

# Northlakes High School Newsletter

"Opportunities for future success"



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## Principal's Report:

Northlakes High School has come to the end of another great year! This school has a dedicated, highly qualified and very hard working staff. We have provided quality education, and a myriad of experiences. Our focus on continued self-improvement is reflected in our involvement in whole school staff and student surveys, parent online and paper surveys, parent forums, and internal reviews of systems and data.

We have:

- Introduced a very successful and engaging House System
- Completed the second year of Positive Behaviour for Learning, earning 100% in some areas in our recent evaluations
- Achieved a 25% decrease in fractional truancy and a decrease in suspensions
- Added Extension Mathematics to our existing Quicksmart strategy of improving students' mathematics outcomes
- Hosted the Central Coast Public Education Awards
- Hosted San Cheok High School, South Korea
- Upgraded the hall, library, support unit, English staffroom, basketball area and other grounds.

In this last week, all staff have participated in three full days of staff development. We are introducing a trial of the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) to a Year 9 and a Year 10 class, and will incorporate its

strategies for all of Year 11 and 12. All staff have refreshed their knowledge of programming, assessment, engagement and using digital technology.

This week, the media has carried out research on student outcomes. There is a significant link between schools' ranking on a socio-economic index, and the schools' academic outcomes.

Significantly, with the introduction of the Resource Allocation Matrix (RAM), this school now has financial resources which we can use to boost our students' outcomes. Our priorities this year reflect our determination to improve the success of all students in this school.

We have finished 2014 with outstanding HSC results.

Beau Keywood earned a Band 6 in PE. We have had a 100% increase in the number of students with a Band E3 (Extension subjects) or a Band 5.

One hundred and five students gained their HSC this year. We have also achieved significant improvement in most HSC subjects overall.

I congratulate our hardworking and committed students and staff.

Northlakes High School places academic achievement, for students of all levels, as a core focus. Initiation and effort have led to this current success.



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I wish you all a safe and enjoyable holiday period.

Yours in Public Education  
Ms M Rowley  
Principal

Back to School 2015

Website:

- Uniform shop open Tuesday 27/1/15 10-12pm
- Black leather shoes essential
- Fees due in Term 1
- Year 7, 11 & 12 return on Wednesday 28th January 2015
- Year 8, 9 & 10 return on Thursday 29th January 2015
- Security Number if you see any suspicious activity – 1300 880 021

Thank you to all of our Parents/Caregivers that came to our assembly day for Year 7 and 10. Here are our special award recipients:-

#### **YEAR 7**

**Jill Hall Citizenship Award** - Zachary H

**P&C Awards** - Amanda R & Matthew L

**Opal Award** - Chloe B

**SRC Award** - Peter S

**Sportsmasters Award** - Jemma J & Joel D

**Age Champion Swimming 12 years** - Bailey G & Jemma J

**Age Champion Swimming 13 years** - Zachary H, Tamara P

**Age Champion Athletics 12 years** - Bailey F & Jemma J

**Age Champion Athletics 13 years** - O'Sha H

**Age Champion Cross Country 12 years** - Josh M & Jemma J

**Age Champion Cross Country 13 years** - Joel D & O'Sha H

**ATSI** - Jeremy O

**Outstanding Academic Achievement** - Amanda R, Darcy L & Rhys K

#### **YEAR 8**

**Jill Hall Citizenship Award** - Piper N

**P&C Award** - Laura Mc & Jackson S

**Sports Awards**

**Age Champion Swimming** - Josh G & Lillian J

**Age Champion Athletics** - James C & Piper N

**Age Champion Cross Country** - Kiran P

**ATSI** - Kane L

**OPAL Award** - Kyle L

**Dux of Year 8** - Chloe T

#### **YEAR 9**

**Jill Hall Citizenship Award** - Paige S

**P&C Award** - Ella B & Tristram F

**ATSI** - Stephen P

**SRC Awards** - Sandra M

**Sports Awards**

**Age Champion Swimming 15 years** - Jack J & Ella H

**Age Champion Cross Country 14 years** - Hayley Mc

**Age Champion Cross Country 15 Years** - Selina K

**Junior Encouragement Award** - Hayley Mc

**Dux of NLHS** - Jake D

#### **YEAR 10**

**Jill Hall Citizenship Award** - Brianna H

**ADF Long Tan Award** - Braydon K

**RH Strike Award** - Reece D

**P&C Award** - Tara W & Braydon K

**Support Unit Award** - Adam F

**ATSI** - Aeydon C & Tori L

**SRC Awards** - Lachlan N & Natalia W

**Sports Awards**

**Age Champion Swimming 16 years** - Simone C

**Age Champion Athletics 15 years** - Will F

**Age Champion Athletics 16 years** - Jake S

**Age Champion Athletics 16 years** - Anerleise

**Age Champion Cross Country 15 years** - Will

**Age Champion Cross Country 15 years** - Tara W

**Delta Electricity Dux of NHS** - Suzy T-M

### TERM PLANNER

We have attached a Term planner for Term 1, 2015, make sure to print it off, and put it in a convenient location.

### TAFE COURSES

These courses are for adults who have either been out of the workforce for some time and need some assistance in re-entering the workforce or for people who are thinking about a career change. The courses run from 9:30-1pm 4 days a week, Mon-Thursday in 2015. These courses offer practical skills that are necessary for workplaces and also include career guidance and assistance. These courses do include the First Aid Certificate. These courses are delivered from Wyong TAFE.

Enrolments for 2015 are on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 10am in NG1

Please contact Bronwyn for the all ladies course on 4350 2375 or Kathryn 43502 335 for the Mature Aged Men and Ladies course or the Early School Leaver's course.

### SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS

Sport and Recreation has some great holiday options for kids and families this Summer. Our Kids' Camps provide 5 to 16 year olds with the chance to branch out and be their own person while trying lots of fun activities. Then there's our all-inclusive Family Camps, which give parents and guardians a well-earned rest with accommodation, meals and instructor-led activities included in the price. With over 40 outdoor activities to choose from, including fishing, mountain biking, kayaking, abseiling and rock climbing, there's plenty to do to keep everyone entertained. Contact Eddie Blake (Mon – Thurs) (02) 8754 7958 | (Fri) (02) 9454 0222 | 0420 225 201

### Ready Set Trot comes to the Central Coast

Gostelow Riding School is one of the first in Australia to offer the "Ready Set Trot" program – a fun and exciting initiative for young people who want to give horse sports a try in five star all weather facilities.

Through a series of structured sessions which include group games and mounted activities, young people learn about horses and equestrian sport, learning basic horse skills and all-important horse safety along the way.

Gostelow Riding School will offer the program to young people the Central Coast region and the first program for school holidays will commence on 5<sup>th</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup> of January 2015 and until the end of the month. Each of the Ready Set Trot holiday programs sessions will run for a full day. The whole program is completed over 5 days.

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### DATES TO REMEMBER 2015

27/1/15	Staff Development Day Uniform shop open 10-12pm
28/1/15	Years 7, 11 & 12 start Year 7 Parents Transition to High School Morning session 9:00am-9:45am Evening session 4:00pm till 4:45pm
29/1/14	Years 8, 9 & 10 start
4/2/15	Avid Information Evening 7:00pm
6/2/15	Swimming Carnival
9/2/15	School Photos
16/2/15	School Photo back up day





## NORTHLAKES HIGH SCHOOL PLANNER TERM 1, 2015

	Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
<b>January/ February</b>	<b>1A</b>	26 Australia Day	27 Staff Development Day Uniform shop open 10-12	28 Years 7,11 & 12 start Year 7 Parents Transition to HS 9-9.45am & 4-45pm	29 Years 8,9 & 10 start	30	31/1
<b>February</b>	<b>2B</b>	2	3	4 AVID information evening 7pm	5	6 Yr 7 Deposit \$50 due Swimming Carnival	7/8
<b>February</b>	<b>3A</b>	9 School Photos	10	11	12	13	14/15
<b>February</b>	<b>4B</b>	16 Back up school photos day	17	18	19	20	21/22
<b>February/ March</b>	<b>5A</b>	23	24	25	26	27	28/1`
<b>March</b>	<b>6B</b>	2	3 P&C Meeting & AGM 3:30pm	4	5	6	7/8
<b>March</b>	<b>7A</b>	9	10	11	12	13	14/15
<b>March</b>	<b>8B</b>	16	17	18	19 Shoe Horn Sonata	20	21/22
<b>March</b>	<b>9A</b>	23	24	25	26	27	28/29
<b>March/ April</b>	<b>10B</b>	30	31 Final Payment Yr 7 camp	1	2	3 Good Friday	4/5
<b>April</b>		6 Easter Monday	7	8	9	10	11/12
<b>April</b>		13	14	15	16	17	18/19

Uniform shop opens every Friday 10:00am – 12:00pm