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Principal's Message

2015 has proven to be a very challenging year already. Cyclone Marcia has come and gone and the school survived almost intact. Last week I attended the state wide Principals' Conference in Brisbane and managed to escape the gastric bug that affected so many Queensland Principals. How fortunate we have been both collectively and individually!

The return to normal after the cyclone has provided the school with another opportunity to 'start again'. In the next few weeks staff will be revisiting and reinforcing the key school values with students. These values underpin all that we do at North Rockhampton SHS. Please take the time to discuss what these values mean and how they may be enacted with your child. As a representative of this school all students are expected to uphold the school values at all times.

- We are learners
- We are respectful
- We are responsible
- We strive for excellence

JANET YOUNG
PRINCIPAL

NAPLAN 2015

On May 12 through to May 14 2015, students in Years 7 and 9 across Australia complete NAPLAN testing. The dates for NAPLAN exams this year are listed below.

2015 test dates

Date	Test/s
Tuesday 12 May	Language conventions and Writing
Wednesday 13 May	Reading
Thursday 14 May	Numeracy
Friday 15 May	Catch-up tests for students absent on 12, 13, or 14 May

Teachers have been working with students to prepare them for NAPLAN test conditions and are exposing them to NAPLAN based activities.

To assist your child in achieving the best outcome in their NAPLAN tests, your support would be appreciated.

By using the following link: <https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/8017.html> practice NAPLAN questions can be accessed so that students and parents can familiarise themselves with NAPLAN content and testing.

Withdrawing students from NAPLAN

Students may be withdrawn from the NAPLAN testing program by their parent/carer. This is a matter for consideration by individual parents/carers in consultation with their child's school. Withdrawals are intended to address issues such as religious beliefs and philosophical objections to testing.

A formal notification in the manner specified by the TAA must be received by the principal by the 9 May.

If you wish to discuss this further, please contact Kylie Butler on 49247888.

KYLIE BUTLER
ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

NEXT STEP

The Queensland Government is conducting its annual statewide survey of all students who completed Year 12 in 2014. The Next Step survey is a brief, confidential survey that gains a comprehensive picture of the employment, study and life choices made by Queensland school completers in the year after they finish Year 12.

Between March and June, all our students who completed Year 12 last year can expect to receive instructions to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician's Office to complete the survey. Please encourage them to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate.

Thank you for your support of the Next Step survey in 2015.

Further information on Next Step is available online at www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep/ or on toll free telephone 1800 068 587.

HOME ECONOMICS

The Home Economics/Early Childhood Department has started 2015 with exciting new units of work with practical-based learning experiences for all their new students. Our Year 8 Home Economics class has been involved in food preparation lessons as well as designing pamphlets based on the importance of safety and hygiene in the kitchen. Some of our students have been experimenting with new flavours and adapting recipes based on taste and texture.

Year 9 Food Technology students have been developing their skills from last year and creating and decorating some beautiful meals in their "Fabulous Foods" unit of work. The students are learning the value of teamwork and management of time and resources when preparing meals at school.

Year 11 Early Childhood Studies has proved to be a popular subject selection this year. The students are now involved in our brand new program. At present the classes are investigating the importance of choosing and providing quality care for young children. They are interviewing parents with young children in care and producing a report around their findings.

Year 12 Early Childhood Studies students are learning about the value of play-based learning and will be designing and creating storybooks to be used as a tool for learning. They also have to produce props and present their book to young readers.

Unfortunately due to storm damage our kitchens have been closed until further notice. We will advise students and their families affected by this as soon as the building is safe to use.

Michelle Hancock
Home Economics Teacher

HPE

A very busy start to Term 1 saw our school AFL, Basketball, Futsal, T20 Cricket and 7's Rugby teams kick off. Unfortunately, due to Cyclone Marcia, these competitions have been slightly interrupted and our inter-house swimming carnival has had to be postponed till Term 4. We now look forward to our next scheduled carnival, the Cross Country on the 2 April at Kemp Beach. This is always a fun-filled day for both the staff and students.

A special mention goes out to Riley McGuire who was selected in the Capricornia Open Cricket team and Courtney Stubbins for making the Open Softball Team. Lachlan Hardy, Lachlan Wilson, Brittany Willie, Demi Roser, Rebecca Patterson and Ashleigh Howkins were also successful in making Rockhampton and District teams in their respective sports. A massive congratulations to all the students who trialed. Keep up the great work.

PAULO PICOTO
A/HOD HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

HOSPITALITY CAPERS

Which School has the best Hospitality facility in Central Queensland?

"North Rockhampton State High School – of course!"

Hospitality students have been busy working on their on-line competencies. Unfortunately, the recent cyclone has disrupted normal classroom routines. Hopefully, cooking and practical assessments will commence once the Hospitality Trade Centre has been cleared of any Work Place Health and Safety concerns. This will give students a first-hand look at risk assessment in the work place – "Participate in Safe Work Practices" one of the competencies that students are completing currently as component of Certificate I and II in Hospitality.

Year 11 and 12 Hospitality students are preparing for Restaurant work. They are busy learning about how to operate a restaurant. Running a restaurant is one of the aspects the Hospitality students will be assessed on at the end of Term 2. Invitations will be going out to guests who would like to attend and feast on the culinary delights that the students will prepare.

We hope to see you there.



Catering!

If you have an upcoming event and are in need of an exceptional facility that can include a conference room and catering, 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

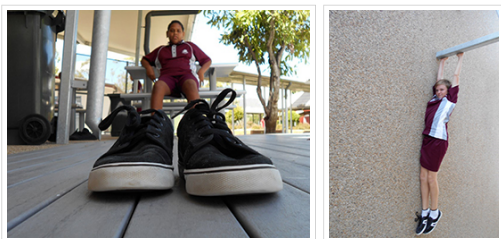
NEW YEAR 7 PROJECT SUBJECTS

Three new engaging subjects have been introduced for Year 7s from the Technology and The Arts curriculum. Each of these courses runs for one term.

Mr Kneen and Mr Moore are leading a “Lego Robotics” program that uses Lego Minecraft technology to complete design challenges. In this program students develop knowledge of the design process and work towards improving their programming and group work skills.

Secondly, we are honing the students IT skills and increasing their competencies in Microsoft Office: Word, Publisher, PowerPoint and Excel through the “Targeting Technology” course. Every lesson includes a typing drill as a warm up. Students explore and practice using the large variety of tools available in the Microsoft office suite to produce four pieces of work that must be stored in an electronic filing system that the students have created. Emailing work to teachers and exploring the world of coding are also included in this creative project subject.

The third new subject is “The Arts”. Along with visual arts, the students are studying elements of design within photography. Some of their early work with trick photography is shown here.



ANNELLIE REID
HOD JUNIOR MATHS AND YEAR 7

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Yr 10 Coordinator

G'day Year 10s. We are right in the middle of assessment across all subjects. Please be aware of your time management and seek out teachers' help if you need a little extra assistance. Don't forget there are tutorials for the core subjects during the week. If you need any support during this time to manage your workload,



stress or personal responsibilities come and find me in the Art block and have a chat over a **cup of tea**.

GAILYN MCCAUL
YEAR 10 COORDINATOR

Year 11 News

The assessment pieces are rolling in and most students are getting work done on time. For a student to fully participate in their educational program their attendance must be at least 85%. If your student is absent on the day of an exam they must provide a medical certificate and then organise a time to sit the exam with their teacher.

If a student knows that they will be unable to hand in an assignment on time they must apply for an extension prior to the week before the due date. If they have not received an approved extension and are absent the assessment item must still be submitted by the due date. Please make sure that your student is getting assessment in on the due date.

Remember my details are email: daddi4@eq.edu.au phone: 07 4924 7834

DEBORAH ADDISON
YEAR 11 COORDINATOR

Year 12 News

Year 12 Committees

The Year 12 students have created five working committees to plan, organise and implement different events throughout the year. The committees will come together during some Senior Program lessons to complete tasks as well as during students own time.

The groups have started by allocating roles to committee members and coming up with a basic plan to start their work. I was very impressed with the majority of students in the way they went about this task. Their leadership and group work skills were quite impressive.

- The Formal Committee has started work on gathering quotes re venues, photographers, decorations and menus.
- The Year Book Committee has started work on design, photography and gathering quotes from printing companies.
- The Lunch Time Activities Committee is working on improving school and house spirit through different competitions that will be held throughout the year. They have come up with a number of challenges that will be run in different year levels and between different house groups.
- The Fundraising Committee has been gathering information on different fundraising events that we can be a part of, such as 'Relay for Life' and 'Genes for Jeans Day'. This group will also come up with ideas for activities that we can do within the school to raise funds for school improvements, such as cold water taps.
- The Community Involvement Committee has been looking into ways that North Rocky Students can get

involved in community based organisation/events to raise the profile of the school. They have been looking into things like joining the Red Cross Blood Donation Drive and getting a team together to participate in the Rotary Club's 2015 Rocky River Run.

GRETA DOHERTY
YEAR 12 COORDINATOR

DATE CLAIMERS

TERM 1	
Tues 17 Mar	Year 8/10 Immunisations
Thurs 26 Mar	Enrichment Afternoon 3.30 – 5.15pm
Thurs 2 Apr	Cross Country (Kemp Beach) 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 14 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

ROUND 1	17/3/15	Year 8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HPV (1st dose) • dtpa (Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough) Year 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • dtpa (Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough)
ROUND 2	19/5/15	Year 8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HPV (2nd dose) • Chickenpox Plus any students requiring HPV catch-up vaccinations

ROUND 3	13/10/15	Year 8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HPV (3rd dose) Plus any students requiring catch-up vaccinations
		Year 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any students requiring catch-up vaccinations

For further information please contact **Ozcare** on 4937 4200.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Thangool State School Library needs our help

Thangool State School in the tiny Central Queensland town of Thangool was flooded after Cyclone Marcia tore through the region. Unfortunately, their library was the hardest hit.

Principal Michael Nielsen said "We probably lost close to 80 per cent of our library books."

He said his librarian was devastated to find she had to throw most of their books away.

"It's a huge mess - basically we have four teaching areas out of action, our library resource centre out of action and our administration out of action, so we've lots to clean up," said Mr Nielsen.

This is where North Rocky can step in to help, we can donate appropriate primary aged books for the Thangool SS library.

A box for your donations is set up in our library.

Please help out if you can.



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