

# Northlakes High School Newsletter

*"Opportunities for future success"*



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## From our Principal (relieving) Ms Merrilyn Rowley

### Welcome to new staff

Northlakes High School is delighted to welcome the following staff to our school this term; Ms Katherine Shaw in Maths and Ms Selina Norris in English.

### Relieving Positions

Mrs Muir has been on leave for the first five weeks of the term. I have been acting as Principal, Mr Welham is acting as Deputy Principal, and Mrs Mayo is acting as Head Teacher Vocational Education. I thank Mrs Mayo and Mr Welham for their outstanding efforts in these positions.

### Buildings

Northlakes High School's new hospitality building is rapidly reaching lock up point; hand over is scheduled for August 2011. Once this facility is in use there will be an upgrade of the kitchens in E block.

Work has also commenced on the upgrade of the Industrial Arts building. While there will be some disruption to the school, the benefits to students will be significant. This project should be completed in November and we are looking forward to accessing these fantastic resources.

### Parent/Teacher Online

Our first parent/teacher night using online bookings was a big success. Many parents noted on the survey that it was

much more convenient for them. Our thanks go to Mrs Angela Bambey, our P&C President, who organised the

program, and our many school staff involved in getting it up and running. We will be refining some aspects of it for the parent/teacher evening in Term 3.



## Year 8 & 10 Subject Selection

Year 10 will be receiving a lot of information this term to assist them in making the best choice of subjects and programs for 2012. It is very important that parents/carers attend school functions; we run a variety of program structures in Year 11, and parents need to be sure that their child is choosing the one most suitable.

Year 8 will also be choosing electives for 2012 at the end of Term 2, and will be involved in a similar process of information dissemination.

## Outstanding Performances

We have many students involved in Starstruck again – an outstanding group of young girls trained by Ms Taylor, and an Aboriginal Dance group, trained by Anthony Freeman.

Raymond Marsh, Year 11, has been chosen by the Barrangaru Dance Group and will be performing in Sydney later in the year.

Congratulations to Amber Henderson for being selected to play violin at the Central Coast Showcase at Laycock



Street Theatre. Meanwhile, Ms Hickson and Mr Brimbecom took 28 students to a recording studio in Sydney to record their very own CD.



## Sporting Achievements

We have had some exceptional achievements by students in the school this year. Some of them are:

- Josh Glachan selected in the U/15 Boy's Touch Football team for Sydney North. He is captain of that team and was given the Players player

award. He has now been selected to represent NSW CHS.

- Tahnee Blenman is playing for Northern Tigers' Super League U/16's. The team is going to America to compete against teams in Los Angeles and will train with the LA Galaxy soccer team in October.
- Jermaine Kavanaugh represented NSW in Men's State Championships for Netball.
- Daniel Smith selected to play in the NSW Baseball team and elected Captain to play in Cairns.
- Gemma Ferrington is now captain of the CCHS NSW Open Team! They play against other states in Orange in June.
- Chris Routledge selected to play Futsal for NSW.

Our staff continue to take out many teams in a very wide variety of sports. They are giving students opportunities to represent the school and in some cases the region, state and even the nation. We are very grateful to all the staff for their effort supporting extra-curricular activities.

### **NAPLAN**

Ms Jan Curran, Ms Eunice Hsu and Mr Les Brimbecom were responsible for the management the NAPLAN tests this year. We were very impressed with the attitude of Year 7 and 9; both year groups were mature and focused as they sat these important diagnostic tests.

### **Attendance**

Please ensure that your child/ward is at school by 8am. We have daily morning assemblies, where information about sport, careers, welfare programs, examinations, changes of routine and many other issues is disseminated. Students who are not at school on time frequently miss out on important information and are consequently disadvantaged. If a student is late for a genuine reason, they should arrive with a note.

### **Uniform**

Thank you! Most of our parents have ensured students are wearing uniform, including the required black shoes. Your efforts are appreciated.

### **Community**

The annual GOATS festival was a great success. It is a reflection of the effort the San Remo Youth Centre puts into assisting its community, and providing opportunities. Congratulations to Jesse Wilson, who won the Creative Writing Award, and Kallan Burley who was highly commended. Many of our students volunteered their time on the day. Last term we had students from our Student

Representative Council make a video and interview staff and students on Harmony Day. This was then shown at assembly to raise awareness in our School.

We had students march in the ANZAC day March at Doyalson, and

students proudly volunteered their time last weekend



to remove graffiti from San Remo for Graffiti Clean Up Day.

Recently, Grace Kessling won the Baden-Powell Award, a very high level scouting award. We congratulate all these fine representations of our community. This weekend we have a band of wonderful students' door knocking for Red Cross. It is always gratifying to see how many of our students are willing to contribute to the community.

### **Up and Coming Events**

1 <sup>st</sup> June	Numeracy workshops for parents. <b>Day session</b> 9.30 – 10.30am and <b>Evening session</b> 6.00 – 7.00pm
6 <sup>th</sup> June	HSC Information and subject selection <b>Evening</b> 6.00 – 7.00pm For all Year 10 students and families
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 10 Career Focus Day
13 <sup>th</sup> June	Queen's birthday Public Holiday
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Regional Cross Country
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Zone Athletics

### **From our Deputy Principal (relieving) Mr Warren Welham**

Throughout Term 2, Year 7 have been working hard in class and settling into the routine and understanding the expectations of High School. I have seen evidence of many students completing class work of a high standard.

Earlier in the term it was a pleasure to come and visit Year 7 at the Year 7 camp and participate in their night activity, which was a disco. It gave me a

chance to meet and speak with a number of students that I would normally not see at school.

Within the year group I can see that many friendship groups are changing and this is to be expected as students mix with students from other primary schools and meet new people. Some students have experienced a heightened sense of emotion throughout this turbulent time, and I urge all to continue to talk and listen to each other and understand each other's feelings. Nobody should come to school unhappy, due to the words or actions of another student. It is also important that students do not spread rumours and pass alleged messages on behalf of other people.

Year 11 students are working hard on their assessment tasks to ensure that they meet course outcomes. I have been particularly pleased to see the hard work of the CAPP course students in doing landscaping works around the school with Mr MacKinnon. Many Year 11 student's have now completed or about to undertake work placements in their VET courses. This is an excellent opportunity to gain casual or part-time work. Students should remember that if they are struggling with the expectations of Year 11 they need to seek assistance from their Year Adviser, Mr Bryant, or the Careers' Adviser, Mr Williamson, for post-school options.

I have enjoyed working with Year 7 and Year 11 throughout Term 2 as the relieving Deputy Principal.

Mr Welham

## English Report

Northlakes High School recently held a Spelling Bee, which had students from the High School compete against students from Northlakes Primary School.

THE competition held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2011, when Northlakes High School went head-to-head with Northlakes Primary School, was a huge success. Twelve finalists were selected from Years 5 through 8. The finalists from Northlakes High School included:



Caitlyn Jones, Alexandra Bowen, Angus Ferrington, Anthony Webb, In the end, it was Year 7 student Caitlyn Jones from Northlakes High School who won it for the High School and took home the perpetual trophy. Year 5 student Elizabeth Bennett from Northlakes Public School was runner up but was the Stage 3 Champion. Well done to both Caitlin and Elizabeth on some fantastic spelling!

Competitors spelt some very difficult words and were put under immense pressure, but still managed to do themselves and their schools proud. Congratulations to all competitors for their excellent effort in making it to this level and competing so well.

## Drama Report

The HSC Drama class have been studying a Contemporary Australian Play called 'Ruby Moon'. On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2011, the HSC Drama class went with Miss Pisani to Sydney Theatre Company to view a live performance of the play. The play was exceptional and students thoroughly enjoyed the play and the atmosphere in the theatre. Students found that viewing the play allowed them to gain a deeper



meaning of the play and its use performance styles.

Students behaved as responsible young adults and represented the school with pride. Well done to the entire class and I am certain their added insight will be of great benefit for their Higher School Certificate Examinations.

Miss Pisani

## Mathematics Report

This term the mathematics department welcomes Miss Shu as a permanent teacher. Miss Shu has taken over both maths and sciences classes, and is keen and enthusiastic about teaching.

This year the mathematics faculty has had half-yearly exams for the first time in a long while. This is partly because we want the students to take their exams seriously, so we have reduced the number of formal exams and used the hall to emphasize the formal setting. Most students managed the exams quite well, although some of our students need to practise the concept of 'trying everything' and ensuring they are considerate of others during exam conditions. Staff will be reporting for the semester based on these results.

Please ensure your students have pens, books, and calculators and bring them to school every day. It is very difficult to run lessons or exams when students do not have the necessary equipment. Students in Years 9, 10 and 11 should also have their laptops

with them fully charged every day.

Our Gifted and Talented activities continue; some of our Year 9 and 10 Q



class students participated in round 2 of the da Vinci Enigma (this time hosted by Lake Munmorah High School). While they didn't win, this contest gives our brighter students an opportunity to extend themselves mathematically in a casual and fun environment, and also to meet similar students from schools in the area.

We have also had four students enter the Australian Informatics Competition this term.

It will be interesting to see how they went, as this competition deals with the mathematics of computer programming and gaming.

Staff are running tutorials for both General Mathematics (Thursday afternoons) and Wednesday morning before school (Mathematics). Year 11 and 12 students have been taking advantage of these



sessions quite well. Out of courtesy, if a student is not participating on a particular day, it would be appreciated if the student let the staff member know beforehand, particularly if it is for a morning session.

Our involvement with Newcastle University means I have a special (once-only) prize to give away this week. If your child would like the chance to win a 2GB 'bracelet' USB (red in colour), they must give their answer on a piece of paper with their name, answer, and school year. The first ten correct answers will go into a draw, which will be drawn on assembly, to win the prize. Students need to give their answer to Mrs Woodley, or their mathematics teacher.

Here's the problem:

*'A germ doubles its number of hosts every three days. If it achieves total infection of a population on June 30<sup>th</sup>, when would one quarter of the population have been infected?'*

## Science Report

It is a busy time in the Science faculty with lots of exciting events coming up in the next few weeks. The junior students have just completed their half yearly exams and our senior students have assessment tasks due.

The Surfing Scientist, Ruben Meerman who is featured in a number of shows on the ABC such as Roller Coaster and Catalyst, is presenting a show at Northlakes High School. He will be discussing Global Warming and will involve the use of liquid nitrogen. Tickets are \$5.00 and money is to be paid at the office.

Snakes Alive is coming to the school. This show will feature various reptile displays and only costs \$6.00. It is in the hall and there are limited seats so students need to get in fast. Money is to be paid at the office and permission notes to your child's Science teacher.

## HSIE Report

The HSIE department has undergone some staffing changes this term. We welcome: Ms Lansdowne, who is filling in for Miss Ewer who is on maternity leave with delightful Sophie Rose, Mr Anderson, Ms Singh and Mr Nolan. I wish to thank all these teachers for their fine efforts. They are being valiant in the classroom and good company in the staffroom.

We heartily welcome back Mr Gumley who has been on leave. Staff and students have really missed him. Ms Dean has been supervising a trainee teacher from the University of Newcastle, Mr Berger, has impressed all of us with his professionalism and

enthusiasm. Ms Dean has stated his subject knowledge is exceptional and he has been most helpful with technology in the classroom. It is a reminder of the talent and expertise that new teachers bring with them to the profession.

Mr Dean conducted two excursions for his Year 12 Legal Studies classes to the law courts in Newcastle. The Local Court in Belmont and the District Court in Newcastle. The students gained much valuable insight into our legal system and were proud representatives of our school. The photos are on the school website.

The HSIE faculty would like to thank very warmly Mr Johns and Mr Milne of the Industrial Arts faculty. They have refurbished two large display cabinets that now house items from our museum that had to make way for the Welfare Office. We had numerous interesting items that had been put away in cupboards for years and are now labelled and on display in D Block opposite the HSIE staffroom. It is well worth a look. Any donations of school memorabilia would be appreciated. Mr Seaby has had a very busy month as the new Year 8 Adviser. He is doing a fantastic job.

Anna Bromley  
Head Teacher

## Informatics

The Australian Informatics Competition is a problem-solving competition seeking to identify computer programming potential in students. The qualities designed to be tested are logical thinking, identification and application of algorithms, and the ability to design and follow procedures. This is the first time Northlakes High School has entered the competition, and we entered four very motivated students - Croydon Avery from Year 9 and Josh Livingston, Brodie Newman and Jayden Urch from Year 11. Hopefully they have earned some good results.



## Support Report

Job Centre Australia have invited Year 12 students to participate in a transition program preparing for life after school. Many of the students in our IOT class enjoyed attending Life Without Barriers for some “fun days” during the school holidays, and also preparing for life after High School.

Parental support was greatly appreciated in supporting the information day conducted by the Support Teacher Transition Officer, Mrs Tracey Schietel, back in early April. This day proved to be very successful in providing a great deal of information on post school opportunities.

Students in IOT have been participating in practical work experience placements this term. A few of the supporting businesses include: San Remo Community Garden, Always Greener Grass Turf, Muck-a-bout, Charmy Indoor Sports, Northlakes Coles, and Lakehaven Recreation Centre.

With the onset of the cold weather the IM Class have been warming up staff by operating a soup kitchen, cooking delicious vegetable, pea and ham and pumpkin soup. This has proved very popular and is also a good fundraiser. The San Remo Neighbourhood Centre is running a course called “Boys To Men” each Thursday morning. Four boys from the unit attend this and it is proving valuable in raising their self-esteem. This program involves each student producing a practical project in the shed with adult male mentors from the community.

Students from the unit have enjoyed Tenpin Bowling for sport this term. The IOS and IM classes combined to go on a canoeing expedition and collecting seaweed to use on our garden. The behaviour unit has been skating and have been to Morisset State Park observing the wildlife. The behaviour classes have completed an outdoor chess area under the tutelage of Mr Strong, and their new project will be a small mechanical workshop.

## Welfare Team Report

What a productive couple of months the Welfare Team has had! We have been very busy supporting the welfare of the students at Northlakes High School.

A new program implemented over the last four weeks is Jumpstart; this is an initiative of the Central Coast Bears and Insight Central Coast. Jumpstart offers ten Year 9 and 10 male students a motivating

mentor program. It proves to the boys that they can set goals and achieve them. A big thank you to Phil Pallas (Senior Youth Worker: Insight) and David Fairley (Central Coast Bears) for giving our students a fantastic opportunity to better themselves. We will definitely implement this program in the future.

Another excellent opportunity for our school is the program run by the San Remo Menshed across the road from our school. About 5 students will work with mentors, participating in theory and practical lessons in metal work, wood work and engineering for the rest of this term. The support these male mentors will offer our students will be valuable. We will let you know in our next newsletter how they went!

In Week 7, Year 9 will be participating in an Anti-Bullying Day. We have implemented this program successfully to our current Year 7 and 8 students this year. A huge thank you to Mrs Sue Fulwood (Bullying Coordinator) for organising this important day.

We are currently offering training to Jessica Pisani (English Faculty) in the Stronger Smarter Schools Philosophies. Jessica will undertake this training and offer her knowledge to all staff at Northlakes High School in this field.

As the weather is getting colder it is important that all our students have the correct uniform. This includes long black pants (no tights or jeans) and black jackets or jumpers (no jumpers/jackets with prints etc.). It is important that our students take pride in themselves and our school by wearing the correct uniform. We have reinforced the correct uniform and footwear over the last few weeks so all students have had ample time to purchase the correct uniform. Letters are going out to parents/caregivers for students wearing the incorrect uniform. Please contact the Welfare Team if there are any issues with uniforms.

If there are any families who have clean and tidy second hand Northlakes High School uniforms they no longer require, could you please send them into the front office at school. These will be very much appreciated for our families in need. A big thank you to those who have already donated.

Indigenous students have been busy with many great activities over the last two months. We have entered art work into the Aboriginal Education Art Gallery competition. We have talented budding artists among our students here at Northlakes High School.

On the 24<sup>th</sup> May 2011, we had our Indigenous Reconciliation Assembly and Sorry day. This was a

wonderful assembly proving the importance of our Indigenous people and their contribution to our community. One of our students from Northlakes High School, Raymond Marsh, has been selected to work with the Bangarra Dance Company; what a wonderful opportunity for Raymond. We wish him well.

Six of our students are performing in the wonderful Starstruck, a showcase of the many talented students in the Hunter Area. No doubt they will have a great time and meet some new friends from other schools in our area.

Remember, the Welfare Team are here to answer any concerns you have about your child's welfare at school. Please do not hesitate to contact us all on 43 900 555.

Jodene Garside, Simone Byrnes and Jon Glasson

### **Anti-Bullying Report**

There is an Anti-Bullying day of events being held on the 8<sup>th</sup> June for all Year 9 students. The emphasis of the day is on Cyber-Bullying, which is an issue in our current society. Northlakes High School has no tolerance for this type of behaviour and encourage any student that has been a victim of cyber-bullying to contact their teacher or their appropriate Anti-Bullying coordinators.

Year 7 and 8 coordinator is Miss Singh in the HSIE faculty.

Year 9 and 10 coordinator is Mrs Johnson in the PE faculty.

### **Anzac Day**

A very big thank you to Anthony Le, Sarah Gordon and Ashley Whitehead for attending the ANZAC march at Doyalson this year. These students represented our school with the utmost pride and displayed true Aussie spirit in supporting our troops past and present.

Thank you to Northlakes SRC for purchasing a beautiful ANZAC wreath to be laid by these students.

I would also like to acknowledge the additional Northlakes High School students who attended representing their sporting or other community organisations.

I look forward to increasing our student attendance in the coming years.

Michelle Whitehead

## PARENT/CARER WORKSHOPS – NUMERACY

After the successful Parent workshops and positive feedback last term we thought we would hold another session on **Numeracy**. We are holding both a day and evening workshop to suit everyone. Simone Byrnes will facilitate the workshop and will cover

- Using calculators – basic setup and modes
- Maths websites
- Maths Online
- Moodle Maths Homework for Years 7 and 8
- Trading
- Basic Algebra
- How to study for Maths

**Date:** Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June

**Time: Day session** 9:30 -10:30am & **Evening session** 6:00-7:00pm

**Where:** Language Centre, behind D Block

Come along and find out what your child is learning at School and helpful hints on how you can help.

Please RSVP Angela Bambey to the School via an e-mail [angela.bambey@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:angela.bambey@det.nsw.edu.au) or by phone on 43900555 stating your preference.

## P&C News

Just a reminder that the next P&C Meeting is Week 6 on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May at 3.30pm in the Language Centre. We only hold one a Term now, so it would be wonderful if any Parent/Carer could make an effort on this date and find out what is happening in our School. We look forward to seeing you.

## UNIFORM SHOP

Our wonderful volunteers Angelina, Nicole and Julie are doing a fantastic job making sure the uniform shop is well stocked and running efficiently. There are warm black hooded zip up jackets for \$35. We also have senior shirts on sale for \$20 and size 20 and 24 for just \$15. Our uniform shop is open every Friday from 10-11.15am. If you cannot make this time, your child can pick up an order form from the canteen any day and collect at a later time. An eftpos machine is available for your convenience; however an additional fee of 50c is applied to each transaction.

## CANTEEN

The canteen is running smoothly, and Leanne would like to thank the volunteers that take time out of their busy lives to offer their time to help, however we

could always do with more helpers. If you feel you could spare one day a week, fortnight, or even month Leanne would love to hear from you. You can call the canteen direct on 43 908751.

## Education Tax Refund

The end of the financial year is looming and it's time to get all your eligible school expense receipts together to claim the Education Tax Refund (ETR). The Federal government initiative provides up to 50 per cent back on a range of children's education expenses, such as computers, educational software, textbooks and stationary. For the 2010–11 tax year refunds may be as much as \$397 for every child at primary school, and up to \$794 for every child at secondary school. For more information, and to claim online, go to: [www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au/](http://www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au/)

## Keys 2 Drive ... helping parents teach their Learner driver

As a parent you may be a good driver; but being able to teach your Learner is not an easy task.

*Keys 2drive* is a federally funded program that has been developed by the Australian automobile Association which aims to take the drama out of learning to drive. It helps parents to prepare for their role as a supervising driver and to ensure that any time spent in the car with their Learner is successful and effective. *Keys2drive* is a **FREE** lesson delivered by an accredited professional driving instructor to any Learner who is accompanied by their supervising driver – most often a parent. This program, the single largest Learner driver safety program undertaken in Australia, represents a unique and valuable experience for parents and their Learner drivers. To register for a free lesson or to learn more, visit [www.keys2drive.com.au](http://www.keys2drive.com.au)

## Central Coast Safe Party Pack

It has been identified by our local Police Highway Patrol's that, with more parties being held at private homes, more infringements are being issued to people who are returning home from parties at residential addresses. In response to this, Wyong Shire and Gosford City Councils' Road Safety Officers are producing a 'Central Coast Safe Party Pack' (CCSPP) targeted at young people (17-25 years) and their parents who are holding parties at home or a hired venue. The aim of the CCSPP is to assist residents in planning a safe party and reduce driver, passenger and pedestrian related death and injury, particularly among young people. For more information call Kate Keogh on 43505232.

## ADULT LITERACY PROGRAM

Wyong TAFE are looking for adults who would like to become volunteer tutors for other adults needing help with reading, writing and spelling. No previous teaching experience or qualifications are needed. There will be free training for tutors. Please contact Leanne at Wyong TAFE on 43502 223 for more information.

### Year 7 Report

Thank you to the families that supported the Year 7 Camp to Morisset. The students really loved it and many were eager to participate in all of the activities. They enjoyed mud world, the giant swing, high ropes, flying fox, survivor challenge, abseiling, the big drop, and canoeing. The instructors felt that our students had been so enthusiastic and well behaved that 4 of them put on a fire twirling show after Commando Night. This made me very proud of them and it was a real bonus to an already excellent camp.

Students have now completed their NAPLAN testing. The behaviour of students was outstanding and all the supervising teachers were impressed by the commitment shown.

Another successful round of immunisations were completed in May, the next set will be in July. Catch ups will be available then. These immunisations are a real benefit to our students and can be lifesaving. As the cooler months move along we need to see our students in the correct uniform. The requirements are: a black jumper with no writing and black pants, tights are not allowed unless under a skirt. Please assist us in this matter, uniform is so important and allows all students to have a sense of belonging.

As always, if you need to get in touch with me about your child I'm available in the Creative Arts Staff room or via email: [megan.lubinski@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:megan.lubinski@det.nsw.edu.au)

Mrs Lubinski  
Year 7 Adviser

### Year 8 Report

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to all. My name is Edward Seaby and I have taken over the role of Year 8 Adviser. I reside in the HSIE staffroom on the top level of D Block. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Chandler for all the great work that he did, not only for Year 8 but for Northlakes High School in general, and hope that he enjoys his new school.

Unfortunately on a negative note, there are still a large number of Year 8 students who are regularly turning up late to their lessons or who are not attending their lessons. I would encourage all parents and carers to encourage those students in their care to attend lessons regularly and promptly.

As the temperature begins to cool down it is worthwhile noting the changes in uniform. If jackets are being worn they must be plain black with no logos or designs except for the school logo. Girls may wear tights but these must be covered by a school skirt. For O.H. &S. reasons enclosed black leather shoes are also part of the school uniform.

Edward Seaby  
Year 8 Adviser

### Year 9 Report

Teachers are busy writing reports and half yearly examinations are upon us. It is important that all students have their work up to date and are revising their school work each night to reinforce their understanding in preparation for the exams. It is important that students refer to their Assessment Schedule Booklets to help with their planning in completion of Assessment Tasks and Exams.

Year 7 and 9 Students have recently sat for the NAPLAN test (National [Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy](#)). These five tests covered numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, punctuation and grammar. The results of this test will help teachers meet the student's individual learning needs in literacy and numeracy.

Year 9 students have also recently been involved in an intensive day of learning on how to be prepared for the workforce, including topics such as how to write an impressive CV. Students involved in this day must be congratulated for their behaviour and participation.

Although the cooler weather has begun, students are expected to continue to wear the correct uniform. This means no tights or jeans. Students must be wearing black pants and plain black jackets.

It is difficult to get out of bed in the cooler, darker months, however ALL students must make a diligent effort to arrive at school prior to 8.12am every morning. We hope you can assist your child in getting to school on time.

Mrs Kerry Bissaker  
Year 9 Adviser

## Year 10 Report

It is hard to believe that we are almost half way through our school year already. Year 10 students have settled into this school year well and are displaying a more mature attitude towards their studies and school.

The School Certificate is fast approaching. It is imperative that students are completing all work in class and any assessment tasks to the best of their ability. Teachers are in the process of following up students who have not submitted tasks in the form of 'N warnings'. If a letter is sent home it will have details of how the student can rectify this issue, so it doesn't prevent them from achieving their School Certificate.

The school immunisation program took place during this term, with Year 10 being immunised against Whooping Cough, Tetanus and Diphtheria. As a group, Year 10 dealt with this very well with minimal disruption to lessons.

I am taking leave as of the beginning of Term 3 and will not return until Week 9 of Term 3. Another teacher will relieve as Year 10 adviser whilst I am away (yet to be decided), and will be here to answer all of your questions. Until then please contact me here at school on 43900555.

Lara Jephson  
Year 10 Adviser

## Year 11 Report

The majority of Year 11 students continue to work studiously, as they prepare for their half yearly assessments. It is very good to see many have taken advantage of the never before offered opportunity of free after school tutoring for Year 11 students. This program enables any Year 11 student to participate in one extra hour of tuition in almost every subject. Hopefully those students who have committed to the program reap the rewards in their upcoming exams and assessments.

Any student who has had difficulty or has been unable to complete and hand in an assessment task on the due date is required to firstly bring the situation to the attention of their classroom teacher, followed by the completion of an 'appeals form', with supporting documentation such as doctors certificate. This process is absolutely necessary if the student is to be awarded any marks for the task. Several students are unfortunately beginning to see the effect of non-completion of assessments and poor attendance as they have received an "N award

warning letter". When an "N award warning letter" is received, it is essential the student carefully reads the requirements outlined in the letter and sets about rectifying the situation i.e. submitting the missed task

Please remind your child that at this stage of their education Year 11 students should be getting themselves into the routine of completing at least one to two hours of homework and study each and every night to ensure they are able to keep pace with the hectic schedule that is their HSC. The majority of subjects have work on the school's "moodle" website, which students can and should be accessing at home to provide guidance when it comes to study activities.

Ben Bryant  
Year 11 Adviser

## Year 12 Report

The recent publication of the 2011 HSC timetable has brought Year 12 into focus for a number of students. This is what we are all here for and having access to the set dates for exams helps with planning and goal setting. If your child does not have a copy they need get one from me. It is, however, important to remember that the assessment tasks are worth just as much as the exams.

Staff have commented on the noticeable absence of students on Tuesdays. It is the responsibility of all students to attend all timetabled classes, and classes on Tuesdays are no less important than on any other day. Students not attending timetabled classes give themselves little chance to achieve their personal best in the HSC and can expect to receive warning letters regarding the missed classwork.

A reminder of the steps to achieving HSC success:

- attend every timetabled class,
- complete all classwork,
- complete all homework,
- revision activities (mind maps, summaries),
- practise extended response questions,
- attend extra classes (recess, lunch, before or after school).

It is important to note that HSC success starts and finishes with attending classes. Teachers are the best resource we have, and every teacher is willing and able to help their HSC students in any way possible.

The Year 12 Formal has been booked for Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September at Caves Beachside Resort, with a cost of \$85 a head. To confirm this

booking we need students to make a \$10 deposit to the office to enable the school to pay the deposit on the venue. Students interested in being involved in planning the Formal should see Mr Hextell.

Dave Hextell  
Year 12 Adviser

### IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM BUSWAYS

Commencing Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2011, Route 97 departing at 2.37pm to Doyalson, Mannering Park, Wyee Point & Wyee will now depart Northlakes Public School at 2.48pm then Northlakes High School at 2.50pm (operating 13 minutes later)

There are no changes to the route.

There are no changes to the Morning service.

For further information please contact Wyong Depot on 4392 6666 or visit our website at [www.busways.com.au](http://www.busways.com.au)

### San Remo & Bluehaven Xmas Carols

This event has been happening for four years on the first Wednesday in December. I'm sure many of you have been along and enjoyed the family friendly event. This year the original committee can't devote as much of their time to organise it as they would like and are desperately in need of assistance from the community. We meet once a month at Bluehaven Community Centre and would really appreciate anyone's help. Most of the groundwork is done. If you have a little time to spare in your busy life and would like to be part of a great community event come along and join us. Please call Anna at San Remo Neighbourhood Centre for more information.

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