SUCCESSFUL RUGBY UNION FOR NORTH

 Following a successful year in 2010 on the rugby union field, winning 2 two titles (Open Girls and Year 8 Boys) and also Runners Up (U15 Girls), our rugby union teams were hungry to continue the success this year in 2011. As a result, Wide Bay Australia sponsored the jerseys for our Open Boys Rugby Union side.

 Our Open Boys team started very well, with two wins in a row against highly fancied opponents Holy Spirit and Mackay Christian College. This was enough to motivate the boys to a higher level; they then retained this enthusiasm until the semi finals. Our boys finished in second spot, which meant a semi final match against a formidable opponent, Bowen.

 Our Open Boys put on a rugged performance and held Bowen try-less as they won a very tight encounter 5-3. In the Grand Final the following week, our boys had trained hard and were very much prepared to take down St Patrick’s. However, with two early tries that went against the run of play, it was unfortunately too much for our boys to overcome (even with the determined North High spirit), and we went down 29-17. The score does not in any way reflect the closeness of the match, as the boys were in with a shot at winning with the score at 19-17 with 10 minutes to play.

 Even with the loss of one of our key players to an horrific injury, the boys continued to plug away. A big congratulations to all of the boys - you did yourselves and your school proud with your training and your continual display of outstanding sportsmanship. A big thank you to Dan Cronin (Coach) and Pat Glover for your assistance in preparing the boys for the games each week. Last, but not least, a huge thank you to Garth Morgan & Wide Bay Australia for your sponsorship of our Open Boys side in 2011.

 The Open Girls side retained their trophy from last year after playing Proserpine. The girls played very well in all games and showed great sportsmanship. Thank you to Penny Incledon and Sharon Bond for giving up your time to assist on game days. (Photo inside)

 One last thank you to everyone who supported the rugby teams this year especially parents; the players appreciated this. Look out for North Rugby Union Teams next year, we hope to build on this success.

 DANIEL SMITH
 RUGBY UNION COORDINATOR
Welcome back to Semester Two – and a special welcome to the new families who have joined our school community – many of whom are from interstate and overseas. This term promises to be a very busy one with the NAIDOC Assembly, the Interhouse and Interschool Athletics, the QCS Test, the Marching Band trip to Shanghai, SET Plan Interviews and the Senior Production to name just a few activities.

Our School Annual Report (for 2010) has been placed on the school website and contains some interesting information about our school’s performance. Please take the time to look on the website and review our Annual report.

(www.macknortshs@eq.edu.au).

Whilst we are only half way through the year, planning and preparation is well under way for the 2012 school year. We have already received a number of enrolments for Year 8 students for next year. Planning is also continuing in preparation for the implementation of the Australian Curriculum in English, Maths and Science next year.

Our Semester One reports will be issued next week, and the Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held the following week on July 28. Please ensure that you read your student’s report and take the time to attend the Parent-Teacher interviews to meet with your child’s teachers.

SHELLEY LEWIS
PRINCIPAL

STUDENT ABSENCES

WHEN YOUR STUDENT WILL NOT BE ATTENDING SCHOOL, PLEASE PHONE AND LEAVE A BRIEF MESSAGE ON THE STUDENT ABSENCES LINE —

07 4963 1660 (24 HOURS)

STATE YOUR STUDENT’S NAME, YEAR LEVEL, REASON FOR ABSENCE (SICK, FUNERAL, FAMILY ETC) AND, IF POSSIBLE, DURATION OF ABSENCE.

THIS IS THE PREFERRED PROCEDURE FOR ADVISING OF ABSENCES.

STUDENT FESTIVAL OF FASHION

The countdown has begun until this year’s Student Festival of Fashion Blast into Outer Space at the MECC (13 August). Nominations close 22nd July – don’t be late.

Details can be found on the website www.studentfestivaloffashion.com.au. You must include the names & consent forms for all models and designers, garment description and payment to P.O. Box 1546 or drop them in to Uniform Solutions (opp Fire station. Ph Rosemary 0414 354 920.

NORTHS OPEN GIRLS RUGBY UNION

CLASS OF 2002 REUNION

2012 will be the 10th Anniversary of Graduation
Contact via Facebook group —
"Mackay North SHS—Reunion of Class of 2002"
OR jswilles@gmail.com
ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE

On June 6 & 7 art students had the privilege of attending a workshop with QAG artist and University lecturer Anneke Silver PhD.

Students were challenged with random words, images and colours which then had to be composed in an artwork. This method forced students to be creative and inventive. They said it was "inspirational", "contagious" and "eye-opening".

Pictured is Rhianna Chillingworth with Anneke discussing a drawing by Isaac Brandon.

First Year Centre: STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

TAYLOR JUST (8F1)

Taylor has thrown herself into Year 8. She has been a member of the School Debating and the Opti-Minds Teams; has competed in the Student Festival of Fashion and the McDonalds Maths Competition; performed in the School Production "Australia", the Twilight Concert and the Crescendo group and is about to join the Instrumental program and a Rock Pop Mime group. Taylor, we are very pleased with your involvement so far this year. You are an inspiration to other students.

TYLER HOFFMANN (8N2)

Tyler is a talented artist. He recently won second place in the school-wide “Picture Your Pet” Art Competition, a very impressive performance for a Year 8 student, with a drawing of his pet cat. Congratulations, Tyler, and we look forward to admiring much more of your art work.

UQ YOUNG SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The 2011-2012 UQ Scholars Program involves a five-day (four night) Residential Camp at the St Lucia campus (Sunday 27 November—Thursday 1 December, 2011).

Additional information can be obtained via the YSP website: www.uq.edu.au/youngscholars

OR by contacting the Manager, Prospective Student Programs via: youngscholars@uq.edu.au

OR on (07) 3346 9746.

Please note that applications must be received by UQ by 5pm Friday, 12 August, 2011.

AUSTRALIAN NAVY CADETS - Training Ship Pioneer

Are you between the age of 12.5 and 19, interested in having a go at a few new challenges, like the water, like adventure, work together in a group? Interested students, and parents, can come along any Friday night during the month of July, to see what they can become involved in. Open Day will be held on Sunday 24 JULY. First camp will be weekend 29 – 31 JULY.

Address details are:- Defence Precinct – Western End, Shakespeare Street, Mackay.

For more information, contact the Ship on 0458 181 486.

Web site:- www.tspioneer.netfirms.com
Many Australians, particularly those over 40, are at risk of developing type 2 diabetes through lifestyle factors such as nutrition and physical activity. Family history and genetics also play a role in type 2 diabetes.

The Type 2 Diabetes Risk Evaluation is available to people aged 40 to 49 years (inclusive) who are at high risk of developing type 2 diabetes. ‘High risk’ is determined following completion of the Australian type 2 diabetes risk assessment tool and its review by a doctor.


Please contact Tania Kelly, School-based Youth Health Nurse on 49631606 for further information.

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**FOOTSTEPS OF HONOUR ANZAC TOUR 2012**

Preparations are now well underway for the school’s seventh overseas Anzac tour, the Footsteps of Honour Commemorative Tour, which will take place in September next year.

The tour group comprises 32 senior students who will visit Changi Prison in Singapore, the Gallipoli battlefields and the World War One Australian cemeteries and memorials in Belgium and France.

Whilst it is early days in the preparation, the group is delighted with the support given so far from local business, companies and service groups. North Mackay Rotary has allowed the Anzac group to establish a fairy floss stall at the monthly Troppo Markets, whilst the project’s number one supporter, North Jacklin Nissan, has once again agreed to sponsor the group’s dress shirts.

Other companies which have pledged significant financial support thus far are: NRW Mining, Thiess Pty Ltd, Crokers Truck Centre, Hail Creek Mine, Sharps Heavy Equipment and Maintenance System Solutions.

The students are very appreciative of this support, which will go some way to offset the estimated $250 000 overall tour costings.

The tour will once again revolve around the search for individual fallen soldiers from WW1 & WW2 and the students invite anyone who may have a fallen ancestor to contact the project co-ordinator, Mr Mike Goodwin, to discuss the possibility of the group visiting the overseas grave.

The 2012 Footsteps of Honour Tour group is:

Chris Albertson
Olivia Attard
Sarah Belton
Jack Byrne
Samantha Cridland
Rachel Dempster
Tess Doherty
Amanda Goodwin

Peter Gordon
Stephanie Hogan
Kelsie Iorio
Jordan Isaacs
Nellie Khalu
Michael Kynaston
Maddi Luck
Brittany McCarthy

Samantha McDermott
Tony McGiffin
Aoiie Moore
Jeanette Murray
Kristen Rasmussen
Suzannah Richards
Georgia Rosier
Michaela Sauer

Rupert Saunders
Mikaela Smith
Kiara Spandley
Laura Thompson
Rachel Van Der Veen
Emma Wesche
Ellie Wilson

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**JAMES COOK UNIVERSITY OPEN DAY**

Cairns Sunday 21st August, 10am—2pm
Townsville Sunday 28th August 10am—2pm
PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

SHANGHAI TRIP

Many thanks to all families who have returned all the requisite paperwork for the trip and completed the payments. Now the trip is only a few weeks away and the excitement is certainly growing! Don’t forget that the intensive rehearsals start on Sunday, August 7 from 10.00am – 12.00 noon. Also, we are performing at the opening of the new stadium towards the end of August.

Please note that to finalise a number of the details for the trip, we will be having another parent/student meeting on Tuesday night, August 16 starting at 7.00pm in the auditorium.

SECONDARY CHORAL FESTIVAL

Every year we look forward to participating in the Mackay and District Secondary School Choral Festival which is always held around the time of Mackay’s Festival of Arts in July. It is traditionally organised and hosted by St Patrick’s College and Mackay North High. This year it will be held at St Patrick’s College on Friday evening, July 22. The guest conductor is the renowned British choral conductor, David Lawrence who has done wonderful work here in Mackay previously in 2009.

Our vocal group, Crescendo, will be participating in specialised workshops with David Lawrence and then in the Festival Concert. The details are below:

Male Vocal Workshop at North High: Wednesday, July 20 from 2.30pm – 3.00pm in 1401.

Full North High Vocal Group Workshop: Wednesday, July 20 from 3.15pm – 4.15pm in 1401.

Festival Concert: Friday, July 22 at St Patrick’s College Hall in River Street (we will provide a coach to transport our students from our school). Students will have to leave the sports day about 2.00pm to prepare for the rehearsals and the coach will then leave the school at 2.30pm. Remember that all students will need to bring their full cultural uniform with them to school on that Friday. Please do come to the concert at 7.00pm – it is always a great evening of entertainment!

PROMETHEUS DAYS

During the holidays a small band of our Year 11 and 12 drama students have been participating in workshops with professional actress, Katrina Cornwell (our ex-student) from Brisbane. They have been specialising in physical theatre techniques and have devised a production called Prometheus Days. This will be presented at the Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre next week. Please do support this production – it will be presented from July 21 – 23 starting at 7.30pm at the Lynette Denny Space.

Kathy GEORGE
HOD – Performing Arts
COMMUNITY NEWS

New publication to help you and your child research study options
You can browse through hundreds of program options for you and your child in the new 2011–12 TAFE Queensland Guide. TAFE offers a range of qualification levels and industry areas ranging from arts and entertainment, health and business, to engineering and mining. Read about how people of all ages and backgrounds have achieved success with the help of TAFE study during or after school, after university studies and throughout their careers.

Download your copy from the TAFE website at www.tafe.qld.gov.au
Printed copies are available from TAFE institutes or your high school guidance officer.

P & C PEN

NEXT MEETING July 18, 2011

‘Supporting Student Achievement’

At our June 20 meeting:
General discussion & decisions:
• Review the uniform/jewellery policy
• Appointed Jim Naysmith to undertake the Tuckshop Freezer Upgrade Project
• Accepted Geoff Ryan and Michelle Wollaston to undertake the Year 8 Locker Replacement Project.
• Accepted with regret, the resignation of Terry Payne, our Senior Managing Tuckshop Convenor

Reports:
• Grants Committee, Financials, Principals. Final figures from the May Fair will be available at the next meeting.

A special thanks to the people who responded to the ‘Positions Vacant’. Both roles have been filled.
• P & C Bookkeeper/Office Admin – Susan Daniello
• P & C Data Entry Person – Caroline Deguara

P & C Treasurer – Marnie Shepherdson has indicated she would be prepared to be nominated for this role.
For more information please contact: Brian Saxby 49546563 mob_enterprises@hotmail.com
Frank Gilbert 49530775

P & C Meetings are held in the school library from 7.30pm every 3rd Monday of the month
TUCKSHOP VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME— Call Debra Stewart on 4963 1712

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Year 12
19/07/2011 All Year 12 students involved in a QCS Practice or Vocation Skills session in periods 4 and 5.

ALL STUDENTS
18/07/2011 Parents & Citizens Association Meeting in Library at 7.30pm

YEAR 11 AND 12 EXAMS (changed dates)

Year 12
Monday 5th—Thursday 8th September
Year 11
Friday 9th—Thursday 15th September

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Monday 19th September to Friday 30th September.

STUDENT FREE DAY
Monday, 17th October.

SCHOOL RECOMMENCES MONDAY 3RD OCTOBER.

Share your ideas and help shape the future of our region at the Way to Grow Forum in the Community Hall from 4.30pm (for 5pm) to 7pm next Friday, 22 July.

The Queensland Government is planning now for the future of the state’s regions. The plans for the Mackay, Isaac and Whitsunday region are now out for community consultation. This is your opportunity to share your ideas directly with senior government ministers, provide feedback on the plans, and participate in consultation workshops. Please register your attendance by emailing waytogrow@qld.gov.au or calling 1800 093 903. Feedback on the plans can also be provided via waytogrow@qld.gov.au, on www.qld.gov.au or by calling 1800 093 903.
Are you a SNOOPY?

Can you surf the WEB?

Then we need You!!

Surf from home

NO regular meetings

The PnC Grants Team searches the internet, for funds to improve our school for our Students.

Contact Lynette
4955 1292