

# Northlakes High School Newsletter

*"Opportunities for future success"*



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## From our Principal Ms Merrilyn Rowley

### Gul Gul Barang Youth and Community Centre

Our local community has received fantastic news recently, with the announcement of the building of the Gul Gul Barang Youth and Community Centre on land opposite our high school. This will be of enormous benefit to our community.

We have always enjoyed significant support from the San Remo Neighbourhood Centre, which has run many programs and provided expert and professional support for students and families. The new centre, built on land donated by the Darkinjung Land Council, will also assist our community to meet its potential.

### School Captains

Our school has many exceptional young people. In recent weeks, we have conducted the annual process of selecting our school leaders. I am enormously impressed with the calibre of the nine candidates who comprise our Year 12 leaders for 2014. They are all intelligent, focused, successful and confident young people, who will represent the student body very capably. I congratulate all of them.

For 2014, Northlakes High School leaders will be:

**Captains:** Ashlee Faber, Rhys Gosper

**Vice Captains:** Taylah Gillmer, Brodie Whitbread

**Leadership Group:** Tyneill Dadd, Caillin Wiles, Luke James, Beau Keywood, Jamiel Zakaria

### Year 11 and 12 Exams

Year 11 will be sitting their end of year exams in the last fortnight of the term, and the Higher School Certificate begins on the 14<sup>th</sup> October. The whole school has had the benefit of a study skills and motivational program in Term 2 called "Elevate", which I hope has been beneficial. It was very highly

evaluated by the students. All teachers are required to regularly revisit the techniques of study promoted by 'Elevate', to ensure students' study time is used most effectively.

### Bus Wrap

I believed Northlakes High School is an excellent school and we want to make sure our community agrees with us. In Term 4, you should see a local bus with a 'bus wrap' designed by our P&C President, Mrs Angela Bambey. The bus wrap aims to convey some of the opportunities this school gives our students, by promoting a positive image in our community of some of the multitude of opportunities and activities our school offers.

### Improving Literacy and Numeracy National Partnership

Our school is the happy beneficiary of National Partnership funding to improve numeracy. Students in Year 8 have been the target. Some of the strategies include Extension mathematics lessons, Quicksmart training for students, professional development of staff, and links with our primary schools. We are already seeing positive results in our students.

The whole school is involved in further development of strategies to improve both literacy and numeracy across the school, led by experienced and committed staff.

### Positive Behaviour for Learning

Our school is now well into our first year of implementing PBL. It is already giving very positive results, with the number of negative referrals decreasing significantly, and the number of positive referrals increasing hugely. The program rewards good behaviour and effort, and is fully supported by our school community.

### Public Education Events

At the Central Coast Public Education Awards on September 5<sup>th</sup>, we recognised the efforts of members of our community. These are:

**Mrs Angela Bambey**

As a parent, member of office staff, Community Liaison Officer and P&C President, Angela is highly valued.

**Mrs Gail Cross**

Gail has been recognised by many people for her consistently professional and calm manner. Her work in our front office is vital to the smooth and efficient running of the school.

**Mr Jon Glasson**

Jon has been Relieving Head Teacher of the Support Unit for over a year. His role there is highly appreciated, as he is always professional, calm and efficient. Jon is also leading the PBL program, which is steadily helping to change the school's culture and reputation.



**Members of our school and community recognised at the 2013 Public Education Awards**

**Basics**

Does your student/ward come to school:

- On time
- Wearing uniform
- With a book for each subject, pens and other equipment, charged laptop (if Year 10, 11 12)
- With all assignments, assessments and homework complete on time

These are what we expect of all our students.

**Fees**

Reminder: Term 3 fees are due. Please pay fees and support your child's curriculum choice.

Yours in Public Education

**Ms M Rowley**  
**Principal**

**English report**

It has been a very busy and productive term in English. The staff and students have been involved in many projects, excursions and assessments.

Book Week

This year the English Faculty ran two days of activities and workshops to recognise and celebrate Book Week. Activities for Book Week ranged from a movie making workshop in which student groups created their own movie trailers, an online story writing workshop in which students developed original stories on storybird.com, theatre sports and poster making. Students moved across the school throughout the day and finished their day of celebration with a BBQ lunch and movie screening. The day was exciting and fun and the fancy dress theme proved to be entertaining for staff and students. The English faculty would like to thank Mrs Martin and all of the teachers in the English faculty for all their hard work in organising the activities for the day.

Year 11 Theatre Excursion

This year we were lucky enough to secure seats to see the Tom Stoppard play, "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead" at The Sydney Theatre Company. Students had a wonderful day out and enjoyed the play. Mr Stewart and Miss Smith would like to commend the students on their theatre etiquette and excellent behaviour whilst travelling throughout the city.

Year 10 Romeo and Juliet Excursion

Year 10 students have the opportunity to attend an excursion to see "Romeo and Juliet" at The Sydney Theatre Company. It is extremely difficult to purchase tickets for this performance as it sells out almost immediately every single year, being their most popular performance. Luckily Mr Stewart has managed to secure a number of seats for Year 10 and there are still plenty available. Students must get their money- \$22 in to the student window immediately to secure their seat. This is a rare opportunity to see an excellent production of a very famous play.

HSC Trials and Preliminary Examinations

This term for our senior students has surely been a busy and stressful time. The HSC Trials ran well in English and students demonstrated their skill and ability across all of the papers. Students wrote well on most sections of the paper but should keep in mind that quotes and direct textual references are essential in conveying and shaping an argument. Overall most students wrote well and showed ongoing improvement in the lead up to the HSC. Congratulations to all of Year 12 on their results. The

English faculty would like to wish you well in your upcoming HSC.

Year 11 students are also currently completing their Preliminary Examinations. This is the last of their Year 11 studies before they move on to the HSC course next term.

English would like to remind students that the key to success lies with a positive approach to study and revision. It has been shown that students who write practice essay responses and seek feedback do significantly better in their examinations.

Textbooks: Year 12 students need to return their texts to the school before they sign out. Bring your texts to school on the day of the HSC and beat the last minute rush.

### **English Faculty**

#### **HSIE Report**

Well, yet another Year 12 group of students is fast approaching the stage where they will be leaving school for the final time. Our school community can only hope that at least some, if not all of their dreams will be realised. While the Higher School Certificate may not be 'everything', if you have worked consistently and to the best of your ability, it certainly can open doors and opportunities that are not there to others. So come on now Year 12, strive to the end.

The junior years must also realise that academic success in Year 12 does not start in Year 12. Years 7 to 11 are the foundation stone years to a successful educational career. Like pieces of the jigsaw, you need them linked together under the banner of "my personal best".

The HSIE faculty has organised excursions for Term 3 and Term 4 for all of our junior years. First to go out of the school was a selected group of Year 10 students, who participated in the CENTRAL COAST BLITZ on Friday 6th September. This is a "hands on" Geography day where the students water tested creeks and soil tested the bush, then correlated the statistics with fellow Central Coast students. This was another exciting day for our Gifted and Talented Students.

#### Excursion Dates:

- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September, 50 Year 7 students will be attending the Taronga Park Zoo. The bus is now full.
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup>, 50 Year 10 students will be attending their coastal research day at "Rambalara" Norah head/ Lakes Beach
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October, 100 Year 8 students will be holding a Medieval Day at school with a visit by the Rampant Entertainment group who bring Medieval Weaponry for their lecture, students will be playing medieval games and hold a medieval banquet.
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 50 Year 10 students will travel to Sydney to visit the Holocaust Museum.
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 50 Year 9 students will be catching the bus to Maitland Gaol for their visit.

The HSIE faculty have endeavoured to make these excursions as minimal a cost as possible. The numbers are limited on each excursion due to previous costs and experiences.

Regards,

**Mr Rhett Gumley**

#### **Science Report**

Term 3 is quickly coming to an end with Year 11 Yearly Examinations, and Year 12 completing their high school studies at the end of the term. They will be preparing themselves for their final examinations. We all wish them the very best with their preparation and would like to advise parents and students that Biology tutoring is held on Thursday afternoons and Chemistry tutoring is held on Monday afternoons. All students wanting to do extra Biology and Chemistry revision are most welcome.

The Science department will be running the GATS program again this year with the help and participation from our feeder primary schools. It is a successful program, providing leadership experience for our junior scientists.

We would also like to acknowledge the fact that one of our students, Ashlee Faber, will be travelling overseas to do voluntary aid work at the end of the year. We wish her a safe and happy time while she is there, and congratulate her.

Parents and caregivers should be aware that our junior examinations in Science will be held before Week 4 in Term 4 so students should be starting to revise their work, and should seek help if they need to and avoid leaving their studying to the last moment.

**Science Faculty**

### **Agriculture News**

With the weather getting hotter students are busy getting the farm ready for the summer crops. Also with spring in the air we would like to welcome the arrival of our twin baby lambs who are looking very cute following their brother who is also a new arrival. The students are doing a great job and with the help of Mr Pankhurst the farm is running very successfully, with lots of activities happening.

**Science Faculty**

### **Languages Report**

This month sees the end of classroom lessons for the Year 12 Japanese class. These students have already sat their external oral exam and have spent the last weeks of term preparing for the final HSC exam. Year 12 students sat their trial exam in the middle of the term and are now aware of how challenging the HSC exam will be. It is important to spend time reviewing past HSC exams in preparation for November. Shauna Young and Brendan Sullivan have shown a good deal of commitment to their language learning in class and I will miss them when Term 4 comes around and they are at home studying. We wish them well with all of their exams.



Year 11 Japanese students 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 2014.

Year 7 students in Indonesian, Japanese and Spanish have been working on the topic of "school". Within this topic Japanese and Indonesian students have undertaken a numeracy task in which they were given a budget in Yen or Rupiah to buy school

equipment. This task has been completed to a very high standard by a number of students. Spanish students have undertaken a number of translation exercises from a variety of articles.

We would like to remind students and parents/carers that regular revision of new vocabulary and grammar is essential in language learning. It would be ideal if students take their books home at least once a week for this purpose.

**Mrs Davis, Mr MacKinnon and Mr Meza**

### **TAS Report**

Year 11 and Year 12 Information and Digital Technology (IDT) students have recently come back from work placement and they all really enjoyed the experience. From a look through the performance reports, the employers enjoyed the experience as well, which is great to see.

Year 12 IDT are now getting ready for the HSC by working their way through past papers to see if there are areas that require further study. The HSC begins in Week 2 of Term 4 and we sincerely wish our students all the best of luck, and hope they achieve their goals.

Mrs Garside's HSC CAFS class has now finished their units of work and they too are now focussing on the HSC. During the term break Mrs Garside will be holding 2 study days where these students can focus on the work in their HSC study packs.

The accelerated Hospitality class students are enjoying their final work placement and once they get back we will be focussing our attentions on their HSC exam. Once the exams are over, we will be organising a function where we invite the parents and carers of those students in one afternoon to enjoy a meal prepared and served by the students.

Year 9 Information and Software Technology have just finished their work on database creation and from a brief look through the assignments submitted, they have done very well. We have now moved onto programming which they seem to be really enjoying. It's a lot of fun even though it can be frustrating when it doesn't work as expected. In this unit the students get to develop a calculator program from the ground up, including creating all of the calculations.

Our Stage 4 Technology classes have now moved classes and are in the final rotation for the year. The classes that we had last will be bringing their



workbooks home this week for you to see the work they have completed.

The Metals and Engineering students are completing their final work placement for their course and should be back at school next week. Here's hoping they have a great time and learn some valuable new skills.

Year 11 students have been completing their Preliminary Examinations throughout Weeks 9 and Week 10 of this term and then they move into Year 12. We wish them the very best with their exams and offer our full support to them for their final secondary school year.

**Mr G O'Mahoney**

### **Sport Report**

This time of year means we are coming to the end of the annual School, Zone, Regional and State Carnivals. Obviously the Swimming carnivals were completed some time ago, with the focus for Term 3 being the Cross Country and Athletics. The highlights of the representative carnivals have been James Starkey winning the Sydney North Cross Country for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row; Madison Valentine winning Age Champion at the Zone Athletics carnival; and finally, Aaron Jordan and Samantha Mackay competing in the AWD division at the NSW CHS Athletics Carnival in Homebush (results unknown at time of print).

The geographic location of the Sydney North region provides obvious challenges for our students, with the regional and state carnivals being held at Sydney Olympic Park. A sincere thank you goes out to all parents who have assisted with transport for their children to compete. It can be quite a buzz for our young athletes to compete at such a venue.

With Term 4 fast approaching, our attention now turns to a range of gala days. Students are encouraged to listen on assemblies and make the most of the opportunities presented to them. The most immediate gala days are: the Sydney North Netball gala for Year 9/10 students, Oztag for Year 7/8, and both 15s and Opens 5 a side football.

Trials for the Sydney North girls Softball and both boys' and girls' cricket are also fast approaching. Don't forget to come and see Mr Mansfield in the PDHPE staffroom for any further information.

**M. Mansfield**  
**Sport Co-ordinator**

### **Creative Arts Report**

It has been a very busy time for the Creative Arts/Languages Department with Dance, Drama, and Music students all having completed their HSC performances. Visual Arts students have submitted their Bodies of Work ready for marking, while HSC Japanese students have completed their oral exam. Thank you to all the staff involved including Miss Koteczky with Dance, Mr Wilkinson with Music, Mrs Lubinski with Visual Arts and Mrs Davis with HSC Japanese. They have all provided excellent instruction and moral support for our HSC cohort and I am looking forward to seeing the results.



The recording sessions with Howard Shearman at RAW Music have been finalised and returned to the school. These recordings included students from Years 8 to Year 11, as part of the Creative Arts GATS Music program. It is a credit to the students and families involved, that they voluntarily donated \$50 each towards the production of this recording. Wyong Council provided the extra funding necessary to complete this enterprise. These recordings are impressive and an indication of the depth of student talent in our school. The school was able to provide cover for Mrs Hickson and Mrs Brimbecom to support this initiative.

Other good news includes the performance by Cory Jones, Ben Saggus, Brandan Rondan and Angel Danzante at Central Coast Showcase, with the well-known rock song 'Smoke on the Water.' The School Educational Director Karen Jones made special mention of this performance, when she viewed the show. The students were all present on assembly the next morning, to hear the Principal read out this accolade. It is a tribute to these students that after a long night finishing after 11pm, that they attended school the next day and performed in the Term 3 Stage Assembly, held in hall. It is also a credit to these students and Mrs Brimbecom and Mrs Hickson, that these students from the current Year 10 are seen as the first choice for a rock band across the region.

Brittany Whybrow in Year 12 Visual Arts was included in an exhibition at the Gosford Regional Gallery called "Digital Futures", which showcased the work of young Central Coast digital artists. This was a federally funded arts project, involving the mentoring of young artists by more established practitioners. She has been offered a position at Erina as an animator, based on her skills and knowledge in this field. Once again, our focus on GATS programs and support of student talent, has led to another successful outcome.

Finally, the Creative Arts staff and myself would like to wish all Northlakes' HSC students the best for their upcoming exams and their future careers.

**Mr. Brimbecom**  
**Head Teacher Creative Arts/Languages**

### **Anti Bullying Message**

Every student at Northlakes High School has the right to expect to come to school and feel safe and happy and not one student has the right to others unhappy due to their reckless bullying. I would like to ask parents and carers to remind their children of this and let them know that we at Northlakes do not tolerate bullying. If a student does not like what another is doing they should tell that person to stop it and try to ignore them. If this does not work and the student has really tried, then they should tell a responsible person for example, their parents or a teacher. If a student tells another student that they do not like what they are saying or doing, that student should stop. If any student witnesses any bullying behaviour they should not support the bully with their silence they should tell that student to stop

it as well. If we all could act in this responsible way then there would be no power to the bullies and we would all enjoy a safe and healthy environment at school'

**Mrs Fullwood**  
**Anti-bullying coordinator**

### **ILNNP Numeracy**

Northlakes High School has received a second round of National Partnerships funding, and has elected to focus on Numeracy across the school. In addition to the development of whole school strategies aligned with the new National Curriculum, Year 8 students are receiving intensive interventions aimed at raising their understanding of, and practical skills in Numeracy, leading to an improvement in their use of mathematics in a range of subjects including Science, History, Geography, Technology and Applied Studies and PDHPE.

60 students have participated in the Quicksmart program, which aims to improve automaticity in maths calculations such as multiplication, division, addition and subtraction. Students have developed increased confidence in their abilities and learned new ways to complete problems in which they previously experienced difficulty. Quicksmart lessons involve students participating for half a lesson, three times a week, to work on these skills.

In addition, 60 students have had the opportunity to participate in Maths Extension groups with a former Head Teacher Mathematics, Mr Garry Negus. Students in these groups receive intensive coaching on mathematics skills, ranging from reinforcing basic concepts such as place value to help with the more difficult concepts such as algebra and equations. A good understanding of these concepts will lead to students being more easily able to grasp the more sophisticated mathematics taught in the later years of high school, and will also improve their ability to apply their skills in subjects such as Science, History, Geography, Technology and Applied Studies and PDHPE. Students have extension classes for a full period once a week.

Students have already shown improved results in Maths topic tests, and although there is some disruption to timetabled classes, we have made every attempt to spread withdrawal to ensure no one

subject is disadvantaged. Many students have indicated that they appreciate the opportunity to receive personalised coaching in a small group setting.

Along with the 35 students who participated in Quicksmart while in Year 7 in 2012, the 2013 Maths programs mean that the majority of Year 8 students have had the opportunity to participate in intensive mathematics coaching. It is hoped that this will be reflected in increased growth in Numeracy in the Year 9 NAPLAN test in 2014.

### **Transition/Mentoring**

Terms 2 and 3 have been a very busy with students from Northlakes High School completing two courses that were offered through Hunter TAFE and carried out at Wyong TAFE under the supervision of Ms Kerry Byrant. Northlakes was offered these courses exclusively for the participation of our students

The first group consisted of young ladies who were enrolled in the HUGS programme (Help your Self Grow). This programme was aimed at engaging girls in three different topics under the HUGS umbrella. The girls all attended TAFE twice a week and had to be committed to the course. This course consisted of Aged care, Self Esteem and Fashion and Beauty. Students all graduated with a Certificate 2 and employability skills for the future.

The second group of students were chosen to participate in a Barista/Commercial Cooking/ Events Management Course. This was once again a well supported course with positive comments from their TAFE teachers. Northlakes' students were highly commended and at the end of their course were asked to organise and prepare for a private function at TAFE. The students thoroughly enjoyed this course and the school received glowing and positive feedback from Wyong TAFE.

June was a very busy month for Year 10 students. A subject selection presentation evening was held for both parents and students which was well attended. Parents and students were asked to really discuss amongst themselves the subjects that the children would like to take up and fill in the online survey so that subjects and lines could be prepared.

Term 3 has shaped up to be another busy term. Year 10 had "UNI" in the classrooms in the first week back. Newcastle University sent 3 students who were studying different degrees e.g. Music, Psychology and Commerce to also give them an insight as to choosing subjects. Year 9 classes were also invited and the lecturers had nothing but praise for the great conduct of our students. Once again this was a first for both the School and the University.

The school also invited the University representatives to speak to the Year 12 students after they have finished their trials week 4 on life at University. We have also run Resilience workshops for Year 12 students.

The Oasis driving lessons are into their third group of students and the instructor and The Salvation Army are pleased to continue with sponsoring the free driving lessons for our students. Also the Year 10 Mentoring program has started back this term and the Mentors are looking forward to taking their mentees out to visit Ourimbah TAFE later in the term.

The Term 3 free TAFE courses start on the 26<sup>th</sup> July. Once again, Northlakes is very fortunate to be able to build on the relationship with Wyong TAFE and allow certain places for our students.

**Ms Lois Hewett and Mr James MacKinnon-  
Transition/Mentor Co-Ordinators**

### **Year 7 Report**

Well it's nearly Term 4 which means students have nearly completed their first year at Northlakes High School. I would like to remind students about getting "Gotchas" from their teachers, collecting them and giving them to me for year adviser awards and prizes that are on offer. We had a great number of students being presenting with Year Adviser awards for the "Gotchas" that they have collected. All students have to do to get a Gotcha is do the right thing, be prepared for class and be willing to learn. If you feel that your teacher has over looked you for a Gotcha and you are really trying to do the right thing, tell them! Also I would like to remind students that I will be your year adviser from now on and until the end of your days in Year 12 .If you need any help with school, school work or have any concerns please come and see me in the Science Faculty sooner

rather than later and I will do my best to help you sort it out.

### **Mrs Fulwood- Year 7 Adviser**

#### **Year 8 Report**

Year 8 has had a busy term, completing assessments, rotating Tech classes and choosing their electives for 2014/15 Stage 5.

Huge thanks to the parents/ caregivers and students who attended our Stage 5 Subject Selection Night. It was a great success and it was so pleasing to see the students interact with teachers in a different environment – one where they could ask questions and start thinking about their future studies! Stage 5 is fast approaching and it is a great thing for students to be thinking of their futures. I have received 95% of elective choices (55 by 8am the morning after the selection night!). Elective choices will be released to students sometime in Term 4.

It is essential for each student to ensure they have the right equipment. Having a book for each subject, pens, calculators etc. is important to ensure every student is ready to learn. Please let me know if anyone is struggling with the provision of the right equipment. It really makes a difference being prepared each day.

Camp at Forster is fast approaching! I can feel the excitement building – and it is wonderful to see that we have over 80 students attending. Please make sure that payments are regular. Camp is going to be a great bonding experience for everyone and a really nice way to finish off 2013. There are still places available if your child is still interested.

A huge reminder to download our Northlakes High School App. The app gives you great, up to date information, allows you register a sick child and provides a calendar of events. This app is really easy to use and has great benefits.

Just a reminder – students need to ensure that they are attending school 85% of the time. All absences must be explained. I am here to support any student who is having issues attending school.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 43900555 – I aim to be prompt in my reply to you. Enjoy the

beautiful spring weather that will (hopefully) stick around for the holidays! See you all again in Term 4.

### **Ms E Campbell- Year 8 Adviser**

#### **Year 9 Report**

Students in Year 9 are ready to attend a camp to Illawarra at the end of this term. Students not attending camp are still expected to attend school. Classes will be collapsed and different class work will be given. I would like to thank all the parents and carers for supporting the camp because I believe the experience will be a valuable one for your child.

Certificates from school are a great way for your child to boost their C.V. All they need to do is bring in 20 “gotchas” to me and they will receive a certificate. A lot of Year 9 students are already working part-time or looking for employment. This is great to see. However I think a few need to think about the life-school-work balance! Work is definitely the least important in that equation. If work commitments are getting in the way of completing assessments then perhaps some limitations need to be put in place.

I've been recently involved in an equipment check. Sadly some students had no equipment while others were using one book for everything. Could you please ask your child to give you a run down of the equipment needed for school. Remember books can still be purchased through the school canteen. I loved being able to give out “gotchas” to students who had excellent bookwork.

Remember to check out the Northlakes High School App. It has a lot of information available through it. You can also send in sick notes through the app for your child. I have recently been through the list of students below 85% attendance. I am available to talk to if your child is having an issue about getting to school or if you are looking at an alternative educational pathway. I would like to work together with you to achieve better outcomes for your child.

Parents and carers can contact me anytime at [megan.lubinski@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:megan.lubinski@det.nsw.edu.au) or during school hours at 4390 0555.

### **Mrs Megan Lubinski- Year 9 Adviser**



## Year 10 Report

I would like to begin this report on a positive note. Congratulations go out to Corey Jones, Angel Danzante, Ben Saggus and Brandan Rondan who performed at the Central Coast Showcase at the Laycock St Theatre, Gosford recently. By all reports the band stole the show with an excellent rendition of the Deep Purple classic Smoke on the Water. Not only is this group making a name for themselves within the school but their fame is starting to spread both south into the Gosford region and north into the Newcastle region. Well done to a clearly talented group of young people. Kudos also goes to Ms Brimbecom and the entire CAPA faculty for their support of all the arts.

Congratulations also go to Jacqueline Walsh, Tiah Hartas, Bethany Francis and Yasmin Aksu on their Geography excursion with Ms Dean to Bouddi National Park where they spent a day under the supervision of the Rumbalara Environmental Education Centre, where they got to polish their Geography skills, in a hands on manner, by doing plant and reptile surveys and water analysis. A great day was had by all the students.

On a less positive note, classroom absences are starting to creep up in Year 10. Parents and carers are asked to remind their students that not only are they to be at school, but also in class, on time, with all equipment eg, a book for each subject, pens and pencils and calculator. This may sound very basic but it is surprising the number of students who lack one or all of the above on a regular basis.

Regards,

**Mr Ed Seaby- Year 10 Adviser**

## Year 11 Report

What a great term for Year 11 students and their Year Adviser! I have had the privilege of working with nine Year 11 students as they participated in the process for School Captain 2014. Over the last 5 years I have watched the nine candidates grow into young adults and they all showed great respect and maturity during this process. As I have said to all of them and their parents, I am very proud and excited to be working with such a great group of students as school leaders starting next term! It is important that Year 11 continue to wear the correct senior uniform and be proud to be a senior at Northlakes High School. As senior students they are role models for

our junior students, showing respect, responsibility and personal best in all areas of their school life. I would like to acknowledge all the students who do exactly that! Well done.

Year 11 has been busy studying and completing their yearly exams this term. These exam results will help the students to identify the main areas to work on in their HSC year. These areas will be time management for studying/working/social life etc, study techniques and exam preparation. It is important for all Year 11 students to attend every class and keep all class notes up to date. We will be implementing the mentor program for 2014 next term.

I would encourage parents/carers to discuss with their child the use of mobile phones and iPods in classrooms. It is against school policy to use these electronic devices during class time. If they are caught using them they will be sent to a Deputy Principal, who will contact parents/carers to come to the school to collect these devices.

Please contact me if there are any concerns with Year 11 students by phone on 43 900555 or email [jodene.garside@det.nsw.edu](mailto:jodene.garside@det.nsw.edu)

To all of my Year 11 students who have made it this far and are ready to start their HSC year next term, well done. I am very proud of you!

Enjoy the spring holiday break and stay safe.

**Mrs Jodene Garside- Year 11 Adviser**

## Year 12 Report

**CONGRATULATIONS** on completing all requirements for Year 12. Everybody has now successfully completed all of their assessment tasks including Trial HSC exams and received feedback as to their performance and final assessment ranking. Hopefully everybody is happy with their performance and proud of their achievement. However, now is not the time for complacency. You must focus hard, and be very organised in preparation for the final HSC exams.

For those still unfamiliar with how the HSC results are reported, students have now completed all of their internal assessment tasks which will contribute 50% of the final HSC mark for that subject. The remaining 50% consists of your score in the external HSC exam. Thus it is of utmost importance that all students prepare fully in the weeks leading up to their HSC exams as a big difference can still be made to both yours and the entire classes final HSC score.

I have organised for lecturers from Newcastle University to come and speak to a selection of Year 12 students regarding study techniques and stress management, which will be occurring in Week 10. Hopefully this will be of benefit as we all go into this stressful period.

Please act on the regular Bulletins that have been distributed for your information. There are many great opportunities available to students regarding Scholarships, Early Entries, Open Days and Apprenticeships.

#### SCHOLARSHIPS:

There are scholarships available for those wanting to train as a Teacher. Visit [www.teach.nsw.edu.au/scholarships](http://www.teach.nsw.edu.au/scholarships)

Interested at Studying at Charles Sturt University? There are Science Scholarships, Equity Scholarships and many more.

Scholarships for children and grandchildren of Ex-Service Men and Women. Visit [www.avcat.org.au](http://www.avcat.org.au)  
There are also Scholarships available at UNE to take away the financial pressures whilst studying. These also close on the 30<sup>th</sup> September. Visit [www.une.edu.au/scholarships](http://www.une.edu.au/scholarships)

#### EARLY ENTRIES

Early Entries at the University of Sydney, which will reserve a place for you as long as you meet the E12 ATAR cut-offs. Be QUICK... visit [www.sydney.edu.au/e12](http://www.sydney.edu.au/e12)

Early Entries at the University of New England - Early Entry gives current Year 12 students the opportunity to receive an offer of place based on their school's recommendation of their potential to succeed at University, rather than their final results. Applications close **30<sup>th</sup> September** 2013. Visit

<http://www.une.edu.au/for/future-students/landing/earlyentry.php>

#### OTHER OPTIONS

Carpentry Apprenticeships for 2014 visit [careers@north.com.au](mailto:careers@north.com.au)

Or are you interested in a Real Estate career? You can complete the REINSW Certificate of Registration Course which requires 30 hours to complete and at a cost, but if you are interested visit [www.reinsw.com.au](http://www.reinsw.com.au)

We were very lucky to have a representative from the University of Newcastle, ET Australia and TAFE speak to our Year 12 students and guide them towards future career and study options.

Also, on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September I organised for us all to visit Sydney. We will walk across the Harbour Bridge, visit the Opera House, relax in the Botanic Gardens and then lunch at Manly after catching a ferry across the Harbour. Everyone is expected to attend as it will be our last FUN day together as a group and will be a great chance to 'just hang out' whilst exploring some beautiful areas of Sydney.

On Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> we will be have a fundraising day at school. Classes will run as normal for students who attend school but do not wish to participate. The day will consist of helping the teachers who helped us (at a cost to the teachers), payback time to teachers (sponge throwing) and a car wash finishing off with a 'Student verse Teacher' soccer game, which will be witnessed by the whole school.

The farewell graduation assembly is to be held at school on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> September. Be there BEFORE 9am in FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM to receive your graduation package, farewell the school and be farewelled from Northlakes once and for all.

Finally, the Formal will be held on Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> November at Crowne Plaza, Terrigal. The function will run between 6:30 – 11pm. Late payments may be considered in special circumstances.

Good luck and enjoy this final chapter of school.

**Mrs Kerry Bissaker- Year 12 Adviser**

# Year 7 BOOKWEEK 2013





# Year 8 BOOKWEEK 2013





**WEAR IT  
PURPLE**



Northlakes High School is now a registered Purple School and on the 30<sup>th</sup> August we celebrated this by wearing something purple.

**Purple Schools intentionally build and foster school environments which:**

- embrace diversity and ensure all expressions of gender and sexuality can exist safely
- are void of cultures that instil fear for one's identity
- do not allow actual, or perceived, sexuality or gender identity to determine a student's safety or ability to belong
- are actively inclusive, safe and supportive of every student.

Some of our students participated in an awareness event held at lunch with the help of San Remo Neighbourhood Centre. San Remo Neighbour Centre also offered free purple cup cakes, wrist bands, and loads of information on services that our students are able to access. Purple Day was very successful and enjoyed by all.

Amanda Morgan  
Student Support Officer







# NORTHLAKES HIGH SCHOOL PLANNER TERM 4, 2013

	Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
Oct	1A	7 Labour Day	8	9	10	11	12/13
Oct	2B	14 HSC starts Yr 10 coastal management exc	15	16 Medieval Day	17	18	19/20
Oct	3A	21	22	23	24	25	26/27
Oct/ Nov	4B	28 AECG AGM Gorokan 5pm	29	30 Yr 10 Sydney Theatre exc	31 Yr 11 school leaders exc	1	2/3
Nov	5A	4	5	6	7	8 HSC finishes	9/10
Nov	6B	11 Remembrance Day	12 Year 12 Formal ESSA test Yr 7	13 Year 11 Presentation Day	14	15	16/17
Nov	7A	18 Year 8 Camp till 20th	19 P&C Meeting 3:30pm	20	21	22	23/24
Dec	8B	25	26	27 Creative arts concert pd 2&3	28	29 School Spectacular	30/1
Dec	9A	2 Immunisation	3	4 Yr 10 HSIE excursion	5 Yr 6-7 Orientation	6	7/8
Dec	10B	9 Immunisation	10 Maitland Gaol Yr 9	Presentation Day Yr 7, 8, 9 and 10	12	13	14/15
Dec	11A	16	17	18	19 Staff Development Day	20 Staff Development Day	21/22
Dec		23	24	25	26	27	28/29

Uniform shop opens every Friday 9:30am – 11:00am



## **Newsletters Live**

**In 2014 we will be giving you the option to either:**

- **Receive an email with the newsletter attached**
- **You can also go online to view the newsletter on our webpage**
- **And the newsletter can be viewed via our APP to read on your iphone, or ipads**
- **Or receive the newsletter via the post.**

**It is up to you!**

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**To: Office Staff**

**Yes, add me to the email distribution list (if not already)**

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**No, please send me the newsletter via the post.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Child/ren names**

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**Thank you**

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# SOLDIERS BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB REGISTRATION DAYS

Sunday 08 August 2013 10am - 2pm.  
Sunday 22 September 2013 10am - 2pm.

**REGISTER ONLINE** (Preferred option)  
follow the links from the club's website

OR

**REGISTER IN PERSON**  
at Soldiers Beach Surf Club on above days

## 2013-2014 SEASON

9:30 Sunday mornings at Soldiers Beach.  
Learn surf skills & have fun.

SEASON STARTS 13 OCTOBER

More info at [www.soldiersbeachsurfclub.com.au](http://www.soldiersbeachsurfclub.com.au)

# GRAVITY SKATE & SCOOTER COMP

SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2013

AT GRAVITY SKATEPARK  
LAKEHAVEN  
10 TO 3

**FREE ENTRY - SWEET PRIZES**  
**REGISTRATION**  
9 TO 9:30  
**3 DIVISIONS**  
**SKATE**  
**SCOOTER**  
+ GIRL'S DIVISIONS

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Sun, 22 Sept 2013  
Sun, 29 Sept 2013

TIME:

10am til 12pm

WHERE:

Wyong Baseball Park  
4 De Lisle Dr, Watanobbi

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