Junior Secondary News

It has been a very exciting first three weeks of Junior Secondary at Mackay North State High School. The launch of several positive reinforcement and engagement programs has also been well received by the students and it has been fantastic to see so many smiling faces around our Junior Secondary Precinct. The JSP Project has so far proved highly popular with the students and we look forward to further opportunities for students to participate in these organised lunch time activities which are held on a Tuesday every week. This week also saw the launch of ‘North Star’ which aims to recognise the positive contributions that students make around the school and to recognise students who are displaying qualities of Confidence, Resilience and Respect. Congratulations to our first recipients of the North Star:

Year 7 – Eli Etherington
Year 8 – Brenden Purdy
Year 9 – Declan Wheeler

An iPad information and support evening will be held next Wednesday 18th February at 6pm-7pm in the auditorium. This evening will address some of the frequently asked questions and troubleshooting of iPad related issues, as well as responsible use of technology.

Another upcoming event for Year 7 and 8 students and parents is the Junior Secondary Meet and Greet on Wednesday 4th March, 5:30-6:30pm. This event will be held on the Junior Secondary Precinct Deck and will serve as an opportunity to welcome you into our school community and for you to meet with Junior Secondary teachers. We encourage students to attend with their parents on this evening so that students can introduce parents to their teachers, admin and support staff. We look forward to meeting with you on the evening.

Rebecca Denney
Acting Head of Department Junior Secondary
Term One is well underway and it has been an extremely smooth start, with all students quickly getting into the rhythm of school work and homework. Thanks to all the parents who have provided plenty of positive feedback about how well the new Year 7 and 8 students are settling into the school. We look forward to meeting many of you at the Junior Secondary Meet and Greet coming up in a few weeks. The Junior Secondary students look great in their new uniform and should be commended for their positive attitude - they are quickly making use of all the school resources and programs.

Our army of new staff have also had a fantastic start to the year and we would like to welcome each and of every one of them to our school community. The hard work they have displayed so far is a key element to the smooth start to the year.

As a result of decreased enrolment numbers we are required to restructure our timetable to allow for the associated loss of staff. We effectively will lose minimal staff as with some timetabling work we have managed to reshuffle classes around staff who have been asked to act in other positions around the region. This means that while there may be some changes to your child’s timetable, we have endeavoured to minimise these and ensure all students maintain continuity of learning at all times.

At this time of the year I would like to emphasize the importance of attendance. Our school goal of 93% attendance is based on the research that indicates this level of attendance ensures students have the best chance of staying engaged with their classes. Our Year Level Co-ordinators and Deputy Principals will be closely monitoring attendance and if there are any concerns we would like to work with parents to ensure your child makes the best of their year at North.

Lastly, as the sporting and cultural activities start (remember the swimming carnival next Friday!) We encourage all students to get involved and try something new, or sign up for a favourite sport or activity as these extra curricula roles really add another element to a student’s time at school. As Mrs Kathy George has pointed out many times this year, “Three of our five OP 1s were in the cultural program!” This involvement across many facets of school life ensures that all our North students are:

Respectful, Resilient, Confident.

Mrs Jane Grieger
Acting Principal
Senior Secondary Schooling

In the Senior School, the vast majority of Year 12s have finished their Academic Reviews and parents will have received a detailed picture of how their student is progressing toward their desired goals of an OP, or apprenticeship, work or similar. Year Co-ordinators, Heads of Department and members of the Administration all interviewed the students to review their learning processes, and explained how well they were tracking toward their desired goals and what they can do to continue improving.

Shortly in the WAVE lessons Year 12s will continue their QCS preparation, using the information gleaned from the practice test completed toward the end of last year, students will be divided into groups based on the information provided from the markers to work on building up their strengths as well as addressing their weaknesses across the three styles of test.

The formal school leaders along with the rest of the Seniors are leading across the school already, with the Valentine’s Day Fundraiser in full swing and preparations for a record number of competitors at the swimming carnivals thanks to the enthusiasm generated by the newly elected House Captains.

Reminder of the Information nights for 11 and 12 are coming up and we look forward to meeting lots of parents at these. (See date on Principal’s Page)

Mr Ian Beanland, Mrs Karen Cridland, Mrs Laura McCubben and Ms Kate Zaghini

iPad Information and support evening

Wednesday 18th February (Week 4) 6.00pm
School Auditorium.
All parents and students of Year 7 and 8 welcome.

Child and Adolescent Oral Health Services Mackay (School Dental Service)

The School Dental Service is now offering services to students enrolled in:
Years 7, 8, 9, & 10 of North Mackay High School

Parents can contact the North Mackay School Dental Clinic PH:49514241 to arrange an appointment by 27th February, 2015

Please note: A parent will need to attend the appointment with their student.

If the phone is unattended please leave details including your student’s name, D.O.B and contact number.

For further information on this service, please visit our website:

Proposed Anzac 2016 Commemorative Tour

Organisers of the school's very successful Anzac Project will be offering current Year 10 and Year 11 students the opportunity to be involved in an overseas commemorative tour to Gallipoli, France, Belgium and Singapore in September, 2016. This tour will coincide with 100 year commemorations for events that occurred in 1916.

An information evening will be held at the school on Tuesday 17th March. Specific information on this evening will be available to interested students in the upcoming weeks.

Mike Goodwin
Project Co-ordinator
From the Business Services Manager

STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME AND SUBJECT FEE INFORMATION

This school operates a Student Resource Scheme (SRS). The school purchases all textbooks and resources required to deliver the Australian Curriculum subjects in Years 7 to 10 and specific subjects in Years 9 – 12. The SRS also includes a printing allowance, diary, Mackay & District Sport affiliation fee, SRS admin fee and Clickview fee for all year levels. Year 11 and 12 OP students also pay a fee to cover QCS practice resources.

Parents and caregivers of Year 9 – 12 students will notice that there have been increases and changes to how we structure the SRS fee and subject fees. These increases have been applied after a review of resources in 2014. Information on resources supplied for each subject can be found on the home page of our school website under “Quicklinks”.

The government pays a Textbook and Resource Allowance to schools for each student:
- Years 7 – 10 $115 (This allowance has already been deducted from Years 7 – 10 fees.)
- Years 11 – 12 $250 (Year 11 and 12 students are charged per subject, therefore it is necessary to total all fees and then deduct the government textbook and resource allowance. The total on your statement will reflect this.)

A statement will be issued for each student for:
- Year 7 and Year 8 $250.00
- Year 9 and Year 10 $250.00
- Plus costs for 2 specific subjects These amounts vary
- Year 11 and Year 12 $ 70.00
- Plus costs for 6 specific subjects Maximum SRS per subject is $60.00
- Plus (OP Students only) $ 30.00
- Less $ 250.00

Please note the fee for Certificate III Early Childhood Education and Care is a fee that the school passes on to a registered training organisation. The fee is paid separately to the Student Resource Scheme and subject fee.

The Parent Participation Form for our Student Resource Scheme 2015 has been emailed this week to parents/caregivers of Year 9–12 students. We are legally obliged to issue this form to you so that you can officially indicate that you wish to participate in the scheme. Please read and sign, and have your student return the form to their home group teacher by Friday 27 February. Copies are available from the Junior and Senior hubs or the Admin office.

We expect to issue statements for fees by early March.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you need further clarification.

PHONE LINES

Listed below are the options that you will hear when phoning the school on 4963 1666.
Please keep them handy so you can key ahead.

1. Student Absence line
2. Student payments
3. Junior Secondary Assistance
4. Senior Secondary Assistance
5. Special Education Program
6. Accounts
0. Operator
9. Leave a Message

Tanya Fatnowna
BUSINESS SERVICES MANAGER
SPORTS NEWS

INTERHOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2015

Friday 20th February 2015 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 end of second break Monday 16th 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. Whilst at the carnival, students may change in to their house colours (Bagley – red, Fitzgerald – blue, Norris – green, Spiller – yellow), however must be in full school uniform before leaving the pool at the end of the session.

The carnival will be conducted over 2 sessions. Students in Years 7–9 will be in Session 1 (Periods 1, 2 & 1st break – they will need books for periods 3 & 4), while students in Years 10–12 will be in Session 2 (Periods 3 & 4 and 2nd break – they will need books for Periods 1 & 2). Those students in Years 7–9 participating in the carnival, and wanting tuckshop on this day, will need to order their lunch between 8 – 8:30am that morning. It will be delivered to them at the pool at 10:45am. No student will be leaving the pool during their session.

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 to the school’s behaviour policy. Also, no electronic devices or inappropriate items (eg. water pistols) will be permitted at the carnival. Any items 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 20th February! Will Norris retain their title from 2014?? Let the battle of the sporting houses for 2015 begin…

TRIVIA – Spiller has won the most Swimming Carnivals with 14 wins!

CARNIVAL DATES

Sporting trials and carnivals were advertised in the last newsletter. I would like to highlight the school Interhouse Carnival dates so that all students are attending these days and participating. A reminder that these dates are normal school days and your child is expected to attend.

As previously stated, the Swimming Carnival is on next Friday (20th February). The Cross Country will be held on Monday 4th May. The main event for the year – the Athletics Carnival – will be held over two days at the end of Term 2. The dates for the Athletics Carnival are 24th (Wednesday) & 26th (Friday) June. These are the last 2 days for Term 2 – with Thursday 25th June being the Show Holiday. If possible, could you please ensure that you delay your holidays so that your child can participate and contribute to the success of these 2 days.

SPORTING TRIALS

Sporting trials are advertised on daily notices at school Students wanting to attend sporting trials – either Northern Suburbs (12yrs) or Mackay & District (13-19yrs) – must collect a form for their chosen sport from Mr Smith in the PE staffroom. These forms must then be taken home and filled out by parents/caregivers and returned to school. When they are returned to school, they are to be taken to the school office and paid for ($2 for Northern Suburbs and $5 for Mackay & District) where they will be stamped. Once the form is stamped, it must then be taken to Mr Smith in the PE staffroom before the due date. This is 1 week before the trial (where practicable) and is stated on the daily notices, as well as the note. Students who do not submit their forms will not be nominated, and will be expected to attend school on that day. Any student who attends the trial without being nominated by the school will be considered to be truanting as the school has not given permission for them to attend the trial. This will be dealt with upon return to school. Also, without the nomination, the student will be ineligible for selection in that particular sport.

Please do not hesitate in contacting me if you have any questions on this.

Daniel Smith – Sports Coordinator
In the sporting arena, Mackay and District Trials have begun and already Mackay North SHS has selected to represent the district at their upcoming Capricornia Trials. We wish the following students the best of luck:

CRICKET
- 19yrs Boys Mackay
  - Lane Kohler
  - Ryan Rasmussen
  - Bradley Russell

SOFTWARE
- 19yrs Girls
  - Kiera James

CRICKET
- 19yrs Boys Mackay
  - Alex Cain
  - Riley James
  - Mitchell Sutton
  - Ryan Villalba

TENNIS
- 19yrs Girls Mackay
  - Montana Byrne
  - Alessandra Byrne
  - Katie Shepherd

- 19yrs Boys
  - Tiomee Ramsamy
  - Tom Wilson

North High P & C
Supporting Student Achievement

A lot was discussed at our first meeting for 2015 and it was encouraging to see some new faces in attendance. Meeting highlights:

- Our tuckshop has implemented a new EFTPOS system offering more flexibility for students wishing to purchase electronically.
- P&C were praised for the new COLAs and acknowledged for the outstanding effort in raising approximately $500,000 to achieve this. Hopefully more to follow.
- The Uniform Policy remains unchanged.
- To date, the P&C has not discussed in depth or endorsed the Mobile Phone & Devices Policy.
- The P&C are in full support of the new reward system being initiated for Junior Secondary and a meal voucher will be made available to reward recipients.

P&C Meetings are held in the school library from 6:30pm every 3rd Monday of the month. All are welcome.

Exception : AGM Monday March 09 at 6.30pm

For further enquiries please contact:
Trina Saunders (Vice President) on 0414 480 737 or kerry.trina@gmail.com
or Sherri Savage via school administration.

Looking forward to seeing you on Monday, 9 March 2015 @ 6:30pm in the library.
“Boy as Soldier”
Mixed Media
Tom Wilson
Year 12

“After Degas”
Mixed Media
Ami Devine
Year 9

Images of the Parasocial No. 1 & 2
Mixed Media
Tahlia Stott
Year 12

Artwork of the Month
ART/LOTE BRAG

It is wonderful to find about the successes of students who chose particular Electives at North. These following achievements of the 2014 Year 12s are some:

ART: Quinlann Hatchett, accepted into Architecture at QUT (University of Technology)

JAPANESE: Rinalda Aay – OP 1, Thomas Mandall – OP 1

AFTER SCHOOL ART CLASSES

In March, we will begin our after school art classes. They will be held on Tuesdays from 3.15 until 4.30pm (students will need to organise their own transport home). The classes are for any interested student, in any grade who want to do art as long as they are reliable and responsible. The classes will offer a lesson for those who want to try something new; it will offer extra tuition and or time for students wanting to work on their class tasks. It will also give students experience with the different art teachers who specialise in different artistic mediums… e.g. painting, ceramics, jewellery making. This is an excellent opportunity for Seniors wanting to ‘rung creep’ as per the Academic Reviews and improve their Folios and Bodies of Work as they have access to the Art Department’s facilities and materials.

Students who want to attend will be called via the notices to enrol their names with Ms Smith at the end of the February. If you have any questions, feel free to call Ms Smith on 49 631 702.

ARTWORK OF THE MONTH

In every newsletter the ART Department choses to showcase a student work that displays the criteria of skill, creativity and or knowledge. Students may be chosen from any year level. Artwork of the Month has become quite a tradition at North, with students often coming to me and saying that it would be a real highlight to be selected. Keep an eye out on this section and try to analyse why it is successful.

UP COMING COMMUNITY EVENTS/COMPETITIONS FOR ART STUDENTS TO START WORKING TOWARDS:

1. MACKAY STUDENT FESTIVAL OF FASHION – ALL GRADES
2. MACKAY ART ON SHOW AWARDS – YEAR 12 ONLY
3. MACKAY REGIONAL SHOW STUDENT COMPETITION – YEAR 8-11
4. SARINA ART EXTRAVAGANZA – ALL YEARS

Kerry Ann Smith (Head of Department-Art & LOTE)

$1000 LITERARY AWARD NOW OPEN

Senior secondary students have a chance to win a $1000 award for outstanding achievement in literary writing on a women’s health issue.

Presented by The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, the award provides an exciting opportunity for students interested in a career in medicine, science, health, sociology, politics or law.

Applications close 5pm Wednesday 30 April.

Further information and entry guidelines can be found at RANZCOG’s Liam and Frankie Davison Award website.

INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM

We have had a very smooth start to the instrumental program this week with approximately 200 instrumental students from Years 7 – 12 beginning their lessons for the year. This year we are delighted to welcome our new percussion specialist, Mr Lyle Denman, who is a very well known and respected percussionist and will direct all percussion lessons and ensembles. Lyle joins our brass/woodwind specialist, David Bayliss, and our string specialist, Susan Mora, in the delivery of the instrumental program. As well, we welcome another music specialist to our Performing Arts family – Rebekah Bigalla. Rebekah is a talented vocalist and string player and will be a very valuable addition to the music staff at our school.

All instrumental ensembles will resume next week. Stage Band rehearses on Monday in the second break; Senior Concert Band is on Monday afternoon from 3.00 – 4.00pm; Junior Secondary Concert Band rehearses on Tuesday afternoon from 3.00 – 4.00pm and String Orchestra is before school on Thursday morning from 7.55am – 8.30am.

Many thanks to all the parents and students who attended the Year 7/8 Instrumental Orientation Meeting last week – your attendance was greatly appreciated.

VOCAL GROUP

Our vocal group, Crescendo, will resume next Wednesday afternoon from 3.00 – 4.00pm in the music block. This ensemble is directed by music specialist, Mrs Rebecca Horton and the members will be intensively rehearsing for their first performance of the year at the KMEIA Choral Festival on 23rd March. All students from Year 7 – 12 are most welcome to come along and join – there is no audition and is for anyone who loves to sing.

MARCHING BAND AMERICA TRIP

A big thank you to all parents and Marching Band members who attended our America trip meeting last Tuesday night. It was a very important information night and the staff really appreciated the excellent suggestions made by the parents. The band leaves for Los Angeles on June 29th and returns on July 8th. While in America, the band will perform at Disneyland, in the Los Angeles Independence Day Parade and on the back of the American supercarrier, the USS Midway, which is moored in San Diego Harbour. It is very pleasing to see the significant number of parents accompanying the group on the Shadow Tour – it will be very special having our own parents there to share with us in the excitement of these high profile international performances.

CULTURAL UNIFORMS

If you have any unused cultural uniforms which are no longer required, please send them into the music department and we will sell them for you. Thank you to the parents and students who have already delivered some to the department. As soon as we have them organised, we will notify parents when they can start coming to purchase them. I would strongly advise Year 7/8 students to purchase new uniforms. The official supplier of new cultural uniforms is PSW Quality Apparel in Evans Avenue.

Kathy GEORGE (HOD – Performing Arts)
**Emergency Services Cadets**

If you’re aged between 12 and 17 years then why not consider becoming an Emergency Services Cadet?

You may get the opportunity to learn from the following:
- QLD Police Service
- State Emergency Service
- Volunteer Marine Rescue
- Coast Guard
- Surf Lifesaving QLD
- QLD Ambulance Service
- Rural Fire Brigade
- QLD Fire and Rescue Service

You may also have the opportunity to gain a Certificate II in Public Safety.

**For more information:**
Sign on Night
PCYC North Mackay off Nona Road
18th February 2015
6pm – 7pm

W: pcyc.org.au/Cadets | P: (07) 3909 9572

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**Become a Volunteer Adult Leader**

If you have a passion for helping young people and would like to enhance your own professional skills, apply for the position today!

You will be required to work one evening a week during school term.

You may have the opportunity to gain a Certificate II in Public Safety and attend emergency services workshops with Cadets.

NB: The position is open to people 18 years and over.

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**Mackay Athletics Club**

Run Jump Throw
Sign-on and Information Day
Saturday 21 February 2015
Anytime between 10am-2pm
Mackay State High School,
Via English or Penn Sts, Mackay
Ages from 5 to Masters

1st club day, Saturday 28 February
Trial period only $10.00 for two weeks

W: www.mackayathletics.com.au
for more information or call
James on 0431 973 129
New members to bring a copy of Birth Certificate for sighting.

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**Mackay Artistic Roller Skating Club**

**Mackay Leisure Centre**

Present

Valentine’s Day Skate
Showing the love for Skate

Saturday 14th February 2015
7pm-10pm
At The Mackay Leisure Centre
Entry- $10 plus $5 skate hire
All Welcome
ROTARY YOUTH PROGRAMME OF ENRICHMENT
10th to 12th April 2015
ORGANISED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF GLADSTONE INC.
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 9570

STUDENTS

Would you like to participate in a programme of self-development promoting leadership skills and life skills?

is an intensive 2-day residential camp designed to enrich the education of today’s youth with ideas, information and social experiences which will assist them in forming their own opinions, values and moral standards, and broaden their horizons culturally. The camp includes sessions on issues such as personal budgeting, making the most of yourself, life skills — and many more. It will also include various physical (though not strenuous) activities. "Houseparents" drawn from the members and partners of Rotary Club of Gladstone will be present at the camp 24 hours a day to ensure adequate supervision of participants.

Eligibility Criteria
Age must be between 15 and 17 years.
Have leadership potential
Will benefit from a learning experience where they can gain confidence in a supportive environment
Committed to 'giving it a go' over the days of the camp.
Participants need not be high achievers, but people who may have shown such qualities as courage, perseverance and steadfastness in everyday life.

Cost $180.00
Participants are sponsored by their local Rotary Club.

When / where
When and Where - The next RYPEN will be held within Tanyalla Recreation & Conference Centre located at Caledon Street, Tannum Sands. Qld 4680 Dates 10th to 12th April 2015

What do I have to do
To nominate for this seminar see your teachers or contact your local Rotary Club for sponsorship. The Rotary Club may be able to assist with transport to Tannum Sands.

Please note applications must be with the Rotary Club of Gladstone by 20 March 2015.

For further information about Rotary please contact your local Rotary Club or
Bevan Rose – RYPEN Chairperson 1415rypen@ rotary9570.org or Mobile – 0417 602 150