

Northlakes High School Newsletter

"Opportunities for future success"



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**From our Principal
Mrs Merrilyn Rowley**

School upgrades are continuing

We have had a very successful and exciting start to 2010. Students are now accessing a vastly improved Science facility. New carpeting is going into another seven classrooms. Wireless access is almost completely school wide. In addition, we are continuing to upgrade our gardens and oval. Many people have commented on the improved appearance of the school. The Language and Science buildings are nearing completion and will be in use early in Term 2.



Upgraded Science Facilities

Our students continue to 'shine'

Our reputation continues to improve with the successes of our students being recognised publicly. A school band, 'Stolen Memories', has continued to earn accolades and was placed first in the NSW Nova FM competition and in the top five in the nation. Brittany Bishop has successfully won her way to the top of the Central Coast in the Lion's Youth of the Year competition. Jai Kelly has gone to China playing Futsal. Nick Holman travelled to America and Canada playing Hockey. Ashley Deal won an Australian Title for Karate and Gemma Ferrington is representing Australia at Adelaide in Netball. Amber Henderson will be representing our school at State level in Sydney in Swimming.



Brittany Bishop
Regional Youth of the Year

Ensuring the needs of our students

A significant change for 2010 has been the change in school leaving age to 17. This is being addressed within the school in a variety of ways, to ensure we can meet the needs of all students. While most will continue with a mainstream educational program, proceeding towards a preliminary and a Higher School Certificate, others may access a Pathways program, which will include strategies to prepare them for leaving school and work. The school is planning to expand the range of vocational courses on offer. We are also working with our neighbouring schools, Gorokan High and Lake Munmorah High, to increase the scope of courses on offer.

The year began with attention to all schools' NAPLAN data on the 'My Schools' website. We have always analysed the data from all examinations and used them to set our targets for the next year. Currently, we are focusing on improving our numeracy results and students' writing skills. We are working closely with our local primary schools to ensure common understanding and connected programs. We are very pleased to be working closely and productively in our local management group.

Our School Certificate results for 2009 were very pleasing, as they showed significant growth and improvement. All faculties have closely evaluated teaching strategies and course materials to help students continue to improve.

The school does not allow students to have earphones in while they are in class. While they are listening to music, they cannot properly hear or concentrate on their teacher. We have also spent many hours dealing with incidents of theft or damage. iPods, MP3's, and other like devices are to be either left in their school bag or (preferably) at home. Our mobile phone policy has not changed; they are to be switched off in class time, always.

Our Aboriginal Community group is an active group of interested people who work continually to improve outcomes for Aboriginal students. We have a wide range of programs occurring due to their efforts. We appreciate and value their work and commitment to helping the school continually evaluate and improve on our strategies.

Research clearly demonstrates that effective schools have high levels of parental and community involvement. This involvement is strongly related to improved students learning, attendance, and behaviour. Families that understand the education system and the difficulties schools face are a valuable source of support which schools cannot afford to underestimate.

Our attendance data reflects a steady improvement. We have devoted a lot of effort to following up on students whose poor attendance has caused concern because we understand its importance.

Year 7 students will be involved in a school camp this term, thanks to the efforts of their Year Advisor, Mr Chandler. They are also involved in the Making Educational Goals Sustainable (MEGS) program which aims to show junior students the wider educational opportunities provided by TAFE, University and alternative educational providers, as they progress through their schooling years.

Years 9 and 10 have had a Careers' Planning Day in Term 1, organised by Mr Williamson. It was pleasing to see how maturely the students responded to this opportunity to discuss their future.

Ex-student achievements

An ex-student, Jessie Copper, who completed the HSC in 2000, is currently completing her PhD in Photovoltaic Solar Engineering. Her mother, Ms Kristine Copper, has thanked Northlakes High School for the academic foundation upon which she has built her outstanding success. We are very proud of the achievements of this committed ex-student. Her successes reflect the heights that our students can reach.

Yours in Public Education
Mrs Merrilyn Rowley - Relieving Principal

IMPORTANT DATES for your Calendar!

31 st March/01 st April	- Athletics Carnival
01 st April	- Last school day Term 1
TERM 2:	
19 th April	- Staff Development Day
20 th April	- All students return
22 nd April	- Immunisation Yr7 and Yr10
23 rd April	- ANZAC Assembly
26 th April	- ANZAC DAY (Public Holiday)
28 th to 30 th April	- Year 7 Camp

From our Deputy Principal Mrs Guli Scamperle

With all the discussion about bullying and harassment in the press, I believe it is timely that I discuss this in relation to Northlakes High School. While bullying and harassment is not acceptable, much of what happens at our school is non violent and revolves around name-calling.

It is important that parents assist in the prevention of bullying and harassment by discouraging name calling and other verbal attacks on the character and appearance of students as it is still very harmful, particularly if applied on an ongoing basis.

Students have a variety of options when seeking help. Firstly, they should seek the help of their teacher. They can also access the Head Teacher Welfare – Mrs Kennedy, The School Chaplain – Alex Banks, Year Advisors, the school counsellors, and the respective Deputy Principal. Mr Yates is responsible for Years 7, 9 and 11 and Mrs Skamperle for Years 8, 10 and 12.

Parents have the most important role of all to play in their student's education in supporting students in their academic, sporting and other elective studies, emotional upheavals and developing positive community behaviours. During this term, I have had the pleasure to be able to meet or speak to many wonderful parents who have been supportive of their students and of me in my role as Deputy Principal. Thank you for your support this term.

Northlakes High School also has a team of dedicated staff who care about the educational, social, and emotional well being of our students every day. Our staff plays a vital role in addressing bullying and harassment, in coaching sporting teams, in organising excursions and performances and in providing lessons that assist our students to achieve

outcomes, which are required by them to meet their goals for their future career choices. We must not forget included in our staff are the many Teacher's Aides and SASS staff. Our Teacher's Aides provide extra support for students and staff in classrooms on a daily basis ensuring that students with special needs can perform at their very best. Our SASS staff work hard to ensure the smooth management of the school regarding whole school administration, including areas such as finance, attendance, the print-room, library, technology and lab operations. Thankyou to all our staff for your hard work and dedication this term.

I would also like to acknowledge the 95% of students who do the right thing every day. These students attend school on a regular basis, show **respect** towards their teachers and their peers, and are **responsible** for their own actions and work towards achieving their **personal best**.

I wish everyone from the Northlakes High School Community a happy and safe holiday and I am looking forward to working with you as Deputy Principal next term.

Mrs Guli Scamperle
Relieving Deputy Principal

English

Year 12 English students recently travelled to Newtown to see a fantastic performance of *The Shoe-Horn Sonata*. The play told the story of two nurses who survived a POW camp during World War II, the friendships they forged, and the tragedies they endured during their imprisonment. The outstanding performance enhanced the students' understanding of this prescribed HSC text and will undoubtedly contribute to their success in the HSC examinations later this year.



In Term Two, students will again have an opportunity to see a text they are studying, performed live on

stage, when Ms Legge travels to Sydney with Year 8 and 9 students to see a production of *Hitler's Daughter*. Students will also visit the Jewish Museum during this excursion for an informative and moving tour that will further contribute to their understanding of the play.

Also in Term Two, renowned author, Boori Pryor will be visiting the school for an interactive session of dance, didgeridoo, body-painting, and Dreamtime stories with Year 7 and 8. Mr. Pryor is an entertaining and riveting speaker and this performance is not to be missed. Mr. Pryor will end his session by answering questions from students.

Tickets are still available for both *Hitler's Daughter* and Boori Pryor from the English Faculty!

Mr. Megale and the English Faculty

HSIE

Term One has been a wonderful start to 2010 for the HSIE faculty. We have been productive and cooperative. I admire the professionalism and goodwill of the HSIE staff towards the students and their fellow staff.

Mr Seaby and members of the Year 12 Modern History Class attended 2 days of seminars in preparation for the HSC. The students did Northlakes High proud, being attentive and well behaved. In fact, Mr Seaby sent a text during the day to report that Northlakes High had a high profile being the only ones to ask questions during the lecture and then consult further with the lecturer afterwards in the lunch break.

The HSIE department conducted the Senior assembly in Week 8. A number of awards were given to students who had been conscientious in their studies in HSIE. Mrs Bambey organised a highly entertaining and informative Harmony Day celebration involving interviews with staff that have origins overseas including a fantastic power point and music show. Year 11 Drama had us laughing with a comic piece entitled 'Vice.'

We have acquired two more Data Projectors, which are being effectively utilised by the HSIE staff, and Mrs Bromley will again have a homeroom in D51, with Mr Welham's move to the new Language building in Term 2.

Our Junior homework policy, Assessment schedules and Assessment Tasks are now all on the school's website. They are also on public share in the

school's system as are drop boxes for all Junior classes to electronically hand in their assignments.

Anna Bromley
Head Teacher, HSIE Faculty

Performing Arts News

Each year Belvoir Street Theatre offers PSP schools the opportunity to apply for free tickets as part of their schools program. Northlakes High School was successful in gaining 20 tickets. This term drama students from years 10-12 have had the opportunity to view two live theatre productions: 'The face' and 'Love Me Tender'. This experience assists students develop knowledge and understanding about the theatre, production, performance skills, design, and is directly linked to the outcomes of the course for both the school certificate and HSC.

Northlakes High School students have developed the reputation of being mature, well behaved, and excellent audience members. Each time we attend a show I receive compliments and positive feedback from the educational officers and general public.



Belvoir Street Theatre, Surry Hills

Year 12 students in Dance and Drama are making good progress and their works are developing. They need to continue to develop their ideas and work hard to ensure they achieve their best.

Next term is a very busy term with Star Struck, Central Coast Dance Festival, and excursions. Updates will be available on the school website and in the newsletters.



Ms Dunlevie, Mrs Hickson & Mrs Brimbecom took a group of 25 students to see Wicked at the Capital Theatre, Sydney and had a fantastic time.

Ms F. Dunlevie

Sport

First term has been a very busy time for sport at Northlakes High School. Our swimmers competed well at the Tuggerah Lakes Zone Carnival with a number of students qualifying to compete at the Sydney North Swimming Carnival, which was held at Woy Woy on the 17th March. Amber Henderson was our standout competitor, finishing 3rd in the 13 years girls breaststroke. Amber now goes on to compete in the NSW CHS Swimming Carnival at Homebush on 28th, 29th and 30th March. It has been many years since we have had a swimmer reach this level and we wish Amber every success.

The school Athletics Carnival has been rescheduled to Wednesday 31st March and Thursday 1st April, a great way to finish the term! These days provide an opportunity for the whole school to come together to support each other and compete in an environment that promotes participation and enjoyment.

Our next representative carnival will be the Zone Cross Country, which will be held at Bateau Bay on 6th May. The top 10 placegetters from our school cross country will have the opportunity to represent the school at this carnival.

There has been a lot of action in our open representative knockout sports. Impressive wins and competitive losses have characterised much of the action in the sports of Touch, Hockey, Netball, Basketball and Football, with our Rugby sports due to kick off next term.

Jai Kelly, freshly returned from a successful tour of China with the Australian Vikings U/19 Futsal team, has been successful in gaining selection in the Sydney North Football team to contest the NSW CHS Championships.

It is important that students pay attention to the morning announcements, as there are many opportunities available to trial for school and Sydney North representative teams. Information regarding trial dates is placed on the windows of J Block and any particularly talented students should see me about these trials.

Dave Hextell
Sport Organiser

Mathematics

There have been some recent changes in the Mathematics faculty over the last couple of weeks. Mr Allmon has taken an extended period of leave. In his absence, Mr Martin is now working full-time while Mrs Jacqueline Woodley has taken on the duties of

Head Teacher. This has meant quite a few other timetable changes, but we are all determined that Mathematics classes will continue to run smoothly and provide quality learning opportunities for all students.

With the rollout of year 9 laptops imminent, all students are reminded that even though laptops will be used, they are still expected to bring their maths books and writing equipment each day. Some tasks are simply quicker and easier to do on paper than on a screen. The Mathematics staff has been undergoing professional development regarding the utilisation of technology in the classroom, so that gradually the meaningful use of laptops in the classroom will increase.

Jacqueline Woodley
Relieving Head Teacher, Mathematics

Support News

The support unit have had some good excursions happen this term. The behaviour classes had separate days in Sydney, walking the Harbour Bridge then catching a ferry to North Sydney from Circular Quay. The IOT class had a day at the Entrance and the IOS class caught the train to Woy Woy for a day out.

The T-Vet access courses at various TAFE colleges have been very successful this term. Thirteen students are involved in the courses, which encompass retail, automotive, hair and beauty, primary industries, construction and health service assistant. Stuart Morris and Amanda Jones are doing the construction and health services courses respectively. Both students are working very hard as one of approximately thirty students in each course. Mrs Schneider has worked very hard assisting in travel arrangements, enrolments, and supporting students. We thank her for all of her hard work.

Sport as a unit has continued this term. The swimming group has been very active, with many of the students improving considerably over the term. The canoeing group has enjoyed our new canoes and the groups doing activities at school have been very active. The unit also had several students participate successfully in the Northlakes High School swimming carnival and a group of students participated successfully in the IOTAS carnival in Newcastle last week.

The unit ran the barbecue at the year six information evening and made a profit of approximately \$300. These profits along with the profits from our Bunnings day on 20th March will be used to purchase new furniture for our meeting room.

Ten students have an opportunity to participate in a Stewart House camp in the first week of term two. This camp is at South Curl Curl in Sydney and run by the education department. Students get to visit many Sydney landmarks as well as mixing with other students from all over NSW.

Mr Shevels and the IOS class are busy planting their winter garden. They are also beginning an extension of their garden to construct two wheelchair gardens and adjacent paths. This has been with the support of Bunnings and Coles and we thank both organizations for their ongoing support. The IOT class have the new paving area filled with fill and are planning to start paving and landscaping over the next couple of weeks. Chris Clarke and Michael Cox have been particularly busy in preparing the area for paving.

Adrian Cotterell

Science

After a long and anxious wait, four out of the six science laboratories have been completed and are back in action. The staff are very happy with the improvements and the students will benefit from the new facilities. However, students are warned that any misuse of the new labs will result in severe consequences. Graffiti is banned and will incur harsh penalties.

On a bright note, Year 11 Senior Science and biology students are participating in a Wetlands Excursion, combining both Science and Geography.

During this week Year 10 will be issued with a compulsory student Research Project that is to be completed individually at home and is a requirement of the School Certificate. If they are in need of any help, they are to ask the advice of their science teacher. All year 10 students should be reminded that this is a compulsory project and N awards will be issued if it is not completed.

Our senior students should be preparing for the half yearly exams, which are starting the first week back of term two. Junior students will sit for their half yearly exams in week five of term two.

The Science staff would like to take this opportunity to wish all student and their families a safe and happy Easter.

Attendance

Regular attendance by students is recognised as one of the most important bases upon which a student acquires access to a good education.

State Legislation requires children between the ages of 6 and 17 years must attend school or an approved institution each day the school or institution is open for instruction.

The Department of School Education operates a School Liaison Program. Home School Liaison Officers are teachers with a range of educational and professional experiences with expertise in the area of student welfare.

A number of Home School Liaison Officers will interview identified children with attendance problems at this school in the near future.

The criteria that will determine whether your child is interviewed are:

- An attendance rate lower than 85% and
- More than 3 unexplained absences or
- A regular pattern of absences or
- Extended periods of illness

I am sure you support us in this important area of student welfare. We are hopeful such a visit will improve the level of attendance of identified children and therefore their overall quality of education.

Fiona Kennedy
Head Teacher, Welfare

P&C News

I hope that everyone is taking full advantage of our new web page, which can be found at www.northlake-h.schools.nsw.edu.au Our next meeting will be 27th April at 3.30pm in the Common Room in D Block. We would love to see more parents/caregivers come along, as this is the best way to find out what is happening in our school and a time for you to ask any questions. Mr Yates will be explaining the NAPLAN results, and tea and coffee will be provided.

Angela Bambey
President

Canteen

Leanne, our canteen Manager would love to hear from any parent/caregiver that could spare some time and help in the canteen. If you feel you could help please phone her direct line on 43908751. Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers that already help.

Uniform Shop

We have some wonderful volunteers that help every week in the uniform shop, including Leanda Johnstone, Ellen Rogers, and Kim Franolich, whose dedication is greatly appreciated. The uniform shop has a policy on returning faulty goods. There are NO refunds or exchanges for faulty goods, garments with problems will be repaired, as the supplier does not accept returns.

Debating

It was pleasing to see the number of students interested in debating, particularly from the Junior Years. Debating is a team sport so students must remember that once they commit themselves to the team we expect them to finish this year's debates (Round 1 is generally four debates). It is not too late for students from the Junior Years to nominate for debating, as their competitions do not start till Term Two. Good luck to our Senior team who have already commenced their competition.

Could any student interested in representing our school in debating please see either Mr Burley or Ms Legge, in the English faculty, as soon as possible. Debating training is held on Monday during recess one in the Staff Common Room. This year we are going to win!

B. Burley and K. Legge

LEARNING WITH LAPTOPS – The Digital Education Revolution

The Year 9 students have now been issued with a Laptop User Charter and Information Sheet, in anticipation of the delivery of over 200 laptops. The delivery is expected to take place early in Term 2 and the issuing of the laptops will take place soon after this. We will be holding a Parent Evening on Monday 10th May 2010 to discuss the features of the laptops, our expectations in regards to student use and care of the laptops and answer any questions that you may have. Details regarding the Parent Evening will be distributed early in Term 2.



"The research tells us that teachers believe a learning environment where students use laptops facilitates more collaboration and project-based learning and engages and motivates the students which in turn produces higher quality work."

- Barbara Bober – Digital Education Revolution (P & C Journal – Vol 60 No. 4)

Mr Welham & Miss Bryant

NAPLAN Exams

The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests for year 7 and 9 students will be held between Tuesday 11th May and Thursday 13th May. A 'catch up' day will be provided on Friday 14th for students who were absent from any of the tests.

The results from NAPLAN exams provide diagnostic information for parents and teachers about a child's performance in Literacy and Numeracy and can be used to support teaching and learning programs and improve student achievement.

Parents/guardians will receive a report later in the year detailing their child's results in reading, writing, language conventions, and numeracy as well as indicating how the child performed in relation to national minimum standards.

Some students are eligible for special provisions in the Numeracy test. These students have received a note that needs to be signed by parents/guardians and returned to Mrs Curran or Miss Hsu as soon as possible.

Information for families with children aged 16-24

Secondary students who are paid youth allowance are required to have no more than five 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.

Year 7 Report

It is hard to believe that Term One has come to an end so quickly and from my perspective it has been one of the busiest of my teaching career. I would like to congratulate the majority of our year 7 students who have demonstrated the values we instil at Northlakes High School, which are Respect, Responsibility, and Personal Best. I have had numerous positive comments coming back from the

teachers within the school and saying they love teaching year 7, which is fantastic feedback.

School camp organisation to "Outdoor Experience – Morisset" is well under way and I encourage all parents and carers to ensure their child is financial as soon as possible to ensure a smooth transition in Term Two. The payment deadline is Wednesday 21st April 2010, which only gives me one week to ensure we have all the students accounted for. I have had an overwhelming number of teachers who have volunteered their time to participate in this camp which is encouraging and demonstrates the commitment of the teachers at Northlakes High School who are prepared to take time out of their personal lives to ensure this camp is a success.

Please note: Camp date is April 28th – April 30th. For students who are not participating at camp, school will be as normal.

I have had the great pleasure of meeting Amber Henderson of 7QX recently. She has represented Northlakes High School at the regional swimming carnival in her favourite event, the 100m breaststroke. Amber came 3rd which means she is now been selected to represent the region at the state carnival, which is at Homebush Aquatic Centre Sydney on the 29th of March. Amber is very excited about her achievement and trains regularly at Wyee Point Indoor Swimming Pool. She has told me her favourite teacher is Mrs Moore of the HSIE department and her favourite activity at school is sport. The staff and students wish Amber all the best at the state carnival as she has done herself and Northlakes High School very proud.

Michael Chandler
Year 7 Advisor

Year 8 Report

Well what a busy and productive term Year 8 has experienced so far this year. Time flies when you are having fun, so the saying goes! All students are now settled into their classes and are working towards achieving their goals quite successfully.

The half yearly exams will commence in Term Two; therefore, it is important that all Year 8 students have their workbooks up to date. If they are absent, it is their responsibility to check with their teachers about the work they have missed.

I have sent home a bright pink letter to all families informing them that Year 8 students need all correct equipment for all classes. That is books, pencils cases full of pens, pencils etc, and all equipment

needed for practical lessons. If you need assistance with any of these items please call me at school.

As a year group, Year 8 need to keep focused on their schoolwork, effort, and behaviour. I encourage all parents to remind students that they are responsible for their own actions and to keep trying their best!

Don't forget Year 8 to collect merits from your teachers and get involved in extra-curricular activities so you can achieve the Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards.

Remember if you do have any questions or concerns about your child please do not hesitate to contact me at school on Ph: 43 900555.

Jodene Garside
Year 8 Advisor

Year 9 Report

We have already reached the end of Term One, how quickly time goes when you are having fun!

This year brings the beginning of School Certificate Studies for Year 9, and it is important that students are organised and equipped for both their core subjects as well as the electives they have chosen for the coming year.

Please ensure your child has a book for **each** subject, a pencil case containing pens, pencils, eraser, sharpener, glue etc as well as equipment for practical lessons i.e. appropriate footwear for the subject, aprons, tea towels, PE uniform.

ESSA results have been handed out in Science classes in the last few weeks of term, please check with your child to find out their results.

Looking forward to a successful, challenging and hopefully less busy Term Two.

Lara Jephson
Year 9 Advisor

Year 10 Report

The majority of year 10 students continue to work well in all of their classes as the school year progresses. All students have recently been issued with their School Certificate Rules and Procedures handbook, which contains important information for parents and students sitting their School Certificate.

All students have also recently been made aware of their obligations in avoiding 'N'- Awards. An 'N'- Award warning letter may be issued to students who are failing to meet the requirements of a course. This may occur through poor attendance, non-completion of class activities or assessment tasks. It is of utmost importance that a student who receives an 'N'- Award warning letter see their teacher to have the issue resolved, as an 'N'-Award may be issued to the student for that subject putting their School Certificate in jeopardy.

Year 10 students (and teachers) are continuing to improve their skills in utilising technology in the classroom, with many students taking the opportunity to e-mail class-work and/or assessment tasks to their respective teachers. Students are hopefully developing a valuable resource of information from all their lessons, saved in their laptops for future study and revision. I encourage parents to ask their children for a virtual tour through their schoolwork.

Lastly, a reminder to students that attendance in all lessons is compulsory and attendance records are being thoroughly checked each lesson. Uniform needs to be worn all day, not just as you leave the house!

Mr Ben Bryant
Year 10 Year Advisor

Year 11 Report

All year 11 students should be working well in their Preliminary classes. A small number of students appear to be having some difficulty with their subject selections. It is important this is sorted out as soon as possible. Students should not take it upon themselves to change subjects. They must see Mr Winter to collect the necessary paperwork and have any proposed changes approved by the school.

Reminders to students and parents: Any student with a 'free' period is to spend that time working in the library. Students will continue to be moved on from the main quad area during class time. No student has reason to be using a phone, iPod, or other media player in class or during roll call or assemblies. These must be out of sight and should at least be on silent. Earphones should also be out of sight.

It is important that students refer to their Assessment Booklets to help with their planning and time management. The Assessment Booklet also contains information regarding illness and misadventure relating to assessment tasks. Students need to follow the appropriate procedures if they are unable to complete their tasks. If a student has not yet

received one of these booklets, it is important they see me in J Block as soon as possible.

Many Year 11 students have been issued with a Senior Pass, which permits them to sign in or out of school if they do not have a period 1 or period 5 class. Students are not free to come and go at will, but must sign in and out through the front office. This pass is a privilege, and has not been issued to previous senior years. In order to keep this privilege, it is important that students attend all timetabled classes and only sign out if they do not have a class.

Dave Hextell
Year 11 Advisor

Year 12 Report

Wow, what a busy start to the beginning of the year. Already we have had the swimming carnival and the cross-country as well as numerous assessment tasks. It is pleasing to see the effort being put in by the majority of students to complete these tasks by the required date. However, students must remember that there can be absolutely no extension on assessment tasks. If a student is away on the day the task is due then the student must, on their return to school, complete an appeal form and any other required documentation to avoid receiving an 'N' award.

On the other hand, it was disappointing to note that many Year 12 students did not attend the swimming carnival. Please remember that carnival days are still school days and some of our best memories of school and our friends are from these events. Year 12 students have also received notification of their Formal, which will be on Tuesday the 21st September at Kooindah Waters, Wyong. Please also note that the Formal Presentation Assembly is now on Thursday the 23rd September.

Congratulations to Brittany Bishop, Jai Kelly and Matthew Drennan who have represented our school and community in State, National and International events just this term.

Don't forget to collect merits from your teachers and get involved in extra-curricular activities so you can achieve the Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards, which will impress prospective employers. 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. Till next time.

K. Legge
Year 12 Advisor

Anti-bullying corner

If you think you are being bullied

- It is not your fault
- You have the right to feel safe and happy
- You have the right not to be bullied
- It is alright to walk away
- It can be stopped
- It is alright to tell the school staff

By acting on the bullying, you are also protecting other students from the bully. All students should feel safe at school. If you are ever feeling unsafe or unhappy at school you should always let someone know. You might be scared but you need someone to talk to and they can help you to sort it out.

Remind students to:

Stay calm. Students who bully are trying to get a reaction. If students don't act upset or react the way the bully want them to the bully might get bored and stop.

Do not be afraid to talk to an adult they trust. For example, a teacher or a parent.

Mrs Fulwood
Anti-bullying Coordinator

IMPORTANT NOTICE

YEAR 9 & 10 STUDENT INVOICES

Invoices for Years 9 & 10 have recently been sent home and it has come to our attention that there is an error in respect to Voluntary Contributions, Science Practical, and Computer Printing fees. These have been invoiced twice in error. Please be assured that this problem has been rectified on the school computer system and that these charges have been deleted from the students' invoices. Our sincere apologies for this error and any distress caused. Jan Coggan – School Administration Manager.

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HSC STUDY DAYS

A series of workshops will be run by the Office of Corporate Development and Community Partnerships at the University of Newcastle to assist students undertaking their HSC exams in 2010. The presenters will be senior HSC Markers from across the State. These workshops are a great opportunity to get subject-specific advice, useful study strategies and find out how to improve your marks!

FRIDAY 16 JULY
Newcastle Campus, Callaghan

MONDAY 5 JULY
Central Coast Campus, Ourimbah

COLES

Students from Northlakes High School are not to be late to school. We are liaising with Coles Management. Students are not to go to Coles before school.

Students are to come directly into the school when they arrive in the morning.

We hold a communication meeting every morning, at which we discuss important matters for the administration of the school, make announcements, and praise our successes. Students who arrive late often miss out on vital information.

Merrilyn Rowley
Principal (Relieving)

Wishing you all a happy and
safe Easter!