNG
PRINCIPAL

NOTE FROM THE YEAR 11 COORDINATOR

End of Term 3 already! There are a few things coming up for the Year 11s.

- Those attending Leadership Camp – The medical form and risk recognition forms are due back by the end of term.
- The Senior shirt and jersey process has begun, if your students is wanting to purchase either of these products their school fees must be up to date.

- The Jersey is \$72 and the Polo is \$36. One of each may be ordered this year and if more are required, students can order another one of each next year.



DEBORAH ADDISON
YEAR 11 COORDINATOR

SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Rosie Cunningham and I will be taking on the role as Acting Head of Special Education Services (HOSSES) at North Rockhampton State High School whilst Katrina Hawley is on maternity leave. The SEP staff would also like to wish Ms Hawley all the best with her new adventure of parenting. We also welcome Nancy Wheatley who will be joining the SEP team. Mrs Wheatley will be teaching Maths, Science, Geography and the SEP alternative program within the Junior School.

The Year 6 students have started their transition program to NRHS as of last week. Students will be engaged in a variety of activities to give them an idea about what the subjects are like and an insight into the activities they could participate in when attending those classes in 2016. As a part of this program we will invite parents of the Year 6 students to attend a morning tea on October 27 at 10:15am. We look forward to meeting you

and providing a smooth transition for all students. If you require any other information with regards to transition please do not hesitate to phone the school.

The Year 8 students recently engaged in energy investigations using The Rube Goldberg machines. Students had to use everyday items to recreate a chain of objects from a picture to get a ping pong ball into a basket. Students identified the energies involved and then experimented with making their own constructions. The students filmed some of the machines in action and replayed them back to evaluate their work.

ROSIE CUNNINGHAM
ACTING HOSES

2016 YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS

Have you enrolled your student?

North Rockhampton High School are conducting interviews for Years 7 2016

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

QAMT MATHS QUIZ

Three boys represented NRSHS in the QAMT Regional Year 7/8 Maths Quiz and tied third (sharing with Glenmore State High). The school was represented by Mitchell Thompson (Yr 8), Alex Somerfield (Yr 8) and Daniel Sanderson (Yr 7). The boys worked very hard to 'face off' against the other nine teams from schools across the region.

First and second place went to Rockhampton Grammar and Moura State High respectively. The teams of three had to compete across five different rounds of competition: Estimation, Fast Response, Problem Solving, Short Answer and General Knowledge.

Many of the questions were very challenging and gave the teachers and parents in attendance a run for their money. Can you work out how many letters a day a company sends if spending \$2000, a year in under 30 seconds?



Left to Right: Daniel Sanderson, Mitchell Thompson, Alex Somerfield

THURSDAY GAMING THING

Board games are back in fashion! And they are whole lot different from 'Snakes and Ladders' and 'Game of Life'.



The *Thursday Gaming Thing* is a weekly meet in the library during lunch hours and after school. Students and teachers get the chance to try "Designer Euro Games" – a more modern and complex type of board game that has exploded into popular culture in recent years.

Mr Zimmer brings in an assortment of card and board games from his private collection (currently at over 50 games) and is currently building a school collection with the library and P&C.

Many of the students currently involved have highlighted that strategy, making meaningful decisions and, of course, fun, are the big reasons as to why they come along to the *Thing*. On a more school-orientated theme, these games also strongly encourage literacy and numeracy skills – vital to get ahead in games and real life. Friendly competition, teamwork and problem solving skills get a work out too.

The school's growing collection includes:

KING OF TOKYO – a dice rolling game with mechanics close to Yahtzee, which pits giant *kaiju* (city-destroying monsters) against each other to see who can cause the most destruction and mayhem.

MUNCHKIN – a card based dungeon exploring game, in which players compete to get the best gear and the most levels for slaying monsters

TSURO – a tile-laying game that seems very simple at first but can play out quite advanced with strategy. Players are dragons flying on the four winds, the last one still on the board at the end wins.

PANDEMIC: THE CURE – a dice-based version of multi-award winning cooperative game *Pandemic*. Players are members of the CDC fighting to save the world from falling apart as four virulent diseases spread across the globe.

The *Thursday Gaming Thing* is held every Thursday during lunch and after-school until 4:30pm at the NRSHS library. Parental permission is needed for students to stay after school. Forms can be obtained from Mr Zimmer in G Block (mzimm13@eq.edu.au) or the library.



*Pandemic: the Cure with (clockwise)
Brodie Saxon (Yr 10), Aaron Schick (Chaplain), Kurt Muggerridge (Yr 10),
Josh Nixon (Yr 8)]*



*Smash Up! with (clockwise)
Declan Loweke (Yr 7), Alex Freeman (Yr 9),
Alex Somerfield (Yr 8), Mitchell Thompson (Yr 8)]*

MICHEAL ZIMMER
JNR MATHS/SCIENCE TEACHER

BUSINESS

Our Year 12 students successfully competed in the CQU Business Challenge 2015. It was closely contested throughout the rounds and North Rocky finished in second place to Rockhampton Grammar with only one point separating the top two places. Congratulations to Brooke Tranent, Laticia Lonsdale and Lachlan Hall for their outstanding effort on the night.



WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

End of Campaign for Woolworths Earn and Learn Program

As you know, our school has been participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn program. The program has now finished for this year, so a big thanks to everyone who supported our school. We're now at the important stage of the program where the Sticker Sheets are collected and lodged as our Earn and Learn claim. We will then be able to get new educational equipment for our school. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. So this week, please send in your Woolworths Earn and Learn Sticker Sheets and any loose Earn and Learn stickers you may have. Remember to check your handbag, the car glove box or they maybe stuck on the fridge. Every little bit helps.

Thank you again for all your support!

SCHOOL PAYMENTS

The Department of Education has introduced a BPoint payment system. This is an on-line system designed to provide parents with an electronic payment system for school accounts. We have attached a flyer which shows the step by step payment process. We still offer the over the counter or phone payments but unfortunately we are no longer able to offer direct Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) facilities. Any concerns please contact the Business Services Manager.

DATE CLAIMERS

TERM 3	
Fri 18 Sept	Reports Issued / Last day of Term 3
TERM 4	
Mon 5 Oct	Public Holiday
Tues 6 Oct	Term commences
Wed 7 – Fri 9 Oct	Year 11 Leadership Camp
Tues 13 Oct	Year 8/10 Immunisations (Round 3)
Mon 19 Oct	Student Free Day
Mon 16 Nov	Awards Night
Tues 17 Nov	Red Food Day
Thurs 19 Nov	Year 12 Graduation/Formal
Mon 9 – Fri 13 Nov	Year 12 Exam Block
Wed 18 – Tues 24 Nov	Year 11 Exam Block
Wed 25-Thur 26 Nov	Year 11 QCS Practice Test
Fri 27 Nov	Year 10/11 Last Day
Tues 1 Dec	Year 7 Transition Day
Fri 11 Dec	Reports Issued / Last Day for 2015

P&C MEETINGS

5pm Administration Building

Mon 26 Oct
Mon 23 Nov

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 26 Oct at 5pm in the conference room. All parents/caregivers are welcome to attend. Parents are also advised that a copy of the minutes can be requested through the school office so that if you are unable to make the meeting you are aware of current P&C focus areas and the support provided to the school.

IMMUNISATION CLINICS FOR 2015

ROUND 3	13/10/ 15	Year 8 HPV (3rd dose) Plus any students requiring catch-up vaccinations Year 10 Any students requiring catch-up vaccinations
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For further information please contact **Ozcare** on 4937 4200.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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.

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School to Jobs Alliance CQ

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