Artist in Residence – Kelly Borsheim

On Wednesday 21st May, Mackay North State High School Art students had the opportunity to attend two Artist-in-Residence workshops conducted by Kelly Borsheim. Kelly is an American artist currently living and working in Florence, Italy. She carves stone and marble, paints in oils and draws with charcoal and pastel.

The workshops were an opportunity for students to gain skills and knowledge using pastels and charcoal to create still life compositions. A wonderful experience was had by all, evident in the quality of the work produced.

Congratulations and “thank you” to all students involved, staff who supervised and Kelly Borsheim for enriching the students’ artistic studies.

Kathryn West (Acting HOD – Art and Languages)
"Gold Award" - Success at Greenmount

On Sunday 25th May, Mrs Hansen and Mrs West held an exhibition of the Year 11 Art Students’ work as part of the Greenmount Heritage Fair. These artworks were produced over a period of 10 weeks following an excursion to Greenmount Homestead. The unit of work “Our Place and Heritage” aimed to promote an awareness and understanding of local heritage among students.

The works were well received on the day, with many encouraging comments being passed on to our budding artists. Many were impressed at the variety and high standard of work produced. Mrs Heron was delighted to recognise her Grandfather, “Papa Denman” (drawn by Taneesha Counsell), and proudly posed for a photograph with the work.

As part of this exciting unit, the students’ work was submitted in the Heritage Awards 2014. Winners were announced at the Greenmount Fair. Mackay North State High School was awarded “Heritage Champion School” and received a prize of $1000.

Thanks must go to the Mackay Regional Council and their sponsors, The Daily Mercury and Southern Cross Austereo, for promoting such a wonderful opportunity for the students of our school.

On a personal note, thanks must also go to the wonderful students responsible for producing the work and Mrs Hansen for instructing and guiding them.

Mrs West (Acting HOD – The Arts and Languages)
Change on the Educational Landscape

The term has progressed at the same level of velocity as we began and no reprieve in sight. While this is by no means a negative, it is an indication of education today. A school is a learning environment that requires continual focus, reflection, adjustment and challenge. We must ensure our attention is on the teaching and the learning of every student.

Students of today will be our workforce of tomorrow and we must ensure we give them every chance to engage in learning to improve their prospects on capitalising on their education. Research shows us that students who have a good education have better opportunities for their future, for their health, for the economy and for their families in their future.

Ensuring all students are at school every day is a non-negotiable. We will move very quickly to make sure steps are taken to follow processes where we all have a responsibility to address non-attendance. Please contact us on the day if your student cannot present for school. Effective learning cannot occur if a student is not at school.

Director General in the Region

I had the opportunity to spend time last week with the Director General of Education, colleagues from Central Office and Central Queensland Regional staff. It is reassuring and refreshing to know that the emphasis across all sectors in education is to have an unrelenting focus to improve every students’ learning outcomes. We will do this by building the capacity of our teachers, by mastering our pedagogical model, by collaborating and by sharing and using data to track our student’s progress. In education we are in a service industry and the product we provide is education. We therefore need to ensure our product is first class for every student.

Junior Secondary

We will be progressing to our second peer review process in the coming weeks to ‘check’ our preparation for Junior Secondary. This process is occurring across the Region this term. It is a time to receive valuable feedback from colleagues from other schools to make sure we are on track for the arrival of Year 7 and Year 8 students in 2015.

The six principles of Junior Secondary that will be reviewed include:

- Quality Teaching and Learning
- Distinct Identity
- Student Wellbeing
- Leadership
- Parent and Community Involvement
- Local Decision Making

We are focused and we are working in all these areas to ensure the transition for our new students will be smooth, will be welcoming and will be educationally engaging.

Community Recognition

Thank you to all students, families, friends, P & C and of course the staff who contributed many hours in preparation, generous donations, timely rehearsals and performances at the May Fair. All reports indicated it was a super evening and a rousing success. Well done!

I would also like to especially acknowledge the wonderful efforts of Mrs Kath West and our very talented Art staff who entered and displayed an excellent collection of Year 11 student work at an exhibition at Greenmount Homestead where the Council Heritage Awards were announced and North was presented with the Gold Award for Champion Heritage School and a $1000 prize. Congratulations!

The talents and capability of many of our students position them well and we are very proud.

Jennifer Skeahan
PRINCIPAL
Every year, the Year 12 Legal Studies students at North have the opportunity to travel to Brisbane for a four day North Law Tour. This tour gives students the opportunity to participate in various activities that helps build on the knowledge of the legal system that cannot be taught in the classroom.

This year was no different, and the trip was once again very successful. The two classes visited the Magistrates, Supreme and Family Courts, Parliament House, the State Library, the Police Museum, and had a guided tour of the QUT Gardens Point Campus. MP for Mackay Tim Mulherin took time out of his busy schedule to chat with the students at Parliament House and inform them of the history of politics in the Mackay electorate.

In court, students were able to sit in on real court cases and observe how the different Courts function, as well as hear Judges hand down their sentences. An assortment of cases were heard, including a murder trial, grievous bodily harm, custody and property disputes. Students also enjoyed a seminar at the Supreme Court Library, which was a great benefit to their studies on the subject. A highlight of the trip for many was having morning tea with Federal Circuit Judge Michael Jarrett and his colleagues, an opportunity that money can't buy. The trip was thoroughly enjoyed by all and participation is strongly recommended for future Year 12 Legal Studies students.

**Raymond Donohue & Elise Auriac**  
Legal Studies teachers

**Finley Smith** – “The legal trip was a fun and interesting trip. I found going to the different courts was a great way to see the procedures of court and how they operate. I also found this experience further cemented my knowledge of the law.”

**Amy Wyng** – “At the Supreme Court we heard a murder trial. It was the first day of the trial. We got to listen to a phone call recording that was submitted as evidence. It was really good to hear actual evidence and how the prosecution use it in their argument.”
School-based immunisation program: an update from your school-based youth health nurse

Hi everyone, hope you all enjoyed the fair!

This week most boys in Year 10 received their second Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination. I would like to remind all students and parents that there will be a third and final vaccination for Year 10 boys on October 14 in term 4. This final vaccination is imperative to ensure the effectiveness of the first two. If students do not receive their final vaccination they may still be susceptible to the HPV virus and its associated mouth, throat and genital cancers as well as the more common genital warts.

Year 8 students will also be receiving their second round of immunisations next Tuesday, June 3. All boys and girls in Year 8 with signed consent forms will receive their second dose of the HPV vaccine, in addition to the Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine.

All vaccinations are conducted by a team of specially trained registered nurses, and students will not be vaccinated without parental consent. Consent forms should have been returned earlier in the year but if your child has transferred from another school, or you did not receive a consent form, please contact me on 4963 1606 (Monday, Tuesday or Thursday) or rarch48@eq.edu.au to ensure students do not miss out on the school immunisation program – it can be very costly to go to your GP for catch-up vaccinations a few years down the track.

Parents are encouraged to mark these dates on their calendar and ensure their children have breakfast on the morning of vaccination.

For more information about diseases, vaccines or the School Based Vaccination Program visit: www.health.qld.gov.au/immunisation or call 13 Health on 13 43 25 84.

Rachel Archer
School-based Youth Health Nurse (Phone 4963 1606)

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THANK YOU FOR A SUCCESSFUL 50TH ANNIVERSARY MAY FAIR

Mackay North State High School P & C Executive and members thank all Staff, Students and Community Helpers for the great effort that went into the fair on Friday night. Your hard work meant another successful Fair with everyone having a great time and the money raised will go towards improved facilities for North students.

Many thanks

Mark Quinn
P & C President
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Now that the Cross Country has been and gone, the Interhouse rivalry continues in Term 3 with the Athletics Carnival. Students will soon be nominating for their field events that they wish to compete in to help their house take out the battle for athletic supremacy in 2014. Students will be advised of the process involved in this and need to ensure that they nominate before the closing date. More information on this carnival will follow in coming weeks as we get closer to the event.

A couple of interesting facts about our athletics carnival:

The longest standing field event record for girls Mackay North SHS is the 15yrs Javelin and is held by M. Andrews. The record was set in 1977 with a 600g Javelin and went a distance of 30.60m. The current record for this event was set in 2013 by K. McDermott with a 500g Javelin, and a distance of 21.45m.

The longest standing field event record for boys at Mackay North SHS is the 13yrs Javelin and is held by R. Shanks. The record was set in 1979 with a 600g Javelin and went a distance of 36.60m.

CONGRATULATIONS
### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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### “Pink Ladies in the Field” and “McGrath Foundation Pink Striped Socks”

Donations to Dress in Pink for the day, purchasing McGrath Foundation Pink Striped Socks, donations to Pink Ladies in the Field (Breast Cancer), donations to Head Shave, donations to Hair Colour, donations to watch the Head Shave and an amazing array of pink bedecked staff and students made for a lovely Friday at North High today.

The day’s event were instigated and supported by the North High Z Club and the student council.

$850 alone was raised simply from donations from the school community to dress in pink.

More PINK DAY fundraising news and photos will be in the next newsletter.
MACKAY DISTRICT SECONDARY STATE SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Following the success of the Interhouse Cross Country, 31 students formed part of the Mackay North State High School team that travelled to the Pioneer Valley Golf Course to take part in the Mackay Cross Country Championships.

With the sun shining, the students warmed up and prepared to tackle the 4km or 5km course with the renowned North High spirit of always doing your best. Once the starter sent the competitors on their way, the students tackled the course and performed extremely well, with 12 of our students placing in the top 8 finishers for their age group and therefore gained selection in the Mackay team to travel to the Capricornia Cross Country championships in the near future. As you can see from the results below, our students had great results. A special mention to Sara Storeshaw and Josiah McCarthy who both won the race for their age group.

Well done to all students involved in the Mackay championships, your effort and behaviour were exceptional and did your school proud. After North finished 1st in the inaugural Mackay Cross Country in 1977, the group of North students in 2014 achieved a 2nd place overall, an outstanding achievement!

We all wish those going to the Capricornia Cross Country championships the best of luck, and know that you will do your best to achieve your best possible result.

North Mackay SHS Team

13 Girls
Ellie Nixon
Paige Steindl-Corrie
Myah Tetley-Rana

13 Boys
Tyler Bobin
Jai Finlay
Benjamin Mandall
Jay Watling

14 Girls
Kate Atkinson
Montanah Best
Courtney Sleeman

14 Boys
Liam Carey
Jaidyn Fleming
Tom Henderson
Ethan Morris
Ben Vella

15 Girls
Yolanda Aay

16 Girls
Sara Storeshaw

16 Boys
Aaron Courage
Josiah McCarthy
Aiden Vella
Alex Vella

17 Girls
Kate Cook
Tayla Isaacson
Carissa Pickering

17 Boys
Brenton Lauder
Steven McGiffin
Jarod Vella
Damian Volker

Results:
13yrs Girls – 7th Paige Steindl-Corrie
13yrs Boys – 2nd Jai Finlay, 3rd Jay Watling
14yrs Girls – 8th Montanah Best, 10th Kate Atkinson
15yrs Boys – 3rd Rodney Vermaak, 8th Layton Romagnolo
16yrs Girls – 1st Sara Storeshaw
16yrs Boys – 1st Josiah McCarthy, 6th Alex Vella
17yrs Girls – 5th Kate Cook, 6th Tayla Isaacson, 7th Carissa Pickering
17yrs Boys – 6th Steven McGiffin, 9th Damian Volker

SPORTING TRIALS

With many students wanting to participate in sporting trials, it is important that forms and money are returned to school by the due date, as a late return of these will not be accepted and therefore not nominated to attend a trial or sporting event. Due dates are set to ensure that the convenor of the trial/event has enough time to efficiently and adequately prepare the day, and also appropriate transport is arranged (if needed). It also allows the school time to process the nominations and be accepted by the Principal. Any student attending the trial without permission of the Principal is not tolerated and will be informed to return to school by the Convenor.

The process for getting the forms and money in on time is explained to students on daily notices and also when the note is collected, and is visible on the note itself. To keep you informed of the process, students must collect the form from Mr Smith (Sports Coordinator), take it home to be signed by the parents/guardians, then return to school with the form and money to the office. The office will take the money from the student, where their form will be stamped as paid. This is then the responsibility of the student to return the stamped form back to Mr Smith before the due date. If this process is not followed, then your child will not be nominated.
Exciting news from the Maths Department!
(Two of five North teams win at MacDonalnds’ Maths Comp — All do well)

On Tuesday 27 May, we had 25 of our top Maths students travel to Pioneer State High for the annual McDonald Mathematics Competition. Students work in teams of five answering challenging problem solving questions. We had five teams compete, two Senior (Year 12s and 11s), two Junior teams (Year 10s and 9s) and one Year 8 team. Our 25 students plus five accompanying teachers all returned with huge smiles on their faces saying it was a fun, positive and rewarding day. To top the day off, I am pleased to announce that we had two teams come first.

I would like to thank the teachers Ms Keioskie, Ms Winzar, Ms Kelly, Mrs McMurtrie and Mrs Gilbert for giving up their lunch hours to help coach the students and for accompanying the students on the day. A big thank you also goes to the following students who represented Mackay North High with great pride:

**Senior Team A (1st place)**
Ning Zhangzhou, Tom Mandall, Jared Austin, Dominic Alberstson and Lachlan Webb

**Senior Team B**
Peter Hohl, Carissa Pickering, Thuy Nguyen, Montana Byrne and Darcy Van Der Drift

**Junior Team A**
Tahlilah Pepich, Bryden Seymour – Skarabot, Bridey Condren, Katie Cowan and Romy McLean

**Junior Team B**
Jayden Aay, William Feng, Margaret Dewar, Rory Tarlinton and Debbie Keioskie

**Year 8 Team B (1st place)**
Hayley Berck, Kaylah Smith, Daniel Rowlands, Jonah Boal and Bradman Hervey

25 Excellent Mackay North State High School Mathematicians
Last Saturday afternoon, the marching band led the Mackay Relay for Life March at Harrup Park. This was a wonderful event attended by thousands of people and our band members did themselves and the school proud. The grounds were very wet which made marching extremely difficult, but our band members acquitted themselves superbly and with great professionalism and dignity.

Congratulations to all members who participated. The organisers were most impressed with the students – both the standard of their performance and their exemplary presentation and behaviour. Sincere thanks to all families for your support – it was extremely heart-warming to see the 135 members in attendance and so many families there supporting them.

**TWILIGHT CONCERT**

Tuesday night sees the presentation of our annual Twilight Concert in the hall, beginning at 7.00pm. This concert showcases the achievements of the instrumental program and vocal students during the first semester. ALL instrumental students will perform along with our vocal group and Year 12 Excellence in Music guitarist, Louis Johnson.

Entry is by way of a $5.00 donation per person at the door and the concert will definitely be finished by 8.30pm at the latest. Please do come along and support our talented music students.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL STATE HONOURS ENSEMBLE PROGRAM**

The State Honours team from the Queensland Conservatorium, Griffith University has again been in contact to congratulate the students from our school who participated in this prestigious extension music program a fortnight ago. They have sent through special certificates for all participants which will be distributed during the next week.

Please note for your planning that as from next year there will be a change to the timing of the program in Mackay – it will be held over the last weekend in August (no longer in May).

**MUSICAL PRODUCTION – A FRACTURED MUSICAL**

Excitement is running high as the final rehearsals for our special musical production, A Fractured Musical, approach. This is a spectacular production put together especially for our 50th Anniversary celebrations. Don't miss it. It will be staged in our hall on Friday and Saturday, June 13 and 14 and will utilise our brand new sound system which the P&C Association has just purchased for the hall. More details will follow in the next newsletter. (See the poster at the end of this newsletter)

**MARCHING BAND TRIP TO AMERICA NEXT YEAR**

So far there have been nearly sixty expressions of interest handed in for the America trip, so it is looking very positive for the trip. Mr Bayliss and I will review these early next week. Again, many thanks to all the families who have supported this trip.

**PERFORMING ARTS NEWS**

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**Hayley-Rose Carnahan, Jade Fiyen and Tate Obst**

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**Tom Henderson and Tom Batterham**

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**Kathy George with her former student, Professor Scott Harrison, Director of the Qld Conservatorium, Griffith University**

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*Quote:* “It is always great to see so many of our past students return for the fair, it shows what a great and well appreciated event it actually is. Some students return many years later with their own kids to show their kids where they went to school... Now that's what I call school pride.”
At this school
We are united...TOGETHER we stand!!!
WE CHOOSE TO ACKNOWLEDGE
We choose to RESPECT....
We take ACTION
To build diversity and equality.
“WE STRIVE FOR THE BEST”
Education...Training...Employment
Our Culture = our IDENTITY
Build the strength amongst US to
BELIEVE, ACHIEVE AND SUCCEED
With RESPECT. we. TRUST. with. trust. we
ACCEPT
We all BELONG in HARMONY
Encourage, INSPIRE, support and
NURTURE OUR FUTURES

Reconciliation is everyone’s responsibility!

This week is National Reconciliation Week - This year’s theme is "Let’s walk the talk" - The date signifies the success of the 1967 referendum and the Mabo High Court decision - It is celebrated nationally every year from 27th May to 3rd June. MNSHS has committed to the development of a Reconciliation Action Plan built on Relationships, Respect and Opportunities!
Mackay Marina Fun Run

This Sunday morning, North High will have 60 students and 40 teachers taking part in the Marina Fun Run. This is the biggest team North High has ever entered in the Fun Run.

A donation from this Team event will be added to the considerable amount expected to be raised at the North High Greatest Head Shave for Leukaemia this Friday. Students and staff members will be shaved!

The school Z Club (young Zonta) have been fundraising, selling 160 pairs of Black & Pink Striped long socks for students and staff to wear on Friday.

Together with a very successful May Fair, it all adds up to again showcase North High students, families and staff as a great community team.
Mackay NAIDOC WEEK 2014
“Every Day Counts” Bumper Sticker Competition

Celebrate NAIDOC week by designing a Bumper Sticker with the theme
“Every Day Counts”
which will be displayed at the NAIDOC family day on 11 July.

**Bumper Sticker Size:** Half a landscaped A4 sheet

**Prize:** Free Movie Ticket

**Competition Closes:** Thursday June 26 2014

**Winners Announced:** Friday 11 July 2014

Open to all Early Childhood Education and Care Services and P-12 State Schools

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Please drop or post entries to:
Department of Education, Training & Employment
Central Queensland Region
Mackay Office
L4/44 Nelson Street
PO Box 760
Mackay Qld 4740
Phone 07 4842 8343

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Any more information please contact:
Julie Bishop: Education Officer
Julie.bishop@dete.qld.gov.au

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Celebrating NAIDOC Week

6-13 July

2014

SERVING COUNTRY – CENTENARY & BEYOND

Queensland Government
Invitation

To parents of Indigenous students across all the schools in the Mackay Region

Indigenous Education Parent Reference Group

You are invited to our next meeting – where we will be looking at the group’s key focus areas.

When    Friday 6th June, 2014
Where    DATSIMA Office
          44 Nelson St (Ground Floor)
          (do not enter the building – go up front stairs and then turn right)
Time     10.00 – 11.30am

RSVP

by       Monday 2nd June 2014
to       Bianca.Toby@datsim.qld.gov.au
call     Bianca Toby (Project Officer)
         P: 4862 7002          M: 0421 619 291
A FRACTURED MUSICAL

When: Friday 13th June - 7:00pm
Sat 14th June - 7:00pm

Where: Mackay North SHS Hall

Cost: Adults $10 Donation
Students $5 Donation

Tickets sold at the door.
COMMUNITY NEWS

North High P & C
Supporting Student Achievement
For more information contact:
Mark Quinn Mobile 0419 774 504
Sherri Savage at the school
P & C Meetings are held in the school library from 6.30pm every 3rd Monday of the month

Mid Year Concert
Join us for an evening of music,
conducted by Mrs. Gwenda Aay and Mr. Earl Winterstein

At: Faith Centre, Mackay Christian College
When: Monday 2nd June 2014, commencing 6.30 pm

Would you love to be in a community Youth Orchestra?
Do you wish to learn new, challenging, fun pieces and experience the full orchestral setting, or play vibrant jazz pieces, with others who share your passion for music? Join us! School students to young adults, welcome.

Further information email: mackayorchestra@gmail.com
Or go to - http://mackayyouthorchestra.weebly.com