18 May 2016

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

As the Principal of a school there are many opportunities to witness the commitment and engagement of young people in our community. I am always very proud to see the students from North Rockhampton SHS represent themselves, their families and the school with distinction. Every week there are numerous sporting, cultural and community activities that involve our students and this last week has been no exception.

On Saturday 14 May I visited three teams of students from North Rockhampton SHS who participated in the Relay for Life. This major fundraising event provided an opportunity for our students to give something back to their community. Many students dressed up for the occasion and with the support of several dedicated teachers, North Rocky High stepped out through Saturday night and into Sunday morning. Well done to all involved for their fundraising efforts.

Mrs Wines drops in every week to tell me the results of the Netball games. I’m not sure who is the most competitive, Mrs Wines or the girls, but I know they are all taking this competition very seriously. Mrs Butler has been to cheer our North Rocky teams on and has also reported how proudly the girls have represented the school. Keep up the good work girls! Remember sportsmanship and personal conduct are what people remember, not the final score.

On a Saturday night earlier this month I went to watch some of the North Rocky High boys play in the Club Rugby League games. It was great to see so many of our students involved and I look forward to watching more games when the school competition begins. It was also nice to be welcomed and greeted by so many of the students outside of the school environment.

In the past week we have hosted the Rockhampton District Secondary Principals for a meeting and afternoon tea and also provided a venue for the Year 12 Leaders ‘Leadership Workshop’. Once again our students have represented the school in an outstanding manner no matter which task they were involved in; preparing and serving afternoon tea, participating in the workshop or guiding visitors to the correct building.

The musical students are spending many hours practicing for our upcoming performance of “Creepytown” next term. Costumes are being sourced, lines learned, sets designed and music practiced. This is a big commitment on the part of these students and staff and it is great to see so many involved. Make sure that you save the dates Friday 12 and Saturday 13 August to see the final product.

While the focus for many students, parents and the media in the last week has been on NAPLAN, I have been looking past the test environment and considering what we offer our students as a whole. Students at North Rockhampton SHS receive a well-rounded education and many opportunities to participate in events that will strengthen not only their own abilities but also those of their surrounding community. Congratulations to all students and staff for your commitment!

JANET YOUNG
PRINCIPAL

YR 10 COORDINATOR

What a busy term, Term 2 is shaping up to be! The Year 10s have been involved in a lot of activities surrounding their futures and career choices. Last week they attended the Careers Expo, and were able to find out a lot of information that will help
them to choose their future pathways. We have also had a presentation from CQU in preparation for our visit to both the University and Tafe campuses at the end of term (stay tuned for more information on this). This week we have had a visit from the world famous inspirational speaker, John Coutis. I am sure that many of your students will have walked away from this presentation inspired to follow their dreams, regardless of what obstacles they may have to face.

A reminder that in 2 weeks we will be participating in Love Bites! If you DO NOT wish for your student to attend this presentation please make sure that you return the appropriate form.

Congratulations to all for the improvement in attendance. Year 10s are showing that they are working hard to improve their attendance each week, and as a cohort, we did meet the school’s target of 90% last week. Keep up the great work Year 10! Everyday attendance is vital for success. If your student must miss a day, please ensure that the school is notified.

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

MYCHA WOODWARD
YR 10 COORDINATOR

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.

SCHOOL MUSICAL

CREEPYTOWN

NORTH ROCKY HIGH

SCHOOL MUSICAL

12TH & 13TH AUGUST

2016

SENIOR MATHS & SCIENCE

It has been full steam ahead in the Senior Mathematics & Science Department!

A Year 11 and 12 Maths Teams Challenge will be occurring (as this article goes to print) for the first time on Friday 13 May! Best wishes to our two teams of five. We will report on their success in a future newsletter – stay tuned.

Students in Chemistry, Biology and Physics have started thunder with different conditions, wine making and electricity conductivity to name a few – it has been for an exciting explorative journey so far!

Aquatic Practices students in Year 12 gained their boating licence at the end of last term, with some students also attaining their jet-ski licence! Our Year 11 Aquatic Practices students have been out snorkelling and improving their skills. To all those who participated and gained qualifications – congratulations!

Prevocational Maths students will be completing Kite Designs and Creations this term in Year 11. Meanwhile our Year 12 students will be running their annual muffin drive in Term 3 - very delicious!

Our Year 11 Maths B, Physics, Biology and Chemistry students will be heading to the Gold Coast on August 18 for a whirlwind tour to Dreamworld, White Water World, Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary and Siromet Winery. At each venue they will be exploring real-life applications of concepts studied at school in different contexts. I look forward to hearing about their interesting discoveries!

Great news for our Year 10 students – we will be offering a new Science course that covers a broad range of topics called “Science21” in 2017! Miss Juerschik is very excited to be leading this new addition to our Senior Curriculum offers! A detailed overview of this subject will be available in the subject selection booklets that will be out in Term 3.

Senior Tutorials are still available for our Year 10, 11 and 12 students as per the timetable below:
Junior Science students have had a busy start to the term with a number of our students participating in Science excursions.

Year 9 students participated in an excursion to Moores Creek where they received first-hand experience of how Science now is important in society. Students collected data by using water testing meters, nets and other recording devices. Students will analyse their data to determine the health level of Moores Creek.

Our Year 8 students have completed an authentic task involving designing a pool chair that would be effective for use in a range of different situations and under various conditions (such as chlorine or other chemicals soaking the fabric). Many students valued this task but found the scientific skills required quite challenging.

Another real-life task used in everyday life that is important to human health is the treatment of our water. NRHS Year 7 students studied the processes of separating mixtures including water and learnt how to effectively treat water for human use. Students developed a range of skills including how to filter water and used their understanding of the water cycle to make informed decisions about their world.

Real-life science will continue to be our focus. As such, we are looking forward to dissecting organs to further understand the human body (Y9), building a Rube-Goldberg machine (Y8), and making a model car to study forces and their effect on motion (Y7).

**VICKI NIELSEN**  
**HOD JUNIOR SCIENCE**

### 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.
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

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT OZCARE ON 4937 4200.

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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.

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