PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Awards Night

The annual Awards Night was held on Monday 16 November. This evening showcased the academic achievements of many of our students.

Laura Gilbar – Dux
Brooke Tranent – Michelle Landry
Award for Academic Excellence

Tiffany Anne Brown – Gladstone Ports Cooperation Bursary
Shari Gordon – Capricorn Caves Vocational Education Student of the Year

Year 12 Subject Award Winners Shari Gordon – Bill Byrne
Year 12 Citizenship Award

Congratulations to all our award winners.

CYNTHIA O'SULLIVAN
ACTING PRINCIPAL

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

YEAR 10 COORDINATOR

Farewell Year 10. I hope you all have a wonderful and safe holiday. Next year will be full of new adventures and challenges that may cause all of our blood pressures to rise, especially mine.

Let me reflect on some of the highlights for Year 10 this year. Most of our Year 10s participated in the work experience program gaining valuable experience. Our Year 10 students who work in the Trade Centre, on a number of functions, have continued to do a fantastic job.

I look forward to next year and what it will bring. Remember it is a big jump from Year 10. Get plenty of rest over the holidays to start 2016 off on your best foot.

‘See ya’ on the flip side!

GAILYN MCCAUL
YEAR 10 COORDINATOR

YEAR 12 ACTIVITIES DAY

Our Year 12s worked hard this year which saw the excellent result of almost all gaining their QCE’s. As a reward for all their hard work, students were able to let their hair down with an Activities Day last Wednesday so after the “make sure you apply sunscreen, don’t break anything” speech, we had a
blood lip within the first 10 minutes of participating in the Sumo Suits and I imagine there were a few “lobster look-alikes” at the formal on Thursday night! The students slipped and slid their way along the slip and slide, ran hard on the bungee strap and ate their way through some nice and not so nice eating challenges! Who would have thought that eating dry Weetbix could be so hard? The water fight/obstacle course was short and sweet and the students finished the day with a graduation rehearsal. Well done to all our Year 12 students and best wishes for their future endeavours. We will miss you!

CHERRI GORDON
YOUTH COORDINATOR

GRADUATION

On Thursday 19 November, 2015 Seniors celebrated their graduation day with their families, friends and staff in the school hall.

It was a bittersweet occasion as students reminisced about their school history together while looking ahead to the new challenges they are eager to embrace.

Greta Doherty, Year 12 coordinator, acknowledged what a great group of students they are, and praised them for their help and support throughout the year.

Mr Geoff Higgins presented the parent reflection while Councillor Neil Fisher, Rockhampton Regional Council, gave advice including quotes from Dr Seuss and presented each student with a pen.

A wonderful rendition of the Beatles “Oh-Blá-Dí, Oh-Blá- Da” was played by our Year 12 string quartet and conducted by Mrs Robyn Everitt.

North Rockhampton State High School’s 2015 Seniors paraded out of the hall for the last time, to beautiful sounds of the school string ensemble.

YEAR 10 MASTER CLASSES

For the first time, North Rockhampton State High School will be offering Master Classes to Year 10 students from 30 November to 8 December. The aim of the classes is to provide students with skills which will be useful to them in Years 11 and 12.

To participate in a Master Class, the majority of master classes require students to have achieved a ‘C’ or better in Year 10 for the relevant subject area. However, if a student fails to meet this pre-requisite or they have not studied the subject previously, they can see the Head of Department and have a discussion with the Head of Department as to why they would like to attend the class. Head of Departments will have the final say regarding students who are eligible to participate. ‘Ground Hog Day’ sessions are an exception and are aimed at students who have failed Year 10 Maths but would like to do Maths A in Years 11 and 12.

Students can enrol in Master Classes by putting their names on the sign-up sheets outside the relevant staffrooms. All sign-ups must be completed by Friday, 27 November. Students will only be required to attend school for the sessions that they have signed up for.

If you would like any further information regarding the Master Classes, please contact the relevant Head of Department.

CYNTHIA O’SULLIVAN
ACTING PRINCIPAL

EXPANDING YOUNG MINDS IN CENTRAL QUEENSLAND

Students from Emerald, Blackwater and North Rockhampton state high schools have had a taste of how robotics, maths and science are applied in the real world of the resources sector at a recent workshop in Blackwater.

40 students took part in a Queensland Minerals and Energy Academy (QMEA) Expand Your Mind workshop at Blackwater State High School under the guidance of industry experts.

The workshop was aimed at motivating and inspiring young people to consider careers in science, technology, engineering and maths.

As ‘Expand your Mind’ is directly linked to our current Year Nine curriculum studies, this was a perfect extension activity for our regional students,’ said Blackwater State High School junior secondary co-ordinator, Georgia Wignall.

‘The additional benefit of working with local industry representatives adds a level of real world application to the challenges, which is ideal in a science, technology, engineering and maths setting. Science, technology, engineering and mathematics play a vital role in the resources sector and Wesfarmers Curragh is pleased to see so many young people taking up these challenges in programs such as Expand your Mind which we are proud to support’, said Craig McCabe, General Manager Wesfarmers Curragh.

North Rockhampton student Simon Bartlem said: ‘I’m not sure what I want to do for a career but I know I want to go to
university. These workshops are great because it’s a lot different to a class and you learn a lot more stuff.’

The workshop was attended by six industry representatives – Mitch Whitewick, Tamara Birleson and Liam Clancy from BMA; Bobby Penn from Wesfarmers; Rebekah Jones from Thiess; and Adrian Schmidt from Jellinbah.

For further QMEA information contact Tammy Grady on 0428 750 029 or check the QMEA website: www.qmea.org.

**HIGHLIGHTS 2015**

This year’s variety concert, “One Night Only”, showcased the wealth of talent we have in the Arts, here at North Rocky High. The large audience enjoyed on stage performances by our Concert Band, String Orchestra and Stage Band along with the Yr 8 and 9 Drama students and the dance troupe. The audience was also treated to a Wearable Art fashion parade, our Indigenous dancers, our Yr. 12 band KneeCap and several solo singers.

Media students, who study event management as part of their course, excelled in organising photo booths, a special effects make-up stall, photography and manga drawing workshops. With the café open and staffed by hospitality students, an art exhibition, student films on the big screen, outdoor music and drama performances, the night was an outstanding success, raising $850 to go towards the 2016 musical.

Instrumental music students have had a busy year, and as always have been excellent ambassadors for our school performing in competitions and for community events. Their achievements include a Silver Award at the CQ Jazz Festival and 2nd for the Stage Band and 3rd for the Concert Band at the Rockhampton Eisteddfod.

Our students played the National Anthem at half time for a local Capras game and they entertained participants at the Community Cabinet. They also played at the Rockhampton Chamber Music Concert, the Chaplaincy High Tea and, most recently, on parade at Frenchville State School.

In July, 15 Art students travelled to Townsville to see the World of Wearable Art exhibition. On tour from New Zealand, this amazing exhibition inspired Yr 11 students to create their own wearable art pieces from recycled materials and to present their creations on stage as part of “One Night Only”.

For the first time, North Rocky High entered the regional “Battle of the Bands” competition held at St. Brendan’s college. Our band, “Kneecap”, consisting of Yr 12 students Rhia Austin, Abbey Biles, Max Robinson and Brin Lorien, impressed the judges, with guitarist Max receiving a special award. The band is now planning some time in the recording studio as a result of their Battle of the Bands experience.

In May, drama students and a group of indigenous students had the opportunity to workshop with professional actors in a production of “Sunburn”. This was a valuable learning experience for our students.

Finally, Yr 9 Art students were again successful in the Indigenous Art section of the Rockhampton Show.

This year, 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 and support staff.

**HELEN LOMAS**

**HOD VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS**

**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**

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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.

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

DATE CLAIMERS

TERM 4
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
2016 School starts for all year levels
Wed 27 Jan