

Northlakes High School Newsletter

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From our Principal:

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Welcome to Term 2, 2014.

Our focus this term is firmly on consolidating on what we worked on in Term 1. We will continue to expand the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Program, reinforce the key elements of the Elevate Program, and expect all students to further develop literacy and numeracy skills, at all levels. The school calendar for this term reflects the many and varied activities already planned.

Our last term ended on a very positive note. The winning House for the term, Dilkara, earned an astonishing 19,000 points and an excursion to the Easter Show. I also received a number of phone calls and emails from members of the public who took the trouble to contact me and report very positively on how this large group (of 140 students) behaved on the train and at the show. That was very gratifying. One of the key aspects of P.B.L is recognising when students are behaving in ways which the school community values – good attendance, effort in their school work, wearing school uniform, participation in extra-curricular activities or displaying aspects such as honesty and integrity. This is truly a reflection of the great majority of our students. We also held a House Day, where all students participated in a variety of activities, House photos were taken and a terrific concert was

held. Mr Wilkinson has put these acts on our website under school events – please have a look at them!

During the holidays we had a lot of painting and refurbishments occur. The Department of Education and Communities is also about to put CCTV throughout the school. This is a consequence of some major break ins and vandalism events in recent years. I am looking forward to the system being in place. A lot of time and money is spent to make our school very functional, modern and attractive; it is extraordinarily frustrating to have to deal with mindless damage.

ANZAC Day, as anyone who was on the coast knows, saw a major storm hit our area. Despite this students attended the service at Doyalson R.S.L. Club as representatives of the school.



I have thanked these students on the school assembly, and they have received Principal's Awards; they are outstanding examples of the calibre of our young people.



Education &
Communities

I intend to hold a **Parent Forum** in Term 2

Where: Library

When: 7pm 22/5/14

This will be held in the evening as requested by some parents in Term 1. I greatly appreciate the honest feedback from those parents who attended our first one. I hope more can come and talk with us about your concerns or observations about the school.

Merrilyn Rowley

Northlakes High School Principal

Year 11 RYDA Driver School

On Wednesday 2-4-14, 30 Year 11 students participated in the RYDA Driver Awareness Program which was sponsored by Rotary Australia. The students enjoyed a day of seminars on the effects of drugs and alcohol on young drivers, and the traps that many young inexperienced drivers fall into, such as speeding and driving while fatigued. The students also participated in practical demonstrations which demonstrated the effect that speed had on braking distances. This was a surprise for many students and also for Molly the dummy.



All the Northlakes students who attended were singled out for their great rate of participation and their willingness to interact both, with their group but also with the seminar leaders. The student participation rate and their behaviour turned a good day into a great day.

Well done Year 11!

Ed Seaby Year 11 Advisor

Creative and Performing Arts Report

This coming term will be quite busy with Starstruck, Central Coast Dance Festival, Youth in Performing Arts. Miss Koteczky, our Dance/ Drama teacher is the chairperson of the Central Coast Dance Festival. This is a big responsibility and is acknowledgement of her skill and expertise. We have thirty two dancers and one solo performer for Starstruck, our vocalist Jacob Thomas from year 12. Jacob has also auditioned for the Talented Youth Program run through the Arts unit and we wish him all the best. For the Central Coast Dance Festival we have fifty four performers eager to perform. We are asking for contributions for costuming from students, to cover some of the expenses in participating in these large regional events.

We also have a number of musical items for Youth in Performing Arts showcase and when these performances are confirmed, I will include these in upcoming newsletters along with dates for Starstruck, Central Coast Dance Festival and Youth in Performing Arts. Also there are items in for Central Coast Showcase and we hope to have some selected. All shows will take place in term two.

In Concert is a combined public schools' mass choir, run by the Arts unit. We have Mrs Brimbecom, our Music teacher, Tiah Hartas and Kate Pope performing with the choir and working with the professional a cappella group Idea of North. The choir will be performing at Sydney Town Hall on Monday 19th May and tickets are available at www.cityrecitalhall.com or phone 82562222.

Mr. Brimbecom

Head Teacher Creative Arts/Languages

BUS TIME CHANGE

Commencing Monday 5th May, there will be a change to the morning School Bus 7 departing from Lake Haven shops at 7:47am to

Northlakes High School, and Northlakes Public School.

School Bus 7 departing from Lake Haven Shops at 7:47am will no longer operate, therefore students will now catch route 92 service.

Route 92 service will depart from Lake Haven shops at 7:49am (2 minutes later) and will operate to our school. If you require further information please contact our Wyong Depot on 4392 6666 or contact Busways at www.busways.com.au

UNIFORM SHOP

Our uniform shop operates every Friday from 10:00am till 12:00pm. Orders with the correct money and sizes can be placed at the canteen any day of the week, for collection later. We are trialling women's black pants. They are available for \$25. (Please note tights are not allowed, unless under school skirts) We have plenty of jumpers in stock for winter for \$40, so get in and beat the cold.

P&C TREASURER NEEDED URGENTLY!

This position still needs to be filled. Any interested Parent/Grandparent, please phone the school on 43 900 555. Training will be provided.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

If your child has not come home with their school photos, they can collect them from the student window during recess breaks.

DATES TO REMEMBER

We hope you printed off your Term Planner from the last newsletter, as this will help to keep you and your child up to date with the important happenings in this school.

5/5/14	BOSTES releases student timetable HSC
6/5/14	Parent Workshop – Numeracy – calculator skills 5:30-6:30

12/5/14	Year 12 retail excursion Sydney
13/5/14	NAPLAN All Years 7 and 9 students -writing
14/5/14	NAPLAN Years 7 and 9 students – reading
15/5/14	NAPLAN Years 7 and 9 students – numeracy (don't forget your calculator)
16/5/14	Catch up NAPLAN for students that were not here

COMMUNITY NEWS

Central Coast Volunteers Expo

The Annual Central Coast Volunteer Expo will be on Wednesday 21 May from 10am to 1pm.

This year it will be held at the Niagara Park Stadium (formerly Niagara Park Youth Club).

2014 Century Challenge Cycle Tour

The Rotary Club of Erina is currently organizing the 2014 Century Challenge Cycle Tour. This is our major fund raising effort to support our community projects. Each year we have a Family ride for children over 9 - 18 years. Also a Kids Challenge bike ride for young riders aged 4-12 years.

This event will be held on Sunday 18th May within the grounds of Mt Penang Parklands. There are lucky rider prizes, novelties, sausage sizzle and a variety of other activities. For more information go to www.centurychallenge.com.au

Fundraising Fitness Day

Ian's Fitness & Personal Training is holding a fundraising fitness day on behalf of and at Camp Breakaway on Saturday 10 May. Cost is \$10 Adults and \$5 children over 10yrs. For details and booking call Ian Matteson on 0434 986 051.

Gosford Regional Show

The Gosford Regional Show will be on this weekend. For more information go to www.gosfordregionalshow.com.au



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2013-2014 Family Energy Rebate

**DON'T MISS
THE DEADLINE!**

Apply before 5pm
Friday 13 June 2014



\$125*
**TOWARDS
ENERGY
BILLS**

2 MINUTES TO FILL IN A FORM

<https://applications.fer.trade.nsw.gov.au/>

* eligibility criteria apply

**APPLY
ONLINE
NOW!**

WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?

The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the costs of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2013 – 2014 the rebate gives:

- A \$125 credit against electricity bills for eligible applicants who receive electricity from an electricity retailer.
- A \$137.50 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a caravan or mobile home park and receive electricity from the park operator.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?

To be eligible you MUST:

- Be eligible for Family Tax Benefit A or B during 2012- 2013 and have received a relevant payment; and
- Be the primary account holder of an electricity retailer, OR a long-term resident of a caravan or mobile park home, whose name appears on the electricity bills supplied by the park operator.

YOU CHOOSE HOW YOU WANT TO APPLY FOR THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE

- **ONLINE** – it takes a few minutes to submit and processing starts immediately.
- **PAPER** – download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post.

FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE

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