



27 February 2015

## Principal's Message

What a whirlwind the first two weeks at North Rockhampton SHS have been! Since my arrival at the school I have attended several of school events and ceremonies and have had a chance to meet the Senior Leaders and a number of parents. Year 12 students have serenaded me for Valentines' Day and I have visited a number of classrooms to observe the teaching and learning. This week I am also off to visit the Year 7/8 camp at The Caves.

There will be additional staff changes as we find replacements behind Clark Fisher who has taken up the Acting Principal position at Glenmore SHS. I am sure that you will join with me in wishing him well in his new position and school. I would like to welcome Kylie Butler who will be joining the Admin team as Acting Deputy Principal for the rest of 2015. Further staff changes will be announced as positions are filled.

A little bit about me for those of you who may be wondering where I have come from. I grew up around the Rockhampton district and attended schools in Rockhampton before heading off to Brisbane to study to become a teacher. All of my teaching experience has been in a variety of schools within Central Queensland. My first teaching position was as an English and History teacher at Emerald SHS and I returned to Emerald for a second time as Head of Department – English and then became a Deputy Principal. I have also spent time at working at CQ University, Yeppoon SHS and Glenmore SHS.

This is the second time that I have been at North Rockhampton SHS. Previously I was the Deputy Principal at North Rockhampton from 2006-2009 before spending a year at Regional Office as the Principal Advisor and then moving to Glenmore SHS as the Principal from 2011.

I am very pleased to return to a familiar school and many familiar staff faces. I look forward to learning more about the school and working with you to ensure that every student makes the most of the educational opportunities provided.

During the past few days I have been speaking with students and staff about their experiences during Cyclone Marcia. Everyone has a tale to tell and I hope that you and your family have been able to access the support that you need at this time. There have certainly been some challenging situations

arise and our thoughts are with those families who are still without power or have significant damage to their homes.

I would like to thank the staff from BAS and the many workers who have assisted the school in the clean up after Cyclone Marcia. They have done a wonderful job and have been very responsive to all of our concerns. We could not have done it on our own. On first inspection immediately following the cyclone I have to admit that I wondered when the school would be able to open. The teams of workers began arriving on Sunday and it has been non-stop action ever since. Thank you also to Phil Gladwell, the school Business Services Manager, for his assistance and coordination of the clean-up from the school's end. Phil came in over the weekend to assist with getting the workmen access to the school site and buildings and has been the go-to person to resolve any issues that have arisen.

There has been significant loss of trees and tree damage around the grounds but surprisingly little structural damage to the buildings. In the whole school there was only one cracked panel of glass! The Home Economics building, the Library and the Trade Centre have all had water in the ceiling so further inspections are required before these teaching spaces are available for use. The trees have now been converted into mulch so will be of future benefit to the school gardens.

School was open for business on Monday morning and the five students who did come to school were extremely well supervised by many teachers under the coolest building we could find. Staff also assisted with the checking and cleaning of classrooms and clearing fridges of spoiled food. Power was restored via a generator on Monday afternoon and on Tuesday we were able to accommodate students in air-conditioned classrooms. School was back to normal on Wednesday with air-conditioning to most buildings, a reduced Tuckshop menu, and most of the clean-up already completed.

Thank you once again to the many people who have helped our school return to normal. It is at times like these that you see true community spirit and it is alive and well at North Rocky High. Further support will continue to be available from our support staff at the school including the Guidance Officer, Chaplain and Year Coordinators. If you have any concerns about your child please feel free to contact the school.

**JANET YOUNG**  
**PRINCIPAL**

## HOSPITALITY CAPERS

### Which School has the best Hospitality facility in Central Queensland?

**“North Rockhampton State High School – of course!”**

What a great start to the Year! All Year 10, 11 and 12 Hospitality students have been busy in our commercial kitchen - starting to develop the skills and knowledge required for using our cooking utensils and equipment. Students are also practicing basic cookery methods to prepare dishes and learning some of the many cooking processes used in the preparation and presentation of food.



Hospitality students have completed an induction to the workplace and all safety procedures and requirements have been discussed to ensure the safety of all persons using the Hospitality Trade Training Centre. Food safety is also a huge part of what students will be learning and will cover the specific areas of Personal Hygiene and Food Hygiene ensuring that food preparation, handling and storage areas are kept clean and high standards of personal hygiene are maintained.

### Catering!

If you have an event coming up and in need of an exceptional facility including a conference room, where catering can also be provided - we would be happy to assist. Phone the school: 49247888 or the Trade Centre Hotline: 49247883 and make a booking!



**Gaye Sands Hospitality Teacher  
Hospitality Trade Training Centre Manager**

## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

### Yr 10 Coordinator

G'day North Rockhampton! Your favourite Year 10 Coordinator here, ready to report all the latest happenings from around the school.



A BIG congratulations must go out to Amy Newson and Matthew Naumann for being students of the week. Both these students have been exemplary models of upholding the values and expectations of our school.



Don't forget that immunisations are coming up on the 17th of March. Please make sure your forms are filled in and they are given back to your home group teacher or Student Services. Until next time, 'Hakuna Matata' Yr10s.

**GAILYN MCCAUL – YEAR 10 COORDINATOR**

### Year 11 News

I hope that everyone is safe and that there hasn't been too much damage to your properties. This term has been rocketing past and I am sure your child is working on assessment. However with the cyclone causing so much disruption please reassure your child that assessment dates may not be as close as they appear and allowances will be made. Your child should check with teachers about the due date changes.

It was lovely to meet some parents at the Senior Meet and Greet recently and please feel free to keep in contact with both myself and teachers.

Reminder of my details are email: [daddi4@eq.edu.au](mailto:daddi4@eq.edu.au) phone: 07 4924 7834

**DEBORAH ADDISON – YEAR 11 COORDINATOR**

### Year 12 News

The 2015 Investiture Ceremony was held in the Performing Arts Complex on Friday 13 February. This ceremony saw all Senior Leaders being presented with their badges and the entire Year 12 cohort took the Leadership Oath in front of staff, family and friends.

Ian Webster, International Rugby League player, was the guest speaker for the event and he offered some wise words that can assist the students as they navigate their future leadership tasks.

We would like to congratulate the students on their appointments and wish them the very best for all the hard work that lies ahead.



### Valentine's Day

Friday 13th February saw a large group of Year 12 students getting into the Valentine's Day spirit. Students were going around to classes delivering Roses, Cards, Teddy Bears and Singing Telegrams to lucky students (and staff) from their secret admirers. Congratulations to the Senior Leaders for organising such a successful event. The money raised from Valentine's Day sales went to the Lions Medical Research Foundation and the North Rocky High Student Council.

**GRETA DOHERTY – YEAR 12 COORDINATOR**

## MEDICATION POLICY

There is a specific policy for students who require medication and who have long-term health conditions. This policy is in accordance with Education Queensland Position Statement and Guidelines.

If a student needs medication administered at school parents/guardians need to:

1. Collect a **Medical Information Form** if medication required is prescribed by a Medical Practitioner. For any over-the-counter medication i.e. Aspirin, Panadol etc., the same procedure is the same. The **Medical Information Form** needs to be completed by parents/guardians. No medication can be administered at school without this form. This form is to be handed into the Front Office.
2. Students who have Asthma need to have an **Asthma Action Plan** filled out by a Medical Practitioner in consultation with parents/guardians. This is to ensure that the school follows the procedure required to ensure your child's well-being is maintained.

Any questions or concerns can be answered by Administration on 4924 7888 during school hours.

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Blind Date With A Book

Our school library has come up with a 'novel' idea to 'pick-up' a "**Blind Date with A Book**". This will be happening in Week 5.



We have carefully chosen books from a variety of genres. Each 'blind date' book has been carefully wrapped in newspaper, lovingly covered in red hearts and affectionately tied with string.

The books will be placed on a lucky-dip table where students and staff can select a book at random.

This is a stimulating chance for everyone to be exposed to new genres and try new authors.

While some students will be hesitant, most readers will be drawn in by the affectionately wrapped books and will quickly embrace the opportunity to explore a *mystery* book.

After reading their book, we will ask the reader to do a review and rate their "date" out of 5 hearts.

The 50 chosen books will be loaned out within two days and so many disappointed patrons will be left wanting. We intend to hold this book affair again later in the term.

"**Blind date with A Book**" proved to be very successful and an excellent promotional tool for our library last year.

## DATE CLAIMERS

TERM 1	
Mon 9 Mar	Year 12 QCS Short Response Practice
Tues 17 Mar	Year 8/10 Immunisations
Wed 25 Mar	Doorways to Construction
Thurs 26 Mar	Enrichment Afternoon 3.30 – 5.15pm
Fri 2 Apr	Cross Country Last Day of Term 1
TERM 2	
Mon 20 Apr	School commences
Mon 20 – Fri 24 Apr	Year 11 Recreational Camp
Wed 29 Apr	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Tue 12 May – Fri 15 May	NAPLAN Testing
Mon 8 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
Thurs 11 June	Show Holiday
Mon 15 June – Fri 19 June	Year 11/12 Exam Block
Tues 23 – Wed 24 June	Year 12 QCS Practice Test
Thurs 25 – Fri 26 June	Athletics Carnival
Fri 26 June	Last day of Term 2

## IMMUNISATION CLINICS FOR 2015

<b>ROUND 1</b>	17/3/15	<b>Year 8</b> -HPV (1st dose) -dtpa (Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough) <b>Year 10</b> -dtpa (Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough)
<b>ROUND 2</b>	19/5/15	<b>Year 8</b> -HPV (2nd dose) -Chickenpox Plus any students requiring HPV catch-up vaccinations
<b>ROUND 3</b>	13/10/15	<b>Year 8</b> -HPV (3rd dose) Plus any students requiring catch-up vaccinations <b>Year 10</b> Any students requiring catch-up vaccinations

For further information please contact Ozcare on 4937 4200.

## SOCIAL SCIENCE

It has been a busy start to the year in the Social Science faculty. Junior classes are studying History throughout Semester One and will change to Geography in Semester Two.

Most assessment items are due in week 7 of this term before the second unit of work commences. All assessment items and due dates are displayed on the assessment schedules which can be accessed through OneSchool and via the school's homepage.

Year 7 Geography teachers are currently organising an excursion to the Water Treatment Facility on the 4th March 2015. This excursion will be a great opportunity for students to further their knowledge on the current unit topic, 'Water in the World' and apply their skills to real world situations.

**KYLIE BUTLER**

**A/HOD SOCIAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT**

## REPORT CARDS

Mid Semester Report Cards will be e-mailed home. For those who do not have access to e-mail, a hardcopy will be available from Student Services. The completion date for the Mid Semester reports is yet to be finalised. It is important that the school has the correct contact information for students. Please call Student Services to update your information, especially your email address.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### NORTH ROCKHAMPTON LITTLE ATHLETICS

### SIGN ON AND INFORMATION DAY SUNDAY 8 MARCH

**Where:** Sports Oval, North Rockhampton High School  
Cnr Dean and Robinson Streets, Frenchville Q 4701  
(opposite North Rockhampton Police Station)

**Sign On:** From 11.00am to 1.00pm

Athletes from 5 to U17 years

(Proof of age must be shown at time of registration if joining for the first time)

Our first competition day of the year will follow the sign on commencing at 2pm.

All new athletes can sign on for a 2 week trial (\$10) to see if they like it!

For more information, please contact:

Paul on **0437 022 380** or

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Dr Derrin Kerr - Oasis Music School Principal



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