



NORTH ROCKHAMPTON HIGH SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Term 2 at North Rockhampton SHS.

Congratulations to the many students who have achieved 100% attendance for Term 1. By attending school every day these students have significantly improved their chances of learning and achieving academically. They have also been able to form strong friendships with their peers and engage fully with the curricula and extra-curricular activities offered.

Thank you to the parents and carers who assisted these students to be at school ready to learn. Your support makes a huge difference and we are keen to support you and your child in every way that we can. Overall, our whole school attendance for Term 1 is 90.3% so we are right on target for this year. The Term 1 attendance percentages for each year level are listed below.

Year 7 - 92.3 %
Year 8 - 86%
Year 9 - 85.3%
Year 10 - 85.4%
Year 11 - 90.1%
Year 12 - 92.3%

We are very pleased with the improvement in attendance that is evident so far and we will continue to focus on improving this further throughout the year. If you have any suggestions as to what else we could do to support student attendance and participation please contact one of the Administration team to discuss your suggestions. We would love to hear from you!

JANET YOUNG
PRINCIPAL

MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Skilling our students in literacy and numeracy is core business

Great schools don't just happen; it is a combined effort from all stakeholders that makes the difference. All of our staff are working hard to work with each student at North Rockhampton SHS to ensure we meet the diverse needs of our student population. One of our priorities, as it always should be, is improving literacy and numeracy skills as these skills are fundamental to how we successfully operate in the wider world. This year we continue to work with our students in these priority areas, and more particularly with our Year 7, 8 and 9 students.

With this in mind, last term we continued to implement focused literacy and numeracy lessons. Our students are working on skill improvement in numeracy as part of warm-ups in their mathematics lessons. Focus areas are explicitly taught during their numeracy lessons. During our Literacy lessons we are working on writing. Ask your child about Type 1 and Type 2 Writing:

Type 1 Writing: Students Capture Ideas. It is timed and requires students to write a number of items or lines. It can include brainstorming. It is evaluated with a check or minus (-)

Type 2 Writing: Respond Correctly. Students write what they know about a topic or start a story. It has specific question to answer or items to include. It is graded like a quiz.

Our focus here is to build writing stamina and advise students of explicit areas to focus on during that piece of writing.

On 26 April students in Year 7 and 9 will complete their English assessment in the hall under test conditions. This will also help in preparing students to work in test conditions in exams such as NAPLAN and QCS test.

Great state. Great opportunity.



It is imperative that our families support us in this process as we work together to focus on improving the skill levels of each student through a variety of methods, all of which are dependent on the individual, year level and core priority within particular programs. I would appreciate parents having further conversations with their junior secondary student, in addition to our discussions, so that you too can also emphasise that these activities allow each to demonstrate their current skills, and to also ensure that students have a purpose for learning. The students will only engage in our sessions if all of us encourage their engagement. Individual improvement in these skills will help students achieve positive results in all subjects.

In addition, our staff will talk with students about being test wise as the year progresses. This is not just about national testing. Being test wise is a skill that relates to all subjects and KLAs. It has a holistic purpose: to support students to learn how to approach test taking in general. At North Rockhampton SHS, we recognise that as students move through our Junior Secondary programs, we need to prepare them wherever possible for assessment routines that they will experience in Senior Secondary.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN will take place on 10, 11 and 12 May for Year 7 and Year 9 students. All students are required to attend unless they are exempt or parents have withdrawn their child because of religious beliefs or philosophical reasons. Forms associated with exemption/withdrawal must be completed and returned by 1 May.

To help your child prepare for NAPLAN you might like to consider the article by Andrew Fuller on 'Preparing for NAPLAN'. Remember NAPLAN is designed to show what your child is capable of and helps inform us of the literacy and numeracy areas that your child needs to focus on.

Please ensure your child has the following equipment for NAPLAN. They will need:

- Pencil – HB
- Pen – black or blue
- Eraser
- Sharpener
- Calculator - standard

Please contact **Michelle Lyons** if you have any questions.

SCHOOL HOURS

Parents and carers are reminded that school hours are from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Please be aware that students should not be arriving at school before 8:00am at the earliest. There is limited supervision before school and the expectation is that most students will arrive around 8:30am each day. Students should be at school early enough to get to Home Group on time. Home Group starts at 9:00am each weekday.

Breakfast Club is available each morning if students have been unable to grab something to eat before they come to school.

School finishes at 3:00pm and the expectation is that students have left the school grounds by 3:10pm unless they are waiting for a bus or are participating in an organised school activity.

EXCITING LIBRARY NEWS

North Rockhampton State High School is delighted to announce that our library has received an award from Freedom of Access to Information and Resources (FAIR). FAIR is a nationally recognised group who ran a campaign in search for Australia's Great School Libraries.

This award recognises school libraries who are devoted to helping children find reliable information; use the information effectively; think critically, make informed decisions; work productively with other; build knowledge and understanding of the world; safely navigate the internet; communicate and share their ideas; and find great reads to meet personal interests and abilities

FAIR received over 600 nominations from school nationally. Our award was the result of the feedback from our staff and students, supporting photos, stories, quotes and drawings.

An article will appear in this month's Australian Teacher Magazine.

Below are some quotes from staff and students:

"Our library is the greatest library in the whole entire world. It's always icy cold and good to hang out in when its super-duper hot. It has great access to computers and books, especially when students like me can't afford internet at home. The library ladies are so nice and such beautiful people. The library has the greatest booths to sit at in the morning while you wait for your mates. The library is also great when it rains. I love my library!"

"Looking for knowledgeable staff, a safe, quiet and cool place to study? NRSHS library is the place to be! Whether you want to research, read, use computers, play card or board games the library has the resources for you. It sports a lecture theatre, computer lab, classrooms, study areas and super helpful, friendly staff. It exhibits up-to-date displays of events and themes from around the world. Students feel the library is a supportive venue with a welcoming atmosphere. All students love the library, including the EALD students who see the library as their safe haven to learn English. NRSHS library – the place to be!!"

"Nice calming environment, with helpful librarians who care about the students."

"The library is probably the most unappreciated resource in the school. It has wide range of good reading across a range of fiction and non-fiction."

"NRSHS library is an excellent place for learning and has a great atmosphere. There are many activities for students such as games, reading, computers, and comfortable chairs to sit in and socialise with friends. The library ladies are lovely and always happy to give a hand."

"I feel safe and the librarians are ready to help me if I'm ever down."

"My librarians are a great help to me when I had trouble with research and understanding what I was researching. They also help keep me on track with work and assignments."

"Our librarians go out of their way to help. Not only with school work but they offer help whenever and wherever we need it. They find ways to encourage and excite students in every way possible."

"A great facility in our school where many students learn, relax and play."

"It is always nice to come and work in the library and the library ladies are always nice."

"Our library staff are the happiest, friendliest and most helpful staff in our school. They are always willing to accommodate all staff and students whenever they can."

"The library is the social hub of our school. It's also very useful for classes, individual study, conferences, programs etc. the staff are friendly and well-liked by all the school community."

"The most important asset of any library goes home at night – the library staff."

"Our librarians are the most supportive and welcoming staff members of the school. A pleasure to work with!"

"Our library staff are very friendly and approachable. Both Barbara and Janelle are always willing to assist with a friendly smile. They both have a broad knowledge base and are always proactive in the library."



Our fabulous Library ladies Janelle Learmont and Librarian Barbara May

HPE

Being active is a focus in all HPE classes this term with all Year 7 and Year 8 classes doing practical based lessons. To assist with this we wish to welcome Mr Scott Smithwick from Central Queensland AFL and Mr Ian Webster and Mr Dominic Draper from Central Queensland Capras Rugby League. These men will be coming in to assist Year 7 and 8 HPE students participate and develop in their respective sports as chosen by the students. Scott will also be on hand to assist year 9 HPE, year 10 HPE, Year 10 Sport and Recreation and Year 12 recreation studies classes. Thanks you for your time gentlemen; it's great to have such strong community support.

Students will also be engaging in athletics in practical lessons across all classes as we begin to prepare for the **School Athletics Carnival** which is held on **June 23 / 24** (last 2 days of term). [Side note - Will Berserker house make it a clean sweep of all carnivals in 2016?]

Year 11 Recreation students, along with some Aquatics Studies students, have just finished their camp to North Keppel Island. Students were able to fish, snorkel in open waters, hike the mountains, cook on an open fire and apply other skills used in the great outdoors we are so lucky to have. From all reports, it was a fun and adventurous experience and Ms White and Mrs Cowley wish to thank the students for their exemplary behaviour.

Finally, we wish to welcome Mr Peter Miris who has joined the P.E. department for this term and to thank Mr Walson Carlos for taking up the sport co-ordinator role, taking over from Mr Kelly McGuire who is on leave for the rest of the year.

ARRON HARMSWORTH
HOD HPE DEPARTMENT

SPORTS REPORT – NRHS – APRIL 2016

Cross Country was a great success – thanks to all those students who participated and in particular to Mrs. White for her organisation and running of the event. The Champions in each age group were:

12yo girls – Keeana Richards - 12yo boys – Tye Moore
13yo girls – Makayla Carter - 13yo boys – Noah Warcon
14yo girls – Nikita Gilliland - 14yo boys - Liam Maxwell
15yo girls- Ashleigh Howkins - 15yo boys – Jared Stewart
16yo girls – Felicity Finlayson - 16yo boys – Lachlan Kucharski
Opens girls – Rebecca Paterson - Opens Boys – Craig Matemberere

Netball fixtures started last Thursday – the Yr.8/9s team had a good win 18-1 over Yeppoon High School. Our u/10s NRHS Grey and Maroon sides had close losses to RGS Redsox and Heights Green respectively. u/10s Coach Mrs. Woodward said she was really happy with the girls performances considering they were a bit short on numbers and hadn't trained together as a team yet. The Yr.12s netball saw a grudge match of NRHS Grey v NRHS Maroon with Grey running out winners on the day with some great netball played.

The Yr.7s NRHS Maroon side played St. Ursula's and the St. Ursula's team were short on players so recruited some players from other teams to help out. The NRHS Maroon side still had a good win. Thanks to our seniors Laila Howard and Amy Douglas for coaching the yr.7s teams.

Boys Basketball starts Tuesday, 19th April. The draw is as follows:

4.00pm - Heights v NRHS Juniors @ Heights College
4.50pm – Emmaus A v NRHS Seniors @ Emmaus College
Mr. Hoffman is the Juniors Coach and Mr. Davenport is the Seniors Coach

North Rocky High are entering two teams in the **Mt. Morgan Nines competition** which will be played on the 16th May in Mt.

Morgan during school hours. Each team will have 13 players – 10 x yr.7 players and 3 x yr.8 players in each team. If you want to be considered for selection see Mr. Carlos at S Block ASAP.

A big well done to **Jessica Moffatt** who has recently just competed at the U/15 National hockey championships in Wollongong and too **Lachlan Hardy** that has been selected in the QLD 2 team to compete at the National U/18 hockey championships in Launceston.

Date Claimers

28 April – Rockhampton District Cross Country at Kalka Shades, Rockhampton

3 May – Rockhampton District Boys and Girls 15yrs Basketball trials at Heights College

4 May - Rockhampton District Boys Rugby Union 15yrs trials at Emmaus College

6 May - Rockhampton District Soccer Boys and Girls 15yrs trials at Apex Park, Yeppoon

23 – 24 June – NRHS Athletics Carnival

YEAR 12 COORDINATOR

This year has been flying past! Before we know it, the Year 12s will be graduated and gone. The students tell me it's about 26 weeks of school left!

I am very impressed with the students' attendance as we exceeded our target of 90% with **92.3%**. Well done to all students, especially the 13 who received 100%.

This term is a long one but it isn't too busy for the Year 12s so they have time to really focus on their studies. I know that there has been some discussion of Formal however, as it is still months away I urge students and families to try and focus on schoolwork for the time being.

As always, any issues, questions or concerns please email me at daddi4@eq.edu.au

DEBORAH ADDISON
YEAR 12 COORDINATOR

WINTER SALE – UNIFORMS

SELECTED ITEM AND SIZES ONLY

(OLD SUPPLIER STOCK)

V NECK PULLOVER JUMPER

(SIZES 16, 18, 20) - NOW \$25.00

TRACKSUIT TOPS (SIZES 12, L, XL, XXL) - NOW \$35.00

TRACKSUIT PANTS (SIZES M, L, XL, XXXL) – NOW \$30.00

BOYS LONG GREY PANTS

(SIZES 62, 67, 82, 87, 92, 97, 102, 107, 112, 117) - NOW \$10.00

(NO REFUNDS OR EXCHANGES)

Available from the uniform shop Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 10:00am. Orders can be made and paid for over the phone.

SPORT



Caleb Brown Age Champion Open Boys Rockhampton District Secondary Schools Swimming Carnival 2016.



NRHS Hawks Junior Futsal team went down narrowly in the recent Grand Final of Rockhampton District Secondary Schools Interscholar Futsal competition.

ROCKHAMPTON MUSICAL UNION YOUTH CHOIR

Three of our students are members of the Rockhampton Musical Union Youth Choir which was very successful over the Easter weekend at the Queensland Eisteddfod held in Towoomba.

The choir consists of 21 members and was the smallest choir in the Youth Choir competition. The choir was placed 1st in two events and also awarded a 2nd and a Highly Commended placing. They are to be congratulated. Pictured below are the three North Rockhampton High students Petra Barnbaum, Katelyn Kidd and Alicia Kyriazis.



P&C

The next P&C meeting will be held Monday May 23 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.

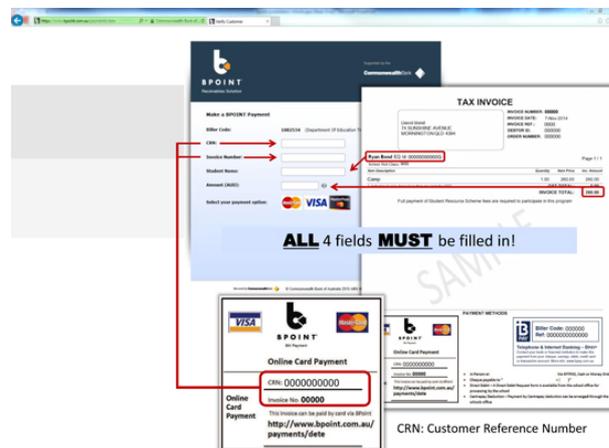
DATE CLAIMERS

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

TERM 1 2016	
TERM 2	
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	Yr 7 Immunisations
Tues 17 May	Yr 8 Immunisations
Thur 19 May	Yr 7 Overnight Camp

TERM 1 2016	
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

TERM 1 2016	
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



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

IMMUNISATION SCHOOL CLINICS

	Date	Vaccine
Round 2	Year 7 – 16/5/16 Year 8 – 17/5/16	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.

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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.