

Northlakes High School Newsletter

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From our Principal Ms Lisa Muir

School Captains Inducted

Congratulations to our student leaders who were officially inducted at the Year 11 Preliminary Ceremony on 25th October. The following students represent excellence, leadership, contribution and commitment and we look forward to their roles in leading and shaping our school:

School Captains: Jessica Matwijow and Anthony Le

Vice Captains: Alana Becker and Christopher Neal.

Prefects: Jesse Mahon, Hayley Bishop and Megan Goddard.



High School Certificate Students

We continue to wish our Year 12 students well as they complete their HSC exams. We are confident in their abilities as they begin a new phase in their lives, beyond high school. We had a wonderful turn out of parents to celebrate the achievements of our Year 12 students. We congratulate the following:

Caltex Best Allrounder-Jessica Hill, Reuben F Scarge Award – Taylor Barrett, Hunter Technology Educators Association Award – Jessica Hill, RH Strike Award – Michael Iserief, Victoria Whitney Award – Adam Whiting, Jill Hall Citizenship Award – Jason Powell-Moran, ADF Award – Brad West, Special Unit Award – Cassie Pracy and Michael Cox, ATSI Award – Laura Waldron, Creative and Performing Arts Excellence Award – Jacqueline

Warwick, Debating Awards – Tyler Knight and Keira Fraser, Sports Awards – Selu Mahe, Jai Kelly and Taylor Barrett, University Vice Chancellors Award – Adam Whiting, Year Adviser's Award – Jack Gilmer, Jessica Hill, Skye McMahon, Stuart Morris and Jason Powell-Moran and Dux went to Amy Bromley and Adam Whiting.

Orientation Day – Looking Forward to Year 7, 2011

We welcome our incoming Year 7 students for 2011. Our orientation on 2nd December is another opportunity for students and parents to be reassured, prepared and organised for this exciting time. We have been inundated with requests for out of zone students wishing to enrol at our school and to take advantage of our independent class structure and the range of opportunities on offer.

Pink Ribbon – Morning Tea fundraiser

On 27th October we hosted a Pink Ribbon Morning Tea to raise money for breast cancer research and it was wonderful to see such a great turn out. A special thankyou to our Student Representative Council, Meg Hickson and Jodene Garside for making this event happen. We raised \$455.00



Volunteers Lunch – We'd like to say "Thankyou"

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers who support our school community. The P&C will be holding a luncheon on 30th November at 12pm. Invitations will be forwarded.

Trade Training Centre Information Evening Hospitality

We were very impressed with the enthusiasm of students that came along to our information evening. Mr Welham gave an overview of the great

opportunities our students, and students from other schools will have once our Hospitality Centre is completed.

Students represent NSW in Futsal Tournament

The following students represented NSW at the Australian titles for Futsal: Christopher Routledge, Dane Hawker, Jai Kelly, Michael Dunlop, Robert Darby, Daniel Bengel, Nick Holman Martin Wilde and Tahnee Blenman.

Students selected to represent Australia in Futsal

We are very proud of the following students who have been selected to play for Australia.

In the 19 Boys going to China is Robert Darby, Jai Kelly and Nicholas Holman. In the 14 Boys going to UK is Christopher Routledge. In the 14 Girls Tahnee Blenman was successful in winning the National titles.

Year 11 Preliminary Awards

A very successful ceremony celebrated the success of our 2010 Year 11 students who have achieved their preliminary awards. This is the biggest Year 11 group to go through Northlakes High School and we are proud of their achievements. ADF Award – Anthony Le, Jill Hall Citizenship Award – Megan Goddard, Year Advisers Awards – Stacey Miller, Hayley Guteridge, Matthew Smith, Stefani Haidar, Christopher Hughes and Emily Flecknoe. P&C Award – Tayla Wright and Christopher Neal, Aboriginal Award – Jesse Mahon, Support Unit Award – Bradley Cox, Delta Award – Stacey Miller, Dux went to Lauren Hawthorn

Brendan Quigg and Gemma Ferrington have been inducted into the Northlakes High School Sporting Wall of Fame for their outstanding achievements.

Northlakes High School Support Unit Gardens win Wyong Shire Gardens Awards.

Congratulations to the students who attended the Wyong Shire Council chambers and received first prize for the best High School Garden, and the best culinary garden. The ABC Program "Gardening Australia" will be coming to do an article in 2 weeks and this will be screened next year.

Students Performing Arts Showcase

Make sure to check the Diary Dates for some wonderful activities taking place at our School.

Student Success at Water Challenge

Some of our student's ideas were showcased last week at the Powerhouse Museum as part of the 2010 kids' Design Challenge. Our students have done our School proud using their creativity and ingenuity.

Plaque acknowledges school officially commencing in 1981.

A plaque was presented at the school to acknowledge that while the current school site was officially opened in 1986, the school itself commenced in 1981 on the grounds of the current Northlakes Primary School. We appreciated being accompanied by original ex-students, ancillary, staff and executive at this ceremony.



Mrs Foster, Mr Inness, Mr Wand, Mr Rushall, Mrs Schneider and an ex-student with the plaque and cake

Students selected to represent School at Sydney School Spectacular

Congratulations to Jacob Hundy, Raymond Marsh, Jardy Ridgeway-Wright, Cailen Kolster. These boys will represent our school in dance at the Entertainment Centre at the School Spectacular. Thank you to Kathy Freeman for transporting and supervising our students. Tickets on sale now from ticketmaster.com.au

Friday 26 November – 1pm preview and 8pm.
Saturday 27 November 2pm & 8pm.

Year 10 School Certificate – Students are prepared!

We wish Year 10 well as they prepare for their upcoming School Certificate. Check the following diary dates, and arrive at least 20 minutes before your exam.

Solar Cars – Year 7 and 8 Students Shine

On the 16th October 2010 Northlakes High School sent a team of students to enter the New South Wales Minisprint and Model Solar Boat Championships. They achieved a clean sweep in minisprint with Sophie Ireland and Korijane Montgomery taking third place, Renae Oczenaschek taking second place and Jefferson Brereton finishing in first place. Cameron Stack finished in third place in the Solar Boat race. The students need to be commended on their excellent behaviour at the race and during transport.

Newcastle Herald – student work published.

Last week some of our Year 7 students published articles for the Newcastle Herald's School Newspaper Competition. These students

experienced writing articles, taking photographs and then had it edited and published for everyone to read. We hope you got the opportunity, it was great!

Year 11 BOOST Program – Top Students supported.

Our school has targeted 15 Gifted and Talented students in Year 11 (into 12) with Maths to attend the University of Newcastle. This program will give students the opportunity to attend the University with their Parents and have information nights, mentoring and tutoring.

Personal Best Program – Excelling our students

Next year this School is going to pick the top 20 students in Year 12 and enrol them in a 'Personal Best Program', where they are tutored one on one with a Teacher to excel their School Certificate band level as they complete the HSC.

X-Students shine at Commonwealth Games

David Hall is one of Australia's greatest ever wheelchair tennis players, and was recently inducted into Sport Australia's Hall of Fame at a ceremony in Melbourne. As the second Paralympian to be awarded the honour in the event's 26 year history, Hall was among six sporting stars to join the illustrious club of Australia's sporting champions Aaron Sheriff – proudly represented our country in the Commonwealth Games in Bowls. Well done David and Aaron.

Welcome New Staff!

We welcome Mrs McArthur who was appointed to the school on merit as a permanent member of our TAS faculty. We look forward to her contributions. We also congratulate Mr Fleming who was successfully appointed as HT Science to commence in 2011. We thank Mr Bryant for his excellent role in relieving Head Teacher Science for the remainder of the year.

Students selected for Live It Program

Congratulations to Craig Miles, Jason Greenhalgh, Travis Strachan, Angus Mitchell and Jye Dries on their selection into the Newcastle University Residential Live It Program.

Parent Painting Volunteers Appreciated

I would like to acknowledge and share our appreciation to Jason Lloyd, Sonia Lloyd, Marliisa Mundy and Karen Young who provided their expertise and time over the recent school holidays to paint and freshen up our Support Unit building.

Advance Notice: Staff Development Days

The 15th December will be the last day of school for students, and the 16th and 17th December will be

School Development Days. In 2011, the 28th January will also be a School Development with Year 7, 11 and 12 returning on 31 January and Years 8, 9 & 10 returning on 1 February 2011.

Mr Williamson – Finalist in the National Teaching Awards

for his contributions to Careers Education at Northlakes High School. Well Done Mr Williamson!



World Teachers Day Celebrations (Friday 29th October)

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our dedicated staff for their contributions to Public Education and thank the P&C for the cake which staff enjoyed at the staff morning tea.



Student Aboriginal Celebration Assembly

Last week we had an assembly which, coincided with the 25th anniversary of the naming of Uluru. Awards were given out to Aboriginal staff and students in our school community for areas in leadership, education, sport and culture. Family members were invited, along with the local primary school Principals and their Aboriginal students. We had two special guests Mr John Oates and Mrs Chambers who enjoyed the morning. Our hospitality students, and the didgeridoo and dance groups excelled in their fields. Well done especially to Ms Kennell Smith for making this day possible. There was a special surprise; a new perpetual trophy named the 'Lisa Muir perpetual trophy', which was awarded for the first time to Simone Byrnes, and a very well deserving recipient.

Operation Art 2010

Last newsletter we congratulated Nicholas Toomey for having his artwork selected for the Art Collection of The Children's Hospital at Westmead, we have now been informed that his artwork has been selected for a Teacher's Resource CD. Well Done!

Northlakes Primary School Fete

Our leadership and volunteer students were happy to help out at our Primary School for the day with the haunted house being a big attraction. Face painting, helping with the sausage sizzle and even going to the extremes of getting wet sponges thrown at them, what a great community contribution, while having fun too!



Dates for the Diary

7 November	Kids Day Out – Tuggerah Lakes Campus, The Entrance
8 November	AECG Meeting Gorokan High School
9 November	Year 7 3 rd HPV Immunisation
8-10 November	School Certificate Exams
10-11 November	ICT School Certificate
12-15 November	Crossroads – Year 10
8-14 November	World Kindness Week
18 November	Year 10 Performing Arts Showcase. 6.30-8pm. Free Sausage sizzle, Parents Welcome
18 November	Additional Uniform Shop 2:30-3:30pm
16-19 November	All My own work – Year 10
23 November	ESSA Test – Year 8
23 November	P&C Meeting 3.30pm in Language Centre
24 November	Creative Arts Day P1&2
25 November	Uniform shop 2:30-3:30
25-26 November	On the road – (Primary Schools)
30 November	P&C Volunteers Lunch 12-1
1 December	Christmas Carols Blue Haven Oval 6-9pm
2 December	Orientation Day Year 6-7 9-11am
9 December	Year 10 Presentation Day 9-11am
10 December	Year 7, 8 & 9 Presentation Day 9-11am
15 December	Last Day of School for students
16-17 December	Staff Development Days
27 January	Uniform Shop open 9:30-11:30
28 January	Staff Development Day
31 January	Year 7 starts, Years 11&12 return
1 February	Years 8, 9 & 10 return

Mathematics

This term Northlakes High School senior students have become involved with an innovative program in conjunction with Newcastle University. Twelve targeted Year 11 students are being connected with Education students for mentoring, as well as with Mathematics undergraduates for assistance with Mathematical tuition. Most of the students visited the Callaghan campus on the 19th of October as an orientation visit to the 'BOOST'



program with Mrs Leek and Mrs Woodley accompanying them. Hopefully this initiative will assist these students with increasing their HSC results as they move into their last year of schooling.

Another focus area for the Mathematics faculty is utilising technology to provide more assistance to aid understanding of Mathematics. This term, all students have been enrolled in 'Maths Online', a free website linked to the NSW maths curriculum which offers tutorials via video, written examples, worksheets and challenge exercises. Usernames and passwords will be given out by Mathematics teachers over the next couple of weeks, and students are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to increase their understanding of concepts in Mathematics. Year 7 and 8 students are also reminded that the practice questions for NAPLAN are on *moodle* and that they are expected to attempt them on a weekly basis. If you are having

trouble enrolling in *moodle*, please see Mrs Woodley in the Mathematics staffroom. Well done to the following Year 7 students: Kayla Sales, Mitchell Foss, Ryan Sommerville; and the following Year 8 students: Jessica Perry, Chantelle Clancy, Rhiannon Dormer, Rhiannon Dollar, and Croydon Avery, who have all been making a big effort with online homework this term.

An urgent issue to address is the fact that students are not bringing their equipment to class or to important examinations. Unfortunately, seventy students came to the trial School Certificate exam without a calculator. While we do have some spares in the school, we certainly cannot provide this many. Please ensure your student has a calculator available on the day. Casio calculators are available from the school and are suitable for both the Junior and Senior Mathematics courses.

An 'everything' book, which is all some students are carrying at the moment, is not suitable for a number of different subjects at school. Each subject does need its own book so that work is all together and able to be found easily. Even if a student likes to use their netbook in class, an exercise book is still vital for Mathematics. Many of the exercises we do take a very long time to format on a computer, and waste too much time for the students to try to set them out appropriately. Please ensure each student has a workbook, calculator, pens and ruler, and a textbook if it is required in class.

Something different this month – a competition! The clue is to the right; the first person to come and tell me what the prize is will receive it! Hint: your phone or laptop might be able to help...



TAS

We wish all students doing their HSC exams well and hope the future finds them doing what they wish to.

Mrs Cheryl McArthur has taken up her appointment at Northlakes High School and is enjoying working with both students and staff. Mrs McArthur is also a trained Hospitality teacher and we look forward to her using her expertise in this area.

Our Year 11 students have begun their HSC year and have started this with enthusiasm and vigour

and we are keen to see them carry this through to next year and the completion of their HSC.

Hospitality students have been catering for several functions in the school including the Indigenous Presentation Ceremony and the Pink Ribbon Morning tea. This experience is required as part of their assessment for their Hospitality course and it is wonderful to see the students' blossom during these activities and find a career path they can excel in.



Beth Bath

PDHPE

The PDHPE staff would like to thank all the families who have sent in their Coles Vouchers in the "Sports for Schools" fundraiser during September and October. We now will send all of them off to our local Coles store who will count them and from there we will be able to purchase some much needed equipment for all students to use. Again, thank you all!

During Term 4 we will again be running our "Goodkids Excursion" to Erina Ice. We will be identifying those students who throughout 2010 have been involved in both theory and practical lessons, brought their PDHPE uniform and in general have maintained a high level of effort.

Year 10 will be involved in the mandatory "Crossroads" course during Weeks 5 and 6. This is a 25 hour course (we run it over four days – two this year and two early next year) where they will be involved in activities relating to self esteem, teamwork, and other contemporary issues that young people face.

Could you please assist by ensuring that permission notes and money are returned and if there are any problems please phone the PDHPE staff for assistance.

Brad Glachan
Head Teacher

HSIE

Term Four has taken off with a flying start! Students are busy finalising their studies in order to achieve maximum success in their Yearly Examinations. Both teachers and students have been working very hard all year to ensure success in their studies. All assessments and examinations will be concluded by mid term, in order to prepare for the issuing of reports.

HSIE has planned various excursions for senior students undertaking study in HSIE subjects. Year 11 Society and Culture are attending a PIP day in Sydney on the 6th of December. This conference should prove valuable to our HSC students, and provide direction and motivation for completion of the course in 2011. Year 9 are heading off to Maitland Gaol for the last visit of the year, after the final exams. This will be the third excursion to the Gaol this year. This is another successful learning activity to accommodate the interesting Year 9 History syllabus!

The History Museum is moving in 2011: the museum is being used for administrative purposes so the artefacts and documents will be relocated to the Library where they can be viewed by the students as well as being maintained in a safe environment. Over the years, the museum has been presented with some very important memorabilia from the Wyong Council, Toukley RSL and generous parents and citizens. Please do not hesitate to come and visit the Library once it has all been set up. Students who have handed in projects for display in the Museum can pick them up from Ms Moore anytime before the end of term, any left will be unfortunately discarded as space will be a priority.

The HSIE staff would like to thank Ms Kylie Bennet, a prac student, working up in the Support unit who has been visiting our classrooms and assisting the staff in their lessons. Ms Dean also had Mr Smith finishing his master's degree internship. Mr Smith proved to be a competent and capable teacher who had an excellent rapport with students. Congratulations.

The HSIE faculty wishes students completing their HSC the very best in their final examinations ever! Remember your hard work will determine the measure of your success. Goal setting and preparation for examinations now will ensure maximum results are possible to achieve!

Students are reminded to return all textbooks borrowed for 2010 to the HSIE faculty by the end of the year. Homework booklets that have been handed

out to Years 7, 8 and 9 must be returned to the faculty by the end of year also.

The HSIE Staff would like to thank our wonderful Head Teacher Ms Anna Bromley, for her outstanding work in 2010. Ms Bromley tirelessly organises, facilitates and promotes the HSIE faculty, and is a fantastic support for her staff. Thank you!

Science

Last term the staff had to say farewell to our head teacher Mr Stan Dixon who has retired after approximately 30 years of teaching. We wish him all the best. We also look forward to working with our new head teacher, who is to commence Term One, 2011. Mr Bryant is currently holding the position of head teacher Science.

Lots of exciting things are happening in our Ag farm with the students reaping the benefits of their hard work and taking some tasty treats home. With the year quickly coming to an end we would like to remind all students that just because the yearly examinations are over the work that we will be covering until the end of the year is important. It will be assessed in the half yearly next year so it is important for students to come to every class on time and be prepared to work.

Creative Arts

On Wednesday 20th October Howard Shearman from year 12 performed at Lizottes at Avoca. It is a music restaurant venue which on occasions showcases local talent. Howard's performance was excellent, especially his version of the song Man in the Mirror and his own composition Beautiful Ugly Day. It is great to see musical talent like this coming out of our school! If you get a chance to see him in action do yourself a favour and go and see him. He has a CD at the moment called Beautiful Ugly Day, one worth listening to. Another band that started at Northlakes High school, Stolen Memories, recently performed at the Budgewoi Hotel to a packed house. We wish the boys all the best with their future careers.

In the performing arts there will be a Year 10 Showcase in the school hall on Thursday 18th November. It will be held from 6.30 to 8pm and will demonstrate the musical and performing talents of the current Year 10 cohort. Creative Arts day will be on Wednesday 24th November, which will tour the local primary schools and our annual Christmas Carols tour of local nursing homes will go ahead in early December. Any student wishing to sing in this choir should see Mrs Brimbecorn in the Creative Arts Staffroom.

I would like to welcome Miss Koteczky and Miss Pisani to the Creative Arts faculty to replace Miss Dunlevie while she is at Kurri Kurri High School. Miss Pisani is taking over the reins of Year 12 Drama, while Miss Koteczky will be taking over the rest of Miss Dunlevie's load.

In Visual Arts, Year 9 and 12 students will be attending an excursion to Sculpture By The Sea at Bondi beach on the 3rd November. They should gain inspiration for Sculpture By The Bay next year at Gosford Regional Gallery. Nicholas Toomey's work for Operation Art has been selected to be included in a teachers resource CD as a way of promoting Operation Art, which is an annual event supported by the Department of Education and Training in NSW, for Westmead Children's Hospital.

Mr. Brimbecom
Head Teacher

Support Department

During the school holidays the Support Department Garden, maintained by Mr Shevels and the IOS Class, won the Schools Culinary Garden Competition and the Best High School Garden, for the Wyong Shire. The Northlakes High School Support Unit Garden is gaining a reputation as the garden to beat; this is the second year we have won a prize.

Our students also travelled to Newcastle to perform in The Annual IOTAS End of Year Concert at Panthers Club Newcastle. This year they danced to the song 'Celebrate', using this opportunity to celebrate the garden and the tasks that they perform in the garden.

Term 4 is a busy time of year, and we farewell our year 12 students who have been visiting post school agencies for open days in order to help in decision-making for their post-school lives. We wish them well in their future. Congratulations to all our students who have achieved their Higher School Certificate.

We would like to acknowledge the help and support from parent and family volunteers who participated in a working bee to help give the support building a new coat of paint in the holidays. Mr Cotterell and some parent volunteers also ran a fundraising BBQ at Bunnings at Lakehaven. Thank you for your hard work and time.

Information for families with children aged 16-24

Secondary students who are paid youth allowance are required to have not more than 5 unapproved absences from school in a term. Attendance is

monitored and students that have more than five unapproved absences in a term may be required to enter into an activity agreement to continue payment. Penalties will apply for students who fail to meet the terms of their activity agreement.

Debating and Public Speaking

The debating competition for the year is finally finished. Congratulations to all students who participated this year we were very proud of the way in which you conducted yourselves and represented our school. You all can have a rest now from arguing and prepare yourselves for next year when we hope to do better. Unfortunately, our Year 10 team who competed in the Annual Rotary sponsored debate against Wadalba High were defeated in a very close debate, better luck next year. Our Year 8 team will be attending a debating competition and workshop at Ourimbah Campus of the University of Newcastle at the end of this term. Well done to all of the debaters and we look forward to your participation next year.

B. Burley, A. Wright and K. Legge

Pink Ribbon Morning Tea

On the 27th October 2010 we held a morning tea to support Pink Ribbon October. It was a huge success and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

A big thank you to Jo Jager, Helen Mayo and Beth Bath who together with our Senior Hospitality students organised fantastic pink food for our morning tea! Thank you to Sarah Walpole, Holly Harder and Stacey Miller who showed a dedicated approach to their Hospitality duties.

Thank you also to Megan's mum, Kim Goddard, who made a beautiful Pink Ribbon cake, which was devoured by our staff!



Our senior SRC students Jessica Matwijow, Megan Goddard and Melissa Marocchini were wonderful with organising the morning tea, decorating the room and selling raffle tickets. Megan also presented a fantastic PowerPoint presentation.



Now for the important part - we managed to raise over **\$460**, which is an excellent achievement. Thank you to everyone who supported our Pink Ribbon Morning Tea!



Jodene Garside

P & C News

The plaque we ordered with the official opening date of Northlakes High School is now displayed in the foyer. We had a wonderful morning tea, and enjoyed some ex-staff sharing their experiences of what school life was like back then.

It was a pleasure to attend Year 11 and Year 12 Assemblies and present 2 students from each year with the P&C Award and present them with \$25.00 book vouchers.

In appreciation to our volunteers we will be holding a 'volunteers luncheon' on 30th of November. We appreciate any help, no matter how small!

Friday 29th of October was Teachers Day and on behalf of all of the Parents and Carers in the community we purchased a cake for the Teachers to share, which they appreciated.

13th of November is world Kindness Day and the P&C are supporting this day. Speak to your children about this day and if anyone is interested at 10am Bondi Beach are holding a 'massive hug fest', so if you would like to be part of this go along and have some fun.

Canteen

Book packs are available for \$20.00 and if any Parent/Carer would like to put their name on the roster for next year, please see Leanne in the Canteen, or call her on 43908751.

Uniform Shop

We have ordered more stock for next year, however there has been a slight price increase. Sport shorts are now \$24.00 and green and white (sport) shirts are now \$29.00.

An additional charge of .50c will be included with any eftpos transaction due to bank charges. We will be opening the uniform shop every Friday until the end of the year from 10am till 11:30 and additionally on Thursday 18th and 25th of November from 2:30 till 3:30pm. The uniform shop will also be open next year just on the 27th of January from 9:30 till 11:30am. Uniforms can also be purchased on Year 6-7 orientation day.

The next P&C Meeting will be our last for 2010 and it will be on 23rd November at 3:30pm in the Language Centre. All are welcome, we would love to see you.

Angela Bambe
P&C President

Year 7 Report

The business end of the year has quickly arrived at Northlakes High School and I wish all of our students the very best of success for their yearly examinations. This is the first time Year 7 have participated in the official yearly exam period and I am positive that most are taking the opportunity to revise their notes and prepare themselves to achieve their personal best. If any students are having difficulty with a subject, or concepts that they find confusing, it is imperative that they seek help from their classroom teacher.

Our yearly reports are also in the process of being written, so it is very important that all students participate well in every facet of learning within the classroom. This will leave a positive and lasting impression for the teachers to complete the yearly report.

I would personally like to congratulate all the students who participated in the Sydney Water Challenge. Many of the entrants performed well and it is encouraging the number of Year 7 students who entered a team. Thank you to Mr Johns who works tirelessly with our students with extracurricular activities.

If you wish to make contact with me for any reason please do not hesitate to call the school.

Michael Chandler
Year Adviser

Year 8 Report

This term is very productive with Year 8 busy completing tasks, studying and completing their yearly exams.

The Year 8 students who went to the camp at the end of last term thoroughly enjoyed themselves. I would like to commend their behaviour and express a big thank you to Mrs Jephson who took great care of the Year 8 students!

Our uniform in Year 8 has improved over the last month. However, it is still important that females wear black pants, black shorts or the school skirts. Black tights or tight black pants are not to be worn without a skirt.

Three students from Year 8 sang at our last Junior Assembly. I am very proud of Jessica Fulton, Tirah Murphy and Summer Belgrove. It was a wonderful effort!

Also congratulations to our team of Year 8 students who participated in the Sydney Water Challenge, NSW Mini Sprint and Model Solar Boat. They received places and commendations in all of these challenges. Thank you to Mr Johns for all his efforts with Year 8 students. Well done!

All teachers will be completing their Yearly Reports for their Year 8 students over the next few weeks. Remember to remind students to be well prepared for all lessons, including theory and practical lessons.

If there are any questions or concerns about your child please do not hesitate to contact me at school on Ph: 43 900555 or email JODENE.GARSDIE@det.nsw.edu.au.

Jodene Garside
Year Adviser



Year 9 Report

Welcome to term 4!

The year 8/9 camp was a great success. All the students have given positive feedback saying they had a fantastic time and were exhausted by Friday afternoon and I have already had questions and requests about a camp for next year. I would like to express a big thank you to all the parents and carers for your support and to Mrs Garside, Mr Chandler and Miss Campbell for making it a wonderful experience for all.



Also thank you to Caitlin Deegan and Mathew Titterton for sharing their thoughts and opinions of camp at our Junior Assembly. It is not easy to get up in front of all your peers and teachers, but you both did a great job. Well done!

As the year draws to a close it is important not to forget basic school equipment. Although marks and reports are being put together now, it is important that outcomes are being met. Please make sure that your child has their PE uniform for all practical lessons, enclosed shoes and equipment for subjects such as Food Tech and Woodwork. It is also important that they still carry their books for each subject as the laptops will not be used in every lesson.

Please contact me at school if you have any question or queries.

Lara Jephson
Year 9 Adviser

Year 10 Report

Year 10 have completed their School Certificate exams. Students are now required to complete their 'Crossroads' and 'All my own work' programmes in preparation for their senior studies. Both programmes are compulsory and beneficial for all students going on to complete their HSC.

Many students have shown terrific initiative and organised themselves a period of work experience to undertake after the completion of their school commitments. The benefits of completing work experience for students are many, such as an awareness of adult responsibilities and developing maturity. I strongly recommend all students take advantage of this opportunity to explore their post school options.

Unfortunately, a small majority of Year 10 students continue to fail to utilise the educational opportunities afforded to them at Northlakes High School. It is imperative that all students continue to attend all lessons, be prepared with the necessary school equipment and be appropriately attired in correct school uniform to ensure they maximise their learning opportunities.

Ben Bryant
Year Adviser

Year 11 Report

The Preliminary Year has been successfully completed for all but a few VET students still to complete work placements. Unfortunately, Preliminary Certificates did not arrive in time for the Year 11 Presentation Ceremony. These will be presented at a later date. Students should, however, have received their Preliminary reports. Students should also be in possession of their HSC Assessment Schedule to guide them through their subject assessment tasks over the next year.

As I have mentioned before, everything starts again in fourth Term as the HSC Year begins. Everyone is on an equal footing; everyone is starting again from scratch. Mistakes from the past year are forgotten and students should make the most of this fresh start. Students should expect their first assessment tasks in all subjects before the end of the year and need to realise that these marks will go directly towards their HSC.

Students need to develop regular patterns of study, which includes going over class work every day; organising class notes and summaries into subject

and topic areas; making assessment work a priority long before the due date; and managing and prioritising school, work and personal commitments.

While all students have a responsibility to attend all of their classes, we currently have a large number of students who have reduced their subject load and are timetabled off class for a number of periods a week. These students have been instructed to be in the library studying during these periods and should not be leaving the school.

I would like to congratulate the Senior Leadership Team on receiving their badges at the Presentation Assembly. Our new Captains are Anthony Le and Jessica Matwijow; Vice Captains are Alana Becker and Chris Neal; and Prefects are Megan Goddard, Haylee Bishop and Jesse Mahon. Anthony and Jessica did a wonderful job comparing the Assembly. I would also like to congratulate all of the award winners, especially Lauren Hawthorne on receiving the award for Outstanding Academic Achievement in Year 11.

Dave Hextell
Year 11 Adviser

Year 12 Report

Well, the final days of formal education for Year 12 students are now over with the HSC finishing this week. We now only have to wait for the results which will be available to students by internet, SMS and telephone on Wednesday the 15th December. Good luck to all students and I hope that the results are what you have been waiting for.

The Year 12 Formal and the Farewell Assembly were both very successful events. Thank you to all the students and family members who supported and attended these events.

Remember if you do have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to phone me and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

K. Legge
Year 12 Adviser

Clothing Pool

Northlakes High School clothing pool is running extremely low.

If you have any uniform items that students have outgrown or no longer require please donate them to the clothing pool.

Polished BY DONNA

Polished by Donna is offering a 3-day course during the school holidays in **Grooming, Deportment & Self Confidence** that covers skin care, makeup, job interview techniques, and heaps more. Or stay the whole week & experience **Fashion & Modelling** on the final 2 days, with a fashion photo shoot & a graduating catwalk show for family & friends. Gain valuable life skills, boost your self confidence and have heaps of fun!

Ideal for 12-16 year olds

Where & When -
Gosford, Monday 4 October - Friday 8 October

Course includes a print from the shoot & the chance to win a prize for effort!

3 days - \$260 for one student, (\$210 for 2 or more students enrolling together)
All week - \$330 for one student, (\$270 for 2 or more students enrolling together)

Testimonials available on request!

For full details contact Donna on 4304 5735 or visit www.polishedbydonna.com

 **The L.E.A.R.N Centre**
@ Kanwal Medical Complex

PROFESSIONAL TUTORING

Reading Spelling Maths English
All ages K-12

For a free Assessment phone
TONY BRINLEY Ph.43932260

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ATTENTION ALL PARENTS/CAREGIVERS:

Please notify the school as soon as possible when your personal or emergency contact details change.

You may complete and tear off the slip below and ask your student to hand it to their Roll Call teacher
or

You can call the school on 4390 0555 to updated your details by phone

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Students Name/s: _____ **Date:** _____

Change of Details	
Address:	Home Phone:
Mum work:	Mum mobile:
Dad work:	Dad mobile:
Email address:	
EMERGENCY CONTACTS (please provide different details than those above)	
Name:	Name:
Phone:	Phone:
Mobile:	Mobile:
Relationship to student:	Relationship to student: