FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We would like to extend to our students and families a very warm welcome for 2014. We have an exciting year ahead as we focus on building on our results from 2013 and developing our school in readiness for Year 7 in 2015.

In 2014 we will be building on our excellent programs, focusing on nurturing our relationships with families and community and continually improving our facilities. We have great plans, moving to action. Learning is our priority, great teaching is our focus and community partnerships are our assurance.

Every Student, Every lesson, Every day

When we all commit, students, teachers and parents working together through positive, respectful and supportive relationships, we develop a mindful, caring and compassionate school community.

We know every single student is capable of learning and learning well. Together with an unrelenting focus and passion for learning, we can improve all student outcomes and ensure our students reach their goals.

I am excited to be part of Mackay North State High School and my goal is to join our staff in taking North from good to great. We are engaging in quality work around best-practice in terms of pedagogy and, in particular, literacy and numeracy education.

I am very proud to serve the community of Mackay North as its Principal and look forward to continued student success into the future.

Jennifer Skeahan
PRINCIPAL

See Page 2 for North High’s organisational structure which will introduce you to the people who are able to help you with your child’s learning. On Page 3 the Parent Information Evenings dates and times are listed; you will find the information given at these meetings invaluable throughout the year.
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PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS 2014
All meetings will be held in the Senior Auditorium

YEAR 10: Tuesday 11th February – 7.00pm
YEAR 8: Wednesday 12th February – 6.30pm
YEAR 12: Tuesday 18th February – 7.00pm
YEAR 9: Wednesday 19th February – 6.30pm
YEAR 11: Tuesday 25th February – 7.00pm

Parents will have the opportunity to discover more about what their student has in store for 2014, meet the Year Level Co-ordinators and ask questions.

PAST NORTH HIGH STAFF

We are trying to track down past staff for our 50th Anniversary Dinner on Saturday 1st March 2014 at the Mackay Windmill Reception Centre. Cost is $60 per head (live music; 3 course meal; drink on arrival; commemorative glass). Please pass this information onto any past staff with whom you are in contact.

Contact Romana Wallace on:
rwall13@eq.edu.au or 49631 682
RSVP 14th Feb

STELLAR PROGRAM BEGINS FOR YEAR 9s

Our extension English program for Year 9s, Stellar (Striving to Excel in Language, Literacy and Reading), began this week. The program is aimed at extending students’ writing, vocabulary and reading skills, and is conducted in one lesson per week. The course aligns with our curriculum and is designed to complement classroom work.

The students will be enhancing their writing and reading strategies especially in the areas of persuasive and narrative texts. In this week’s lesson, they learnt some techniques for brainstorming before writing. Next week, they will find out how to develop more ‘sizzling’ starts in persuasive writing.

STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME FEE, SUBJECT FEES AND TAKE HOME LAPTOP SCHEME

Student Resource Scheme Fees and Subject Fees are payable now. If you are experiencing financial difficulty, please contact the school office on Phone 4963 1666 for confidential help to organize a payment plan.

More information about the Take Home Laptop Scheme may be obtained by phoning the school.

NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

You may receive this fortnight’s newsletter on paper via your student and by Email. From the next edition you will receive all newsletters by Email.

Yesterday all students were issued with a form to be completed by the parent/guardian with their Email address and mobile phone number. The form can also be found on the back page of this newsletter. The completed forms are to be returned to the Home Group teacher immediately as this information is important for communication purposes.

If you need to receive our newsletter in paper version, please contact the school.
INTERHOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2014

Friday 21st February 2014 will see the annual Interhouse Swimming Carnival at Mackay North SHS. This day is a NORMAL SCHOOL DAY and all students are to attend.

Those students wanting to participate in the day MUST NOMINATE BEFORE Friday 14th February (forms are available from Mr Smith in the PE staffroom). If students have not nominated by this time, they will be attending normal classes. Students attending the carnival will need to bring their swimming clothes and a hat, as well as their lunch. Sunscreen and water will be provided. Any student wanting tuckshop on this day will need to order their lunch between 8 – 8:30am that morning and it will be delivered to them at the pool at 12pm. No student will be leaving the pool from when the carnival begins at 9am until the conclusion at 3pm.

All students attending the carnival are reminded that this is a normal school day and normal school rules apply. Any student who behaves in an inappropriate manner will be sent back to class and be dealt with in accordance with the school’s Student Behaviour Policy. Also, no electronic devices will be permitted at the carnival. Any devices seen will be dealt with in accordance to the school’s Electronic Devices Policy.

I look forward to seeing many students in their house colours at the pool on Friday 21st February! Will Bagley retain their title from 2013?? Let the battle of the sporting houses for 2014 begin…

TRIVIA – Fitzgerald won the first Interhouse Swimming Carnival in 1966! They beat Spiller, Bagley and Norris in that order! Maybe that is why they are called the Fitzgerald Dolphins.
Seek Higher

Seek Higher is the goal-setting, study skills and time management program which runs at North High. The program uses the school diary, A3 student study planner (which was sent home last week), homework and OneSchool to monitor and track your student’s progress to ensure they are achieving the results of which they are capable.

Last week your student was sent home with the A3 study planner to go up at home. These planners show the student’s timetable, weekly schedule and Assessment schedule for the term. As of next week you will be able to have your student log onto OneSchool and then you will be able to see their timetable, Assessment schedule for the semester and their goals for each subject.

By the end of next week your students should have transferred their timetable and Term 1 Assessment dates onto their study planner. This will then allow them to develop their weekly schedule and place this information on the appropriate section of the study planner.

All these materials, as well as the PowerPoints we use at school for the Seek Higher program, are available for you to view on the school website (www.macknortshs.eq.qld.au). Each newsletter will also provide you with an update on what the students are doing in the Seek Higher program at the moment.

Tim Condren
Deputy Principal

North High P & C

Supporting Student Achievement

Welcome back to all returning and new families.

The first P & C meeting will be held in the school library at 7.30pm Monday 17th February. This will be a good opportunity for parents to meet North High’s new Principal Ms Jennifer Skeahan.

Discussions will be held on SSS projects for the next 12 months. We expect to spend over $1,000,000 this year. Focus will be on sun shelters about the school grounds.

The May Fair will be held on Friday May 23rd.

For more information contact:

Brian Saxby 49546563 mob_entprises@hotmail.com OR

Sherri Savage at the school
Welcome back to another exciting year in the Performing Arts Department at North High. We have a very busy and productive year planned for the students with a great variety of performing arts activities on offer, as you will see in the year’s Cultural Calendar which is included in this newsletter.

INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM ORIENTATION FOR CONTINUING YEAR 8 STUDENTS

It was very pleasing indeed to see the large number of Year 8 parents and students who attended the instrumental program orientation meeting on Tuesday night – many thanks. The meeting outlined all the important details associated with the program here at North High, including the lessons, bands/ensembles, trips, cultural uniforms and cultural awards. If you were unable to attend the meeting, please send your students to Mrs George to collect the important paperwork which was handed out at the meeting. ALL Year 8 lessons begin in Week 3.

INSTRUMENTAL LEVY

Just a reminder about the annual instrumental levy! As the costs of music, lesson/rehearsal chairs, instruments, stands and maintenance are continually increasing, all students in the program will need to pay the levy of $60.00 for the year (including those students only in ensembles). Year 8 students were given the form at the orientation meeting and all other students will receive their levy form in their first lesson next week.

COMMENCEMENT DATES FOR INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM

All lessons begin in Week 3 and all bands/ensembles begin in Week 4. Percussion lessons this year are again on Tuesdays with Year 8 wind and brass lessons on Wednesdays and string lessons every Thursday.

STATE HONOURS MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM MACKAY

All Year 8 and 9 instrumental students will be given nomination forms inviting them to take part in this prestigious program which North High is hosting for the region on the weekend of May 9 – 11. It provides an invaluable opportunity for middle school students (Years 6 – 9) to work in an intensive environment of musical excellence with their peers from throughout Central Queensland, under the leadership of a team of eminent conductors from the Queensland Conservatorium in Brisbane. We strongly recommend that students nominate for this program as soon as possible, as the closing date is Friday, February 21.

See the back page of the newsletter for a tear-off Cultural Calendar for 2014
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**Apology Day Feb. 13th 2014**

**Photography Competition**

‘Closing the Gap - Healing in the community’

**Take a photo that shows how there is healing in your community between indigenous and non-indigenous peoples.**

Submit your photograph by March 3rd.

1st prize: $100 voucher from A-Mart All Sports
Runner up Prize: $50 Voucher from A-Mart All Sports

Winners will be announced on the 7th March

GET CREATIVE

See Krystal, Laurel or Kylie in the CEC office for more information.
COMMUNITY NEWS

UNC NETBALL CLUB: Registrations are now being taken for the 2014 Netball Season
Junior Teams - U9, U10, U11, U13, U15
Senior Teams - 15 & over, Ladies
To enquire email: uncnetballclub@gmail.com
Or phone: BJ Kiley 0457 720 552

Wests “TIGERS” Junior Rugby League - 2014 Sign On
U/6 to U/16, Saturday, February 1st, 10am – 12 noon. Western Suburbs Leagues Club, Branscombe Road, Walkerston. New players please bring 2 copies of your Birth Certificate. Sign on fees-U/6-$100 and U/7-U/16-$140 per player (may be paid off by arrangement).
For all enquiries please contact Club President 0428987898 OR secretary.wdjrlfc@hotmail.com

Mackay Junior Touch Junior Touch Competition on Friday afternoons, for Boys and Girls in U6 through to U16. For more information go to www.mackaytouch.com.au under Junior tab.

Brothers Hockey Club 2014 Hockey Season Sign on MECC Sports Day Sunday 9 February 2014 10.00-2.00pm For information phone Garry 0407 631 836, Bernadette 0408 649 894 or Sandi 0404 109 297

MECC SPORTS SIGN-ON DAY
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9TH
10.00AM–2.00PM
MECC BUILDING Gordon Street

EMERGENCY SERVICES CADETS

The PCYC Emergency Services Cadet program is delivered in partnership with Police Citizens Youth Clubs Queensland (PCYC) and Queensland Emergency Services.

The program is offered to youth between ages of 12 to 17 and operates out of emergency sponsoring facilities.

Cadets learn a diverse range of emergency service skills and are encouraged to explore a career pathway in emergency services and volunteering.

To find out more about the cadet program contact PCYC Emergency Service Cadet program call: PCYC Emergency Service Cadet Manager: 39099572 or email jennie.schoof@pcyc.org.au

SIGN ON NIGHT PCYC MKY 13 FEB FROM 7PM - 9PM

MACKAY NORTH STATE HIGH SCHOOL CULTURAL CALENDAR – 2014

February 4 Year 8 Instrumental Orientation
February 10 Instrumental Program Lessons begin (Brass/woodwind/Percussion Years 8-12)
February 14 Senior Leader Investiture (Senior Band members)
February 17 All Bands/Ensembles begin
February TBA Combined State High Schools String Workshop
March 23-24 KMEIA Choral Festival
April 22-27 Marching Band Trip – Brisbane
Trip leaves 8.00pm April 22
Returns 7.00am April 27
May 9-11 Middle School Honours Program
May 23 Fair (Intermediate & Stage Band)
May 24 Relay for Life (All marching band members)
June 3 Twilight Concert
June 13/14 School Drama Production
(Tech Run 12 June)
July TBA Secondary Choral Festival
July 26 Lions Sugartime Rock Pop Mime
Sept 4 Senior Drama Production
(Tech Run 3 Sept)
Oct 6-25 Eisteddfod
Oct 28 Showcase Concert
Nov 5 Awards Night
Nov 6 Year 6 & 7 String Orientation
(Ice-cream Party)

Parents/Guardians: Please complete this form so that the school can confirm your student’s details.

FEB 2014

Student name: ____________________________________________  Home Group: ____________

Parent /Guardian 1 Name: ________________________________________________________________

Parent /Guardian 1 Home Email: ________________________________________________________

Parent /Guardian 1 Personal Mobile: _____________________________________________________

Parent /Guardian 2 Name: ________________________________________________________________

Parent /Guardian 2 Home Email: ________________________________________________________

Parent /Guardian 2 Personal Mobile: _____________________________________________________

PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM TO THE HOME GROUP TEACHER IMMEDIATELY AS THIS INFORMATION IS IMPORTANT FOR COMMUNICATION PURPOSES.