AUSTRALIAN OPTI-MINDS CHAMPIONS!

After stellar success at both State and National levels, seven exemplary young ladies from North Mackay High have been invited to represent our school at the international Opti-MINDS challenge in New Zealand next month.

Over the weekend of October 11th and 12th, around 700 school students converged on The University of Queensland, St Lucia campus, for the 2014 Opti-MINDS Challenge. Teams used their analytical, creative and team-working skills to meet challenges in the categories of Maths Engineering, Language Literature or Social Sciences.


Students had three hours to prepare a solution to a Challenge, put the solution into a dramatic presentation and make their props and costumes. They then presented the solution to a panel of judges and a public audience. During the preparation time for the three hour challenge, teams were visited by three judges who delivered a 10 minute spontaneous challenge. All teams received the same challenge and were judged on the creativity, relevance and diversity of their responses, as well their ability to work together as a team.

Needless to say, our team rose to both challenges in spectacular form and was named the Australian champion for Social Sciences, Division II. Go North!

Now the girls have the huge task of fundraising for the New Zealand event. Can you help? Donations have already started coming in so we plan to acknowledge this generosity by including an Opti-MINDS “progress thermometer” in future newsletters. If you can help, please email either Helen Kajewski (hkaje2@eq.edu.au) or Sue Ilich (silic4@eq.edu.au) or contact us on 4963 1666.
Queensland State Finals for the F1 in schools Design Challenge

The Queensland State finals for the F1 in schools Design challenge are taking place on 23rd and 24th October at the Mackay Christian College Junior campus main hall. Mackay North State High School will be represented by the AirStream Racing team who are the current overall Queensland Champions and Senior Professional class Champions and placed 8th overall at the Australian National Finals earlier this year.

The team is made up of five Year 11 students: Matthew Nickalls (Team Manager); Jake Saelman (Vehicle Design and Manufacture); Connor Quinn (Marketing and Resources); Hamish McDuff (Graphic Design); and Blair Holden (Innovation and Research. The team has welcomed a new member for this campaign as Kyle Costigan left to commit to his studies and take part in the Gallipoli trip; the group is confident that Blair will step into this role and relish the challenge.

AirStream are quietly confident that they have an innovative and aesthetically pleasing vehicle that should perform well. If you see the lads around please wish them luck in their endeavour to win through to the 2015 national stage so they may once again represent Queensland, our region and our school.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER (SEE EVENTS CALENDAR ON SCHOOL WEBSITE)

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NEWS BREAK - OPTI Minds Team wins, Queensland and Australian Champions – Congratulations!

Welcome Back
Term 4 always seems to rush in and leave before we have the chance to grasp the moments. With the major events of the year punctuating the term and staff taking every opportunity to guide and prepare our Senior students for their future pathways, it will seem like there is little time left to make further progress on our improvement agenda. However, I believe now is the time to begin our preparations for 2015, to ensure all our students are being managed, effectively tracked and fully engaged to the last day of school.

Attendance is our Priority
Our aim for the whole school is 95% attendance. We need every student in every class, every day. A student who misses school misses the opportunity to engage in learning and this often causes gaps in learning. A further consequence of gaps in learning often are the cause of behaviour concerns. It is only when students are at school that we have the opportunity to provide our service of education. Please ensure if your student is absent that you contact us in the morning on the day, no absence should be unexplained. We will all need to work together to reach our goal of 95%, don’t let the North team down!

Junior Secondary
Year 7 enrolment interviews are currently underway. Please ensure all Year 7 and Year 8 enrolment applications are in to the office as a matter of urgency.

Excellence on Display
Year 12 Art Exhibition
The time is now to view the wonderful art work of our current Year 12 students at the City Library. There is a selection of highly regarded pieces that have been recognized by many as well deserved of State recognition. Our opening evening saw a large number of students, staff and families gather together to celebrate the creative excellence of very talented individuals and their outstanding teachers.

Eisteddfod
Many students have spent much time travelling to the MECC to perform and will continue to do so for another week, to participate in various classes in the Eisteddfod. We have already received excellent results for many of our entries and look forward to continuing to receive accolades to celebrate the expertise of our students carefully guided and tutored by our excellent Music staff.

Spirit of Remembrance
Our twenty-eight students and five teachers returned from their ANZAC tour, all safe and vibrantly rewarded from their experiences. It has been wonderful to read of the many emails received from families that students had connected with prior to the trip, and to other folk who had met the students in their travels. The memories of the tour will live on with these students throughout their lives and I believe will impact greatly on their lives and in their decision making as a result of experiencing these deep compassionate emotions as adolescents. Welcome back!

Good Bye
Late term 3, Mr Peter McGiffin was offered a leadership role with Queensland Cricket and while it was a difficult decision for him to make, he decided to leave us for his immediate future. Mr McGiffin has been a teacher at Mackay North SHS for the past 17 years and during this time he has taught many budding cricket players as part of the Cricket Excellence program at the school, along with coaching many cricket and other sporting teams, both locally and representative over the years. Mr McGiffin is a major loss to the teaching staff at North, he is highly regarded by his colleagues and a ‘favourite’ among his students. We wish Peter all the very best for his future and we are sure the skills and knowledge of cricket he takes to his new role will serve him well among his new colleagues and cricket teams. Good luck Peter!

Thank you
Thank you Mr Matt Grieger for joining us at such short notice to cover the Year 9 Deputy Principal role for the past two weeks. Mr Grieger has assisted us on a number of occasions this year and we are appreciative of his personal professional manner in which he meets and interacts with all students, families and staff.

Welcome
We welcome Mrs Lisa Veney as our Year 9 Deputy Principal from Week 3. Mrs Veney joins us from Longreach State High School and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience as a Senior School leader.

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
Senior Information Night
Wednesday 22nd October, 6.00 pm – Senior Centre Auditorium

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The school will be holding an information night regarding Year 12 in 2015. It will cover school expectations around attendance, assessment and support structures to assist students successfully negotiate their final year of schooling at North High.

The second portion of the evening will be a presentation by Ian Beanland, HOD Senior Schooling, around the calculation of OP scores and QCE completion and how students are tracked to ensure they are working successfully toward their desired post-school pathway.

The evening will be held in the auditorium in the Senior Centre and will commence at 6.00pm and finish at around 7:30.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Tim Condren
Senior Schooling Deputy

Ian Beanland
Senior Schooling HOD

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS IN REGARDS THE SENIOR SCHOOL:
Tim Condren, Deputy Principal (11/12)  Jane Grieger Deputy Principal (10)  Ian Beanland, Head of Senior School
email – tcond11@eq.edu.au  email – jgrie16@eq.edu.au  email – ibean1@eq.edu.au

Year 12 end of year events – information

As Year Twelve speeds away, you will find that apart from the assessment demands of Term Four, many extracurricular activities also present themselves. Below is a timeline of these and guidelines of our expectations:

Thursday 16th October: Year 12 Choices Program – Lessons 6 - 7 in hall.
A Schoolies presentation by students from CQU focusing on personal safety and looking out for your mates during end of school celebrations.

Wednesday 5th November: Awards Night - Dress Smart Casual. 7.00pm sharp start. North Mackay High Hall.
Parents of all students (Years 8—12) receiving awards will be sent an invitation to attend the evening, however all parents & friends are welcome to attend. Awards are given for excellence in subject areas & school community participation.

Thursday 6th November: Valedictory Assembly - (11.35 – 12.15) Lesson 4 – North Mackay High hall.
School Captains thank students and staff for the support given over the past twelve months. They also reflect upon what has been achieved over the year and aspirations for future students. School Captains for 2015 are announced.

Friday 7th November: Sports Awards - Dress Smart Casual. Presentations start 6.30pm sharp. North High Hall. Parents of students receiving awards will be sent an invitation, but all parents and friends are welcome to attend. Awards are given for excellence and participation in the areas of sport. Drinks and nibbles will be served at 6.00pm.

Monday 17th November: Blocked Exams – (these are proposed dates and may change slightly) Students need to attend school when they have an exam and when they have nominated to complete their resuscitation training. During this time all students need to sign up and complete the resuscitation course, which takes approximately 1 hour.

Thursday 20th November: Graduation - Dress Smart Casual – 7.00pm sharp start. North High Hall. Students will be presented with a certificate of attendance and a reference (if applicable) and will be entertained by some of their talented peers. Family & friends welcome.

Friday 21st November: Last day of School - Dress Casual (school uniform not required)
Meet at the hall for roll marking at 8.40 am for approximately one hour. Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority requires all students to be present for roll marking. Before being dismissed, students must return all outstanding school equipment, Art Union tickets, texts and library books. Prom tickets (that have been purchased) will be issued to students who meet these requirements.

Saturday 22nd November: Prom – Dress formal. 6.30pm at the North Mackay Bowls Club. Senior students and their invited guests arrive for pre-dinner drinks & nibbles. Guests will leave prior to the evening meal, at 7.30pm while students will continue their celebrations until 12pm. All outstanding school fees must be paid prior to purchasing a prom ticket. Tickets are $60 per person and must be purchased by 31st October from the office. Tickets will not be available for purchase after this date.

* Please note – The Prom is invitation only. Students must have demonstrated consistently appropriate behaviour throughout the year. Any student who has displayed behaviour at Stage 3 or Stage 4 or has had excessive unauthorised absences may be denied the opportunity of attending this function.

As you can see, we have a busy time ahead. If you have any queries regarding these functions, feel free to contact one of the Senior Coordinators (Mr Beanland, Mr Goodwin, and Mrs Cridland - Phone: 4963 1729.

CHRISTMAS ART UNION TICKETS (forms issued last Friday)
Last chance to fundraise for your school in 2014. Seniors….last chance ever! Please sell as many tickets as possible and return money and form as soon as possible. You can win a $500, $250 or $100 K-Mart gift voucher.
Quinnlan Hatchett
Year 12
Pencil Drawing
Exhibited at “Creative Generation”
Mackay North High School students exhibit their art in “Creative Generation” in Rockhampton

Four of our Year 12 Art students were selected to exhibit their art work in the prestigious annual art award “Creative Generation” held recently at the Rockhampton Art Gallery. Quinnlan Hatchett, Tearmie Gill, Sarah Easton and Briony Hutchinson all submitted work of a very high standard and proudly represented our fantastic school.

Art students donate their time for the RSPCA

During Term 3, the Art Department has been working on a mural to display at the new Mackay RSPCA Adoption Centre. A group of dedicated students and teachers have given up their lunch hours to design, draft and paint the mural which was recently presented for display. The students who chose to donate their time and skills include Montanna Reuss, Ella Ramsamy, Caroline Morrison, Ebony Urmson, Mackenzie Quinn, Alisha Connelly, Chelsea Rose and Nicole Villalba.

The group has been invited to tour the new Adoption Centre later this year and see their mural in position and on display. Many thanks to all those involved, I am very proud of these students’ generosity and efforts.

Kathryn West (Acting HOD – Art)
MACKAY NORTH STATE HIGH SCHOOL
Yr 12 Art Exhibition
Mackay City Library
October 16th - 31st
ALL WELCOME!
Memorable Anzac Tour

Students and staff involved in North High’s eighth overseas commemorative tour, the Spirit of Remembrance 2014 Tour, recently arrived back in Australia after a very successful and emotional three weeks.

The group, comprising 28 students and five teachers, visited the Australian battlefields, cemeteries and memorials at Gallipoli, in Singapore and on the old Western Front in France and Belgium.

The students experienced a roller coaster of emotions as they commemorated 75 soldiers and 33 nurses in 37 separate cemeteries. The group also conducted special services at seven memorials to the missing. The grave or memorial name of each soldier has been photographed and will be presented to relatives in Australia.

The students proved to be outstanding ambassadors for the school and the Mackay community and they commemorated their fallen Australians with genuine respect, dignity and compassion.

A special presentation evening will be held in the school hall on 25 October. The evening begins at 6.30 for a 7.00 pm start. All are welcome to attend and hear about the students’ wonderful adventures.

Special highlights of the tour included:

♦ A private boat cruise off Anzac Cove.
♦ Sunrise and sunset at Anzac Cove.
♦ A service to honour those Australians killed on the 97th Anniversary of the Battle of Polygon Wood.
♦ Three tour members singing the Australian National Anthem in front of hundreds of people at the famous Last Post Service at the Menin Gate Memorial in Ieper, Belgium.
♦ A special service in Singapore honouring the 33 Australian nurses killed in the Vyner Brooke tragedy during WW2 and the 25 Mackay men who died on the Sandakan Death Marches.
Here are our North Stars for the end of Term 3 and beginning of Term 4. Congratulations everyone!

**Year 9**
- Robyn Durkin
- Lillian Kajewski
- Nicole Dowe
- Nathan Challenger

**Year 10**
- Alitaa Fatnowna
- Alitaa Fatnowna

Attendance, punctuality and attending all day, every day are vital.

Congratulations – Well Done
Pictured are Home Groups 9F1 and 10B3 enjoying their pizza party last Friday. These two classes were the most improved in terms of attendance since Term One. Well done to all students, Mrs Holmes and Miss Williams.
Scholarship Winners for Year 7 & 8 in 2015

On September 9th, our newest members of the North High community were welcomed when the 2015 scholarships were presented to five Year 6 and six Year 7 students. The scholarships were awarded for Academic, Cultural and Sporting excellence. Current Year 8 scholarship holders May-Lee Wilson and Tate Obst were the MCs for the event and scholarship recipients from 2010, Year 12 students, Steven McGiffin and Aisa Rodgers, pictured right, spoke about their amazing five years at North.

Congratulations to the following students and we wish you all the very best for your future years at North.

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Back: Aisa Rodgers, May-Lee Wilson, Tate Obst, Steven McGiffin
Middle: Tyler Forbes, Joe Fortescue, Reilly Manning, Jana Bassan, Ella Sippel, Lily Daniel
Front: Sofia Garcia, Wesley Dyer

Students who were unable to attend the Scholarship Presentation due to being on school camp: Mia Hall, Dakota Miller, Aaron Gray

Mackay North SHS Catchment Area
www.qgso.qld.gov.au/maps.edmap

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
Boys Indoor cricket team players waiting for their turn to bat against their opponents.

Team member of MNSHS fielding against Holy Spirit

North High Open Girls Rugby team at the quarter finals game against Mackay High with coaches Mr Andre Richards and Mr Earl McCann

Waiting on the bench with Coach Andre Richards

North High back line organising themselves against Mackay High open girls

Our forwards winning the scrum against Mackay High

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

QLD Track & Field Trials

On October 23rd, students selected in the Capricornia Track & Field team will be competing over five days in the QLD Track & Field trials in Brisbane. We wish these students the best of luck in their events and know that they will do the region and the school proud.

Sports Awards Night

Friday 7th November will see the Annual Sports Awards held at the school hall. Students have been asked to check the PE noticeboard for representative teams and later will be reminded to check for the awards they will be receiving on the night. Invitations will be sent out shortly with more details on this event, so please keep this night free and come and celebrate the success of our sporting students at North.

Doug Kynaston
2000 Australian Junior Sprint Kayak Team

Joshua Ahwong
Australian Athletics National U17 400m Champion

Caitlin Willis
2006 Commonwealth Games Gold Medallist 4 x 400 m Relay

An excerpt from the North High 50th Anniversary Book
PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

MACKAY EISTEDDFOD
Congratulations to all of our talented students who have excelled at the annual Mackay Eisteddfod. The main secondary instrumental sections were held on Tuesday and our groups were extremely successful. Our String Orchestra won the Secondary String Ensemble Section; our Intermediate Concert Band received a second place in the Secondary Concert Band Section and our Senior Concert Band also received a second place in the Open Instrumental Section. The performances of all of these groups were of a very high standard and the members can all feel extremely proud of their polished work. It was wonderful to see so many of our parents and families supporting our students at the Eisteddfod – sincere thanks.

The vocal sections will be held next week with our Folk Group performing on Monday night; our Novelty Group on Tuesday night and our vocal ensemble, Crescendo, singing in the two main Secondary Choral sections on Friday morning and Friday afternoon. Best wishes to all the students in these groups.

SHOWCASE CONCERT
Our annual Showcase Concert will be held in our hall on Tuesday night, October 28, starting at 7.00pm. This concert highlights the extraordinary achievements of all of our talented performing arts students during the year. It is always a wonderful concert which is most entertaining.

The new Drum Major of the Marching Band for 2015 will be named and this year the opening of the concert will revisit the very special item from the Anniversary Concert which featured our 200 instrumental students all performing with the professional music staff.

The school’s successful Rock Pop Mime presentations will be another highlight, along with many of the school’s prize winning eisteddfod performances.

Don’t miss this special concert – it will be over by 9.30pm. Admission is by way of a donation of $5.00 per person at the door. Drinks and chips will be on sale at interval.

EXTRA REHEARSALS FOR SHOWCASE CONCERT AND AWARDS NIGHT
In order to prepare for the Showcase Concert, ALL instrumental students will be needed for a rehearsal on Tuesday afternoon, October 28 from 3.00 – 4.00pm.

As the Marching Band is opening our annual Awards Night on Wednesday night, November 5, there will be a special rehearsal that afternoon from 3.00 – 4.00pm for ALL Marching Band members. The students will be performing the National Anthem and the two Australian medleys from the State Anzac March in Brisbane.

Kathy GEORGE
HOD – Performing Arts

North High P & C
October meeting next Monday 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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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

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 again at the beginning of this term. Students may be excluded from extra-curricular and end-of-year activities (e.g. Yr 12 Prom; Yr 11 camp; Yr 10 Informal) if fees are not paid.

Please contact the school immediately if you are experiencing financial difficulty and we will assist you with a payment plan.
During the September holidays, 30 students and 4 staff ventured down to the Australian Alps as part of the annual pilgrimage of Mackay North State High School on the Snowies Tour. Beginning with a very early morning on Saturday 20th September, the group flew down to Sydney before enjoying the scenery that country NSW has to offer as our bus took us from Sydney to our accommodation in Jindabyne.

After a good night’s sleep, the group was eager to hit the slopes and test out their abilities on the slopes of Perisher Blue Ski Resort. Upon arriving at the resort, the group strapped on their boots and skis and headed off on their first day on the slopes – not before receiving some lessons from the ski and snowboard instructors. Following the lesson, the group then began to explore the resort and see what Perisher had to offer. While many were happy on Front Valley and the V8, some took to the Quad Chairlift to Happy Valley and other areas in the park. This would be the same process for the next 4 days, exploring more and more of the resort, including Blue Cow and looking off into the near distance at Mt Kosciusko.

During the night, students were involved in many activities including trivia, a trip to the cinemas in Jindabyne and also night skiing – yes night skiing! A highlight for many on the tour, skiing at night was an enjoyable experience (although rather cold) which finished off with a fireworks display.

After 5 days skiing and snowboarding our way down the slopes, it was time to say goodbye to Perisher and Jindabyne and hello to Sydney, where we would embark on a tour of the NRL museum and also the Moore Park complex – Allianz Stadium and the SCG. Going behind the scenes of these great Australian sporting venues, the group was able to get a sense of what our elite sportspeople experience when playing at the grounds. Also students were able to sit in the same seats as footballers Darren Lockyer and Sonny Bill Williams and cricketers such as Sir Donald Bradman and Steve Waugh.

At the conclusion of the tour, the group hurried back to the accommodation to get changed and into football mode as we headed off to ANZ Stadium to watch the NRL Semi-Final between the South Sydney Rabbitohs and Sydney Roosters. The Rabbitohs supporters were already excited as they were celebrating NRL game number 200 for Greg Inglis, however the celebrations were short lived as the Roosters scored 2 early tries. At the end of the game, the Rabbitohs were victorious. The group enjoyed the atmosphere of 52,500 people and also the game - except for a couple of Roosters supporters – which saw the retirement of great Anthony Minichiello. Pictured below is the group with the NRL Premiership trophy.

The following day, the group explored all that Sydney had to offer – shops, museums, ferry rides – before going to a dinner at Darling Harbour. When the group was fed, we caught a ferry across the harbour to Luna Park, where we would spend the next few hours enjoying the rides and keeping our delicious meal down.

This would be the final activity for the group as the tour would end the next day. After a delayed flight to return to Mackay, the group landed safely and with some sadness, said goodbye. The memories that were created will be shared for many years between the students, staff and parents as the tour was a great success.

On behalf of the tour group, I would like to thank the staff, students and parents for supporting this tour. Without the support, this tour would not be as successful as it was, and students would not get the opportunity to learn new skills and experience different cultures. Thank you one and all!

Mr Smith – Tour Coordinator
Today, Friday 17th October, teachers and support staff helped to raise awareness with students about Haemophilia and help raise funds for the Haemophilia Foundation Queensland by wearing red and supporting Red Cake day. If you would like to make a donation, please contact http://www.haemophilia.org.au/redcakeday/donate.

Prophylaxis is regular treatment to prevent bleeds. Injection must be done into the blood stream via a port-a-cath or into the vein every second day.

Did you know that two teachers in our school, Mr and Mrs Gonnella (pictured above), have twin boys who have Haemophilia A (severe: less than 1% of factor in their blood).

FAST FACTS:
⇒ Haemophilia is a rare genetic bleeding disorder that occurs when people don't have enough of an essential clotting factor in their blood to control bleeding
⇒ It is incurable and can be life-threatening without treatment - which can help prevent repeated bleeding into muscles and joints that causes arthritis and joint problems
⇒ There are 5800 Australians living with a bleeding disorder, 2800 of these people are living with haemophilia, most are male, but women can be symptomatic too. Women and men can carry the haemophilia gene.
⇒ There are two types of haemophilia: Haemophilia A is the most common type and caused when there is not enough clotting factor 8 in the blood; Haemophilia B, also known as Christmas Disease, occurs when there is not enough clotting factor 9 in the blood.

Businesses urged to make a Queensland Apprenticeship Pledge

The State Government has launched the Queensland Apprenticeship Pledge, an exciting new initiative that aims to drive the creation of additional apprenticeship opportunities. Under the Queensland Apprenticeship Pledge, the government has asked industry to commit to providing additional apprenticeship opportunities to further develop a strong skills base for the state’s economy.

In return eligible employers who sign up to the program will be paid an incentive of up to $6000 for each additional apprentice they take on above their benchmark.

The Queensland Apprenticeship Pledge supports the Queensland Government’s $86 million commitment to create 10,000 additional apprenticeships over six years. It also builds on the success of two other initiatives implemented under the Queensland Government’s Great skills Real opportunities training reform action plan - the School to Trade Pathway Incentive program and the Group Training Additional Apprentice Bonus.

For more information or to make a pledge to employ additional apprentices please go to http://training.qld.gov.au/pledge.

Collect a free copy of the October “Industry Hub” and read about women Apprentices in the region. Caitlin Sukroo, a former North High student is featured. Girls who are interested in a career in the “Trades” can speak with the Manual Arts Department for more information.
**50th Anniversary**

Christmas Art Union

**1ST PRIZE**
$500 voucher for K Mart

**2ND PRIZE**
$250 voucher for K Mart

**3RD PRIZE**
$100 voucher for K Mart

**Forms for ticket sales have been issued to all students**

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

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**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

See the school Office

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**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)

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**HOMEBUSH STATE SCHOOL**

**TURNS 125 YEARS OLD!**

Homebush State School is celebrating 125 years on Friday 24th/
Saturday 25th October. A formal dinner will be held on the school
grounds on Friday evening commencing at 6pm. Tickets are available
from the office at $50 per head which includes a 3 course meal, entertainment and prizes.
The Saturday celebrations commence at 11am and conclude at 6:30pm. The formal ceremony starts
at 12pm, followed by a fabulous family fun day. There will be a myriad of activities including a range
of historical, art and dance displays as well as live entertainment and children’s rides and activities. A
variety of hot and cold food and drinks will be available for purchase including a fully licensed bar.
Keep this date free and head out to Homebush School to join in and help celebrate this most
auspicious occasion. For more information please contact the office on (07)49597285.

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**Rotary Club of Mackay West Inc.**

District 9520
PD Box 611
Mackay Qld 4740
http://www.mackaywestrotary.com.au

The Mackay West Rotary Club Annual Christmas Fair is on Friday and Saturday,
24th and 25th October at Col Story Rotary Park, the City Gates starting at 6 pm.

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**You can help Kick Brain Cancer’s Butt**

**Country Hoedown**

Everyone is welcome to come Join In the Fun
Where: Kuchabul Hotel Grounds
When: 3:00pm to 6:00pm 25th of November.
Live music by talented young country artists “Tracey Hayward”
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Lasso Game
Shooting Game
Horseshoe Games
Sausage Sizzle
Cakes & home-made relish stand
Pony Rides.
Jumping Castle and much more.

**DINNER DANCE.**

- Made by Well-known Mackay Artist
- Annette Worthington & Co
Where: Kuchabul Hotel Hall
When: 6:30PM 25th of November.
Prices: Adults $30.00
Child $10.00
Includes: Traditional BBQ Meal, Music and Dance

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

- Phone: Karen on 0411 494008 or Sandie on 0438 880981 for all enquiries.
- Payments by bank deposit or at the Kuchabul Hotel
- Free Camping Available
- Funds raised go to the “Cure Brain Cancer Foundation”.

Please come and help support Audine White.
Become a PACTS Facilitator

Parents As Career Transition Support (PACTS) Facilitators run a series of workshops for parents to provide them with up-to-date information about career transition. This enables parents to support their children effectively when making career transition decisions.

FREE Facilitator Training is available now for eligible applicants. In total, 160 funded training places were allocated to QLD education providers, community workers and career practitioners who meet the eligibility criteria. **Limited Places Left!**

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**Registrations Now Open**


**Email confirmation** of your attendance to Kim (Qld) at: k.dawson@youthconnect.com.au

Please notify us of any **dietary requirements** by COB Wednesday the 17th OCTOBER, 2014

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**PACTS Training**

**Mackay QLD**

**DATES**
Tuesday the 21st & Wednesday the 22nd of OCTOBER 2014

**TIMES**
9am to 4pm each day

**VENUE**
Workforce Express
Corner of Penn & Forth Streets
www.workforceexpress.com.au

**PROVIDED**
Lunch, morning & afternoon tea.
Workshop handbook
Facilitators kit
Membership to the 2014 PACTS National Network
Support from QLD PACTS Program Development Officer

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