LEUKAEMIA FOUNDATION
NORTH HIGH HEAD SHAVE FOR A CURE

Last Friday, 15 brave students and 3 equally brave teachers lost their hair for charity in the annual Head Shave for a Cure. North High has a strong tradition in supporting this very worthy venture and this year was no different, with over $5000 being raised for cancer research.

Hundreds of students gave a gold coin donation to watch the shaving, with the highlight seeing the ever popular Mr Murphy lose his curly locks. The students also enjoyed watching school captain, Mark Gordon, leading the way by raising over $500 for his shave.

There were some other outstanding individual fundraising efforts by the students, with Year 9 girl, Rinalda Aay raising over $800 and Year 12 student, Mitchell Isenbert raising $600. Of special note was the effort of Year 9 girl, Desiree Jeffcoat, who had her head shaved on her birthday.

The students involved in the head shave were:
Year 8: Blair Holden, Ryan Heckenberg, Cadin Sandell
Year 9: Jacob McDonnell, Rinalda Aay, Desiree Jeffcoat
Year 11: Michael Blines, David Lamperd, Jarron Russo
Year 12: Alex Goodall, Ben Horsfall, Alistair Houghton, Jason Little, Mitchell Isenbert, Mark Gordon
Teachers: Mr Murphy, Mr Rubira & Mr Mian (who also lost his famous goatee)

YEAR 11 STUDENTS, CHARLOTTE SPALDING & KEELEY PROUSE, WHO BOTH DONATED $50 HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF SHAVING MR MURPHY’S CURLS
Last week I attended an eLearning program for Principals which was held at the ICT Learning Innovations Centre at the University of the Sunshine Coast. One of the purposes of the program was to build a practical understanding of contemporary teaching and learning environments. The influence of technology on education and our daily lives is increasing at a rapid rate. The future world for our students will require them to have, or develop, instant access to information and problem solving skills. Schools are constantly challenged to extend opportunities for learning and to prepare students, not only for further education and training, but also for life in a digital world.

Our facilities at North have recently been upgraded to provide wireless coverage to the majority of the school’s campus. The roll out of laptop computers to the Year 10 students has also commenced, and students are pleased with the additional benefits that access to this technology will provide. Our school community is very appreciative of the excellent technical support provided by our technicians, Mr Troy Twomey and Mr Brenton Millers under the guidance of Head of Department (IT), Mr John Doolan.

Students at North are well placed to benefit from future educational opportunities that will allow them to become effective digital learners.

**SHELLEY LEWIS**

**PRINCIPAL**

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**FROM THE BUSINESS SERVICES MANAGER**

Statements for **Student Resource Scheme and Subject Levies** will be posted out to parents over the coming weeks. With the end of year activities getting closer please remember our school policy - **IF THE EXCURSION IS EXTRA CURRICULAR, STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY OUTSTANDING FEES BEFORE ATTENDING THE EXCURSION.** Please don’t hesitate to contact the school office to discuss payment options.
INDIGENOUS PRINTMAKING WORKSHOP

Renowned indigenous artist Heather Walker, who is an amazing printmaker, taught a small group of students the printmaking process. The students were asked to create an indigenous design that would be printed and displayed in our classrooms around the school to promote cultural awareness.

HEATHER WALKER (far right), AKIRA CON Goo (next to machine), Caitlin Hegarty, Lilly Walker, Leaneisha Kennell and Abi Ahwong.

ARTWORK OF THE MONTH
Ellie Hungerford
Year 12
Charcoal on paper

“He is all of them and he is one of us”
PICTURE YOUR PET
ART COMPETITION

This year the Art Department ran a competition called “Picture Your Pet”, which was kindly sponsored by Mackay Vet Clinic, who donated vouchers to be spent locally. Students had to enter a picture of their pet or a dream pet, created with any art material. We had a great response with over 55 fantastic entries being displayed at the Autumn Fair. The students were very creative with their entries, with pictures being completed in charcoal, pencil, paint, photographs, and even crocheted pets!

Competition was so impressive that four Encouragement Awards were given out, in addition to First, Second, and Third Prizes.

First prize was awarded to Quinnlan Hatchett (Yr 9) for his beautiful watercolour drawing of his pet lizard. Second prize went to Tyler Hoffman (Yr 8) for his drawing of his pet cat. Third prize was awarded to Vanessa Chapman (Yr 9) for her crocheted lemur.

Encouragement awards went to Amber Moore (Yr 11) for her sculpted lizard, Courtney Snook (Yr 11) for her charcoal drawing of a lion, Melanie Edwards (Yr 9) for her pencil drawing of her horse, and Teah-Monique Savage for her pastel drawing of her puppy dogs.

Special thanks goes to Chloe O’Shea for designing and creating the poster and helping with PR and marketing!

Susie Hansen
ART DEPARTMENT

PaCE/FaCE-IT Program
Families & Education Working Together
Bianca & Roz would love to invite Northside Parents & Families
of Indigenous young people (0-19yrs) to come along to our Parent ‘Get Together’
To talk about ways of getting more involved in your children’s education.
We need to stand together as a parent group – so that schools listen!
When: Thursday 16th June 2011
Where: Andergrove Community Hall – Celeber Drive
Time: 10.00am-1.00pm
Lunch provided – and transport if needed
You must let us know if you require transport so that we can put you down on the transport list!
There will be some kids’ activities – so please feel free to bring them along!
Important to RSVP for catering purposes please! RSVP – ASAP!!!
Bianca Toby – 0401 152 738 coordinator@marabisda.org.au
Roz Roddenby – 0402 707 144 projectofficer@marabisda.org.au
PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

DRAMA PRODUCTION – AUSTRALIAN

Many thanks to all the families and friends who supported our very successful drama production “Australian” last weekend. The forty students in the cast excelled in the thought provoking, extremely entertaining performances and the singing and movement added a further element of professionalism.

Congratulations to all students who were involved in the production – your intensive rehearsals since February certainly paid off! Many thanks too, to Miss Cresswell for all her hard work and expertise in putting the production together.

TWILIGHT CONCERT

Again, thanks to all families and friends who attended our Wednesday night Twilight Concert which showcased the achievements of the music students during this last semester. All the ensembles performed with distinction and the Year 12 soloists amazed the audience with their aplomb and skill.

SHANGHAI TRIP

Our fund raising is continuing – there are still a number of events ahead where we can amass some more funds. The proceeds from the Twilight Concert will be donated to our fund along with all the proceeds from the Ipod raffle.

Reminder that we would appreciate the passport, China visa application form and the balance payment being provided by the end of this term. The absolute deadline is the first school day back after the holidays. The balance payment amount will be emailed to all band members by the end of this week.

Kathy GEORGE
HOD – Performing Arts
Parents and carers are advised that young people under the age of 15 years are at greatest risk of harm from drinking and it is especially important that they do not drink alcohol.

Young people aged 15−17 years should delay their first drink for as long as possible.

Why should young people avoid alcohol?

“Drinking contributes to the three leading causes of death amongst adolescents—unintentional injuries, homicide and suicide (Stephens 2006, Miller et al 2007)”

(NHMRC 2009, p. 58)

Dangerous and antisocial behaviour is more likely among people under 15 years of age when they drink than older drinkers. It is also higher among 15−17 year olds when they drink than older drinkers. For example, the evidence indicates that drinking alcohol when young is associated with risky behaviours such as:

››riding in a car with a driver affected by alcohol
››risky sexual behaviour and increased risk of sexual coercion
››violence
››using illicit drugs
››self harm

Taken from: “Young People and Alcohol” Aust. Drug Foundation Fact Sheet Number 7.11. For more information, go to: www.druginfo.adf.org.au (Contributed by: The Alcohol, Tobacco & Other Drugs Service, Mackay - ph: 49683858)
SUPPORT THE STUDENTS OF THE 2012 ANZAC TOUR MAKE A COOKBOOK!

BY SENDING YOUR FAVOURITE RECIPES TO MR McGIFFIN IN THE PE STAFFROOM:
the.principal@macknortshs.eq.edu.au

“Coo-ee - Won’t YOU give me a RECIPE?”

SPORTS NEWS

AFL: Congratulations to the U14 AFL team who convincingly beat Pioneer and Mercy in last night’s games, The team now plays in Townsville on June 22 in the NQ final.

RUGBY UNION: On Friday night, our Open Boys will take on Bowen for a spot in the Grand Final after finishing the round robin competition in 2nd place. Come down to Quarry Hill at 6:30pm to support the boys & the school!!

LAWN BOWLS: Recently North High’s Lawn Bowls Team won the Mackay District All Schools Challenge over Mackay High. The team consisting of Dustin Reuss and Jason Little will compete in the State Finals in Brisbane in September.

CRICKET: Congratulations to our Open Boys Cricket side who soundly defeated Bowen on last Friday by 240 runs. An excellent all round team performance. Well Done. They are now through to the regional final.

NONI LUCK (yr 12) won 2nd prize in a recent AUTISM QLD painting competition with this entry. ENTRANTS HAD TO CREATE A PICTURE AROUND THE THEME OF “RAINBOWS”.

eMail Newsletter
If you would like the fortnightly Newsletter emailed to you, please send an email clearly stating the address at which you wish to receive it to: admin@macknort.eq.edu.au

WEBSITE
The newsletter and other school information may be viewed at the School Website at: www.macknortshs.eq.edu.au
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21 & 22/06/2011 All Year 12 students intending to sit for the QCS test in August will be sitting for a PRACTICE QCS TEST on these days.

**GENERAL**

- Newsletter issued to all students today
- 10/06/2011 Parents & Citizens Association Meeting in Library at 7.30pm

**TERM 3 BEGINS —TUESDAY 12TH JULY**

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**MACKAY PCYC PRESENTS......**

**OP SHOP FANCY DRESS BLUE LIGHT**

COME DRESS IN YOUR BEST OP SHOP CLOTHES!

FRIDAY NIGHT JUNE 17TH 2011

6.30PM TO 8.30PM

$5.00 ENTRY

LUCKY DOOR PRIZE

Bus will be running to and from Sarina, Walkerston, Marian. Booking is Essential Cost $2.00 Phone 49 423 296.

BEST DRESS COMPETITION

**QUEENSLAND STUDENT-FREE DAYS FOR 2012**

Next year’s student-free days have been set.

**Dates are:**

- Thursday 19 & Friday 20 January 2012
- Tuesday 10 April 2012
- Monday 9 July 2012
- Monday 22 October 2012

The first day of school for all state school students will be Monday 23 January 2012.


The student-free days for 2013 are also on the website.

**THURSDAY 16TH JUNE 6 -7pm**

YEAR 10 LAPTOP PROGRAM

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING IN THE SENIOR CENTRE AUDITORIUM

Monday 20th June Parents & Citizens’ Association Meeting in Library at 7.30pm
Dear Parents

Mackay North State High School is very pleased to be able our Year 10 students an opportunity to participate in North’s inaugural 1:1 Laptop program, in Semester Two, 2011. A 1:1 Laptop program is a non-compulsory program in which a student and their parents enter into an agreement with the school to pay a fee for the use of a school-owned laptop to be used both at school and at home. Consequently, if you were unable to attend our first information evening we are holding a second information session on Thursday 16th June from 6-7pm in the Senior Centre Auditorium.

As you are aware, the provision of funding under the National Secondary School’s Computer Fund (NSSCF) has provided our school with significant resources to increase the ratio of computers to students and to enhance the provision of computer and support infrastructure. Our aim is to provide Year 10 students with a Laptop computer in order to extend their opportunities for learning, and to better prepare our students for further education and training, in addition to preparation for their life and work in a digital world. Our vision embodies, the “anywhere, anytime” philosophy and we intend to offer students a program that will enable easy and ready access to increased communication, networking and computing technology both at school and at home.

Additionally, we are encouraging students to take these computers home and have exclusive use of that particular machine. Whilst there is a cost attached to the ‘take home’ option, we believe it represents great value for money. The package includes a fully insured high end laptop, high capacity battery, loaded with the latest software, virus protected, internet accessible, hot swappable (if maintenance is required, a replacement will be issued) and with full technical support and backup. With students having 24/7 access to a digital device, learning will extend from the classroom to wide-reaching resources providing learning “anywhere, anytime.”

This program will provide many benefits for our year 10 students. Our 1:1 Laptop program will extend students’ educational opportunities allowing them to become effective digital learners. Please take the time to read the information provided in this brochure. I look forward to meeting you at the Information Session on Thursday, 16 June. (If you are unable to attend this information session and would like your child to be issued with a laptop for use at home and at school. Please complete the Expression of Interest form below and return to the school office).

Regards

Shelley Lewis
PRINCIPAL

___________________________________________________ ________________________

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

Student’s Name: ________________________   Home Group: ______________

I am able to attend the 1:1 Laptop Program Information Session on Thursday, June 16.

Parent’s Name: __________________________

Parent’s Signature: ________________________