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Principal's Message

Recognition of participation, achievement and success is a crucial aspect in developing confidence, resilience and enthusiasm for the task at hand as well as contributing to the wellbeing of the whole person. This recognition can be as simple as a thumbs up, a smile, a few words of congratulation, a certificate or a major announcement. Recognition, in whatever form, is powerful when it comes from peers, family, colleagues and supervisors/employers/teachers. In our busy lives we often forget to take the time to recognise the positive achievements of others. It costs nothing to say "Well done", and it can make all the difference.

This week on Friday 30 October I will be attending the *Showcase Awards for Excellence* in Brisbane. I am very excited to be attending for two reasons.

Firstly, Glenmore SHS has been selected as a Finalist in the *Showcase Awards for Excellence in the Senior Phase of Education*. Specifically this focuses on the tracking and support provided to students in Years 11 & 12 to support their academic and vocational achievement and transition to further education and training. I am very proud of the work that has been done at the school and the outcomes that have been achieved by both students and staff. Being selected as a Finalist for these Awards is a wonderful recognition of the work that the whole school community has been involved in over a number of years and I would like to acknowledge this publicly. Glenmore SHS was selected as the State winner of the *Showcase Awards for Excellence in Junior Secondary* in 2014. This was recognition of the strong Wellbeing program "Dragon Spirit" run at the school. Congratulations and well done to all involved in both programs. You deserve the recognition.

Secondly, I will be attending the Showcase Awards evening as I have been selected as a Finalist in the *2015 Jack Pizzey Awards for Excellence in Educational Leadership - Principal of the Year Award*. I am very honoured to have been nominated for this award. In my role as Principal at both Glenmore SHS and North Rockhampton SHS I have been very fortunate to have strong support from those I work with, as well as from the whole school community. I firmly believe that this award is recognition of the great work that a team can achieve when they are focussed on achieving a particular outcome. I would

like to thank everyone who has contributed to the teams that I have led. We have done some good work and I look forward to continuing this into the future.

JANET YOUNG
PRINCIPAL

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

NOTE FROM THE YEAR 12 COORDINATOR

Year 12 Students- End of Year Activities

We are approaching a very busy time of the term for the Year 12s. They only have two weeks left of classes then into block exams for a busy last week of alternate activities.

Exams- Year 12 Block Exams run from Monday 9 November to Friday 13 November. Students need to remember that it is compulsory to attend all of their exam sessions and that they are in FULL school uniform. If they are sick on a day that they have an exam session timetabled then the school needs to be notified and a medical certificate is required.

Attendance- Holidays are not an acceptable reason for students to miss days of school, Especially at this late stage of Year 12 where every single day is extremely important. Missing lessons can be the difference between passing and failing. It would be extremely disappointing for a student to fail an assessment and put their QCE in jeopardy at this stage.

Last Week Activities- Monday 16 November will be normal classes for students to get final results off teachers. Students involved in Awards Night will have a practice in periods 3 and 4. Indigenous students will attend a DATSIP session in period 5. On Tuesday 17 November, students will rotate through a CPR Awareness Program with QLD Ambulance Officers, Party Safe and Schoolies Safety Information Session with the School Based Police Officer, and Sexual Health Session with the school Nurse. Wednesday 18 November is Senior Activities Day while Thursday 19 November is the Graduation Ceremony and Formal. Friday 20 November is the last day of school.

Activities Day- The Year 12 Activities Day will be Wednesday 18 November. This is the day when students can wear their primary school uniform if they wish. Students will be involved in a range of fun activities to wind down after a big year.

Graduation Ceremony- This will be held in the school hall starting at 9:30am. We ask that guests arrive no later than 9:20am so we can start on time. Each student is limited to three guests due to space constraints. Should there be a reason why a student needs to have more guests they need to write a short application to Mrs Doherty outlining how many extra guests they need and the reasons for each. If there is enough space then students will be allocated extra guest allowance. At the conclusion of the ceremony there will be a morning tea outside the Trade Centre; each student is asked to bring a plate to share. Morning tea should conclude around 11:30am.

Formal- The walk-through will be held at Browne Park starting at 5pm. The pre-dinner drinks function will start at the conclusion of the walk-through and students are again limited to three guests again due to security and liquor licencing constraints. Again, should a student need extra tickets they need to write an application to Mrs Doherty (as per graduation). Pre-Dinner tickets cost \$10. The formal dinner is at the Rockhampton Leagues Club starting at 7pm at the conclusion of the Pre-Dinner Function. Only NRHS Year 12 students are able to attend. Formal Dinner tickets cost \$80 per student. (Please note: students cannot purchase any tickets until after clearance forms have been completed).

Last Day- ALL students are required to be at school in full school uniform from 10am-12 noon. Students meet at the PAC for a BBQ, Yearbooks will be handed out and the final roll call takes place.

Behaviour- Parents please be aware that your student needs to maintain a high standard of behaviour and meet our school expectations right up to and including the last day. Consequences for poor behaviour may include exclusion from school events such as the formal. Students need to understand that these events are a privilege not a right.

GRETA DOHERTY
YEAR 12 COORDINATOR

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.

JASON RICH FOUNDATION

Jayden Thorne is the 1000th driver to complete the defensive driving program run by the Jason Rich Foundation which aims to save teenager's lives. The Jason Rich Foundation is a local charity which delivers free programs designed to educate young drivers so they change the way they act behind the wheel.

Jayden recommends the program to other teens as it provides skills that teach you how to react in difficult situations.



SOCIAL SCIENCE

Since returning from 9 months long service leave, I have been impressed by some of the developments at our school. After a "glowing" external audit in 2014 I thought NRSHS was doing well, so it was good to see some further gains in our teaching and learning. A continuing emphasis on pedagogy, (how we teach as opposed to what), with a lot of opportunities for professional development means our students will be more engaged in learning. An enhanced effort to, "know your class" is resulting in better teacher-student relationships and the detailed analysis of achievement data every term means teachers are targeting their students' needs more closely. It is an exciting time to be teaching!

Some of our Year 7s undertook an excursion to the water treatment plant in Term 3. Mrs Radel reported that these students were well behaved and learned a lot. We look forward to more community based learning this term.

Our Junior School Rewards Day was an excellent opportunity for teachers to celebrate their students' achievements with them and get to know them in a social setting. We thank the organisers and look forward to more such occasions.

SHANE NEWELL
HOD SOCIAL SCIENCE

ENGLISH

The year has gone by quickly and the end of the year is approaching very fast for both teachers and students.

Throughout the year, several students were involved in the inter-school debating competition. A Junior team and a Senior team competed against other schools within the Rockhampton region in several debates throughout Terms 1, 2 & 3 and deserve to be congratulated for their efforts.

Junior Team: Alicia Kyriazis, Sarah Coker, Corey Edmonds, Felicity Finlayson, Steven Kyriazis

Senior Team: Blake Hall, Lachlan Preece, Raelee Newton, Taleisha Torney, Ashleigh Spivey

Team Helpers: Jayden Thorne, Hayley Rogers

A huge thanks to Mrs Locke and Mrs Preece who worked tirelessly with students on preparation and were there on the nights to support the teams, and organise venues and refreshments for parents and visiting teams. Thanks also to Mrs Shelton and Miss Carte who gave up their time and supported the competition by acting as adjudicators. I had the opportunity

to watch both our Junior and Senior teams compete and the improvement in students' confidence and presentation skills was evident, as was the improvement in their ability to rebut the arguments of the opposition teams. Thank you also to the parents who supported the competition.

Junior English classes are currently working on a variety of units. Year 7 students are examining issues raised in poetry and song; Year 8 students are writing a short story with illustrations; and Year 9 students are examining language features in a series of extracts from the novel, *Worldshaker*. Assessment for these units involves students completing both a written and a spoken task.

Senior students are also extremely busy finishing their last piece of assessment for the year: Year 10 students are working on a written response to a stimulus under exam conditions; Year 11 students are working on a spoken collage of texts; the Year 12 students will finish with a negotiated oral. Year 11 English Communications students are investigating a workplace issue, while the Year 12 English Communication students are working on an oral presentation to conclude their Law and Order Unit.

Please keep a look out for information regarding master lessons for our current Year 10 students in Week 9. Senior English teachers will run a number of master lessons throughout Week 9 for students who wish to improve their skills in particular areas (for example, English basics) before commencing Year 11 in 2016.

If you have any queries regarding your child's work, please do not hesitate to contact the school.



Members of the Junior Debating Team

MAUREEN FLETCHER
HOD ENGLISH

UNIFORM CHANGE

P&C have endorsed a change to the Uniform Policy. Students can now wear black or white socks.

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

CHAPLAINCY SPIN BIKE CHALLENGE

The Rockhampton Chaplaincy Committee is planning to stage a Spin Bike Challenge at the Scrutiny Strength and Conditioning Gym, 1/57 Alexandra Street, Park Avenue, on **Saturday 31st October 2015**.

The ride is an invitation for students in Years 7 to 9 and is an opportunity to raise money for School Chaplaincy in the Rockhampton Area. Riders are asked to form teams with a maximum of five riders, which may include one staff member, to ride for 20 minutes. The number of kilometres ridden will be recorded for each team.

This is a fund raising event and participants are to collect sponsorship for their team's effort. This can be from family, friends, neighbours or even mum's or dad's work mates. Amounts over \$2.00 are tax deductible and provided details are written clearly on the sponsorship sheet the Chaplaincy Committee will issue official receipts for the amounts received. Sponsorship money will be handed in at the Spin Bike Challenge avoiding collection at the school. There will be incentives awarded for participation and prizes for winners of the challenge.

Please see Chappy Aaron for further information.

CHAPLAINCY DINNER

The Rockhampton Chaplaincy Committee is hosting dinners to help raise needed funds for the Chaplaincy Program in Rockhampton State Schools.

The next "Chappy Dinner" will be held on Thursday 29 October and Aaron Schick, Chaplain at The North Rockhampton State High School and Damien Clements, Chaplain at The Rockhampton State High School, will be the guest speakers.

The dinner will be held at the Thai Taste Restaurant at a cost of \$40.00 of which \$15.00 is a donation towards Chaplaincy. For more information contact Allan at chappydinner@gmail.com.

Chappy Dinner

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 money to cover the shortfall in the government support and to provide for two of the chaplains who are not provided for under the government support.

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?

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

<p>Where: Thai Taste Restaurant 655 Norman Road North Rockhampton</p> <p>When: Thursday 29th October</p> <p>Time: Gathering from 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start.</p>	<p>Format: Two Courses - Entree and Main Course</p> <p>Cost: \$40.00 - \$25.00 for the meal and \$15.00 for donation to Chaplaincy</p> <p>Tax Invoice will be provided for all donations</p> <p>A bar will operate and all drinks will be an extra cost.</p>
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The guest speakers for this Dinner will be Aaron Schick, Chaplain at North Rockhampton SHS and Damien Clements, Chaplain at Rockhampton SHS.

~ RSVP is required on or before the 27th of October ~

To find out more information or reserve your place at the next dinner contact Allan at chappydinner@gmail.com

to make the meeting you are aware of current P&C focus areas and the support provided to the school.

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.

School to Jobs Alliance CQ

For updated Employment and Training Bulletins (ETOB) Visit S2J CQ at: Website: <http://s2jalliance.qld.gov.au> Facebook: School to Jobs Alliance CQ

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DATE CLAIMERS

TERM 4	
Fri 30 Oct	Red Food Day
Mon 9 – Fri 13 Nov	Year 12 Exam Block
Mon 16 Nov	Awards Night
Wed 18 Nov	Red Food Day
Wed 18 – Tues 24 Nov	Year 11 Exam Block
Thurs 19 Nov	Year 12 Graduation/Formal
Fri 20 Nov	Last Day for Year 12
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 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