

Northlakes High School Newsletter

"Opportunities for future success"



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From our Principal Ms Merrilyn Rowley

Our school is about to have two major physical improvements opened for student use. By the beginning of Term 4, classes will be working in "B" block in a new metalwork facility, with extensive open air additions to allow for the construction of large major works by senior students. All equipment is new, and we will be able to deliver courses to Certificate II (TAFE) standard. The Trade Training Hospitality Centre will also be in use; its facilities are the best in the region, and are a fantastic asset for our community. Also, in Term 4 the two kitchens in "E" block will be completely refurbished. Like all building projects, it brings some inconvenience. However, we should be able to access them very early in Term 1, 2012.

Year 12

Year 12 have completed their Trial Examinations and all Major Works. The efforts of some students in this year have been exceptional and we look forward to them receiving results which reflect their efforts. My sincere thanks go to all teachers in Year 12; it is a rigorous and stressful process for them too! Year 12 Adviser, Mr Hextell, Careers Adviser, Mr Williamson, and Ms Russell have all also provided extra support in managing study, setting goals and developing career plans for 2013.

Staffing

At the end of Term 3 we will farewell three highly experienced, long term staff. **Ms Jan Coggan** has been our Senior Administration Manager for 20 years. She is looking forward to retirement, to spend time with her new grandson and follow her many interests. **Mrs Jenny Brine** has led the TAS faculty for over 20 years, very capably managing staff and curriculum requirements, and providing much appreciated leadership. We wish her well in her retirement. **Mr Clint Johns** has received a transfer to Jesmond Senior Campus, closer to his home. Mr Johns has provided many students with exceptional

experiences, as he ran the Solar Car, Solar Boat, Billycart, Engineering and other challenges and programs. The students and the school have won many awards because of his energy and commitment. He is an outstanding teacher, and we are sorry to see him move on!

New Staff

We will be welcoming a new nominated transfer. Mr Herman del Aguila Meza, who has been teaching in Lake Cargellico.

Parent/Teacher Night

Thank you to Mrs Angela Bambey and Ms Ruth Schofield, who supported staff at our latest Parent/Teacher evening. The Parents Online program is working very well, and the school is happy with the increased number of parents able to make appointments and spend time discussing student programs with staff.

School life covered from A to Z

Practical help for parents and carers to assist their child's learning and development is now available as part School A to Z – a new online school community. School A to Z, developed by the NSW Department of Education and Communities, includes a website (www.schoolatoz.com.au), free mobile apps and social networking through Facebook and Twitter.

The site is a go-to resource for parents looking for homework/study support and resources for their children, and includes hundreds of plain English definitions on classroom terminology, printable help sheets, "how to" videos and advice from teachers and other experts.

School A to Z also includes:

- Helpful advice and information to support children's wellbeing, emotional and physical development, including healthy lunch box recipes.

- Resource and tips that encourage and promote safe and appropriate use of technology.
- Opportunities for parents and the community to contribute content, share ideas and join in discussion, including the School A to Z Facebook and Twitter channels.
- A transition aid for users from non-English speaking backgrounds.

The free mobile apps, developed for smartphones and iPad, will enable even the busiest of parents to have access to these resources.

Check out the School A to Z website (www.schoolatoz.com.au), Facebook page (www.facebook.com/schoolatoz) and Twitter account (www.twitter.com/schoolatoz)

Free dental checks available

To keep your teenager's teeth in good health, the Australian Government provides eligible teenagers with a voucher – valued up to \$159.85 – to help with the cost of a preventative dental check.

To be eligible, your teenager must be entitled to Medicare benefits, be receiving certain government payments individually or as part of a family and be aged 12-17 years, for at least part of the calendar year. Vouchers can be used at private dentists or through NSW Public Oral Health Services. Contact details for Public Oral Health Services can be found at www.health.nsw.gov.au/cohs/contacts.asp. For more information or eligibility details visit your local Medicare office, call 13 2011 or go to www.medicareaustralia.gov.au

Attendance: It's not OK to be away!

Many students have their educational progress severely interrupted by absences which are more often than not, unnecessary, and for reasons fairly low on the "important to my future" scale.

To reach their potential at school, **students need to attend regularly**. This means a few days off per year due to genuine illness, not a nine day fortnight which accumulates to 25 days, 150 periods or the equivalent of five school weeks absent in a year! How could any student be expected to keep up with work under such circumstances? **Parents, you have a critical role to play in protecting your own child's future. We (parents and the school) need to work together to help students to understand the importance of being at school whenever possible, and that trivial reasons for absence are not sufficient to discharge parent's legal responsibilities.**

Schools and parents have a legal responsibility to account for the whereabouts of young people daily. Studies show there is a far greater chance of students becoming **early school leavers and/or long term unemployed adults**, if they don't attend school regularly. Should you require support in saying **NO** to your son/daughter on their attendance or any other issue, please contact us immediately. We can all work together to make a difference to your child's future. **Be on time, Be at school, That's the rule!**

Curriculum changes delayed in NSW

The implementation of national curriculum changes in English, maths, science and history for K-10 students will be delayed for NSW schools. The NSW education minister, Adrian Piccoli said more time was needed to ensure high standards were maintained. NSW schools can begin the planning phase for the new national curriculum by 2013, with the curriculum moving to the classroom teaching phase from 2014.

Guide to leaving school

If your child is finishing school at the end of this year and would like to explore their options, check out the department's leaving school information page at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/leavingschool/index.php. Here you will find a host of information about further study and training, apprenticeships, work and taking a gap year. Young people now must be in work or study or a combination of both until the age of 17.

English Report

Last week the Year 7 and Year 8 Debating Teams attended their final round in the Premier's Debating competition at Gorokan High School. Congratulations to the Year 7 team who won their final round, placing them in the Regional Finals which will occur within the next few weeks. They have now won all 3 debates against competing schools. Unfortunately the Year 8 team did not make it through to the finals but finished with a close second against Gorokan, an excellent effort by all members of the team.

Year 11 students have been busy this week completing their yearly exams, best of luck to all students. Year 12 have completed all Trial examinations and are now busy preparing for the Higher School Certificate Examinations which will commence in October.

Miss Miranda Smith



Year 7 Debaters

Mathematics Report

Last week in Mathematics we continued our efforts to build stronger relationships with our primary feeder schools by inviting Bluehaven and Northlakes Primary students to visit Northlakes High for a numeracy session as part of our transition into high school Mathematics.

The primary students worked in groups with students from both Mrs Woodley's and Mrs Leek's Year 7 classes, and it was pleasing to see so many of our Year 7 students step up to take leadership roles within the groups. Special mentions should go to **Jad Cowham, Jake Denne, and Lilly Holmes** from Year 7 for demonstrating such excellent group work skills. The three tasks on the day were a matching puzzle (very hard), a relay of Mathematics problem solving questions (where most groups managed to get through about three tasks) and definitely the most fun was the final task – a straw tower construction. **Morgan Buckman** and **Gerrie Swain** led their group to a clear-cut win in this section – their tower was extremely tall!

The primary teachers helped with supervision and assisted groups, and selected groups which had demonstrated collaboration skills for prizes on the day. As you can see from the photos following, most of the groups enjoyed the day. Hopefully we will try something similar in Term 4. The other photo is from our Year 12 General Students who were studying the shapes and uses of parabolas with a little bit of help from 'Angry Birds' and a catapult!

Don't forget that as we head toward reporting season, Year 7 and Year 8 are running out of time to get their Moodle homework tasks finished. **Zac Bayley, Marcus Guendoul** and **Aaron Grundy** have been making excellent progress in their Moodle homework, and have already finished the sets for Term 3, while **Caitlin Bradley** has finished the sets for Term 4 as well! (These are only the students in 7 GO, many others have completed lots of sets also).A

percentage of each student's final mark will come from their efforts on Moodle homework. If there is a password issue, please come and see Mrs Woodley to rectify this.



A reminder that a separate book is required for Mathematics work. An 'everything' book is NOT ok. Work gets lost or mixed up with that from other subjects and becomes hard to find. Arrangements can be made if necessary to leave a book (dedicated to maths only) with your teacher if required. All students in Years 9-11 should remember that their laptops are meant to be charged overnight and brought to school each day. If you need to recharge during class, please have the manners to ask your teacher before you plug your cord in.

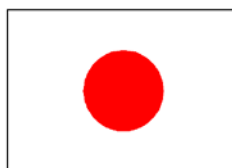
Mathematics is STILL trying to give away the 2 GB bracelet Flashdrive (three newsletters now!) so all you have to do is come and tell me how you calculate the gradient of a line in the Mathematics staffroom. If you are the first, it is yours. In a school of 1200 students, there must be somebody who would like to win it!

Mathematics Faculty

Languages Report

JAPANESE LANGUAGE CLASSES

Year 7 Japanese classes have now completed their topic test on Families, Pets and Colours. This task was presented on a PowerPoint and students have responded well to the visual format of this assessment. Our next topic is GAKKOO – School.



A number of Year 7 students have been accessing homework on Moodle and handing it in for marking. Not all homework needs to be printed out for submission. Some can be completed online and I will be able to see which students have finished the tasks and their individual scores.



Year 11 worked really hard on revision leading up to their exam. I am looking forward to teaching this group further as they take on Year 12 in Term 4 and 2012.

Mrs. Fiona Davis

TAS Report

During the last term there have been a lot of exciting new developments in the TAS Faculty.

The Metals and Engineering and Hospitality Trade Training Centres were completed in mid September and staff and students alike are looking forward to using these new facilities next term.

Mrs Brine is retiring at the end of this term after 36 years of teaching and 23 years at Northlakes High. Her experience, leadership and friendship will be missed in the TAS faculty and we warmly wish her all the best with her retirement plans. Mrs Bath will fill the position of relieving head teacher of TAS.

Mr Johns will also be leaving at the end of this term to take up an appointment at Callaghan Senior Campus. He will be greatly missed by all staff and students and we wish him well in his new appointment.

Year 11 hospitality students have recently completed 35 hours of work placement which is necessary to complete their certificate 2 in Hospitality Food & Beverage. All of the students received positive feedback from their employers with one student being offered a part-time job based on their performance at work placement.

Year 11 Construction students have been busy building covered seating areas for the agricultural farm and installing fencing around the school gardens. These projects contribute to students completing their certificate two in Construction Pathways.

The TAS department would like to congratulate the Year 12 students who completed their major work for

Industrial Technology Timber, Design & Technology and Textiles & Design in the Higher School Certificate. Here are some examples of these excellent projects:



During August and September the TAS Department have been involved in two major competitions held in New South Wales. The first competition involved students building and competing in a pushcart competition. The team consisted of three cars Bliss Kiss, Green Fire II and SOS Titanic and they competed in endurance,



brake trials, sprint courses and road safety courses on the day.



The weather was wet and cold but the students managed to compete in all their events and build their carts within the set time frame. At the end of the day Northlakes won the encouragement award for their dedication and perseverance with their carts on race day.

The other event was the NSW Model Solar Car Challenge held at the University of New Wales. The Sunsprint team finished with both cars in the top ten and won awards for best designed egg and best designed vehicle. The Minisprint teams competed well but reached as high as fourth position. The Minisolar boat race was also contested on the day with Renaldo Joubert finishing in second place.

Ms. Alyssa Norman

Support Report

Term 3 has been a very busy term for all support classes. The IM class have been cooking soup for staff to order each Tuesday and are planning another project next term for the warmer months. Part of the proceeds from the soup fundraiser supplemented the cost of an excursion to the Sydney Aquarium.

On Friday 2nd September Miss Kate, Miss Saunders and the class caught the train to Sydney and went to the aquarium, the highlight of the day was feeding sharks. A great day was had by all.

IOS attended the Flora Festival at Kariong on Friday 9th September and have again entered the Wyong Council Gardening Competition which is presently being judged. They are hot favourites and we wish them well.

IOS have two new additions to their class, Choctado and Elvis are their pet guinea pigs. Students are learning how to responsibly care for animals.

The Go for Grains competition, headed by Mr Johns has kept the IOJ class busy this term with students cooking a range of healthy muffins.

Northlakes High School hosted a Soccer Gala Day for IO students on Friday 19th September, with students from Hopetown, Glenvale and Toronto High in attendance

The Behaviour Classes have been rewarding students for positive behaviour by taking them to SLAM, the indoor skate park at Tuggerah. The end of term excursion is at Laser Tag.

Finally this term we congratulate Year 12 students on qualifying for their HSC. These students are **Ryan**

Stockdale, Michael Barsby, Alex Oczenaschek, Emily Flecknoe, Bradley Cox, Bryce Roil, Lachie Exley, Joshua Hart-Sutton and Gretal Vancurran.

Support Department

Welfare Report

Well Term 3 has certainly been our busiest term to date here in the Welfare office. We have been working to help support all our students' welfare needs. This includes personal needs, health, friendship and bullying issues, just to name a few, but this is what the Welfare Team at Northlakes is here for...to benefit the students! Remembering our Welfare Team consists of Head Teacher Welfares, School Chaplain, Student Support Officer, Counsellors, LST Committee, Anti Bullying Team and our valuable Year Advisers.

In Week 6 and Week 7 Mrs Garside, Ms Campbell, Rachel Muller and Rachel Connachie visited our three feeder primary schools to begin our Transition Program for Year 6. The students at Northlakes Public, Blue Haven Public and Budgewoi Public were very interested in our visit. We chatted to the students about Northlakes High School, the role of the Head Teacher Welfare and they also met their Year Adviser for 2012, Ms Campbell, who explained her role to the students. Both Rachel and Rachel were great in informing Year 6 about high school life and answered many of the questions the Primary students asked. We look forward to their Transition visits in Term 4.

On the 2nd and 9th of September. Year 9 were lucky to participate in a Life Education lesson on Face the Facts: Alcohol. A big Thankyou to Natalie Benton from Life Education who offered Northlakes High School these two days. The students with the help from their fantastic Year Adviser, Mrs Bissaker, learnt a lot about alcohol and its effect. A very valuable program for the students at this age.

Our students are continuing to participate in Welfare Programs: Reality Check, GLOW, Drumbeat, I Track, Seasons for Growth, Anger Management for Teens and Plan It Youth. They are working well and learning new skills from these programs.

Term 4 will consist of our final two Immunisation Days. They are on the 15th November and 7th of December. During these two days Year 7 girls will be given their final HPV vaccine and both the Year 7 girls and boys will receive their 2nd Hepatitis's B vaccine. It is important that all students are present this day to receive these vaccines funded by the

government for our school. We also have small number of Year 10 students receiving their catch up vaccines.

Other important dates to put on your family calendars are our School Presentation Days:

- Year 12 Presentation Day: 23rd September 2011 9am – 11am
- Year 11 Presentation Day: 25th November 2011 9am – 11am
- Year 10 Presentation Day: 8th December 2011 9am – 11am
- Year 7, 8 & 9 Presentation Day: 9th December 2011 9am – 12noon

On the 14th September the Annual Bilby Bash Aboriginal Day was held at Budgewoi Primary School. Everyone participated and enjoyed the day. Well done to all who organised the day, it is a great event for our students.

Northlakes High School uniform is slowly improving. Each morning a year group are chosen for a uniform check. Those out of uniform need to bring a note from home to receive a uniform pass. If out of uniform two days in a row without a pass, a letter will be sent home. Please try and get your Summer Uniform organised over the school holidays.

Junior Boys: Black shorts, green polo shirt or green button up shirt and black leather covered shoes

Junior Girls: Junior school skirt or black shorts, green polo shirt or green button up shirt and black leather covered shoes

Senior Boys: Black shorts, white polo shirt or green button up shirt and black leather covered shoes

Senior Girls: Senior school skirt or black shorts, white polo shirt or green button up shirt and black leather covered shoes

Remember we now sell the black shorts same style as our green sports shorts in the Uniform Shop, these will be great for summer.

Remember the Welfare Team are always here for you to contact on 43 90055 with any welfare concerns about your child.

Have a safe and happy holiday!

Mrs Jodene Garside, Ms Simone Byrnes and Mr Jon Glasson

Year 7 Report

I looked at the Year 7 cohort recently and was so proud to see the vast majority of students in the correct uniform. So many students are happy, helpful and enthusiastic and I'm really enjoying getting to know them as a group. I felt encouraged by the fact that students generally get along with each other and are enjoying their time here at Northlakes High School.

I would like to gather a small group of interested students who would like to get involved with fundraising for our year group. This could mean subsidised camps or formals later on in their high school career. Please discuss with your child the benefit of this kind of experience and then ask them to come and see me to be a part of the team. It will also look good on a resume!

Immunisations will be happening again in Term 4, the dates are the 15th of November and the 7th of December.

Year 7 went to Newcastle for a HSIE excursion to Newcastle Museum and Fort Scratchley this term and it was a huge success. Thank you to Mrs Bromley for the organisation and for the parents who supported this excellent day out. The students reported that they enjoyed the day immensely.

Enjoy the spring holidays that are now almost upon us. You can always contact me at the school on 4390 0555 or via email: megan.lubinski@det.nsw.edu.au

Mrs Megan Lubinski- Year 7 Adviser

Year 8 Report

What a busy period of time it has been for Year 8 students. The HSIE faculty conducted a fantastic Medieval Day, with all different types of activities and games, not to mention a banquet which was fit for all the Kings and Queens of Year 8. It was very pleasing to see so many of our students enter into the spirit of the day and dress in their best Medieval attire. After the banquet we were entertained by a visiting troop of Medieval enthusiasts who were brave enough to dress several of our Year 8 students in chain mail and let them loose with swords and other weapons, all in a well supervised and scripted manner. A big thank you must go to Mrs Bromley and all of the HSIE staff for organising such a wonderful day.

A group of Year 8 students have recently visited the Bullecourt Army Barracks in Newcastle where they

attended a MEGS excursion which gave the students an insight into life in the armed forces. Students were given the rounds of the Army Base where they were given the experience of handling weapons, observe a bomb sniffer dog at work, being driven around the base in Army vehicles and being able to find out exactly what life in the Full Time and Reserve Army was like by talking to Armed Forces Recruitment Officers. A big thank you must go to Mrs Moore and Mrs Whitehead for organising such an insightful day.

With the weather slowly warming I would once again ask parents and carers to ensure that students in their care are in school uniform when they leave home. It may be timely to remind students that when they are at school that they are expected to remain in school uniform and not walk around the school in their under shirts.

Regards,

Mr. Edward Seaby- Year 8 Adviser

Year 9 Report

We are fast approaching the end of another busy term. Many great programs and activities have been occurring over this time.

A big congratulations to the Year 9 students who dedicated their time to represent our school in the Solar Boat Challenge held at the University of New South Wales. This challenge went over two very long days on Friday the 2nd of September and Saturday the 3rd of September. A commendable outcome from **Renaldo Joubert** who came second in the State.

Thank you to all the students who participated in the Year 9 Welfare Day 'Face the Facts'. The behaviour of all students was impressive and we have received some great reports on the behaviour and participation from Natalie Benton who was the presenter from Life Education.

Congratulations to the boys and girls who were accepted in the 'Live It' and 'Girl's Choices' program which will run in December at the University of Newcastle. This is a fantastic opportunity and is great that so many students are willing to participate.

Over the past couple of weeks, we have had a crack down on the use of mobile phones, ipods and earphones in class. It is a school policy for students to leave all mobile phones and electronics switched off and in their bag during class time. Any student who has a mobile phone on in class will receive a letter home, and the discipline process will be

followed. Classes are not the appropriate time nor place to be contacting friends, family, or listening to music etc, nor is it appropriate to be playing games on a phone in this time. Using mobile phones in a classroom disrupts the class, makes teaching difficult by adding undue and unfair pressure on the teacher and disrupts the learning of others in the class. It is encouraged for all parents to help support this action.

If you have any queries or questions, please don't hesitate to contact me on 43900555 or email Kerry.bissaker@det.nsw.edu.au

Have a very safe and happy holiday,

Mrs. Kerry Bissaker- Year 9 Adviser

Year 10 Report

The past few weeks has seen Year 10 students working hard in class to prepare for their upcoming School Certificate. In preparing, students should also be thoroughly revising class notes at home and practising their written responses. Students can also find practice papers on the Board of Studies website, which would be a way to keep students minds active over the break.

The School Certificate Trials commence Week 2, Term 4 and The School Certificate commences Week 5, Term 4.

Mrs Jessica Martin
(Relieving Year 10 Adviser)

P&C News

Our P&C Meetings are held only once a term, and it is a great way of finding out what is going on in our School. We do not fundraise, so if you can mark in your calendar for next term and try and come along. Next terms meeting is Week 6, Tuesday 15th November at 3.30pm in the Language Centre.

I have attached a planner for Term 4 for you to display in your home.

Uniform Shop

Unfortunately one of our wonderful volunteers has to leave us due to work commitments, so we would love to hear from anyone that could help us out just once a week on a Friday morning from 10am till 11.15am. We also have a big day on the 5th of December for

Orientation Day, so even if you are available to help on that day, we would love to hear from you.

Sloppy joes are now \$40.00, and just a reminder that senior shirts with the logo are available for \$25.00. Orders can be placed at the canteen any day of the week, and collected later.

TAFE applications closing soon

A reminder that if your child would like to enrol at a TAFE NSW college for semester one, 2012, enrolments close on 28 October (November for the North Coast). For information and advice on courses, go to: www.tafensw.edu.au/

COMMUNITY NEWS

Community Forums – All Welcome

Relationships – Teens, Parents and School –
Thursday 22nd September 6:30-9:30pm at Wadalba Community Centre

Kindness – are you up for the Challenge?
Thursday 13th October 6:30-9:30 at Gosford Public School

Warnervale Family & Community Centre

Eating Disorder Early Intervention Workshop –
27th September 9am-12pm \$99pp

Dove BodyThink Training - 27th September 1-4pm
\$55pp

The Lakes SLSC

Registration Dates 10th September and 18th September 10-1pm at Lakes Beach Auditorium (Birth Certificate required for new nippers)

U6 & U7 1st child \$65 2nd \$35, 3rd & 4th \$30. U8 to U14 1st child \$95, 2nd \$60, 3rd & 4th \$30

Soldiers Beach Nippers registration Sunday 18th September 10am-2pm.

Catherine Hill Bay SLSC Sunday 11th September 9am-12pm and Sunday 18th September 9am-12pm at Catherine Hill Bay Surf Club

Wyee Point Amateur Swim Club – Meet every Thursday evening at 6:15pm Cost \$3. Registration & membership fees. Contact Carolyn: 0417 229981

Holiday Camps

Inzane football – 26th- 30th September 9am-3pm at Wallsend and 3rd - 7th October at Howzat Indoor Sport Centre M.0402 352 132

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange – be a host family for 2 Semesters next year. Call 1800 500 501

2011 Summer Junior Oz Tag Competition – Registration fee \$65pp. Competition starts Term 4 at

Woongarra Sporting complex. Call Charmaine Ceeney on 0423 655 289

Parents are lifelong teachers – If you would like to talk about your child's behaviour with one of our professional counsellors, call 1300 1300 52 or visit our website www.parentline.org.au for tips sheets and parenting stories.

St Mary's - A School reunion is being organised for students who graduated Year 6 up to and including 1983. You can register your interest at stmarysreunion@hotmail.com

Year 12

Presentation Assembly

Friday
23rd September 2011

Congratulations and Good Luck

Family and friends of all
Year 12 students are cordially
invited to attend Year 12's
last official function
at school.

This is a day to congratulate
the many students who have
done well and to farewell
Year 12, 2011.

THERE IS A DRESS CODE!

Girls: White Senior shirt, school skirt or
black pants & black covered shoes

Boys: Senior white shirt,
black shorts or pants
& black covered shoes.

The assembly begins
at 9.15am sharp in the HALL.
Please be seated by 9.00am.

Year 12 students and parents are
invited to morning tea
after the assembly in the hall.

*Jodene Garside
Head Teacher Welfare*



NORTHLAKES HIGH SCHOOL PLANNER TERM 4, 2011

	Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
OCT		3 Labour Day	4	5	6	7	8/9
OCT	1 A	10 Students return	11	12 Parent & Student workshop at Gorokan HS 6.30pm	13	14	15/16
OCT	2 B	17 HSC Trial School Certificate	18 HSC Trial School Certificate	19 HSC	20 HSC	21 HSC	22/23
OCT	3 A	24 HSC	25 HSC	26 HSC	27 HSC	28 HSC	29/30
OCT NOV	4 B	31 HSC Year 7-8 & 9 exam week	1 HSC Year 7-8 & 9 exam week	2 HSC Year 7-8 & 9 exam week	3 HSC Year 7-8 & 9 exam week	4 HSC Year 7-8 & 9 exam week	5/6
NOV	5 A	7 HSC School Certificate	8 HSC School Certificate	9 HSC School Certificate computer test	10 HSC	11 HSC	12/13
NOV	6 B	14	15 Yr 7 Immunisation P&C Meeting 3.30pm	16	17	18	19/20
NOV	7 A	21	22	23	24	25 Year 11 Presentaion Day School Spectacular	26/27 School Spectacular
NOV DEC	8 B	28	29	30	1	2	3/4
DEC	9 A	5 Orientation Day School Certificate results	6	7 Year 7 Immunisation SR/BH Christmas Carols 6-9	8 Year 10 Presentation Day	9 Year 7,8,9 Presentation Day	10/11
DEC	10B	12	13	14 HSC Results	15	16	17/18
DEC	11A	19 Staff Development Day	20 Staff Development Day	21	22	23	24/25

Northlakes High School

Dear Families,

If you missed this workshop by Angie Wilcock earlier in the year at Northlakes High School then - **don't miss out on this opportunity again** - to participate in a session with your child to help develop skills to support successful learning as they transition into and begin their high school years.

Making Educational Goals Sustainable (MEGS) is providing this **FREE** opportunity for parents & students in Years 5-8 to hear practical ways to help students organise learning at home and at school.

Parents will come away feeling empowered with practical knowledge to help their child develop skills for life and to support their child to take responsibility for their learning.

If you wish to attend please return the RSVP on the bottom of the flier to your school asap.

Where: Gorokan High School

When: Wednesday 12th October (Term 4 Week 1)

Time: 6.30pm- 8.00pm

Please return completed form to Mrs Bambey in the front office

I will/will not (please circle) be attending the Parent/Student Workshop to be held on Wednesday 12th October 6:30pm-8:00pm at Gorokan High School.

I will/will not (please circle) be attending the session with my child.

Student's Name _____ *Number Attending (including student)* _____

Parent's Name _____ *Parent's Signature* _____



What's On At Your Centre

Tax Help

Are your tax affairs simple? Do you earn less than \$50,000? You could be eligible for FREE help with your tax return. Tax Help will be available at the Centre by appointment on Fridays from 9:30am-2:00pm until October 28th. Phone to find out if you are eligible or book your appointment.

Northern Wyong Shire Graffiti Forum

An integrated approach to tackling graffiti harm. The Forum is currently developing strategies and initiating projects to minimise graffiti in our communities. Join this innovative and active group who meet at the Centre on the last Tuesday of each month from 4pm. For more information phone Jillian Hogan at the Centre or email jillian@sanremo.org.au

San Remo & Budgewoi Mural Project

Following the initial community meetings plans were drawn up for the San Remo and Budgewoi murals. Artist Anthony Williams and local community members have been working hard to transform these plans into reality and the San Remo mural is now complete. The Budgewoi mural will be starting soon, contact Jillian at the Centre for the dates or to get involved.

LINKS Youth Support Services

Offering life skills and skills development programs to young people 12-under 18yrs. Young people will be provided support creating a money plan, information on employment and training options, effective communication skills, an understanding of young people's health and wellbeing, basic car care abilities, cooking skills in addition to tenancy advice and information.

Programs:

- LIFTT Life Is For The Taking, Mannering Park –Dunvegan St Community Hall (Transport available) Wednesdays 4pm – 6pm.
 - Next Step: San Remo Neighbourhood Centre, Mondays and Wednesdays 2.30pm – 5pm.
 - Basic Car Mechanics: Group 1 - 10 & 12 October, workshop visit 15 October.
Group 2 - 17 & 19 October, workshop Visit 22 October.
 - Girl talk: Career pathways, health and wellbeing for females 16+. Blue Haven Community Centre, Fridays 3.30pm – 5.30pm.
 - Gen Q: Support for same sex attracted or questioning young people, San Remo Neighbourhood Centre.
 - 'Let's talk Choices': Drug and alcohol education for parents and young people, San Remo Neighbourhood Centre, beginning term 4.
 - Young Parents Preparation for Work. San Remo Neighbourhood Centre, beginning term 4.
- Contact LINKS Team Leader Corrina on 4390 7888 further information and bookings.

Spanish Conversation

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