



NORTH ROCKHAMPTON HIGH SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Term 1 is almost finished...how quickly the year passes. This term we have made excellent progress in our main focus areas of Writing, Attendance, the Teaching and Learning of Mathematics and improving Year 12 Exit Outcomes.

At the start of this final week of Term 1 the overall school attendance is at 90.3%. Well done to all students who have achieved 100% attendance and to those who have improved on their attendance percentage from 2015. Remember that the aim is to have fewer than 10 days absence in any one year and all absences must be explained. Parents can assist with supporting their child to attend school every day and by notifying the school if they are absent due to illness.

Your child should be able to explain Type 1 Writing and should have some examples to share with you. The aim of Type 1 Writing is to get pen to paper and to encourage the thinking that must occur before they can write. Type 1 Writing can be used in any subject and already we have seen evidence that students are more confident in attempting to put their ideas on paper.

Staff have participated in professional development about how to teach Writing and Mathematics. This will improve their knowledge and understanding and will assist them to help students. Teachers have been working collaboratively to plan teaching strategies and improve their practice.

Year 12 student results are being tracked closely. The aim is to have 100% of Year 12 students exit with either a QCE, QCIA or VET qualification. Students are able to access additional support by speaking with their class teachers, Mrs Cowley (HOD - Senior Schooling), Mrs Gordon (Youth Support Coordinator), Mrs McTaggart (Guidance Officer) or Mrs O'Sullivan (Deputy Principal).

Next term you have the opportunity to provide feedback about the school to the School Review Team who will be visiting from Wednesday 27 to Friday 29 April. If you would like to speak with one of the Reviewers please leave your name and contact details at the office.

Best wishes for a very happy and safe Easter break. School resumes on Monday 11 April.

JANET YOUNG
PRINCIPAL

TERM 1 REPORT CARDS AND PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Term 1 Reports will be emailed home on Thursday, 24 March 2016. Term 1 report cards provide an interim result for subjects. This may be based on class work/activities and/or assessment tasks. The Level of Achievement is an indication of the student's progress and is not a final semester rating.

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on 20 April, 2016 from 3:10 pm to 6:00 pm. Interviews provide an opportunity to discuss your child's progress with his/her teachers. Interviews can be booked on-line at Parent Teacher On-Line (PTO). Instructions on how to do this can be found on the School's website, (nthrckshs.eq.edu.au) on the home page under the Quick Links section.

Bookings will be open from the 24 March to 19 April, 3:00 pm. If you have any trouble registering or booking your interviews, please contact the school on 4924 7888.

CYNTHIA O'SULLIVAN
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Great state. Great opportunity.



SOCIAL SCIENCE

In 2016 there is a continuing emphasis on pedagogy, (how we teach as opposed to what), with a lot of opportunities for professional development and this 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!

We have reviewed our assessment program in History for all year levels and have embraced a technique which allows students to build on their success, progressively improving their work to build an achievement profile. This is a movement away from a one off high stakes test that gives students only one chance to show what they can do. The results so far have been extremely encouraging. Students have engaged more positively and our pass rates have improved significantly. More over students who have previously obtained ‘C’s have often moved up to ‘B’s etc.

A lot of items still have DUE DATES however and it is important that our students meet these. Just like our rates or our car registration these are a fact of life and this is a lesson we must teach in order to avoid the penalties of being late with these deadlines. All students have been issued with assessment dates for all of their subjects for the whole semester. Parents can help by asking for this sheet and placing it somewhere prominent, eg, on the fridge. High light due dates and ask your student how they are progressing. Teachers will often email when an assessment date is coming up, but some email addresses are not up to date and so emails ‘bounce’ back consequently are not received. It would be appreciated if you could notify the school of all changes to email addresses.

SHANE NEWELL
HOD SOCIAL SCIENCE

NAPLAN

Test wiseness program well underway with Years 7, 8 and 9.

The NAPLAN tests are designed to assess the skills of Australian students in literacy and numeracy. The specific purposes are:

- to collect data from the population of Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students for reporting to parents/carers and schools for systematic reporting
- to accommodate the assessment of students against national minimum standards.
- enable schools to focus their teaching to areas of need based on cohort strengths/gaps that the “point in time” tests identify

The following areas of literacy are assessed:

- Language conventions - spelling, grammar and punctuation
- Writing - knowledge and control of written language

- Reading - comprehension

In numeracy, the content areas assessed are:

- Number
- Measurement, chance and data
- Space
- Algebra, function and pattern (formal algebra for Year 9 only).

Results from the tests will provide us with important information about children's progress in literacy and numeracy. Following the tests, schools and students will receive a statement of performance in relation to the national minimum standards.

This term we have been helping students in Literacy and Numeracy with focused lessons each week. Students complete 1-2 practice tests each week to help us track improvement and identify focus areas.

This week we began a program on Writing by focusing on student specific goals aimed at improving particular correction areas.

If you have any questions about NAPLAN please contact Michelle Lyons, Deputy Principal Junior School

P&C

The next P&C meeting will be held Monday April 11 at 5:30pm in the Administration Building. All 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.

YEAR 10 COORDINATOR

What a busy term the Year 10s have had! We had a visit from the Commonwealth Bank, who presented the students with tips and tricks for saving, spending and earning their money. We also had swimming carnival where it was awesome to see many of the Year 10s supporting their houses.

As we end the term, most students are having to complete exams or assessments, some of which may carry over the holidays. Please take the time to discuss the importance of time management with your student. Attendance is also particularly important at this time of term, mainly so Students don't miss out on completing assessment. Term 1 attendance for Yr 10 was approximately 88% which is below the school's target. Please ensure that your student is attending everyday, or if they are absent that the school is notified.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me via email
mxwoo5@eq.edu.au or on 49247823

MYCHA WOODWARD
YR 10 COORDINATOR

DATE CLAIMERS

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

TERM 1 2016	
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 P&C Meeting – Main Admin Building 5:30 – 6:30pm
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
Wed 4 May	Yr 7 2017 Information Evening – Library – 5:30-6:30pm Yr 5/6 Enrichment Afternoon
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 Immunisations Yr 8 Immunisations
Thur 19 May	Yr 7 Overnight Camp
Mon 23 May	P&C General Meeting 5:00pm Admin Building
Wed 25 – 26 May	Yr 10 Love Bites Program

Wed 8 June	Yr 5/6 Enrichment Afternoon
Thur 9 – Mon 20 June	Yr 11 & 12 Exam Block
Thur 16 June	Show Public Holiday
Tues 21 – Wed 22 June	Yr 12 QCS Practice Test
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
Mon 25 July	P&C General Meeting 5:30pm Admin Building
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
Mon 22 Aug	P&C General Meeting 5:00pm Admin Building
Tues 30 Aug – Wed 31 Aug	Yr10 Set Plan Interviews Yr 12 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	P&C General Meeting 5:30pm Admin Building
Mon 24 Oct	Year 7 & 8 Immunisations
Tues 25 Oct	
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
Mon 28 Nov	P&C General Meeting 5:30pm Admin Building
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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT
OZCARE ON 4937 4200.

LOST PROPERTY

There is quite a collection of lost property being held in Mrs Scott's room in Sick Bay. Especially since the swimming carnival we have accumulated quite a number of hats and towels. If your child is missing an item of clothing please ask them to check with Mrs Scott in Sick Bay. Any items not collected by the end of term will be disposed of.

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.

GUIDANCE OFFICER

headspace – Rockhampton

If you are aged between 12 And 25 **headspace** can help you with:

- General health
- Mental health and wellbeing
- Alcohol and other drugs
- Education, employment and other services

For further information please contact **headspace** on 49 219 800 or visit:

www.headspace.org.au

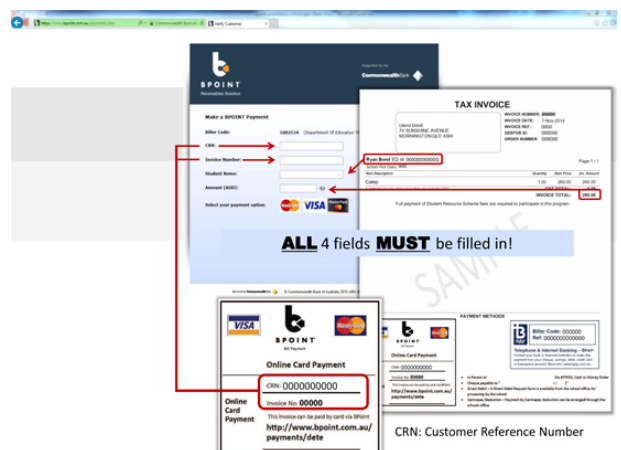
PAYING INVOICES THROUGH BPOINT

BPOINT is a new DET payment facility which allows parents to make payments from their computers or smart phones.

If you choose to use this facility please ensure that you follow and complete all steps when making a payment. The attached flyer will assist you with this process.

IMMUNISATION SCHOOL CLINICS

	Date	Vaccine
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




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 (www.qta.qld.gov.au). 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 www.training.qld.gov.au . Nominations close Thursday 31 March 2016.

FROM THE SCHOOL BASED POLICE OFFICER

A Message from our School Based Police Officer
PARENTS BEWARE!

MYLOL is an app that is gaining momentum with children and predators. It has been described as "Tinder for Teenagers" and a "Playground for Paedophiles". If your kids are on it, get them off it. Look for the logo: orange square with the white smiley face on their phone or iPad. Specifically MYLOL is a **teenage dating site** set up for people aged 13 to 25yrs. It has messaging, video chat and photo exchange capabilities and functions, the same as a traditional dating site. It is **NOT SAFE** for our children. It is a risk for fake accounts, stranger impact, bullying, older men targeting young children and sexually explicit conversations. With its' target audience of young people, there are a number of dangerous concerns in relation to the age, maturity, capabilities and intentions of its' users.



This is primarily a sexual predator website. It has poor administration monitoring and a lack of adult supervision.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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