

Northlakes High School Newsletter

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Principal's Report:

I have returned from six weeks of long service leave, during which time I travelled both within Australia and overseas, had a great time, and enjoyed the company of family and friends.

We are very fortunate at Northlakes High School to have such a capable staff. I particularly thank Mr Welham, who relieved as Principal in my absence, Ms Byrnes who relieved as Deputy Principal, Ms Lubinski who relieved as Head Teacher Welfare, and Mr Wilkinson who relieved as Year Adviser. We have a very professional and talented staff who can ensure the school continues to function productively in all circumstances.

It was a pleasure to attend the formal evening held for Year 12 at Kooindah Waters on the 15th November. Our ex-students looked fantastic and behaved perfectly.



Ms Garside, Ms Hewett and Ms Bryant did an enormous job to get everything organised. We expect fine HSC results for these young people, who have shown maturity and persistence to finish Year 12.

We have recently appointed two Head Teachers on merit. They are;

- Mrs Jan Curran, Head Teacher Teaching and Learning. Mrs Curran has worked very successfully in this role for a number of years as relieving Head Teacher. We are all very pleased that she has now gained a permanent appointment.
- Ms Jill Brigden, Head Teacher English. Ms Brigden is a highly qualified English teacher. We look forward to her involvement in the school and the experience she will bring to this faculty.

All staff recently completed a survey called 'Focus on Learning', related to their perceptions of how the school operates. We are very determined to have quality data from everyone associated with the school – students, parents and teachers – in our aim to ensure we are effective. The results from the staff at Northlakes High School are correlated against over 3,000 other teachers. I am very happy with the results. In particular, our staff has rated highly in the areas of Technology, Inclusive school, and Parent Involvement.

These are all areas which have been a key focus for some time.

As a component of our emphasis on improving the school's learning culture, we are embarking on a major program in 2015. Advancement via Individual Determination, (A.V.I.D.) emphasises student study methods, mentoring and tutoring to enhance student outcomes. Twelve staff will be trained in Melbourne early in December. We will run parent information sessions after this.

Our library has been significantly modified to assist students in developing the learning skills they will require in our technological age. This week our new desks arrived, and already students and staff have used this more fluid learning space. We are now having visits from the local schools who wish to see what we are achieving in our school, as they explore their options in their efforts to develop expert learners.

Year 10 has a full program right until the end of the year. We expect full attendance. All subject areas are preparing students for Year 11 in 2015, with meaningful content and activities.

Year 11 has already been issued with their HSC assessment schedules and have participated in a study sessions. Our library is a learning centre for them to ensure they use unscheduled periods of time meaningfully. As they know, Mr Freebody is available to assist with tasks.

Yours in Public Education
Merrilyn Rowley

Year 7 Report

Year 7 are close to finishing their first year of high school – what a huge learning curve for all!! I believe that students have successfully settled into high school and most are working well in all areas of school. However students are still expected to attend every day, be

prepared for lessons by bringing all the necessary equipment and follow the same procedures as they have been all year in the classroom. Students are being encouraged to strive towards receiving gotchas and classroom commendations for class participation and application to their classwork. Please remember to collect these Classroom Commendations and hand 5 of them to me in the TAS staffroom to be awarded your Year Advisor Commendation. I would like to congratulate Timothy Stanford, Taila MacDonald, Tamara Puxty, Amanda Raslan, Emily Clink, Hannah Mercer, Libby Everley, Grace Ryan and Jasmine Whiting for their hard work and pleasing results across all classes.

Year 7 Presentation Day is on Thursday the 11th December at 9am. This is a chance to celebrate the achievements of our students, both academically and in creative areas of the school. It would be great to see parents and guardians sharing in this special day.

As the weather is warming up, a reminder to all students to drink plenty of water and stay hydrated during the summer period.

Reports will be issued to students on the Friday of Week 10. These are Semester Two reports. Parents are advised to look at both the comments and grades section of the reports in order to gain an understanding of the students' overall achievements for 2014.

Mrs Bissaker
Year 7 Advisor

Year 8 Report

Term Four is fast coming to a close and Year 8 students have survived another year of high school. Congratulations to students who have successfully completed their Stage 4 education.

2015 is an exciting year for our students. Year 9 involves electives – and for many pupils this will be the first taste they get of their future career. Year 9 and 10 education is a very important period in life, new experiences, and

new responsibilities. Students get the chance to experience subjects that will influence what they want to do in the future years.

I remind all students to prepare for their school year in 2015. Ensure that books, pens and pencils are brought to school in order to start the year off in the best possible way! Another reminder for parents and students to ensure that full school uniform is worn in 2015. Correct leather enclosed shoes are mandatory, along with complete school uniform.

As 2014 draws to a close, I wish all of you a wonderful holiday and a fantastic New Year. Once again, I have had a wonderful time being the Year 8 Year Advisor, it has been rewarding to meet and talk with my students and their families and a privilege to be able to come into their lives and hopefully make a difference for students and families at school. These students truly are a great asset to the school and its community. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there are any queries on 0243900555.

Mrs Fulwood
Year 8 Advisor

Year 9 Report

Term Four's end is fast approaching. It has been a very quick and busy term for Year 9. Students at this stage have completed their yearly examinations and assessment tasks. Reports are timetabled to be issued at the end of this term.

Students must ensure that they complete ANY outstanding assessment tasks / N award Warning letters. Students are reminded that when completing Stage 5 courses, it is mandatory to complete any required classwork and assessment tasks. I am available to help any students with concerns.

Year 9 boys completed the last of their immunisation process on the 19th November. This program has been successfully implemented at NHS, and the boys should be commended for their behaviour during the day.

I have noticed a "calming" down of Year 9 students this term. Generally, behaviour has been of a high standard and students are genuinely showing how supportive they are of each other. A reminder – in tough times, friends are a wonderful support system. I am proud of how our students band together to support any of their peers facing difficult circumstances.

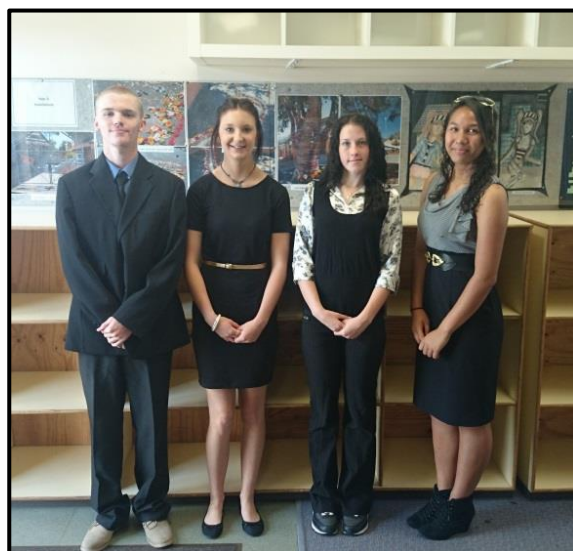
The weather has indeed become much warmer at Northlakes. Students are reminded to wear appropriate uniform and enclosed shoes. Another friendly reminder – tights are not acceptable as pants, nor are short black shorts. Please see me if there is a problem.

As always, I am more than happy to talk to any parent/ caregiver about any concerns relating to the Welfare of students. Please contact me on 43900555. I aim to respond to enquiries as soon as I can.

Ms Campbell
Year 9 Advisor

Year 10 Report

What a productive week! Year 10 have completed their Mock Interviews and I was so proud of all the students who attended. They looked very professional in their attire and the



interviewers were "blown away" with our students' attitudes and maturity. Well done to all who participated and took the effort to work on their portfolios. After all, it is in their best

interest to practise interviews for future positions.



Work experience week is about to begin next week. I hope all students have organised something to go to. Even backward mapping is a good idea. One student I talked to said she wants to get into fashion design and she didn't know where to start to look for work experience. I told her to begin at the sales point of fashion and work at a fashion shop. She has now lined up work at a retail store. There are so many opportunities and many employers like the idea of free labour, even though our kids aren't always overly keen! Thank you to those proactive families who have supported it and have helped their children organise this valuable experience.

Senior shirts with the school emblem are now available in the school's uniform shop. They are \$25 and a must have for next year. It's always good to have at least one formal shirt with the school crest.

Jacket sales have gone well, however there are still a large number of students telling me they want one but missed the deadline. Please pay as soon as possible \$66 for a senior jacket, you won't want to miss out! I will leave the option open to pay for jackets for a few more weeks. Sizes are still available to try on in my room.

As the year wraps up please let me know if you have any concerns or issues about your child heading into senior years. It can be a stressful time discussing options about their future direction. I'm available at the school on 4390

0555 or via email
megan.lubinski@det.nsw.edu.au

Mrs Lubinski
Year 10 Advisor

Year 11 Report

It is pleasing to see so many of our, now, senior cohort settling into their roles as school leaders. When visiting the library one can see senior students working diligently on assignments or revising their notes in the newly appointed lounge area. Although we have selected our school leaders for the 2015 school year it is the responsibility of all senior students to model the correct behaviours to the junior students and set a high standard in all areas, this includes school uniform, which unfortunately, some senior boys seem to think is optional. The wearing of school uniform indicates that you are a member of a team, the Northlakes High School team, wear your uniform with pride, remembering, that there are consequences if students are consistent non conformers.

Many of our senior students attended a talk by Mr Ian West from the Board of Studies where he addressed many of the issues that students will face in their HSC year. Senior students also had a study skills presentation delivered by our Careers Advisor Ms Hewitt who talked about the pit falls that often accompany young adults as they negotiate their way through this most important year. At the conclusion of her address students were issued with student diaries and encouraged to place assessment tasks and other important dates into their diaries

This was the first of what is hoped, to be several of these study skills seminars. If your students elected to have a day off instead of attending this seminar I would suggest that you encourage them to attend all of the future seminars as they are most beneficial.

Year 11 Presentation Awards

Delta Award DUX of Year 11 – **Casey Allingham**

Jill Hall Citizenship Award – **Amber Henderson**

P&C Awards – **Bethany Francis and Jacob Harris**

Aboriginal Award – **Daniella Burt**

Support Unit OPAL award – **Thomas Perceval**

Sport Award – Premiers Sporting Challenge – **Amber Henderson**

Age Champions – Swimming

Simone Cravero – 16 years girls

Connor Piipari – 16 years boys

Amber Henderson – 17 years girls

Age Champions - Cross Country

Connor Piipari – 16 years boys

Amber Newtown – 17 years girls

Zeke Woof – 17 years boys

Mr Seaby

Year 11/12 Advisor

Year 12 Report

It is very sad for me to be doing my last Year Advisors report. After being my group's year advisor for the past 6 years I have come to know my students in both their school and personal lives. During my Year Advisors address at their Graduation Assembly I said that it had been the best 6 years of my teaching career thus far and that it has been. I will miss all of them very much and I am proud of every single one of my students.

The Year 12 Formal at Kooindah Waters Resort, Wyong last Saturday evening was a huge success. The students all looked fantastic and their behaviour matched. We had nearly 40 staff present at the formal; these staff had all developed a bond with their students. At the formal the students were able to celebrate with everyone, their success at completing Year 12

in a night full of memories they will treasure for a long time.

I would like to wish all my students and families the very best in their future endeavours. Their HSC marks will be publicised in Week 11 and I am sure I will talk to many of them at that time. Take care and keep in touch.

Mrs Garside

Year 12 Advisor

Remembrance Day Commemoration Assembly

On Tuesday the 11th of November the Northlakes High School community remembered those men who made the ultimate sacrifice and gave their lives during World War I. The assembly was organised by Mrs Moore and Mr Seaby from the HSIE faculty and was presided over by the newly elected Year 12 leadership group.



Prefect Jye Irvine compared the assembly with Prefect Bethany Francis delivering an address to the gathered students and staff briefly outlining the causes of the conflict and the futility of war. Mr Seaby also spoke about the human and financial cost of the war.

The ode was recited and the last post was played and a minutes silence was observed. Our female Captain, Amber Henderson and Vice-Captain, Jenny Perry, laid a wreath of remembrance at the school memorial.

All of the school Senior Executive commented on the excellent behaviour exhibited by our student community on this most important occasion.

Sport Report

Premier's Sporting Challenge

Congratulations to all who were involved in the PSC 'Leading with action' day on the 13th November. All students involved participated in two coaching workshops, with the students learning a range of skills and activities to bring to our workshop at Blue Haven Primary School in Term One next year. Some lucky students got to try their hand at Water Polo for the first time, and some even luckier students were out on Newcastle harbour learning how to sail.



L-R: Bradie Peachey, Daniel Studt, Michael Graham, Tiana Piipari and Lillian Johnstone enjoying the ride

These days are a great opportunity for our students to not only enhance their knowledge on a range of sports, but to improve their leadership skills and interact with students and staff from several other high schools.

The next stage of this program for senior students, is a 3 day camp at Myuna Bay Sport and Recreation Centre, scheduled for 30th Nov – 2nd Dec.



Michael Graham and Lillian Johnstone

Selected students who have been involved in the program for a number of years have been offered an opportunity to spend three days at Myuna Bay. These students will be further enhancing their sport leadership skills and qualifications, and no doubt having a great time doing so. This is the first year of these camps, and I look forward to the continued success and growth of the PSC program.

Mr Mansfield
Sport Co-ordinator

Maths Report

ADAM SPENCER MATHEMATICS DAY

On Friday the 7th of November four Year 8 students Michael, Laura, Chloe and Aimi attended a Mathematics Day at Gosford High School with Mr Lappas and Mr Allanson. It was hosted by Adam Spencer who is an Australian radio presenter, comedian and mathematician. Many students from various schools ranging from Years 7 through to 10 also took part in the Mathematics Day.



After being divided into separate groups Adam started the day off by testing our knowledge with different types of dice such as the tetrahedron, octahedron, icosahedron, dodecahedron and the common 6 faced die. He then showed us the Euler's formula where any 3D shape equals 2 if you plus the number of faces and number of vertices then minus the number of edges. We then spent the rest of the day solving lots of different mathematical puzzles and equations. It was such a fun and informative day and a great opportunity to represent the school. We would like to thank Mr Lappas and Mr Allanson for being there with us for the day and to thank Mr Allanson for making the effort to dress up formally for the occasion by wearing a three-piece suit.

2014 ROSA Literacy and Numeracy Testing Results

A group of 23 students sat the BOSTES Literacy and Numeracy testing for students wishing to leave before the completion of Year 12. Two tests of 60 minutes in duration were completed with students being marked on completion. Schools are allowed 2 testing sessions per year with a week's window to complete the testing. In session 1 there were 4 Year 11 students. In session 2 there were 10 Year 11 students and 9 Year 10 students. The maximum possible score in each test is 80 and:

- Level 4 corresponds to marks from 60 – 80
- Level 3 corresponds to marks from 40 – 59
- Level 2 corresponds to marks from 20 – 39
- Level 1 corresponds to marks less than 20

The results are as follows:

First Session

Numeracy Testing – Year 11 (4 students) – 4 Level 3's (with a top mark of 56/80)

Literacy Testing – Year 11 (4 students) – 4 Level 3's (with a top mark of 59/80)

Second Session

Numeracy testing – Year 11 (10 students) – 2 Level 2's, 5 Level 3's, 3 Level 4's (with a top mark of 75/80)

Year 10 (8 students, 1 non attempt) – 8 Level 3's (with a top mark of 59/80)

Literacy Testing – Year 11 (10 students) – 5 Level 3's, 5 Level 4's (with a top mark of 73/80)
Year 10 (9 students) – 5 Level 3's, 4 Level 4's (with a top mark of 70/80).

The results show an overall above average performance for these students who sat the tests under strict BOSTES exam procedures. The questions are based on competencies from the Australian Core Skills Framework (ACSF) for what employers look for when hiring employees.

Mr MacKinnon – ROSA Literacy/Numeracy Testing Coordinator

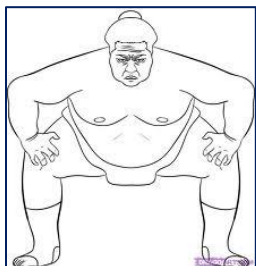
Languages Report

Year 12 Japanese class of 2014 have now completed their HSC exam and I am sure that they gave it their best effort. We wish these students the very best in whatever they choose to do next, whether it be further study, work or travel.

Year 11 students have begun the HSC course. They are currently in the process of recording a

speech on their laptops as their first assessment task. Their topic is 'My School'.

Year 7 students of Japanese have just completed a unit of work on 'Sports'. We all had fun making origami Sumo wrestlers and using them to have mock bouts.



Indonesian students in Year 7 have been making shadow puppets and learning more about culture and festivals, particularly in Bali. 24 students ranging from Year 7 to Year 12 are looking forward to a trip to Sydney for the Japanese film festival on Friday 21st of November. Our school has attended this festival for the past two years and all students have enjoyed it immensely.

There have also been some Japanese cooking lessons happening in the Language Centre. Year 11 made ONIGIRI which is a tasty rice snack often found in takeaway stores. 7GO made OKONOMIYAKI, savoury Japanese pancakes. This class was rewarded with a cooking lesson as they have made outstanding progress in classroom behaviour this term.

Mrs Davis and Mr MacKinnon

PRESS RELEASE

Monday 17th November 2014

Local School excels at 4th Annual Archibull Prize Awards

Central Coast's Northlakes High School has excelled at the 4th Annual Archibull Prize National Awards Ceremony, in Sydney on Friday, for the world famous Agriculture Themed Art and Multimedia Competition.



Bradley Finn, Tia Duckett, Ashlee Peirson and Kayla Pike from Northlakes High School on the Central Coast.

In a feast of colour and creativity, the event showcased the life-size, fiberglass, cow-shaped Archibull Artworks representing the grain, cattle and sheep, wool, cotton or dairy industries and celebrated the outstanding work of all 40 participating schools from across New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria.

Northlakes High School took out third place for the National Archibull Prize Grand Champion Award in a three way tie, with an equal 94 out of 100 points and just two points behind first place.

At a regional level the school won the Reserve Champion Archibull Prize award, also in a three way tie.

Archibull Prize Art Judge Wendy Taylor said Northlakes High School's cattle and sheep themed Archibull, 'Miss Jay Jay', told the farming industry's story in a beautiful way.

"Miss Jay Jay is bold, expressive and visually impressive. Her painted surface appears as a jigsaw of intricate pieces fitted beautifully together to create a unique and sophisticated patchwork quilt of the beef and sheep industry," Ms Taylor said.



Miss Jay Jay

"Her concept of showcasing the industry through a range of instantly recognisable appropriated artworks works very well. She encourages a closer look and has enough substance behind the initial visual appeal to hold the viewers' attention so that they can keep discovering another layer of complexity," she said.

"Her journey is clearly followed from paddock to plate... and it has a distinctly Australian essence, with all aspects tying beautifully to the beef and sheep industries."

Minister for Primary Industries, Katrina Hodgkinson joined hundreds of school students, teachers and representatives from government, industry and the corporate sector for the awards ceremony at the Sydney Showgrounds.

"This initiative is a fantastic way to encourage school students, particularly in metropolitan areas, to gain a better understanding of agriculture and where their food and fibre products actually come from," Minister Hodgkinson said.

"I have been extremely impressed with this year's entries and congratulate all the winning schools, their students and teachers, for their creativity and commitment to their involvement in this program. It is an inspiring event to be able to support and promote," she said.

The Art4Agriculture Archibull Prize is proudly supported by Cotton Australia, Parmalat Australia, the Grains Research and Development Corporation, Meat and Livestock

Australia, Australian Wool Innovation and NSW Farmers.

For more information on Archibull Prize program, please visit www.art4agriculture.com.au

Mrs Dowe (8WL Teacher)

TAS Report (Food Technology)

This Term has been a busy one as usual with students in Food Technology studying for their Yearly exam, preparing work and completing assessment tasks. In practical lessons



students have made Celebration cakes of their own choice and design (see photos below) and are preparing designs for their upcoming Gingerbread House.

These products fit in with the unit of work that is currently being studied: Food Service and Catering and the previous topic: Food for Special Purposes. Many students in these classes have chosen to continue their studies in this area by undertaking Hospitality next year.



COMMUNITY NEWS

MRS CHERYL BURGESS – Retiring from Budgewoi Primary School Canteen
After 25 years Cheryl will be retiring from Budgewoi Public School Canteen. Anybody that went to Budgewoi School is sure to know about Cheryl, she has fed and cared for

thousands of children over the years, and we wish her all the best for the future.

Cheryl wishes to thank all the ex-students, Parents, and Grand Parents for their support. She has enjoyed serving and watching students grow from Kinder to 6th Grade, and hopes all Students excel in their education and vocations after school.

There will be a card for any student that wishes to sign at the student window, or if any Parent would like to forward a note with well wishes we will make sure she gets them.

CAMERA CLUB – Are you, or your child interested in photography?

There are workshops held on the 4th Friday of each month to assist with any questions you may like to ask. Meetings are held on the 2nd Friday of each month and their monthly members photographs are judged in each category by a guest judge. The club is located at 1 Pacific Street, Long Jetty. Enquiries: Pam Munday 4399 2246 0438 989 722 Website: www.theentrancecameraclub.org.au

PADOTY (Photography winners from 2014) Photography exhibition, print and digital of the year will be on 12th December at 7:00pm at the Dolphin Theatre at The Entrance High School (opp McDonalds Bateau Bay) All welcome!

DATE TO REMEMBER:

24-28/11/14	Year 10 Work Experience
24/11/14	AECG Meeting 5pm Gorokan
25/11/14	Immunisation Back up day
26/11/14	Year 8 Medieval Day
28/11/14	Aboriginal Numeracy Competition
3/12/14	Orientation Year 7, 2015
5/12/14	Support Unit to Homebush V8 cars
8/12/14	Luna Park Excursion for PTR students

10/12/14	Year 7 Ancient Egypt Day
10/12/14	Wizard of Oz excursion – support unit
11/12/14	Year 7 – 10 Presentation 9-11am
18-19/12/14	Staff Development Days
19/12/14	Uniform Shop Open 10-12pm

