



NORTH ROCKHAMPTON HIGH SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

A warm welcome is extended to all parents and carers of students at North Rockhampton SHS in 2016. I trust that you and your child have settled into the school year and that things are progressing well. Please feel free to contact the school if you have issues that you would like to raise.

In 2016 one of the main focus areas for the school is improving student attendance. Our target for student attendance is 90% or above. In the last newsletter Kylie Butler (Deputy Principal) wrote about some of the activities that the school has implemented to try to improve student attendance.

Parent involvement in this area is also critical. It is only through a partnership between parents and the school that we can address many attendance issues. All parents are responsible for ensuring that their child is enrolled and attends school on ALL school days unless they have a reasonable excuse. A reasonable excuse may include:

- Sickness (a medical certificate may be required if your child is away for more than three days)
- Approved sporting or cultural events
- Approved work Experience or other training arrangements
- Emergent family reasons
- Parents should avoid keeping their child away from school for:
- Birthdays, shopping, visiting family and friends, if they sleep in, looking after other children, minor check-ups or care such as haircuts.

- Routine medical or other health appointments should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays.
- Holidays during term time

While it is a last resort, it is important to understand that you may be prosecuted if your child is not attending school regularly.

Regular school attendance will mean that your child gets a better chance at life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day:

- they learn better
- they make friends
- they are happier
- they have a brighter future

If you need support or advice about getting your child to attend school regularly please contact the school and speak with one of our support staff.

JANET YOUNG
PRINCIPAL

SENIOR SCHOOLING

A group of Year 12 students have just started their Certificate II in Public Safety (Firefighting). They will each join local Rural Fire Brigades and will undertake training in responding to and preventing fires, communications systems, occupational health and safety, participating in community safety activities and team work.

As members of the Rural Fire Brigade, students will have the opportunity to provide a range of services and support to their community and expand their interactions and involvement with people and groups outside their normal circle.

Great state. Great opportunity.



We look forward to seeing them participate in the activities during the course and to their completion and graduation.

DESOLEE COWLEY
HOD SENIOR SCHOOLING/HOME ECONOMICS



YEAR 12 COORDINATOR

This year has already been busy as the Year 12s took their Senior Leaders Oath at investiture recently. Fundraising for the formal has begun by celebrating Valentines Day with roses, teddies and singing telegrams.

The swimming carnival was a great day at the pool with quite a few Year 12s participating in both the swimming events and the dressing up in support of their house.

The second order for senior shirts and jerseys is now taking place. Please you're your order in before week six.

Please feel free to contact me at Daddi4@eq.edu.au or 4924 7834 if you have any questions or concerns.

DEB ADDISON
YEAR 12 COORDINATOR

P&C

The Annual General Meeting for the P&C was held recently and we would like to introduce and welcome the following new Executive:

- President – Andrea Maxwell
- Vice President – Michele Coker
- Treasurer – Michelle Rixon

The position of Secretary is yet to be filled.

We would like to sincerely thank the previous committee for their support and dedication to our school community.

P&C meetings are held every fourth Monday of the month at 5:00pm. The meetings are held in the main administration building. Everyone is welcome.

SCHOOL PARKING

The roadway that runs through the school is there to assist with deliveries and emergency access into the school grounds. Students are to be collected outside of the school grounds. It is not safe to have vehicles driving through the school as students are exiting the area. It is also not appropriate to have vehicles park on the oval or garden/lawn areas inside the school. The

safety of students and staff is critical. Please assist us with this matter by collecting students outside the school grounds.

JUNIOR MATHS

Be aware, Maths is everywhere!!!

We have a couple of changes to the teaching staff in Junior Maths for 2016. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Miss Michelle Juerschik and Mr Chandima Atukorale to our team. To complete our team Mrs Jordanna Kele has returned to us from her year of maternity leave. We have a great team of teachers who are ready to provide engaging opportunities so your students can achieve to their potential.

Last week a number of principals, heads of departments and teachers met in Emerald to investigate changes that we could introduce to better engage our students in Maths lessons. As part of that group, we at NRSHS will use professional development to inspire our staff to improve the learning environments in our classrooms. Check in with your students to see what we are doing.

This year we have introduced Keystone tasks as revision activities so we can provide feedback to students. The students can use this feedback to direct them to what they need to do further work on before any assessment. Ask to have a look in their maths notebooks – these tasks will be glued into their books.

Again this year we will be giving the students the opportunity to compete in a number of Australia wide Maths competitions. Permission forms will be available in the coming weeks.

As teachers we appreciate the support of our parents/carers. Thank you to everyone who has supplied the items on the booklist. Your continued support is needed to ensure that your child comes to school each day with the required books and equipment. Teachers will contact home to let you know if your child is coming unprepared for learning.

We encourage communication between home and school. If you have any issues please contact me on 49247823. Teacher email addresses are available on request and this often provides an effective way to stay in touch with the teachers of your children.

Maths is cool!!!!

MRS ANELLIE REID
HOD JUNIOR MATHS

DATE CLAIMERS

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

TERM 1 2016	
Mon 7 Mar	Year 7 & 8 Immunisations
Tues 8 Mar	
Mar	

Thurs 17 Mar – Wed 23 Mar	Year 11 & 12 Block Exams
Thurs 24 March	Cross Country Red Food Day Last day of Term 1 Report Cards emailed home (students without email access can collect a hard copy from Student Services after 2:00pm)
Fri 25 March	Good Friday – Public Holiday
TERM 2	
Mon 11 April	Term 2 Commences
Wed 20 April	Parent Teacher Interviews
Fri 22 April	ANZAC Day Commemoration
Mon 25 April	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Mon 2 May	Labour Day Public Holiday
Tues 10 – Thur 12 May	NAPLAN – Yr 7 & 9 NAPLAN Practice – Yr 8
Fri 13 May	NAPLAN Catchup
Mon 16 May Tues 17 May	Yr 7 & 8 Immunisations
Thur 19 May	Yr 7 Overnight Camp
Wed 25 – 26 May	Yr 10 Love Bites Program
Thur 16 June	Show Public Holiday
Thur 23 – 24 June	Athletics Carnival (over two days) Red Food Days End of Term 2
TERM 3	
Mon 11 July	Term 3 Commences
Fri 15 – Sun 17 July	Music Camp
Wed 20 July	Parent Teacher Interviews

Wed 27 July	Subject Selection Evening
Mon 8 Aug – Fri 12 Aug	Yr 10 Work Experience
Fri 12 Aug – 13 Aug Sat	Musical
Mon 15 Aug – Tues 16 Aug	Combined School Concert
Tues 30 Aug – Wed 31 Aug	Yr10 Set Plan Interviews QCS Test
Mon 5 Sept – Fri 9 Sept	Yr 11 & 12 Exam Block
Wed 14 – 16 Sept	Yr 11 Leadership Camp
Fri 16 Sept	Rewards Day for all year levels End of Term 3
TERM 4	
Mon 3 October	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Tues 4 October	Term 4 Commences
Mon 24 Oct Tues 25 Oct	Year 7 & 8 Immunisations
Mon 7 Nov – Fri 11 Nov	Yr 12 Exam Block
Tues 15 Nov	Year 12 Day Red Food Day
Wed 16 Nov – Tues 22 Nov	Yr 11 Exam Block
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
Tues 29 Nov	Yr 7 2017 Transition Day

Mon 5 Dec – Fri 9 Dec	Last Week Activities Yr 7, 8 & 9
Thurs 8 Dec	Rewards Day Yr 7, 8 & 9
Fri 9 Dec	Last School Day 2016

IMMUNISATION SCHOOL CLINICS

PLEASE NOTE CONSENT FORMS ARE TO BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL BY WEDNESDAY 17 FEBRUARY.

	Date	Vaccine
Round 1	Year 7 - 7/3/16 Year 8 - 8/3/16	HPV (1st dose) DTPA (Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough)
Round 2	Year 7 – 16/5/16 Year 8 – 17//16	HPV (2nd dose) Chickenpox
Round 3	Year 7 – 24/10/16 Year 8 – 25/10/16	HPV (3rd dose) Plus any students requiring catch-up vaccinations

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT OZCARE ON 4937 4200.

YEAR 11 AND 12 TERM 1 EXAM BLOCK

Year 11 and 12 Exam block will be held from Thursday, 17 March to Wednesday, 23 March. All students have been issued an individualised exam schedule. A master copy of the exam schedule can be access on the school website under the tab 'Calendar and News'..

<https://nthrckshs.eq.edu.au>

Students are required to attend school only for their scheduled exams (unless directed otherwise by the Deputy Principal). Students who attend school-based traineeships/apprenticeships, TAFE or other alternate courses **must attend their scheduled exams** and make other arrangements with their outside provider re catching up on the time missed at work, TAFE, etc.

Full school uniform must be worn. If students are absent for an exam, they will be required to provide a medical certificate. If students are late for an exam, they will be admitted to the room, however, no additional time will be allowed. If you have concerns regarding the block exams, please contact the school or your child's teacher.

CYNTHIA O'SULLIVAN
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

THE SMITH FAMILY

The Smith Family has partnered with North Rockhampton State High School this year to support students and families.

The school has scholarships available through The Smith Family to provide support with educational expenses and with educational opportunities to increase the students' chances of success at school. Scholarships are current from now until your child reaches Year 12.

The scholarship amounts you will receive for your child will vary depending on their year level.

Each of the following criteria must be met to apply for The Smith Family Scholarship:

- Parent/Guardian in possession of a Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card;
- Parent/ Guardian have responsibility for a child/ children regularly attending school;
- Student/s live or study in a community in which Learning for Life is embedded.
- Scholarships are awarded to students in Years prep to Year 8 inclusive.

All referrals must go through the school.

If you are interested in applying for a scholarship, please contact the school and ask to speak with our Guidance Officer Christine McTaggart.

KYLIE BUTLER
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

TO UNSUBSCRIBE TO THE NEWSLETTER

If you have subscribed to our newsletter in the past and for various reasons you no longer need to receive the newsletter, please go to the bottom of the email you receive each fortnight and click 'unsubscribe'. This will then delete you from the mailing list.

NOMINATE NOW FOR THE 2016 QUEENSLAND TRAINING AWARDS

The search is on for Queensland's best and brightest in vocational education and training as nominations open for the 2016 Queensland Training Awards. Recently completed and completing school-based apprentices and trainees are encouraged to nominate — in recognition of their outstanding achievements and hard work. Vocational students and VET teachers can also apply, along with schools operating as registered training organisations. For more information and to nominate, visit the website below. Nominations close Thursday 31 March 2016.

<http://www.training.qld.gov.au/>

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Central Qld Athletic Club will be holding their sign-on at the CQ Uni Oval on Friday 26 Feb. from 5:30p.m. For ages 4yrs to Masters. Contact Carolyn Johnson on 0407763552.

ART CLASSES

Art classes are currently being run at the Art house on East St for children aged 5 – 16.

When: Wednesday – Friday 4 – 5 pm.
Saturday and Sundays 10 – 12pm and 2 – 4pm

All equipment is provided including paints, brushes, canvases as well as sketch pads and pencils.

All done in air conditioned comfort.

Prices are \$15 for after school and \$25 for weekend classes.

Please contact: Sandy – 0428 565 783 or Tau – 0403 983 623

A life-changing 90 minutes!



Free Triple P – Power of Positive Parenting Seminar with Professor Matt Sanders

Ever wondered: 'why does my child do that?' Find out how to get more of the behaviour you like – and less of the behaviour you don't like!

Thursday March 3 – 6.30pm
Central Queensland University, CQIRP Conference Centre,
361 Ibis Avenue, North Rockhampton

Come early for tea and coffee – seminar starts promptly at 6.30pm

Proudly hosted by Keppel MP Brittany Lauga
& Rockhampton MP Honourable Bill Byrne



Register at www.triplep-parenting.net



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 funding and to support the two chaplains who are not funded through the government program.



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.

Where:	Format:
Thai Taste Restaurant	Entrée and main course
635 Norman Road	
North Rockhampton	Cost:
	\$40.00— \$25.00 for the meal and
When:	\$15.00 for donation to Chaplaincy
Thursday 10 March	
Time:	A tax invoice will be provided for all donations.
Gathering from 6.30pm	A bar will operate and all drinks will be an extra cost.
for a 7.00pm start	

The guest speakers for this Dinner will be James Harrison, Chaplain at Rockhampton North Special School, Marmor State School and Ridgeland State School and Josslyn Cathcart, Chaplain at Lakes Creek State School and Bajool State School.

~ RSVP is required on or before 8 March ~

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

AUSTRALIAN NAVY CADETS Training Ship Rockhampton



Recruiting for 2016.

Are you turning 13 this year and not 19, interested in having a go at a few new challenges, like the water, like adventure, work together in a group? Then come along and see the Navy Cadets at Training Ship Rockhampton show YOU, what YOU can get involved in. Interested students, and parents, can come along any Wednesday night, 6pm – 9pm, during the month of **February**, to see what they can become involved in. Open Day will be held on Sunday **28 February**, 9am – 1pm. Recruit Camp will be weekend **19-20 March**. Address details are:-

312 Quay Street
Rockhampton, 4700.

For more information, contact the Ship on 0417 704 580.
Web site:- www.cadetnet.gov.au/anc
Email:- co.rockhampton@cadetnet.gov.au

JUST ADD WATER!