

Northlakes High School Newsletter

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From our Principal:

We have celebrated a very busy and successful first term with a Harmony and House Day. Of course, our winning house of the term, Dilkara, went to the Royal Easter Show. This is a reward for their outstanding effort in earning over 19,000 points for excellent attendance, effort in class, participation, presentation and leadership..... all highly valued qualities. The remainder of the school was involved in a variety of activities linked to our Positive Behaviour for Learning goals of Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best. This was topped off by a concert showcasing some of our very talented students. Hopefully, everyone also had fun!



Students performing at the House Day Concert

Cross Country

Our cross country was held on Wednesday 9th April in lovely weather. This was a participant only event. Every entrant earned house points.

It was great to see the involvement of students. Year 8 especially deserves a mention!



A junior student participating in the Cross Country

Tell Them From Me

We have been given a brief overview of the results of our second survey of student opinion. Over 900 students completed it, making the results very valid. Some significant improvements since 2013 include:

- Years 10, 11 and 12 reported a 25% decrease in truancy
- All year groups reported an increase in intellectual engagement and student effort. Year 10 reported a 10% increase.
- Students valuing school outcomes increased by 10 to 15% across Years 8, 9, 10 and 12
- An improved sense of belonging
- Decrease in year 12 anxiety

We will share much more information in Term 2, once we have a full report.

Student Representative Council

Our SRC has met, under the guidance of Ms Paige Watts. Students will be advising the school's executive of student concerns, undertaking leadership programs, and running events within the school.

On time to school

Thank you for your support in encouraging students to be on time for school! Full time and full day attendance are major pre-requisites for success in school (and work, and life in general!). Some houses are doing very well in points because all students are taking responsibility and arriving before roll call. Keep it up!

Subject fees

All Term 1 fees are due. This money directly supports your child's practical resources in subjects. Students who have not paid fees in Term 2 will be expected to bring resources to school to use, or will be doing a less broad curriculum.

Uniform

As cool weather finally arrives, I wish to emphasise that the wearing of school uniform will be expected as much as it was in Term 1. The school has a good supply of school jackets. Girls may wear tights or stockings, under their skirt, or wear slacks, or trousers or black jeans. Boys must wear plain black shorts or trousers.

Special mentions

- Rhys and Zac Kime participated in the Junior State Water Polo Championships in Wagga Wagga.
- Our students were highly praised by Gosford High staff for their behaviour and participation at the Gala day
- Mr Jarad Freebody, for his transformation of the library

- Mr Mansfield for organisation of Athletics, Swimming and Cross Country Carnivals.

I hope that you and your children have a safe and enjoyable break. Students return to school on Tuesday 29th April.

Sincerely

Ms M Rowley
Principal

Dilkara Off To The Royal Easter Show!

Yesterday a significant number of students from Northlakes High School ventured to the big smoke for the Easter show.



Bright eyed and bushy tailed, the students arrived at Wyee station a little after seven and piled onto the train psyched up for showbags, rides and dagwood dogs.

Approximately ten minutes into the two hour journey, a group of primary school students and their teachers joined the carriage only to find that all the seats were taken. Seeing the younger students cram into the cracks between the seats, I thought I'd risk asking the students to give up their seats for the younger kids. On the many train trips I took when living in the city, I witnessed many arguments between older commuters and students about who deserved a seat.

To my delight, with no argument at all, thirty students were more than happy to stand up and politely step aside for their fellow commuters. The rest of the day was no different. I was approached by various members of the public who commented on how polite and delightful the students were. Many of them asked, "What school is this? And why are your students so great?", to which I replied with pride, "Northlakes High School". They walked around the show, getting drenched and having a ball with their both their classmates and their teachers. It's safe to say that an awesome day was had by all.



Today marks the end of my first term as a teacher at Northlakes High school, and after just eleven weeks I know that I've chosen the right career. The students I teach are kind, entertaining, responsible and hilarious. I am so proud to be their teacher.

Thank you to all the teachers who made the excursion possible and happy holidays!!!

Miss Jessica Leffley (CAPA)

Year 10 Report

This last part of the term has been quite interesting for Year 10. The whole year group completed their Welfare day in week 10. The program focused on building healthy and respectful relationships. The program has been delivered to over 100,000 high school students between the ages of 14 and 16. This program looks at issues around Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault and is delivered by professional facilitators.



The program models respectful relationships between male and female students, teachers and workers. This in turn, is a preventative measure for violence against women.

Students who participated in the day also went on to do a creative activity. The two best Artists of the days were by Kirsten Murphy and Brianna Henderson. The winning Musicians were group 1: Jaycen Kimmorley, Johnny Christie, Bailey Whitbread, and Ethan Atkinson. Group 2: Nikita Gray, Simone Cravero, Emma Williams, Rhianna Howlett and Ashley Wood. These fantastic students were really impressive on the day and they will be awarded a Principal Award and \$25 (each group) next term.

The facilitators commented that our students were some of the best they'd delivered to on the Central Coast.

Year 10 art students have also been involved in "Sculpture on the Greens", a local exhibition that attracts thousands of visitors and displays work from International and National Artists.

The students were supported and visited by local Sculptor Col Henry who has 40 years of sculpting experience. The 10X class all made something to go in it. There was a great deal of collaboration involved. There were three sculptures installed on the 1st of April at Kooindah Waters.



Some of the sculptures at "Sculpture on the Greens"

The students who helped install the works were: Elliza Andrew, Vanessa Webb, Brianna Smith, Simone Cravero, and Angus Ferrington. The works look fantastic and are on exhibition until late May. Our students have done such a good job and in conjunction with other schools' student work have impressed Delta Electricity to sponsor future student work for Sculpture on the Greens.

In the coming months Year 10 will need to think really seriously about their subjects for next year and prepare to choose viable options for their future career path. The holidays may be a great opportunity to start these conversations.

Please let me know if you need to catch up on any issues. Call me at the school on 4390 0555, or via email: megan.lubinski@det.nsw.edu.au anytime.

On that note, enjoy the holidays, I know Year 10 will!

M. Lubinski - Year 10 Adviser

Sport Report

Congratulations to all who got involved in the Athletics Carnival, which ended up being held on Monday 24th, Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th March. Everything was going wonderfully well on Monday 24th, until we got hit with an early afternoon storm of some velocity! In summary, the afternoon session was abandoned and made up for on Wednesday 26th. Thank you to all who displayed patience and understanding about the weather conditions, allowing us to eventually get through all of the scheduled events.



Age champions are as follows:

- 12 yrs Girl – Jemma Justin
- 12 yrs Boy – Bailey Frost
- 13 yrs Girl – O'Sha Holton
- 13 yrs Boy – Ethan Byrnes
- 14 yrs Girl – Piper Nowland
- 14 yrs Boy – James Chapel
- 15 yrs Girl – Ella Henderson
- 15 yrs Boy – William Frazer
- 16 yrs Girl – Anerleise Fulton
- 16 yrs Boy – Jake Sanders
- 17 yrs Girl – Koree Hungerford
- 17 yrs Boy – Blake Malligan

Extra congratulations goes to Piper Nowland, who broke a 17 year school record in the 14 Girls Long Jump with a jump of 4.21 metres!

On Thursday 3rd April, Northlakes High School conducted the annual Premiers Sporting Challenge 'Leading with Action' workshop at

Blue Haven Primary School. Students from years 5 and 6 from Blue Haven Primary, Budgewoi Primary, Northlakes Primary and Toukley Primary, along with selected year 7 and 8 students from Northlakes High, were put through a series of workshops from some of our year 9, 10 and 11 students.



Students participating in the Premier's Sporting Challenge

The sessions coached by our students were Ultimate Frisbee, Golf, Football, Softball and Cricket. This time the weather gods were on our side, resulting in a group of active and enthusiastic students and plenty of smiling faces. All coaches did a fantastic job with their respective groups, and I look forward to seeing the program continue to develop in future years. The Year 8 students, who participated, along with the year 9 coaches, will be offered the opportunity to continue through this program with a 'Learning to Lead' coaching workshop at Cardiff High School in November.

A range of knockout sport competitions have continued over the past few weeks, and unfortunately most campaigns are now finished. Our Open Boys and Girls Football teams enjoyed round 1 victories, with the boys defeating Henry Kendall 10-2 and the Girls defeating Wyong 5-1. Goal scorers for the boys were Joshua Glachan (2), Cristian Berrios (2), Tyler Wilson (2), Blake Malligan, Blake Foss, Shaun Londrigan and Luke Sciberras. Goal scorers for the girls were Tahnee Blenman (2), Kristin Mar (2), and one to Kayla Wilson. Both teams then travelled to Gosford High for the next round, with the Girls on the wrong end of a

heavy defeat, and the boys losing 1-0 in a tense contest. It was a particularly unfortunate result for the Boys, who must be commended for the way they conducted themselves. Many of the year 12 students involved in these teams have played in either Bill Turner Cup or Open teams for each of the last 6 years, and I sincerely thank you for your efforts over these years. Thank you to the parents who have supported these games, and of course thank you for your assistance with transport.

Both of our Bill Turner Cup teams unfortunately lost their round one fixtures. The boys lost 5-3 to Mackillop College, with Cristian Berrios and Blake Foss getting the goals, and a special mention also to Jonathon Berrios and Daniel Ayton. Thank you to Mr Thomas for your efforts with these boys. Our girls lost 5-0 to Wadalba, with a special mention going to the defensive efforts of Tiana Piipari and Gemma Clegg, and the non-stop running of Ella Henderson and Julia Ashburner.

Our Open Girls Netball team had a loss to Narara Valley, and after an early round defeat of Gorokan High, our Open Boys Touch Football team suffered a narrow loss to Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College. Thank you to all involved with those teams, and to Miss Thornton and Mr Underwood for organising those teams.

Congratulations to both Nicholas and Marcus Guendoul for being selected in the Sydney North Regional Softball team, and Joshua Glachan for selection in the Sydney North Regional Football team. We wish you all the very best of luck at the State tournaments for your teams, and also as individuals to be selected in the NSW CHS teams.

There is no slowing down in Term 2, with Open Boys Rugby League on May 19th, U15s AFL on May 21st, Zone Cross Country on May 30th, Regional Cross Country June 12th and Zone Athletics on June 25th. Please keep listening on morning assemblies for further announcements.

M. Mansfield - Sport Co-ordinator

Careers Report

What a very busy Term 1 we have had. The Salvation Army Oasis Driving course has just completed their 2nd round of students for this term and we already have a line-up of students for next term. Well done for all the Year 9 students who have handed in their TAX File numbers to be sent away.

The Year 10 Mentoring Group had their Graduation ceremony on Tuesday 8th April and the Mentors and Students were presented with their Graduation Certificate. Students in turn presented the mentors with a lovely box of chocolates for all the help. Sarah from CCTG gave a presentation of their work with the community and how students can access Traineeships and Apprenticeships. This was a great help to students who are looking at one of the above mentioned as it enables them to access these programs free on the coast. We have invited Sarah and CCTG to return in Term 3 to speak to our Year 12's and 11's as some of them will be nearing the end of their school life.



Ian West from the BOSTES (the old Board of Studies) spoke to the Year 12's on the expectations and importance of Assessment task, examinations and the HSC at the end of the Year. Ian also explained how the Universities rank their ATAR marks and where the Universities sit with students who come from their area with the point system.

Parents, if you are not sure of the ATAR and what it means, please ask your child, as they will be able to explain it to you. Students also must be aware that TAFE is also looking at using the marking system for some courses that it is offering next Year, so TAFE will not be the soft option anymore. So parents please make sure that you check on your Year 12 child and ask them where they are up to.

Year 12 also had the University of Newcastle visit for HSC Coaching on Thursday and this was a successful event with many students logging onto the University site and discussing past English papers with the Lecturers from Newcastle University. Next term we are offering Resilience courses through Newcastle University for all Year 12 to help in their studies. These courses are run free by the University as part of their AIM High program. All students are expected to attend. It is not about if they are going to attend University, it is about helping them with their study patterns for their HSC. We do know by now that students do change their minds and may seek alternative education pathways after leaving school, so we are putting as much help support their learning process for their future challenges as possible.

Year 7's had a great presentation from the NASA astronaut and lecturer Doctor Rob Crosdale. He is a past, graduate of Northlakes High School, with top marks in Chemistry, Physics and Maths! There are not many people in the world who could say that they have not only talked to a real Astronaut but handled one of the tile from the Spaceship Challenger. Year 7 students from Northlakes High had that experience. We learnt that it always rains for an hour after the space shuttle takes off due to the moisture from the space shuttle and only in that area. The students also learnt that each tile cost between \$300,000 to \$500,000 and there are over 750,000 tiles on the underside of the craft. Many of the students also got to look at his real space suit and touch rocks from outer space. Not only did the students learn

but many of the teachers walked away in awe and learnt a great deal. We must thank Mrs Jan Curran for contacting Dr Crosdale and inviting him in as part of their career lessons.

Central Coast Career Pathways Expo 2014

Date: Tuesday 24th June

Venue: Avondale College of Higher Education
582 Freemans Drive Cooranbong
For Years 10 – 12

“There are heaps of amazing, interesting, stimulating, off-beat, feel good careers out there – and one of them has your name on it!”

Ms Lois Hewett-Careers/Transition and Mentor Co-Ordinator

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Our Parent/Teacher interviews were held in our hall on Tuesday 1st April. This was a very successful afternoon with many parents/carers taking the time to speak with their students' teachers.



Mrs Garside speaks with a student and her parent

This is always a great opportunity to communicate in person about your child's education. Thank you to those parents/carers who attended and to the teachers who gave up their time to make the afternoon a success. If you were unable to attend and would like to contact your child's teacher you can message them through the Parent Portal or call 4390 0555 to make an appointment.

Parent Workshop – Numeracy

Date: Tuesday 6th May 5:30 – 6:30pm in the School Library

It's been a while for some of us, so come back to school and brush up on your numeracy skills!! Mr Lam, Head Teacher Maths, will be showing parents the common numeracy strategies we teach in class to assist students to efficiently and quickly calculate addition and subtraction. A number of parents have asked for assistance with algebra, and Mr Lam will also demonstrate how to use Scientific Calculators.

NAPLAN Term 2

Years 7 & 9 have been engaged in revision for NAPLAN during Maths and English classes. Teachers have reviewed this work and the tasks will be sent home for parents to view. NAPLAN TESTING TAKES PLACE DURING MAY on the following days:

May 13	May 14	May 15	May 16
Language Conventions Writing	Reading	Numeracy (Calculator & Non Calculator)	Catch-up Tests

NOTE: Students will need to remember to bring a calculator for the Numeracy test.

Welfare Request

Our Welfare Team has requested that any families with pre-loved uniforms please donate them to the Welfare Office. They are also asking for donations for their Breakfast Club. They are mainly in need of spreads such as Vegemite and Jam for toast. Due to a number of our students suffering from severe allergies they will not be able to accept any products which contain peanuts. Thank you.

School Photos

School photos have been distributed all this week. If your child did not come home with one they can collect it from the student window when school commences next Term.

Unexplained Absences

It is stated in the DET policy that a parent/carer has 7 days in which to respond once they have returned back to school from their last absence. If there is no response in that time (which can be a note, verbal, SMS, email, or via the Parent Portal), then it is considered unjustified.

Positive Behaviour for Learning



Northlakes High School has a school-wide focus on PBL(Positive Behaviour for Learning), in the classroom through to the playground.

Parents and Students are reminded that Teachers are handing out commendations for excellent academic accomplishment; students are to collect these commendations. When they have accumulated 5 commendations across the school, they are to hand them in to their Year Advisors who, in turn, will award the student Year Advisor commendation to be presented at an assembly.

Medical Consent Forms

All students would have received a medical consent form in the mail last month. This needs to be completed and returned to the office as soon as possible to make you eligible to go into the \$200 draw. If you did not receive a form please contact the office on 4390 0555.

Uniform Shop

The uniform is open every Friday from 10:00am until 12:00pm. You can also send correct money in an envelope (if you know your child's size), and hand it in to the canteen any day of the week. We will be open on Monday 28 April (Staff Development Day) from 10:00am till 12:00pm if you require any uniforms.

PLEASE NOTE: Tights are not a part of our school uniform, unless they are underneath a skirt, or shorts. Black jeans, and pants are acceptable for all students through winter.

ANZAC Day

Anzac Day falls on the last Friday of the holidays, and we have students marching and representing the school. If your child would like to participate please meet outside the Doyalson Church at 8:15am for an 8:30am march. Please make sure your child is in full school uniform.



ANZAC Day 2013

P & C Treasurer Needed Urgently

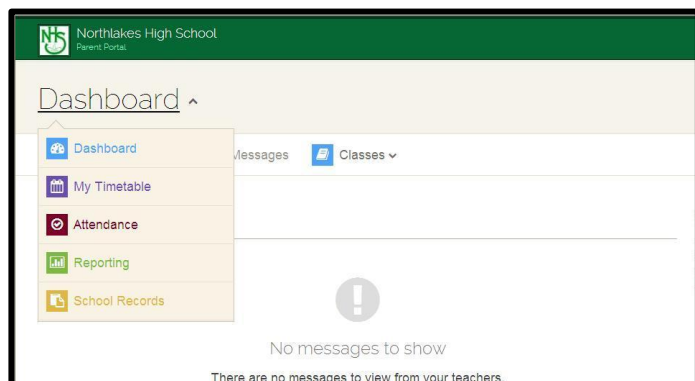
This position still needs to be filled. Any interested Parent/Grandparent, please phone the school on 4390 0555. Training will be provided.

Attention All Parents

Northlakes High School has a strict Mobile Phone Policy which states that students are not to use their mobile phones in class. Please support this policy by ensuring that you do not contact your child on their phone during class time. If for any reason you need to contact your child please do so through the front office on 4390 0555.

Northlakes Parent Portal

We hope you are all happy with our new Parent Portal. You can access the portal through our app, and a link on our website, under 'our school' tab. If you click on your child's photo you can print off their timetable, and check on reports.



The NorthlakesHigh School Parent Portal

Term Planner – Term 2

We have attached a Term Planner for next Term, please print it out and put it in a convenient location.

WHS NEWS

Footwear

The importance of wearing fully enclosed leather footwear was brought home to students recently when a student's leather shoes saved her foot from serious injury in an incident at school.

Please ensure your child wears the correct footwear to school – our feet have to carry us for the whole of our lives, and it is important to protect them in situations where they are exposed to risk.

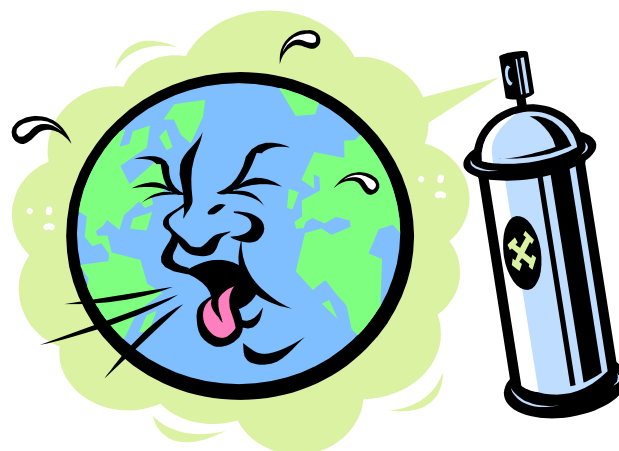
Wearing appropriate footwear is an essential work skill.

Aerosol deodorant

Aerosol deodorants are banned from school.

The ingredients cause breathing difficulties for many students and staff. People with and without diagnosed asthma may be affected. Affected people have to sit outside for some time, until all traces of the aerosol have dissipated.

The use of aerosol deodorants and body sprays can lead to loss of learning and teaching time, and hospitalisation in cases of extreme reaction.



Interim Bus Passes

The School Student Transport Scheme Policy states that if a student does not present a pass for travel, they may be refused travel unless the student pays the required fare. If they have lost their bus pass, you need to contact Busways ASAP on 43 92 6666. The school can no longer issue blue forms.

A Message from Red Bus Services

Red Bus wish to advise as from 28th April 2014 Company School Bus Pass Inspectors will be visiting schools randomly in the afternoons to check Bus Passes in accordance with Transport NSW. Red Bus Inspectors will endeavour to keep disruption to a minimum. Students are required to present Bus Passes when boarding Buses Morning & Afternoon. Failure to present Bus Passes could result in students being charged an appropriate fare. Students who are traveling to places other than home (i.e. Friends, Shops, Work, Grandparents, After-school care, etc.) are required to pay the appropriate fare.

School Bus Passes are for travel to & from School/Home Only

HAVE FUN, MAKE NEW FRIENDS, AND LEARN ABOUT ANOTHER CULTURE !

Volunteer to host an international high school student arriving into Australia in July 2014, and you'll be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.

Carefully selected students will arrive in July for their 3, 5, or 10 month programs from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Spain and Colombia. They will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money, and comprehensive insurance cover, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. You choose the nationality, the gender, the duration and the interests of the student that you feel is the best match for your family. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaustr@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

The Central Coast LEGO Show at Casey's Toys

Leave the world behind these school holidays and be mesmerised by over 50 LEGO models, made with over half a million LEGO bricks!

Your kids and grandkids will remember this show for years to come.

Moving trains, light up buildings, classic scenes, working transformers ... there is



excitement around every corner.

Check out classic models like:
The 10 Metre LEGO Mega City
Hogwarts Castle
The Yellow Submarine
Star Wars Collection
Taj Mahal
The Cathedral
Pirates Cove
and much more ...

Don't miss the LEGO building tables, building competitions for all ages and try your luck at the LEGO piece guessing competition!
Plus find all the latest in LEGO products, games and merchandise at the exclusive LEGO shop.

Open from **Friday 11th April to Sunday 27th**



April at Casey's Toys - 24 Karalta Rd. Erina NSW 2250. Parking on site.

Admission is **\$4** per person (2 years & under free). 5% of admissions will be donated to a local Central Coast children's charity
See all information and details at www.caseystoys.com.au/legoshow



NORTHLAKES HIGH SCHOOL PLANNER TERM 2, 2014

	Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
April		21 Easter Monday	22	23	24	25 Anzac Day	26/27
April	1A	28 Staff Development Day	29 Students return	30	1 Science Excursion Zoo snooze	2 Science Excursion Zoo snooze	3/4
April/May	2B	5 Yr 12 BOS releases students timetables	6 Parent Workshop Numeracy 5:30-6:30	7	8	9	10/11
May	3A	12 Yr 12 retail excursion	13 NAPLAN writing	14 NAPLAN reading	15 NAPLAN numeracy	16 NAPLAN catch up	17/18
May	4B	19	20 Yr 7 AIM High excursion	21 Starstruck rehearsal Yr 10 AIM High excursion	22 Yr 7 AIM High excursion Ncle Uni	23	24/25
May/June	5A	26	27	28	29	30 Zone cross country Yr 12 shoe horn sonata Support unit come & try sports day	31/1
June	6B	2 Yr 7 police YLO day cyberbullying	3 P&C Meeting 3:30pm	4	5 Yr 8 police YLO day cyberbullying Yr 10,11,12 lemon car	6 Back up day for zone cross country	7/8
June	7A	9 Queens Birthday	10	11 Starstruck rehearsals Yr 10 Discover Uni Day mentors	12 Regional cross country Starstruck rehearsals	13 Starstruck	14/15 Starstruck
June	8B	16 Yr 10 insight Ourimbah Ab studies	17 Yr 8 mentoring program Yr 9 Police YLO day cyberbullying	18 CHS Cross Country Yr 8 mentoring program	19	20 Grip leadership conference Anti graffiti session Yr 7	21/22
June	9A	23	24 CC Careers expo Avondale	25 Zone Athletics	26 Support unit mingara expo	27	28/29
June/July		30	1	2	3	4	5/6
		7	8	9	10	11	12/13

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