

Northlakes High School Newsletter

"Opportunities for future success"



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From our Principal Ms Merrilyn Rowley

"Star Struck"

Congratulations to the 25 students selected to represent our School and be part of the choir. We also had 2 dance groups selected and for the first time 2 violinists. We look forward to watching the performance later in the year.



*Northlakes High
School Violinists*

*Amber Henderson
and Caitlin Bennett*

"Debating Team Success"

Our Debaters were victorious against the The Entrance High School. Congratulations to Tyler Knight, Keira Fraser, Alana Marlin and Hayley Guteridge. The topic was – "Should the voting age be lowered?"



*Northlakes High
School Debating Team*

*Tyler Knight, Keira
Fraser, Allana Marlin
and Hayley Guteridge*

We are constantly inundated with media stories about problems in our schools but when we are working in one we see every day, young people behaving and performing in ways which give us great confidence about their future role in our society.

Schools constantly review all sorts of information to ensure their strategies and structures are supporting and engaging their students, encouraging involvement by parents and reflecting the needs of our world.

My School

There is no doubt about it – schools are at the centre of community development and in many cases, regeneration of communities working to reinvent themselves in changed economic, social and political times. Every principal is proud to serve their community as we all work through these changing times while ensuring the best for our children and students.

Every principal in Australia has closely watched the impact of League Tables on education achievement and curriculum in those countries where league tables exist. League Tables have served to narrow curriculum, limit the education of the whole child and rank schools often without consideration of the communities they serve or the fabulous work being done in an inclusive setting where schools take all students regardless of their ethnicity, gender, religion, socio-economic status or ability to learn independently.

The debate has raged long and hard. As a parent, I too have sought information about my children's specific achievement and have always received accurate information, without knowledge of the position I am honoured to hold in education. As an educator with an unswerving focus on continuous improvement and ongoing targeted professional learning for all staff, I value the availability and use of diagnostic data we have come to know and expect in our great New South Wales public schools.

Concerns exist around the accuracy and authenticity of the MySchool website. Discussions have been held to find ways to design and redress the multitude of inaccuracies which exist in the site, all of which are being sold to the public as accurate.

I encourage every parent to take a little more time on the internet to read the NSW Secondary Principals' Council analysis of the inaccuracies of the MySchool website and the need to adjust the index of socio-economics used to group schools Australian wide. Even the Australian Bureau of Statistics, whose data has been used to create the index, has strongly advised that the data should not be used in that way.

Please take the time to become more informed by visiting www.nswspc.org.au

For a full version of what our school is really about visit our website!

Senior Tutorials

We are constantly offering more support for our students. Currently, our Year 12 group has access to after school tutoring in which they are strongly encouraged to involve themselves. Also, a staff member has been employed to be in the Library for two full days a week, to assist senior students with homework, research, assessment tasks or study.

National Partnerships funding for our students!

Our school is to receive a significant amount of funding and extra staff, to support our school targets of improving literacy and numeracy outcomes and student engagement. The executive of the school has begun the planning process at an extended executive meeting in Week 3 of this term. We are very excited at the possibilities this program offers our students.

Opportunities for Year 11, 2011

Northlakes High School is working with our neighbouring schools to ensure all students have the opportunity to engage in a wide range of programs. An initiative for 2011 will be a Careers Advancement Program (CAP) which will allow students to be enrolled in this school, and do VET courses at one of a variety of sites. Students may complete a certificate II in Primary Industries at Wyong, Hospitality at Northlakes High School, Metals at Lake Munmorah and Construction at Wadalba or Gorokan as part of this program. It is an example of schools developing alternative structures for students who may not be interested in a traditional academic path to the HSC, but instead want to earn a trade qualification before they reach the required leaving age of 17 years.

Aboriginal Education Consultative Group IDET:

Our local management groups involving both Gorokan High School and Northlakes High School, and our public schools, have been working together actively to develop our Partnership agreement with the Aboriginal Education Consultative Group. All

schools have begun to develop plans for the future which focus on strengthening our relationships with our community and which enhance the broad learning experiences of our students.

Yours in Public Education

Ms M Rowley – Relieving Principal

IMPORTANT DATES for your Calendar!

20 th and 21 st May	- Athletics Carnival
25 th May	- P&C Meeting – 3.30pm
14 th June to 18 th June	- Star Struck
17 th June	- Sydney North Cross Country
21 st to 29 th June	- CC Dance Festival
22 nd June	- P&C Meeting – 3.30pm
23 rd June	- Zone Athletics
29 th June	- Immunisation Yr7 (2 nd HPV)
29 th June	- Careers Expo (Yrs 10 & 12)

From our Deputy Principal

Mrs Guli Scamperle

Welcome back to term two which will be a very busy time for students. Aside from NAPLAN there will also be yearly exams, topic tests and assignments to complete, ready for the Half Yearly Reports which will be distributed at the end of the term. Students should be encouraged to work to the best of their ability and achieve their personal best in all their efforts at school.

Our P&C does an excellent job and significantly contributes to the resources offered by the school. Parents often support their students by becoming members of the P&C in Primary School but then are unable to find the time as their children get older. If you can give up some time to come along and join the P&C your support would be greatly appreciated. You can contact Angela Bambey, our President, via the school and I know she would love to hear from you. Also, check out our Webpage. Angela's done a terrific job in creating and maintaining our web page and there is lots of information about what is going on at school on the site.

Lateness to school has been a problem this term and has caused considerable work for the clerical staff, taking them away from other duties including serving the public. Please encourage your children to leave school with enough time to make the morning roll call. Ms Smith and I walk to Coles every morning and all students should be out of this area by 8.00am. Students catching buses should go directly into the school grounds as once alighted from the bus they are in the care of the school.

The San Remo Neighbourhood Centre does a lot to support our community and Northlakes High School. Please be aware that parking is strictly for visitors to the centre. Some of the patrons are elderly or infirm and cannot walk long distances, so please do not park in the Centre Carpark.

This will be my last term as Relieving Deputy Principal and I would like to thank the staff, students and parents for their support. I have enjoyed this experience but am also looking forward to other challenges that the rest of the year will bring as Head Teacher Teaching and Learning.

Mrs Guli Scamperle
Relieving Deputy Principal

HSIE

It has been a busy start to the second term. Students have been handing in their assignments, and preparing to attend field excursions and gaol visits. The faculty have been very pleased with the response to the excursions as well as the high standard that the projects have presented. Mrs Dean has had the opportunity to mentor a university student during this term, Mr Smith, who is in his final year and doing very well in his practical.

A big congratulations goes to Mr Chandler and staff for the year 7 camp and how well the remaining students were organised at school. The report from camp was that the students and staff had a great time.

A special mention to the great work Miss Alex Lucas has been doing with the GATS programme, SRC and as well as undertaking the position of Head Teacher in the VET faculty whilst Mr Welham was absent during the beginning of Term Two.

Ms Bromley has been busy organising programmes, excursions, and reports so that all staff can access them through the intranet in the HSIE files. A big thank you to the Head Teacher, Ms Bromley on behalf of her staff as she is doing a "fine job".

Tracey Moore

Mathematics

This term we have had only one staff change – Mrs Dinnery has gone on maternity leave and has been replaced by Miss Wilson, who is getting to know her classes quite well.

With time before the HSC flying past, it has been pleasing to see Year 12 students taking advantage of the free Mathematics tutoring program to polish their skills. Some Year 11 students have also been attending to get an early start on improving their exam performance, which shows their dedication to giving their best. Hopefully this will see some excellent results in Mathematics from our current senior students.

Next year's Year 11 students will also have an extra option in Mathematics as staff is currently working on an Applied Mathematics program. This will allow all students to achieve at some level in Mathematics. It is a School Developed, Board Endorsed Course. This means it will not count towards an ATAR, but would be appropriate for students looking either to complete their Preliminary Course or both Preliminary and HSC Courses. Stay tuned for more details.

Please remember it is essential that all students bring a workbook, pens and a calculator every day as well as their laptop if appropriate. Year 10 in particular seem to be unwilling to bring equipment for Mathematics classes, because they have laptops. Over the next couple of weeks the Mathematics staff will be conducting an equipment blitz. All year 10 students must have a book and pens every day or they will be referred to the Head Teacher for further action.

Jacqueline Woodley
Relieving Head Teacher

TAS

Year 11 Textile and Design students have been working with the supervision of Mrs DeWaal and have completed their first practical activity which required them to design, construct and embellish a bag. Some wonderful and varied projects were completed.

Year 12 IPT will be participating in a video conference advising them on marking skills for the HSC exam. This is a new initiative, which we hope will give them a sound insight into requirements and expectations for their responses for their HSC exam.

There is great excitement in Kitchen1 with the arrival of the commercial coffee machine to be used in the training of our Hospitality Food and Beverage students. We will be running a cafe on at least two occasions this term serving drinks and "chocolate indulgence" snacks. This is part of their mandatory requirements for this course and will be of help to

many students to find work in the growing hospitality industry.

Beth Bath

Creative Arts

Year 10 Visual Arts students have completed their sculptures for Sculpture by the Bay 2010. Installation will be on Friday 7th May, with the opening at 3pm that afternoon on the grounds adjacent to Gosford Regional Gallery. The exhibition will continue for the next three weeks. Students have had a great opportunity to see Contemporary Australian Sculpture at Sculpture by the Sea, work with an artist and gallery staff and to use their imagination to create works that have been inspired by the Dada Art movement of the early twentieth century. Northlakes High School has been part of this program since its inception, and we are proud to be part of this innovative program, to inspire and promote Sculpture as a prominent artistic medium.

I would to thank Mrs Dowe and Mrs Lubinski for their effort and drive to complete such a project and Gosford Regional Gallery for the opportunity to participate in this program.

Mr. Brimbecom
Head Teacher

PDHPE

At the mid- point of term two the PDHPE staff has settled into the teaching of lessons coupled with the organising of many sporting teams and other extra curricula activities like photographs, school carnivals and the "crossroads" program for senior students.

School photographs as always has been a huge endeavour where we take a complete school day to have them taken, have the proofs completed, returned to the school, checked for correct details, returned to the photographic company and finally received and handed out to students and their families. Thank you for your patience and to the PDHPE staff for their organisation and competence throughout the process.

Mr Thomas organised an excellent final two days of the crossroads course. The highlight was the day trip to "tree tops" where all students faced challenges (and fears) whilst being involved in activities in the tree tops. The feedback was terrific and we look forward to "testing" our next group of seniors at the end of 2010.

Everyone is very busy at present with sporting teams and the compilation of reports for the first half of the

year. This is progressing smoothly and hopefully more good news is on the horizon for students and their parents.

Mr Glachan
Head Teacher

Sport

Second term has seen many of our major team sports begin their knockout campaigns with mixed results in Australian Football, Rugby League, Soccer, Hockey and Futsal. It is pleasing to see so many students enthusiastic about participating in these teams. Thanks must go to the staff that have given up their time to provide these opportunities for our students.

Zone Cross Country was held on Thursday 6th May at Bateau Bay. A team of 70 Northlakes students represented our school with pride. This event is largely a team participation competition with the school with the most competitors (up to a maximum of 140) winning the carnival. Strong individual results were achieved by James Starkey, who finished 1st in the 14 year Boys event and Ashleigh Monk, who finished 3rd in the 17 year Girls event. Our top runners will have the opportunity to compete in the Sydney North Cross Country on Thursday 17th June at Gosford Racecourse.

The school Athletics Carnival has now been rescheduled to Thursday 20th and Friday 21st May, hopefully the weather will be a little kinder to us this time. 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. The Tuggerah Lakes Zone Carnival will be later in the term.

There have been a number of outstanding individual sporting achievements from several of our students. Gemma Ferrington has continued her success with NSW and Australian representative Netball. Nick Holman has been selected in the Sydney North Hockey team and Sean and Josh Glachan have recently represented Sydney North in U/15 Touch at the 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

Support Unit

It has been busy in the unit since our last Northlakes High School newsletter. A group of boys went to beautiful Stewart House in week one of this term. In four days, the Zoo, Aquarium, Powerhouse Museum, a Harbour Bridge Walk, a visit to the botanical gardens and a daily swim at South Curl Curl beach was undertaken. It was a fantastic week and our students were great ambassadors for our school. Thank you to an exhausted Mr Shevels for all his hard work in organising and attending the trip.

The unit has completed several new garden beds with funds we received from a Coles grant. We now have one that is wheelchair compatible and Bunnings are helping us to build paths around the beds. We thank Bunnings and Coles for their support.

The unit did a Bunnings barbecue on Saturday 1st of May where \$600 was raised. The funds raised will assist in the purchase of a set of bongo drums for the unit. Thank you to all the families who helped on the day.

Tvet access courses, which are TAFE courses run for students with a disability, continue to run very successfully. There are now thirteen students over a range of courses including: retail, automotive, health services, construction, hair and beauty and primary industries. Students have been very engaged in these courses and we thank the IOT team for their work in establishing the program.

Adrian Cotterell

Performing Arts News

Term Two is always the busiest time of the year for all the dancers involved in Star Struck and the Central Coast Dance Festival. Five items auditioned for the Central Coast Dance Festival and I hope all will be accepted to be included in the festival.

All students are asked to pay a \$5 hiring fee for costumes for the Central Coast Dance Festival. This keeps the cost down for families. Thank you to all the students who have paid.

The first rehearsal for Star Struck will be held at Broadmeadow Basketball Stadium on Thursday 20th May, 9am – 2pm. The next rehearsal will be on Wednesday 26th May.

Dates for Star Struck Performances
Thursday 17 June 7:00pm
Friday 18 June 10:30am

Friday 18 June 7:00pm
Saturday 19 June 7:00pm

All students receive notes and information regularly; please ask your child if they have any notes as they may forget to pass them on to you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me at school on 43 900 555.

Thank you,
F. Dunlevie



Debating and Public Speaking

Well, the competition is on as debating has commenced for our Senior and Year 10 teams. Our senior team – Allana Marlin, Hayley Guteridge, Alaura Sharp, Keira Fraser and Tyler Knight were successful in their debates against The Entrance campus and Gorokan High but lost a very close debate to Woy Woy Senior Campus. Two wins out of the three debates is an excellent result so congratulations to our team. We are now waiting on the results of the other schools in our zone to find out if we have made it into the next round of the competition. Our Year 10 team – Stephanie Goldfinch, Brook Holdsworth, Stephanie Lovejoy and Alana Weeden – have commenced their competition and we wish them good luck. Our Years 7 & 8 teams will be commencing their competition in the second half of this term. Good luck to both teams.

Emilee Thomas, of Year 11, has completed the first round of The Sydney Morning Herald Public Speaking competition. This competition required Emilee to deliver a prepared speech of eight minutes based on an article from The Sydney Morning Herald and a three minute impromptu speech. We will advise you of the result of this competition in the next newsletter.

Congratulations, once again, to our Senior debating team on their success in the first round of their competition.

B. Burley and K. Legge

Peer Tutor Program

On the 28th April, 21 Year 10 students attended Wyong TAFE to enrol and become official TAFE students, as well as participating in the Initial Training Session for their Peer Tutoring course. The students were accompanied by Miss Hsu and Mrs Curran and the training sessions were conducted by TAFE teacher Leanne O'Connor.



Students will attend future training lessons held at school and participate in fieldwork activities (tutoring Year 7 students in Reading each morning during roll call) to eventually qualify to receive a TAFE Certificate in Volunteer Tutoring—Reading.

The initial training day was very successful with students working hard to learn about tutoring, reading and comprehension. Students also enjoyed exploring the campus with the canteen proving to be a popular place during break times!



Year 10 students met with the Year 7 participants at the end of last term at a lunch time BBQ and games afternoon. This activity was a great 'ice breaking' strategy and all students are now keen to begin the program and start making reading progress.



The Peer Tutor Program is now in its 7th year of running at Northlakes High School. Year 10 students become accomplished tutors and develop leadership skills. Yr 7 students improve their reading and comprehension skills and develop confidence in their own abilities. We look forward to another successful year in 2010.



LEARNING WITH LAPTOPS – The Digital Education Revolution

The Year 9 laptop delivery has now taken place. They are currently being set up and assigned to the students. Due to the NAPLAN testing, we have had to change the date of the Information Evening. This will now take place on Wednesday 19th May at 6.00pm. Notes regarding the details of the Information Evening have been handed out to all Year 9 students. Please see the front office if you have not yet received one of these notes.



The issuing of laptops will take place in the week beginning Monday 24th of May. The students will

receive a half hour induction on the schools expectations on the correct use of the laptops. Following this induction, the students will be allowed to take the laptop home with them. We look forward to incorporating this technology into Year 9 classrooms.

Miss Bryant
Technology Support Officer – TSO

Living with Teens

United Care Burnside is running a 1 day course at the Central Coast Community College in Ourimbah. Saturday 26 June from 9.30 to 4.30. Anyone interested should call 4348 4300.

New Rule about Family Tax Benefit for your 16-20 year old

If you have a child between 16 and 20 and receive Family Tax Benefits, you would have received a letter from the Australian Government. You have until 1 May 2010 to go online and provide information about the education details if you wish to receive family assistance. If you have disregarded the letter, or are having trouble going on-line please call 13 2307 or Family Assistance Office on 13 6150.

Election of P&C

Thank you to the wonderful people that turn up to our meetings. Last month we held our Annual AGM and it was sad to hear that Joy Foster has resigned from all of her positions. She is a hard act to follow, but we will do our best. Angela Bambey was nominated President, Donna Brown as Secretary, and Juliet Hutchins as Treasurer. The next meeting is on 25 May and we meet in the Common Room at 3.30pm. Please come along to our next meeting and find out what is happening in your school. Our next General Meetings will be on 25 May and 22 June, please try to come along and find out what wonderful things are happening in this School.

EX-STUDENT PROFILE FORMS

We now have an ex-student profile form, which we would like to compile in a folder to share with our students. If you know of an ex-student could you please inform them to collect a form from the office or from our web page under 'our school' student profile form and return it to our office. Thank you.

Uniform Shop

We now have black hooded jackets in stock for \$35.00. Just a reminder the uniform shop is open on Mondays from 10.30-11.30, Wednesday mornings by appointment and Friday from 10.00 till 11.30. Great news!!! - We now have an eftpos machine for your convenience.

Canteen

The canteen now has their additional hot food range available. Please see our full price list attached. More volunteers are always needed. If you can help please phone Leanne on 43 908751.

TELSTRA'S KIDS FUND

Every year Telstra give grants of \$1,200 to community organizations on behalf of children related to Telstra employees. To be eligible for this fund a group/program must be nominated by a Telstra employee, if any parents, grandparents, aunts or uncles work for Telstra this may be well worth looking at. If you do know of someone, please let us know.

MEGS

The Year 7 students, AND a family member will have the opportunity to spend a day at the University of Newcastle. The MEGS project (Making Educational Goals Sustainable) will run on Thursday's from May to September. This will enable you to have a visual and sensory experience of one possible post-school option. Students would have a tour of the university lecture rooms and educational facilities and have a picnic lunch in the university grounds. Parents and students will also participate in hands on activities that are lots of fun. More information will follow as the dates get closer. If you have twins, or triplets, please make a note on the form and we will organise it so that you can all go together.

7QX Thursday 27th May, 7N Thursday 29th July, 7O Thursday 5th August, 7L Thursday 12th August, 7A Thursday 19th August, 7K Thursday 2nd September, 7H Thursday 9th September, 7T Thursday 16th September, 7QY Thursday 23rd September. If you would like more information please contact either Ms Lucas or Mrs Bambey.

Year 7 Report

Congratulations all of the year 7 students who attended the "Outdoor Education Experience" at Morisset. The camp was a resounding success and all students should be very proud of the way they conducted themselves on camp. We have received some valuable feedback from the camp manager John, who said "the Northlakes kids have been one of the best schools that we have had through the camp in a while."

The students and teachers all enjoyed many activities such as the mud challenge, crate climb, survivor challenge, giant swing, abseiling, high ropes and the dual flying fox. I would have to say my highlight was the Commando night and enjoying the

company of Mrs Kennedy and Mrs Jephson in the Mud Challenge.

We have taken many photos of the students testing their skills and facing their fears throughout the 3 days and we will share the fun times with the junior assembly over the coming weeks with a video presentation. I hope that all students who attended have gained a lot of confidence from the camp and have met new friends for life.

I wish all the year 7 students well in their NAPLAN test and hope their results reflect a great start to 2010.

Michael Chandler
Year 7 Advisor

Year 8 Report

Term Two has definitely got off to a great start! Year 8 students have settled back into their classes quite well. We still need to focus and remember to bring all equipment to class. Without equipment students will not be able to achieve the outcomes in each subject.

Our main goals for this term are:

1. Equipment for all classes.
2. Effort in homework, class tasks and assessment tasks.
3. Positive behaviour.

Week 5 this term is our half yearly exams. It is important for Year 8 to have all their work up to date and to spend an hour each night revising their class work in preparation for these exams. Remind students that if they need any extra help their teachers are there to help.

Over the last few weeks the School Chaplain, Alex Banks, and I have been working together with several Year 8 students. Together we have decided to implement a series of tutorials for Year 8. These tutorials will be held during the year meetings Week B Thursday, Period 4. Alex has valuable experience with teenagers; the tutorials will be based around values, self-belief, building self esteem and positive self image. We believe Year 8 will benefit greatly from these tutorials.

We are currently organising a camp with Year 8. It will be held at the same place Year 7 went this term. I will keep you posted!

Our uniforms are very good, but remember with the cooler weather Year 8 need to wear the correct jumpers and jackets!

My role as Year 8 Advisor is to assist students with any welfare issues. I believe that all of my students deserve to be treated equally. I also believe that all of us should work together and RESPECT each other. This is what I try and instil in Year 8 each and every day.

Please do not hesitate to contact myself if there are any concerns with your child on 4390055.

Mrs Jodene Garside
Year 8 Advisor

Year 9 Report

Welcome back and how time flies when you are having fun! We are already half way through Term Two and teachers are carefully preparing your child's half yearly report.

This term the welfare team has had a crack down on school uniform and there are new procedures during roll call regarding this. It is important that your child is wearing full school uniform everyday. It not only creates a sense of belonging to the school but also allows students to be easily identified as Northlakes High school students outside the school grounds on their way to and from school. Please ensure that students are not wearing their PE uniform to school, even if they have PE first period or that day. They must get changed into this at the beginning of the class.

On a more exciting note, I am once again proposing a camp for the year group. I am planning it for the end of term 3 and it will be to Morisset Outdoor Education Experience. I was lucky enough to accompany Year 7 students to this camp in week 2. All that attended had an unbelievable time and the growth these students experienced was tremendous. I want Year 9 to be able to have this wonderful opportunity as well, so further information will be coming your way very soon.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Lara Jephson
Year 9 Advisor

Year 10 Report

Half Yearly examination and reporting time is now upon us so it is expected that all Year 10 students are busy preparing for said exams and finalising any assessment tasks. These tasks contribute to the student's school assessment, which is reported on the half yearly and yearly reports. A reminder that failure to complete assessment tasks to a

satisfactory standard can result in the student being issued an 'N' determination in the School Certificate.

Homework is issued to students at the discretion of classroom teachers and varies throughout the year. It is hoped that parents can encourage students to find time each night to set aside to complete both homework tasks and independent study. One to two hours each night of the week is necessary for students to reinforce knowledge and skills learned at school and maximise their academic success.

As the cold weather begins to set in a reminder to students and parents that it is expected students maintain their improved diligence with regards to the wearing of school uniform i.e. green or black jumpers and long pants, not brightly coloured jumpers and blue jeans.
Good luck in your exams!

Mr Ben Bryant
Year 10 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

Welcome back to a new term. I hope everyone had an enjoyable break and are ready for a busy term. Assessment tasks are now occurring in every subject so please ensure that all students are referring to their Assessment Task booklet to ensure that tasks are completed by the due date. Remember that there can be absolutely no extension on Year Assessment tasks. If a student is absent 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 warning letter.

The HSC timetable has now been released and it is recommended that students access this timetable through the Board of Studies website to assist them in planning their study timetables. HSC Study Days are also being held by The University of Newcastle during the July break on Monday the 5th July at Ourimbah campus and on Friday the 16th July at Newcastle campus. More information and registration for these days is available through the University's website.

Year 12 students intending to continue onto university have completed a Study Workshop Skills day to assist them in achieving their aims. In these workshops students were given advice on how to improve their study skills and techniques and relaxation techniques. Thank you very much to Mrs Kennedy, Mrs Foster and Mr Williamson who assisted on these days.

This is a very stressful year for both the students and for families. It is important that students remember to balance their school commitments with some relaxation time. 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

Free Graduated Licensing Scheme Workshops for Parents of Learner Drivers

Young drivers are three times more likely to be involved in casualty crashes. That's why the RTA has introduced a new licensing scheme, with more supervised driving practice for learner drivers.

To help parents in supervising learner drivers, the RTA has set up a FREE 2 hour workshop for parents that offers practical advice on how to help learner drivers become a safer driver.

A FREE RTA parents' workshop will be hosted by David Riches on Tuesday June 29th at Wyong RSL (cnr Anzac Ave and Margaret St) from 6:00pm – 8:00pm.

Early bookings are essential, so phone on 0438 215323 now to reserve your place, or email parentworkshop@optusnet.com.au



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The Premier's reading challenge encourages students to take up reading an activity of choice in their leisure time and ultimately enhances literacy performance. It is a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

The 2010 Challenge has now begun. Students can now register for the Challenge by entering their first completed book online and are encouraged to start doing so. If your child is interested in entering the Challenge visit www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge for more information



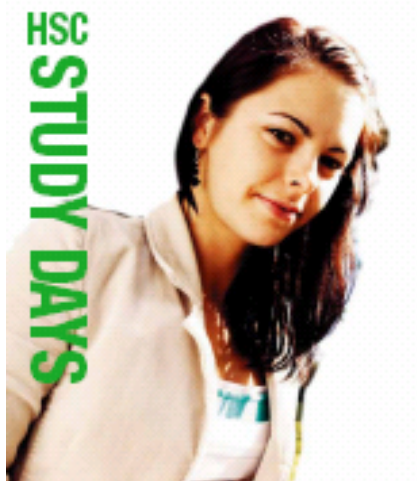
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