School will recommence on Tuesday 7th October

The Year 9 Applied Art students developed a Functional Ceramic Creature – jewellery/paper clip/pencil/candle holders.

Inside today: A Brief North High History by Ashleigh Collier Year 10
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Music Excellence Enrolment
Enrolment for 2015 will be very closely monitored over the coming weeks. Our enrolment management plan firstly caters for our students who reside in the catchment area (map included toward the end of the newsletter); secondly, we enrol students who may reside out of the catchment area, although currently have a sibling attending the school; thirdly, a student may be enrolled if they are out of the catchment area and enroll under the Music Excellence Program and finally if we have any further available spaces, we may enrol from a waiting list in order of receipt of application.

I would therefore request that if you have a student entering into any of these categories listed, you submit your enrolment applications as a matter of urgency. Year 7 interviews have already commenced.

Attendance
Our student attendance is our focus. We know that students who do not attend school are disadvantaged. Research indicates that the more time students spend away from school, the greater the gaps in their learning, the greater the risk of disengagement, and the more significant risk of unemployment and health issues.

Our whole school attendance goal is 95%.

Currently our attendance rate is 89% and this is not good enough. We take our responsibility for all student attendance very seriously and if trends of non-attendance do not improve, parents or carers can risk prosecution.

I implore you to send your students to school every day, unless they are ill, at which time I would request that you seek medical advice and most importantly inform us of their whereabouts.

We will all need to work together to reach our goal of 95%, don’t let the North team down!

New Uniform for 2015 Junior Secondary students
It is a very exciting time at North, with the researching, surveying and consulting finalised now for the introduction of a new Junior Secondary school uniform shirt for our incoming Year 7 and Year 8 students. In 2015 the new school uniform shirt will only be worn by Year 7 and Year 8 students – all other students will wear their current school uniform shirt. The new school uniform shirt will only be able to be purchased from the School. We will also be working to have an online ordering process via our website. (Watch this space)

Spirit of Remembrance Tour
Twenty-eight students and five teachers set off for their Spirit of Remembrance Tour on Wednesday afternoon. There were many parents, siblings and friends at the Mackay Airport to wish our travellers well. There were looks of excitement, nervousness and anticipation as they moved through the check-in queue. Yet together they seemed Confident, Respectful and Resilient, the attributes we are seeking to ensure all our young people have when they leave Mackay North State High School. The tour is an amazing opportunity for our students and one that I am sure will live within their minds and hearts when they return and for many years to come. I have attached the itinerary at the end of the newsletter for those interested in following the travels of the team. Bon Voyage

Thank you
I would like to extend my thanks to staff who have undertaken specific roles during Term 3, Mr Jim Wilson who has been working as a Deputy Principal for the past five weeks and Mr Beau Vetsich who has been acting in the HPE Head of Department role. Thank you for your contributions during the term.

Thank you to all contract teachers, daily supervision teachers and office staff who have stepped in at short notice to cover the many staff who have been ill throughout the term. Unfortunately it is regular during Term 3, the flu season, to require additional staff to assist, especially in a large high school.

Finally thank you to all our staff for the additional efforts they have contributed as we all continue our learning to embed our whole school pedagogical frame.

Our next P & C meeting is Monday 20th October, please take the time to come along and learn more about the School. We are currently seeking a president, if you are interested in learning more about this role please do not hesitate to contact me.

Jennifer Skeahan
Principal

Junior Secondary student shirt (for Years 7 & 8 only) for 2015
Mackay North State High School opened in 1964. This year, it is celebrating 50 years of success. The first enrolment consisted of only 201 students from Years 8 and 9. There are currently 554 students in Years 8 and 9. The school now caters for students in Years 8—12 and in 2015, North High will add Year 7. There is now a total of 1423 students enrolled at North across all the grades. In 1964, there was a total of 10 teaching staff, now there is over 100 staff.

North High has grown a lot since it first opened 50 years ago. The first buildings were the 100 and 400 (Manual Arts) blocks. The original buildings are still in use but many more rooms have been built. In 1983, a very small library was opened in the already built 100 block in Room 119. The First Year Centre was built in 1978. This complex still provides protection for the young, new Year Eighters throughout their first, frightening year at high school. The terraces were built in 1987 and are a great asset to the school. Many students spend their lunch time sitting and relaxing there. They are also used at cross country and sports carnivals where the entire school gathers on them.

The School Hall was built in 1984. It is another great asset to the school in which parades, cultural nights, awards nights, HPE classes and many other events take place. In 1985 the Music Block was built, much to Mrs George’s relief! The pool was built in 1992. The popular Senior Centre was added quite recently, in 2003, housing facilities for Year 11s and 12s. Saxby Square used to be called the quadrangle; an open area of bitumen before it was refurbished in 2008. Before the hall was built, this is where parades were held, out in the hot sun! These are just a few of the major changes to the school in the past 50 years.

Of the 10 original staff, none are officially teachers at North anymore. However, Mrs Evans, an original teacher from 1964 who retired from being Deputy Principal in 2004, still comes to the school to help international students in exams. The auditorium, in the Senior Centre, is named in honour of her, for her long service to the school. Many past students have returned to the school to teach. Some current teachers who were once students are Mr Brandon, Mrs Ahmat, Mrs Horton, Mrs Ilich, Miss Kelly, Mr Langford, Mrs Thomas and Ms Weekes. The longest serving teachers at the school include Mr Drzewicki, Mr Ryan, Mrs Beezely, Mrs George and Mr Mandall. They have all been here for over 30 years.

Important annual events that occur every year include the athletics carnival, swimming carnival and cross country. The first athletics carnival was held 49 years ago, in 1965, with Fitzgerald taking out first place. The athletics carnival has continued to cause competition throughout the houses not only for the sport but also for the crazy costumes! Each year, the sports carnival goes for two days. The first day consists of field events and the second, track events. It is always a fun day in which all students are encouraged to participate.

Many students decide to dress up in crazy costumes in the colour of their house. The costumes range from a simple coloured t-shirt to a banana suit or crayon. In 1965, a swimming carnival was also held for the first time. Once again, Fitzgerald won. Norris was victorious in this year’s swimming carnival. In 1970 the first cross country took place, which Bagley won. In 2014, once again Bagley was triumphant.

One of the things Mackay North State High School is most well-known for is its music program. The instrumental program began in 1981 under the instructions of Mr Fred Coleman (brass/woodwind specialist) and Mrs Kathy George. The brass/woodwind program began with just 30 students, it now consists of over 200 students. The first string teacher was Malcolm Cole and the ensemble was made up of 10 students. The renowned Mackay North State High School Marching Band was formed in 1991 by David Bayliss and Kathy George. In 1994 they were invited to the Brisbane ANZAC march for the first time. MNSHS returned to the march for the 20th time this year and it continues to be the only school band outside of Brisbane to be offered the honour of marching in the parade.

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Many past students from MNSHS have achieved great things. Benita Willis is known as an Olympian and World Cross Country champion. Whilst she was at MNSHS, she broke many of the school's records. Karen Jacobsen is a famous entertainer in America and is the voice behind the GPS. Dion Molinas was a long time member of the popular group, The 10 Tenors. Another well-known past student is Linda Mackenzie who was an Olympic swimmer. These are just a few of the students from North High who have gone on to achieve exceptional things.

On Friday 22 August to Sunday 24 August, the 50th anniversary celebration and school reunion will take place at the school. Past students, staff and associates of Mackay North State High School have been invited. The celebrations will consist of a Twilight Concert to be held in the school hall on Friday evening (22 August). An anniversary dinner will be held in the school hall on Saturday, 23 August. On Sunday 24 August, a barbecue brunch and tour of the school will be conducted by present students and teachers of the school.

Over the years, Mackay North State School's uniform has gone through many changes. When the school first opened the boys uniform consisted of grey shorts, white button-up shirt and grey socks. The girls uniform was a white terylene dress and a panama hat. Winter uniforms were to be worn throughout term 2 (after May holidays to start of August holidays). For this uniform, girls added stockings of a neutral shade and boys added a tie. In the late 1970s the uniform had a drastic change. The girls uniform changed to a blue and white checked dress and no panama hat. Girls also got a new winter uniform which consisted of a blue slack suit with a white skivvy. The boys uniform remained the same but without the tie. The next significant change to the uniform occurred when a white t-shirt with the school emblem screen printed on it was introduced. This shirt was for boys and girls. Later gold was added to the uniform and girls were eventually able to enjoy the comfort of shorts.

This year, the school will undergo a substantial amount of refurbishment work. Some work that has or will take place includes the internal painting of the library, external painting of five buildings, 300 block’s toilets to be painted, metal louvres replaced in 400 block and replace glass panels and louvres in 200 and 300 block stairwells. These refurbishments will improve the school’s appearance and safety.

Over the past 50 years, Mackay North State High School has changed and grown. Fifty years ago the school had just 2 buildings, 10 staff and 201 students. Now, 50 years later, MNSHS consists of more than 20 buildings, over 100 staff and more than 1400 students. Over the years, by the help of dedicated teachers, students and parents, Mackay North State High School has grown to be the largest secondary school in the district. MNSHS has excelled in the arts, sport and academics over the past 50 years and will continue to excel in these areas in the future. 🌟

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Flags Fly High Again at North High

For a number of years we have not flown a flag at North High as the flagpole had disappeared into the foliage in the school’s front garden.

Today we raised the Australian National Flag, The Australian Aboriginal Flag and the Torres Strait Islander Flag for the first time on the new flagpoles in the front of the school grounds to the left of the Administration Building.
IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER (SEE EVENTS CALENDAR ON SCHOOL WEBSITE)

TERM 3/4

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DATES FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR

Term 4: Tuesday 7 October – Friday 12 December (inclusive)

   Monday 20 October – Student Free Day
   Friday 21 November – Last day – Year 12
   Friday 28 November – Last day – Years 10 & 11

When making family plans, refer to the dates above so that your child may attend school everyday, all day.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES

Please make note of the new email addresses for Year Level Coordinators. Please contact them using these addresses if you have any concerns about your child’s studies or welfare.

Year 7: ylc7@macknortshs.eq.edu.au
Year 8: ylc8@macknortshs.eq.edu.au
Year 9: ylc9@macknortshs.eq.edu.au
Year 10: ylc10@macknortshs.eq.edu.au
Year 11: ylc11@macknortshs.eq.edu.au
Year 12: ylc12@macknortshs.eq.edu.au

MACKAY NORTH STATE HIGH SCHOOL CULTURAL CALENDAR – 2014

Oct 6-25   Eisteddfod
Oct 28    Showcase Concert
Nov 5    Awards Night
Nov 6 Year 6 & 7 String Orientation
         (Ice-cream Party)
Nov 19   Junior Drama Production (Tech Run 18 Nov)

STUDENT RESCOURSE SCHEME FEES

Please note that all outstanding Student Resource Scheme Fees are due and payable now.

Statements of outstanding fees were sent home at the beginning of this term. Students may be excluded from extra-curricular and end-of-year activities if fees are not paid.

Please contact the school immediately if you are experiencing financial difficulty.

STUDENT AND FAMILY DETAILS

If your address or contact details or family circumstances change, please notify the school immediately. Your nominated emergency contacts for your child and their phone details must also be kept current. This is in keeping with the Education Queensland’s Duty of Care Policy. Your student can ask for an appropriate form from the office or one can be e-mailed to you.
Hi – my name is Jim Wilson and this term I have moved into an acting Deputy Principal role. The start of Week 5 brought a move for me from Physical Education to Administration and I would like to thank everyone for making me feel welcome in the office.

Term 3 has been such a busy time. As we complete the last two weeks I would like to acknowledge the many students who ensured that they were adequately prepared for the assessment period. By this time of the year students should have put together a schedule of assessment and developed a plan of attack in managing the work load ahead for the remainder of the year.

During Year 9 parades I have been emphasising three key areas of focus. They are Attendance, Behaviour and Success in Class. The key is to make sure that students are addressing the first two. If a student is regularly attending and putting in their best effort in class then the success will look after itself.

Recently all Year 9 students would have received their NAPLAN report. I would encourage both students and parents to look at this carefully as there is a lot of information that can be gained by careful analysis. It is important to remember that this is a “snapshot” and should be used as an indicator of where a student is at right now rather than where they will finish by the end of Year 12.

I wish all students well in the upcoming term and a safe and enjoyable break over the holidays.

Mr Jim Wilson
Junior Secondary Deputy Principal (Acting)

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Please send your children to school – every day counts!!
50th Anniversary
Christmas Art Union

Forms for ticket sales
will be sent home in
Week 1 of Term 4

Prizes are

1ST PRIZE $500 voucher for K Mart
2ND PRIZE $250 voucher for K Mart
3RD PRIZE $100 voucher for K Mart

The Parents’ and Citizens’ Association will use all the funds from the Art Union for extra facilities for our students at North High.

For Sale
50th Anniversary Mementos
Anniversary Book $25.00
Lapel Pin $4.00
Cooler $5.00
Mug $10.00
Pen $2.00
School Hat $17.00
School Cap $15.00
Debutante Ball

2014
Year 8 Interschool Sports Day

I had the privilege of escorting 21 Year 8 girls to the netball courts for the Year 8 Interschool Sports Day. These girls showed great team spirit and displayed incredible teamwork skills. It was a delight to see some of the girls step up into leadership roles such as umpiring and mentoring non-netball players to ensure they had a great experience. Thank you to all who participated.

Mrs Batterham

North High P & C – Next meeting 20 October

Supporting Student Achievement

Our P&C is still in search of a President. If you see yourself or know of someone interested in this role, please make contact with a P&C member or call Sherri Savage at the school on Phone 49631666.

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

For more information contact: Trina Saunders 0414 480 737 kerry.trina@gmail.com

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Meet the Mackay District Year 12s

Daily Mercury supplement will be in the paper on Wednesday 24th September
For current, continuing and new enrolments.

2014 is drawing to a close and preparation for 2015 are well under way.
Just a reminder to all students that they should have a clear understanding of their progress for this year and the requirements regarding completion of practical and theoretical aspects of outstanding competencies. Deadlines for all competencies will be early November so it is imperative all work is up to date. This is especially important for those students in year 12 completing their certificates but equally important for year 11’s as a failure to complete even one competency would be costly under the new government funding allocations.

As I indicated in the last newsletter certificate courses undertaken through an external RTO can either be funded or attract a cost to the user dependant upon the profession selected and would definitely impact on the funding accessible to each individual. This is something that all current year 11 students need to consider when deciding upon their subjects for 2015, and especially for new enrolling students. Students completing year 12 this year will not be affected by the changes. The implications of the funding changes available to school students can be found on the following web sites http://training.qld.gov.au/training-organisations/funded-programs/vetis.html and http://training.qld.gov.au/resources/individuals/pdf/vetis-fact-sheet.pdf. I strongly urge you to read these documents and explore the links to fully understand the new funding arrangements regarding VET in schools. With this in mind, year 11 students enrolled in 2014 will have the opportunity to complete a Certificate 2 in Engineering – Pathways in 2015, to compliment their Certificate 1 in Engineering. The college is deciding the approach for new enrolments commencing in 2015 with regards to certificate courses however all students will complete a Certificate 2 in Engineering—Pathways, complete work experience, personal skill portfolio, resume and interview preparation as a minimum.

I would like to take this opportunity and congratulate our year 12’s graduating at the end of this year and wish all of you the best in your efforts to gain employment or continue your studies. Please keep in contact with the college and let us know if you are successful in your endeavours. I would also like to thank the MEC staff for their support and dedication over the past year and look forward to working with them in 2015.

MEC DATES TO REMEMBER
Term 4, 2014

Friday 17th October—Mackay North SHS Year 12 attend MEC

Wednesday 29th October—DEFENCE FORCE RECRUITING TALKS (TRADES) all MEC year 12s are invited to attend from 10:00am our bus will collect students from school (times to be advised)

DOWDENS MOCK INTERVIEWS
10th October Friday - Mackay North Year 11s
3rd November MONDAY - CELEBRATION NIGHT Year 12s (further details will be advised)
12th November Wednesday - Information Evening 5:00 to 6:30 (Year 10 students & parents) Mackay North SHS
17th November to 21st November - LAST WEEK for year 12s
24th November to 28th November - LAST WEEK for year 11s for 2014

We would like to thank Rotary Club of Mackay North for their donation of $1000 to Mackay Engineering College. This donation will go towards materials for the students. We provided the venue for the Rotary club BBQ this year where members were able to ask questions about the college and take a tour of the college. This is a service that we offer all local non-profit community organisations.
My name is Sheldon Bates and I am in Year 12 at Mackay North SHS and have been attending Mackay Engineering College since 2013. I enrolled at Mackay Engineering College as I knew this would give me a foot in the door for an apprenticeship. The work placement program at Mackay Engineering College is great and it has helped me to secure an apprenticeship at Earthlink Electrical. I did a 2 week work placement at Earthlink and enjoyed it so much that I requested another week in my school holidays. The employer was pleased with my performance and has now signed me on as a school based apprentice which will turn into a full time apprenticeship at the end of the year. The advantages of the College are they prepare you for work, work place health and safety becomes second nature and the whole program of the College is excellent.

Through the kindness of QMI Solutions, Mackay Engineering College was invited to showcase the college and have representatives on site to answer questions and promote the college and its programs. The public and businesses attending the three days at QME were interested in the college’s overall interactions with industry and the linking processes involving the students theoretical and practical applications.

Formula 1 Regional Finals wrap-up.

It was great to see the enthusiasm and dedication from all of the competitors for this year’s regional finals. Whilst numbers were down in comparison to last year all of the race teams delivered top quality skills in their respective categories. Mirani SHS came out on top in the clash between with Mackay North SHS. Thank you to everyone supporting the event and especially to our sponsors, judges and Mackay Christian College. The day would not happen if it were not for your participation and involvement. New schools will be onboard for 2015, Northern Beaches SHS, Mackay SHS and Mackay Christian College are getting their Formula 1 in schools programs underway. These schools join Mackay North SHS, Mirani SHS and St Patrick’s College.

State Finals
Make sure that you come along and see our regional teams participating at the STATE FINALS held here in MACKAY at the Mackay Christian College Junior Campus, from 22nd to the 24th October. Teams from all over Queensland will be competing with our regional finalists vying for selection at the National titles. If you have not been involved in F1 before, come along and be amazed at the level of craftsmanship, expertise and dedication these local students have. Applied learning at its best!
Enrol Now
Mackay North State High School
In-catchment enrolments for Years 7 & 8 in 2015 are being finalised NOW!
For further information phone 49631666

Mackay North SHS Catchment Area
www.qgso.qld.gov.au/maps.edmap
### Overall Detailed Itinerary

#### TURKEY / GALLIPOLI

**Thursday 18 Sept – Day 2**
5.20 am – Arrive Dubai
2.20 pm – Depart Dubai Emirates EK121
5.55 pm - Arrive Istanbul
Meet charter coach & guide–into Istanbul–Carlton Hotel
Dinner at Carlton Hotel

**Friday 19 Sept – Day 3**
Breakfast – Carlton Hotel
Full day Istanbul
Morning – bus over to Haidar Pasha Cemetery – Aust. POW graves
To ferry terminal at Kadikoy – catch ferry over Bosphorus to Karikoy
Lunch at a restaurant at Karikoy wharves
City walk – over Galata Bridge to Egyptian Spice Market at Eminonu
Bus to take us up to Blue Mosque visit
Walk to Grand Bazaar and then walk back to Hotel
Group dinner at a local restaurant

**Saturday 20 Sept – Day 4**
Breakfast – Carlton Hotel
Charter coach to Canakkale
Buy lunch at rest stop on the way
Cross the Dardanelles via ferry
Check into Truva Hotel
Free afternoon in Canakkale.
Dinner - buffet at hotel

**Sunday 21 Sept – Day 5**
Breakfast – Truva Hotel
Day 1 Anzac Battlefields - introduction to Anzac
Ferry across the Dardanelles to Ecebat & Gallipoli Peninsula
Stop off at Gaba Tepe area to view the Anzac terrain
To Anzac Cove at Ari Burnu Point - read Ataturk’s Memorial
On to the beach - explore Anzac Cove
Walk back to Ari Burnu - morning tea
Climb Little Ari Burnu to get an understanding of the landing terrain
Walk around the point to the Anzac Commemorative Site
Packed lunch at Shrapnel Valley
To Gaba Tepe
1 pm - cruise from Gaba Tepe to Anzac Cove – Anzac Cove memorial service on boat / possible swim over sunken boat off North Beach
Back to Canakkale - dinner – hotel buffet

**Monday 22 Sept – Day 6**
Breakfast – Truva Hotel

**Wednesday 22 Sept – Day 1**
By 3.45 pm - meet at Mackay Airport
4.45 pm - Depart Mackay Qantas QF 1769
6.15 pm - Arrive Brisbane (Domestic)
Qantas courtesy bus transfer to Brisbane International Terminal
Check in/customs and set up at Emirates flight gate
9 pm - Depart Brisbane International - Emirates EK 435 (Airbus A380-800 – direct to Dubai)

**Sunday 21 Sept**
Dinner
Free afternoon in Canakkale.
Check into Truva Hotel
Cross the Dardanelles via ferry
Charter coach to Canakkale
Breakfast

**Saturday 20 Sept**
Group dinner at a local restaurant
Walk to Grand Bazaar and then walk back to Hotel
Bus to take us up to Blue Mosque visit
Lunch at a restaurant at Karikoy wharves
To ferry terminal at Kadikoy
Morning tea
Arrive Istanbul
Depart Brisbane International

**Tuesday 19 Sept**
Dinner at Carlton Hotel
Meet charter coach & guide
5.55 pm
2.20 pm

**Thursday 18 Sept**
TURKEY / GALLIPOLI
9 pm
Check in/customs and set up at Emirates flight gate
Qantas courtesy bus transfer to Brisbane International
6.15 pm
4.45 pm
By 3.45 pm

**Wednesday 17 Sept – Day 1**
Day 2 Anzac Battlefields - Ramble / Exploring Day
Travel to Anzac area via Bigali and northern approach
No. 2 Outpost – walk to the top and view northern spurs of Sari Bair Range
Grave commemoration
No. 2 Outpost Cemetery
To Shrapnel Valley - walk up to Plugge’s Plateau – explore area
Grave commemoration
Shrapnel Valley Cemetery
“Heart of Anzac” walk - Shrapnel Valley - Braund’s Hill – 4th Bn Parade Ground Cemetery – Lone Pine (packed lunch with chosen soldier at 4th Bn Parade Ground Cemetery)
Meet bus at Lone Pine – drive along 2nd Ridge to The Nek
Russell’s Top walk
Back to the Nek
Up to Chunik Bair – explore the area & walk down Rhododendron Ridge
Back to Canakkale
Dinner – hotel buffet

**Tuesday 23 Sept – Day 7**
Breakfast – Truva Hotel
Day 3 Anzac Battlefields – commemoration day
To Lone Pine Cemetery & Memorial
Group commemorative service – Lone Pine Memorial
Explore Lone Pine battlefield – trenches around memorial
Walk to Johnstone’s Jolly Cemetery and Australian trenches
Drive along 2nd Ridge
Visit Quinn’s Post Cemetery
Grave commemoration:
Quinn’s Post Cemetery
On to Nek Cemetery - explore area and walk down Walker’s Ridge.
Lunch at The Nek
Back to Lone Pine - walk down Artillery Rd - stop in at Shell Green Cemetery
Grave commemoration:
Shell Green Cemetery
Another walk along Anzac Cove
Back to Canakkale.
Dinner - hotel buffet.

**Wednesday 24 Sept – Day 8**
Day 4 Anzac Battlefields – dawn & dusk
Pre dawn start - catch ferry to Anzac Cove to experience dawn on the beach
Back to Canakkale and hotel for late breakfast
Free morning - own lunch to organise in Canakkale
After lunch – ferry across to Kilitbahir & explore Kilitbahir Fort
On to Cape Helles
To Helles British Memorial & V Beach
Then visit: French Cemetery - Morto Bay / Turkish Memorial - group service to pay tribute to the Turkish soldiers who lost their lives.
Up to Anzac Cove (Beach Cemetery) to watch the sunset & say goodbye to Anzac.

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WESTERN FRONT – BELGIUM / FRANCE

Thursday 25 Sept – Day 9 (still Day 9)

5.15 pm – Arrive Brussels

Meet up with driver & charter coach - to Ieper

Check into Menin Gate School Hotel

8 pm - First visit to Last Post Service at Menin Gate

Group dinner at local Restaurant after service

Friday 26 Sept – Day 10

Breakfast – Menin Gate Hotel

Free morning

Own lunch arrangements in Ieper

1pm – Meet up with Johan Durnez & conduct Menin Gate group orientation followed by group walk along ramparts to Ramparts Cemetery

Bus to pick up group from Ramparts Cemetery – to Bedford House Cemetery – connection soldier

To Hill 60 – explore the area & visit Caterpillar Crater

To Polygon Wood via Westhoek Ridge – stop off at Zonnebeke 5 burial spot

On to Buttes New British Cemetery

Walk through Polygon Wood to Scott’s Post

Buttes New British Cemetery – special group service to commemorate 97th Anniversary of the Battle of Polygon Wood

Back to Ieper – Last Post Service – our group involvement – wreath laying and Ode

Own dinner arrangements

Saturday 27 Sept – Day 11

Breakfast – Menin Gate School Hotel.

Cemetery visits south of Ieper:

- The Huts Cemetery
- Bailleul Communal Cemetery
- Cite Bonjean Cemetery – in Armentieres
- Toronto Avenue Cemetery

Lunch at Prowse Point Cemetery – visit site of 1914 Christmas Truce

Visit Messines Church – go down to crypt & climb to bell tower

Visit Messines Museum

Grave commemorations:

- Irish House Cemetery
- Railway Dugouts Cemetery

Back to Ieper – own dinner arrangements

8 pm - Last Post Service

Sunday 28 Sept – Day 12

Breakfast – Menin Gate School Hotel.

10 am - Group commemorative service at Menin Gate

Own lunch arrangements

After lunch – to eastern Flanders battlefields

Grave commemoration:

- Aeroplane Cemetery
- Visit Langemark German Cemetery
- On to Zonnebeke – visit Passchendaele 1917 Museum

Group battlefield walk – Anzac Walk - up Broodseinde Ridge (4 October 1917 battlefield) to Tyne Cot Cemetery – spend time at Tyne Cot

Grave commemoration:

- Tyne Cot Cemetery

To Polygon Wood & sunset at Buttes New British Cemetery

Group dinner at local restaurant

Back to Ieper

Monday 29 Sept – Day 13

Breakfast – Menin Gate School Hotel

Cemetery visits west of Ieper:

Grave commemorations:

- Lijsenthoek Military Cemetery

Into Poperinge – Poperinge New Cemetery / Execution cell & pole

11 am - Group visit to Talbot House

Back to Ieper – own lunch arrangements-rest of the day free

8pm – Last Post Ceremony

FRANCE - SOMME

Tuesday 30 Sept – Day 14

Breakfast – Menin Gate School Hotel.

Head south to the Somme

Grave commemorations:

- Tancrez Farm Cemetery
- Brewery Orchard Cemetery
- Rue Petillon Military Cemetery

To Fromelles battlefield – VC Corner Cemetery

Walk Fromelles battlefield to Cobbers Sculpture

To new Fromelles Pheasant Wood Cemetery / visit Pheasant Wood site of mass burial

Cemetery Commemoration:

- Pheasant Wood Cemetery

To Vimy Ridge Canadian Memorial – packed lunch

On to Notre Dame de Lorette French Cemetery & Memorial

Grave commemorations on the way to the Somme region:

- Lapugnoy Military Cemetery
- Puchervillers British Cemetery
- Warloy Baillon British Cemetery

To Albert accommodation – Poppies d’ Albert International School

Dinner – Group dinner at local restaurant

Wednesday 1 Oct – Day 15

Breakfast – Poppies d’Albert.

Pozieres day

Stop off at Pozieres British Cemetery – connection soldier

Cont’d over
Overall Detailed Itinerary  Cont’d from previous

Grave commemoration:
- Grevillers British Cemetery
- Courcelette British Cemetery
- To the Windmill site at Pozieres
- On to Newfoundland Park – explore the area
- To Thiepval Memorial & interpretive centre
- To 1st Division Memorial at Pozieres – packed lunch
- Pozieres battlefield walk – from memorial, through Pozieres village to town cemetery and then along road to site of OG 1 & OG 2 lines. Back into Pozieres – afternoon tea at Tommy’s Café
- To Caterpillar Valley Cemetery
- Memorial commemoration
- Caterpillar Valley Memorial
- To Delville Wood South African Memorial
- Visit Lochnagar Crater on the way back into Albert
- Back to Albert – group dinner at local restaurant

Thursday 2 Oct – Day 16
Breakfast – Poppies d’Albert.
Villers Bretonneux Day
Cemetery visit – Dernancourt Communal Cemetery
To Australian National Memorial – group commemorative service
Grave commemoration:
- Villers Bretonneux Military Cemetery
- To Adelaide Cemetery – grave of the Unknown Soldier
- Into Villers Bretonneux – visit Victoria School & Australian Museum
- To Hamel Memorial
- Packed lunch at Hamel Memorial Park
- To August 1918 Somme battlefields
- Grave Commemoration:
  - Heath Cemetery
- Proyart Battlefield visit – honouring of soldier on battlefield
- To Eastern Somme battlefields
- Grave commemorations:
  - Vendelles Communal Cemetery
  - Templeux Le Guerard Communal Cemetery
  - Extension

Visit Tincourt British Cemetery
To Mont St Quentin – 2nd Division Memorial
Back into Albert – group dinner at local restaurant

Friday 3 Oct – Day 17
Breakfast – Poppies d’Albert.
East to Bullecourt
Grave Commemorations:
- Beulencourt British Cemetery
- Bapaume Australian Cemetery
- Bancourt British Cemetery
- Morchies Australian Cemetery

To Bullecourt – visit town and Bullecourt Digger – group service at Digger Memorial
On to Hendecourt for lunch with Claude & Collette Durand & then back to Bullecourt at 1.30 pm to visit Jean & Denise Letaille Museum
Leave Somme after museum visit
On to Paris – accommodation – Hotel Ibis Montmartre.

Night walk along Champs d’Elysee – to buy own dinner.

Saturday 4 Oct – Day 18
Breakfast – Hotel Ibis Montmartre
Full day exploring the sights of Paris
Morning – Notre Dame Cathedral, walk along the Seine River
Lunch – Latin Quarter
Afternoon – Les Invilades / Napoleon’s Tomb / Eiffel Tower – to the top
Group dinner at local restaurant

Sunday 5 Oct – Day 19
Breakfast - Hotel Ibis Montmartre
Morning group exploration around Montmartre area – Sacre Coeur etc
12 noon - to Paris Charles De Gaulle Airport
3.35 pm – depart Paris - Emirates EK 74 (A380-800)

Monday 6 Oct – Day 20
12.20 am - arrive Dubai Airport (transit)
3.05 am - depart Dubai Airport - Emirates EK354
3.00 pm - arrive Singapore

Tuesday 7 Oct – Day 21
Breakfast - Peninsular Excelsior Hotel
9 am - Charter bus to Kranji Cemetery
Group Service - Singapore Memorial & service to honour Vyner Brooke nurses
To Changi - visit replica of Changi Chapel & Changi Museum – Sandakan Service
Back to hotel - free afternoon
Dinner - final night of tour - Group dinner at local restaurant. Dress up night

Wednesday 8 Oct – Day 22
Breakfast - Peninsular Excelsior Hotel
Free morning & early afternoon in Singapore
Late check out of accommodation at 4pm – transfer to airport
7.55 pm - depart Singapore – Qantas QF 52

Thursday 9 Oct – Day 23
5.20 am - arrive Brisbane International
Bus transfer to Brisbane Domestic terminal
9.20 am - depart Brisbane – Qantas QF 1762
11.00 am - arrive Mackay

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