

# Northlakes High School Newsletter

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## From our Principal:

Northlakes High School has had a very successful Term 2. We are seeing significant improvements as a result of our many efforts, with particular focus on the "Positive Behaviour for Learning" program, the House System, Student Representative Council activities, significant participation in external activities like Starstruck and the Central Coast Dance Festival, representative sport, extension mathematic classes and much more. Just this week we have had students attend nine different excursions and a variety of in-school activities. We are a very high energy site!

## Year 10 Subject Selections

The school has a wide program to prepare Year 10 for choosing their subjects for their senior years. This includes Careers' lessons, The Careers Expo held at Avondale and presentations by staff at school on the 25/6/2014. I thank all staff involved for their significant effort in this process.



## Wallarah 2 Goal

I wish to thank the Wallarah 2 community Foundation for providing \$5000 to assist our Earth and Environment Team's "Wallarah Creek Wetlands Watch" project. Special thanks to Ms Fulwood for applying for this!



Ms Fulwood and Mrs Rowley accept the cheque from Mr Smith

## Public Education Awards

We will proudly host the Central Coast Public Education Award Ceremony this year, on August 12. This is a great opportunity for us to showcase the skills of many of our staff and students, in public speaking, entertainment, hospitality, and organisational skills.

## Korean Visit

We are hosting a school visit by students from Samcheok, South Korea, between 26/7/2014 and 6/8/2014. We have hosted school visits many times in the past, fifteen in fact – but none since 2006. This is a very exciting

opportunity for our community to host and get to know students from a very different culture. Mr Welham is co-ordinating the visit.

## Starstruck and Central Coast Dance Festival

I cannot give enough praise to Ms Tina Koteczky for her efforts in promoting dance in the school, and high levels of performance our students now attain. It is a real credit to her expertise, and her abilities as a teacher. We are fortunate to have her working in this school.



Some of the Northlakes Dancers with Ms Koteczky

## Student Representative Council

On Monday 22/6/2014 we held a ceremony for our Student Representative Council to receive their badges, Mr John Runciman, the first School Captain of Northlakes High School (1988) gave us an inspirational speech about leadership and the current workplace world. Students spent time also on leadership activities. It was great to see parents here for this ceremony. Thanks to Ms Drummond and the Hospitality students for a lovely morning tea.

## Allunga

The winning house for Term 2 is Allunga. Students and staff have an end of term

excursion to Charlestown doing Laser Tag, and bowling. We have seen a significant increase in students gaining awards for consistent high level classwork, and commensurate improvements in student outcomes and engagement. Congratulations to all the students and staff of Allunga.

Our Staff Development Day in Term 3 will focus on improving staff skills in the use of technology in Quality Teaching. Our focus is on preparing our students as 21st Century learners in an ever changing field.

Enjoy a safe and happy school holiday.  
Yours in Public Education

*Merrilyn Rowley*

## HSIE Report - Taronga Zoo

On Wednesday the 25th of June HSIE staff took Year 8 on an excursion to Taronga Zoo. It was very windy and cold, but Miss Campbell, Miss Ewer, Mr Williamson and 55 students braved the weather and had a fantastic day. Miss Campbell was very excited when she was chosen to be a volunteer during the seal show, getting up close and personal with a seal named Leo.



Miss Campbell with Leo



The excursion to the zoo is a site study that accompanies the topic Threatened Habitats. It gives students the opportunity to see real life endangered animals and learn more about the issue and what they can do as active citizens.

## Improving Numeracy – National Partnership

Northlakes High School today said 'farewell' and 'thank you' to Mr Garry Negus and Ms Karen Jory for their work on delivering the Yr 9 Maths Extension program.



Thank you to Mr Negus and Ms Jory

Both former teachers of Mathematics at Northlakes High, Garry and Karen having been working with groups of students developing numeracy skills, extending knowledge and improving student performance in key Mathematic units of work.

Fifty-six students were awarded Commendation Certificates on assembly this week for achieving excellent results in numeracy assessments.

The Maths Extension program will continue next semester with a new group of Yr 9 students. The program will be delivered by Mr Stafford. Students will be issued with their timetabled lessons shortly. Parents will receive an information note explaining the program.

*Jan Curran*

## Northlakes Dance Report

The dancers of Northlakes High School have had a huge term of rehearsing and performing for StarStruck and the Central Coast Dance Festival. I would like to congratulate them on their behaviour, their commitment and dedication and of course their overall quality of their performances.



Students at Starstruck 2014

Twenty nine students from Year 9 and 10 were a part of StarStruck this year. They were placed in 3 separate items and performed exceptionally well in all of them. The standard was high and our students did our school proud. I would like to specially mention Tamira Bayley for her efforts in performing in 2 ensemble groups. Through a lengthy audition process she was selected to be a part of the ensemble groups. Her performance was outstanding and her efforts are commended.

Forty five students from Years 8 – 11 performed at the Central Coast Dance Festival over the past 2 weeks.

They were featured in 4 separate shows performing with excellence each night. The students should be extremely proud of the way they presented themselves both on stage and backstage.

It has been a rewarding experience watching our students perform each night and I congratulate them on their efforts.



Dancers at the Central Coast Dance Festival

I would also like to congratulate Tahlia Harris and Tamira Bayley for performing with the Central Coast Regional Ensemble. They were selected through an audition process and their dedication and commitment to this ensemble has been excellent. They performed on 2 separate nights at the Dance Festival last week, and they will be performing again in August, representing the Central Coast Region in 'Showcase'.

DVD's will be available to purchase for the Central Coast Dance Festival. Please see Miss Koteczky if you are interested in purchasing this.

Well done Northlake's Dancers!

*Miss Koteczky*

## CAPA Report

Congratulations to the following students who have been chosen to perform in Central Coast Showcase concerts at Laycock Street Theatre:

- Angel Danzante, Brandan Rondan, Ben Saggus & Luke Rondan for Never Tear Us Apart.
- Jacob Thomas, Jayden Stewart, Ben Kelly, Jordan James & Jackson Wood for Never say Never.

Central Coast Showcase is a Regional Performance Program where students from

every public school on the coast compete to perform at Laycock Street Theatre.

In 2014 The CAPA Department have a 100% success rate when entering students in regional and state wide performance competitions and programs. To date this year our students have been successful in gaining entry to the following:

### Regional programs:

Youth In Performing Arts  
Central Coast Showcase  
GOATS Festival

### State wide programs:

Starstruck  
Schools Spectacular  
Talent Development Project

## Science Report

Recently the Science Faculty had the opportunity to apply for a grant that was offered by the Wallarah Coal 2 Project. Staff members came up with a proposal to clean up our local wetland that is situated at Charmhaven and runs into Budgewoi Lake. Our local environment is studied in the senior classes and the opportunity to be able to access these wetlands and monitor it as part of the curriculum will be a benefit for both the students and the community. Mr Peter Smith from the Wallarah 2Coal Project recently presented a cheque to Mrs Rowley for \$5000 at our assembly. We would like to thank Wallarah 2 Coal Project for being so generous and also giving our faculty the opportunity to be able to buy equipment to properly monitor the progress of the wetlands and also with the involvement of Waterwise clean up and make a difference to our local water ways. We would also like to acknowledge Mr Fleming and Mrs Fulwood for their contribution to the proposal.

There are lots of opportunities for our students in the Science faculty. Senior Students will be going to Experiment Fest which is run by the

Newcastle University. It is a hands on day that focuses on Chemistry, Biology and Physics experiments and the day is of great value to the student that attend.

Our junior student in Year Nine will be offered the chance to visit The Museum of Human Disease at the University of NSW next term and also students in year ten will have the chance to try and beat our record in the Science and Engineering Challenge that will be held at Newcastle University in late July as last time we came second on the day. All it takes is for the students to be involved as the opportunities are there.

## **Year 12 Science**

Year 12 students studying HSC Chemistry, Physics and Biology took part in this year's ExperimentFest at the University of Newcastle Ourimbah campus. They participated in a range of experiments from the syllabus using equipment and techniques available at the university. All students completed their pracs in a highly competent and cooperative manner that reflected well on both themselves and Northlakes High School. ExperimentFest was also an opportunity for students to experience university life for a day. Student feedback about the day was very positive with students making the most of the practical activities organised.

## **Northlakes Students focus on sustainable agriculture through Archibull Prize**

Northlakes High School has been selected as one of 42 schools participating in this year's Art4Agriculture Archibull Prize, which runs across primary and secondary schools in Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria. The Archibull Prize is an innovative and fun program which engages students in agricultural and environmental awareness through art, design, creativity and teamwork.



Students working on our Archibull entry for 2014

Participating schools are allocated a food and fibre industry to explore – Cotton, Grain, Dairy, Beef, Sheep or Wool – and provided with a blank, life-size fiberglass cow to transform into an agricultural inspired artwork focusing on their primary industry and the theme of sustainability.

## **Year 11 Studies of Religion**

Excursion to St Mary's Cathedral and the Jewish Museum in Sydney. Ms Bromley and Mrs Bartlett accompanied eleven students to Sydney last Wednesday to visit the St Mary's Cathedral and the Jewish Museum. The tour of the Cathedral was informative and educational for the students and provided real insight into Catholicism. With a speedy transition to the Jewish Museum, led by the lithe Ms Bromley, the students were guided through the museum exhibitions which allowed them to ask some really great questions. The tour was finished with a talk by a holocaust survivor. The students thoroughly enjoyed the day, it was a pleasure to take them on this excursion.

## **Sport Report**

Congratulations to Joel Durrington of Year 7 who came 4th in the 13 years boys Sydney North Regional Cross Country Carnival. Joel is off to the CHS carnival at Eastern Creek on Friday 18th July. Well done Joel, we look forward to following your progress throughout your high school years.



Congratulations also to Joshua Glachan of year 12, who was captain of the Sydney North Touch Football team at the recent CHS championships. This team finished 3rd in the tournament, with Joshua selected in the NSW CHS team. Joshua was also selected in this team in 2012.

Finally, well done to our boys 16's and girls 19's Futsal teams, who recently competed at the Hunter Futsal Strikers 'Champion of Champions' tournament. Our boys team made the semi-finals, and the girls were finalists in their respective competitions. Thank you to all parents who assisted with transport for both Futsal tournaments, and also to Mr R. Thomas and Miss Thornton for looking after the coaching of the teams.

*M. Mansfield*  
*Sport Co-ordinator*

## Careers Report

At the end of Term 2 we have had the Careers Expo for Year 10, 11 and 12 held at Avondale College, which was a huge success for our students. The children came back with some great ideas and career advice, which we followed up with the Parent and student Year 10 Subject Choice Night Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> June in the school hall. This night was a huge success for not only the students and their parents but also teachers and their subject areas. It was a great night to showcase to people from the school community exactly what Northlakes High School has to offer.



Our invited guest from Hunter TAFE and CCGT were greatly impressed with the range of subjects as well as the presentation to parents and students. Once again I would like to thank Parents, students and the many staff members who helped make this night a success.

If there are any queries please don't hesitate to either ring or speak Mrs Lubinski or myself.

The New Beginnings program offered through the Department of Community Services in partnership with the YWCA team ran the Leadership program for Year 8 students in the language centre.



Students taking part in the New Beginnings Program

The program is aimed at improving and supporting growth in areas:

- Practical leadership skills
- Increasing connectedness with the community
- Deeper sense of self efficacy and understanding of one's role within the community.

This was an exciting and meaningful course as not only did the students get to look at and discuss different career choices and leadership skills but they also worked with mentors who have been trained to empower young people to have a voice and make changes in their community. All students picked a topic to present and make a PowerPoint presentation to the invited guest Mr Jim Lloyd and Principal Mrs Merrilyn Rowley. Students were also given very positive feedback on their topic choices.

The Year 12 Sydney visit on Thursday the 29th May for The HSC and Careers Expo at Moore Park was a great success as many of the students looked at and received information from University's and other specialised areas. Mrs Garside and I ran an information session last Thursday for Year 12 students. The students were given a booklet with dates for trial exams, their formal, and information on Scholarships, Equity and General University information. If you have any concerns around your Year 12 students please don't hesitate to ring the school and speak to either Mrs Garside or myself.

*Ms Lois Hewett*  
*Careers/Transition Mentor*

## Support Unit Report

Students from the support unit this week were able to participate in work and community participation expos. The first work expo was held at Avondale College, on Tuesday and the second was held at Club Mingara on Thursday. All students thoroughly enjoyed themselves and brought back valuable information for post school options.

The Senior class went to Coastlink on Tuesday for Community Participation information. Job Centre visited the school and discussed post school transition to work options. These are fantastic support options for our students and we are very happy with what is on offer.

## Welfare Report

Our RAWR and RAGE programs that have run this term have been enjoyed by our students. The RAGE group visited the Salvation Army at Wyong to serve at the Community Lunch and also enjoyed a fitness session with Bob Mirovic (Australian Heavy Weight Champion), and the police at the PCYC.



These programs are supported by Youth Connection youth worker Matt Williamson, PCYC and The Salvation Army. Both of these programs and many others are offered by the school to help, encourage and build resilience in our students. We are also hoping to strengthen relationships between our students and the community.

## Breakfast Club News

A big thank you to our local businesses who donate every week, we appreciate these donations so much:

Sundowner Bakery at San Remo

The Orange Peel fruit Market, Charmhaven

McKenna's Family Bakery, Charmhaven

Another thank you to the Jenson/Rigoll and the Francis families for their donations.

Any students who arrive at school early in these winter months are welcome at Breakfast Club. We are open not just for Breakfast, we welcome everyone to come out of the cold and warm up while waiting for the bell.

I would like to thank Wayne and Kerrie our volunteers who set up San Remo Neighbourhood Centre for our students, Wayne and Kerrie are always happy to help. If you know of someone special who you think would be great helping out at Breakfast Club we are in need of a volunteer in August, please give me a call if you're interested.



## The Welfare Room

The Welfare room is able to offer students some uniform items if they are in need. We are also able to offer basic food items if students forget lunch. We receive a box of fruit every week from the Orange Peel Fruit Market which we greatly appreciate. The Welfare room is in need of green school shirts, skirts, black jumpers and long black pants/jeans. If your child has grown out of any of their uniforms and they are still in reasonable condition please send them into school for the Welfare room.

*Amanda Morgan*  
*Student Support Officer*

## Kids Vs Cops

This week we made up a team with Indigenous and non-Indigenous students from Year 10 and under, and competed in an Oz Tag competition against other schools and police officers.



They played 12 teams and came out undefeated; they then went into the Grand Final against Tumby Umbi (the last few years' winners) and won. Woo hoo! Jake Sanders was named 'Players Player' from both the organisers and the Northlakes coaches.

## NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC Week runs from 6-13 July (which is in the School Holidays), so to raise awareness in the school we held a stall and sold some paintings, bangles, boomerangs, and also had

free face painting and some great didgeridoo playing.



NAIDOC stands for National Aboriginal and Islanders Day Observance Committee. Its origins can be traced to the emergence of Aboriginal groups in the 1920s which sought the status and treatment of Indigenous Australians.



NAIDOC week is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and an opportunity to recognise the contributions that indigenous Australians make to our country and our society.

## \$200 Gift Card

Congratulations to Ayden Wright-Whittle and his family for winning the \$200 gift card. Thank you to everyone that returned their updated medical form.



## Year 7, 8 & 9 Half-Yearly Reports

These reports will be handed in Week 2 of Term 3 due to technical issues with our printer. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

If you know of a local in the community, or an ex-student making a difference in our area, please let us know.

This week's feature is on a parent at our School, Ruth Dent works from home and does repairs and alteration at reasonable rates. She is also a hair dresser, and will come to your home if you would prefer. Her number is 0422 835 701

**Blood Bank** – Doyalson RSL from 1:00pm – 6:00pm. Have a good breakfast and lunch, and drink 3-4 glasses of water before hand, and bring ID.

**Schools photography Competition** – Theme: Central Coast Through My Eyes. Are you aged under 18 and enjoy taking photos? 8 winners receive \$500 each, 5 runners up receive \$100 each (Prizes sponsored by Delta Electricity's joint school anti-graffiti project. Entries close 18/7/14, and winners announced on 26/7/14. Email entries to: [jillian@sanremo.org.au](mailto:jillian@sanremo.org.au), or submit on a USB to Jillian at San Remo Neighbourhood Centre. (Include Name, age, address, telephone no., email, school, location of image) Good Luck!

**Whale Dreamers Festival** – Free activities at Norah Head Lighthouse from 10:00am – 2:00pm

There will be a holiday workshop on **Creative Writing for Young Writers** Tuesday 1st July from 10:00am till 2:00pm for children aged 13-15, and on Thursday 3rd July from 12:00pm till 4:00pm for children aged 10-12 at the City

Library

Theatrette.

Book:

[www.hunterwriterscentre.org](http://www.hunterwriterscentre.org)

**Art Exhibition** by Kerry Keegan (Parent at NHS) and Pip Farrow at Shore Thyme Restaurant 8/7/14 from 6:00pm. Cost is \$5 for nibbles and wine followed by optional 2 course meal \$30 pp. The exhibition will run from 08/07/14 - 20/07/14.

### Banish the "I'm bored" complaints these holidays

It's harder in winter to keep kids occupied with anything other than a small screen. Here are some websites that have great tips for things your family can do these school holidays, whether you're staying put or taking off on a holiday across the state:

Winter school holidays Central Coast (<http://bit.ly/1ingSwX>)

## TERM PLANNER

We have attached a Term planner for Term 3 to keep you, and your children up to date with the busy happenings in the school. Please note Term 3 starts on a Week A.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

6/7/14	NAIDIOC Week till 13/7/14
14/7/14	Staff Development Day
15/7/14	Students return
16/7/14	Immunisation Yr 7 boys and girls & Yr 9 boys
18/7/14	Combined High Schools Cross Country
21 & 22/7/14	Regional Athletics Carnival
23/7/14	Yr 10 YLO Police visit
23/7/14	Science & Engineering challenge
24/7/14	Yr 11 YLO Police visit
29/7/14	Year 8-9 Subject Selection Evening 6:00pm
29/7/14	Education Week Expo 3:30 -5:30pm



## NORTHLAKES HIGH SCHOOL PLANNER TERM 3, 2014

	Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
<b>JULY</b>	<b>1A</b>	<b>14</b> Staff Development Day	<b>15</b> Students return	<b>16</b> Immunisation	<b>17</b> Immunisation Back up day	<b>18</b> CHS Cross Country	<b>19/20</b>
<b>JULY</b>	<b>2B</b>	<b>21</b> Regional Athletics	<b>22</b> Regional Athletics	<b>23</b> Yr 10 police talks Science Engineering challenge	<b>24</b> Yr 11 police talks	<b>25</b>	<b>26/27</b> Korean students arrive
<b>JULY/AUGUST</b>	<b>3A</b>	<b>28</b> HSC trials begin	<b>29</b> Expo 3:30pm  Yr 8-9 subject selection night 6pm	<b>30</b> Yr 10 transition	<b>31</b> Yr 10 transition  Yr 9 exc museum of human disease	<b>1</b> Yr 10 transition	<b>2/3</b>
Education Week							
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>4B</b>	<b>4</b> AECG meeting	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Student deadline for Yr 8-9 subject selection Korean students leave	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Support unit sports challenge	<b>9/10</b>
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>5A</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> CC Public Education Awards	<b>13</b> Yr 9 Maitland gaol	<b>14</b> Yr 11 Adv Eng excursion	<b>15</b>	<b>16/17</b>
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>6B</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> P&C Meeting 3:30pm	<b>20</b> Central Coast Showcast	<b>21</b> Yr 12 police talks	<b>22</b> Premiers reading challenge finishes	<b>23/24</b>
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>7A</b>	<b>25</b> AECG meeting	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30/31</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>8B</b>	<b>1</b> Rumbalara Yr9 & 10	<b>2</b> Rumbalara Yr 9 & 10	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> CHS Athletics Carnival	<b>5</b> CHS Athletics Carnival	<b>6/7</b> Father's Day
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>9A</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13/14</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>10B</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Yr 12 graduation ceremony Yr 9 CSI Ourimbah	<b>19</b>	<b>20/21</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27/28</b>
		<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4/5</b>

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



# Breakfast Club

**San Remo**

**Neighbourhood Centre**

**EVERY Wednesday**

**Thursday**

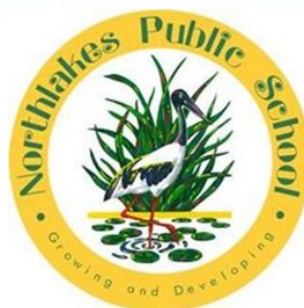
**& Friday** of the school term

**7:30am**

**Starting Wednesday 5th February 2014**

**Volunteers needed to help out with Breakfast Club**

**Please call Corrina 4390 7888**

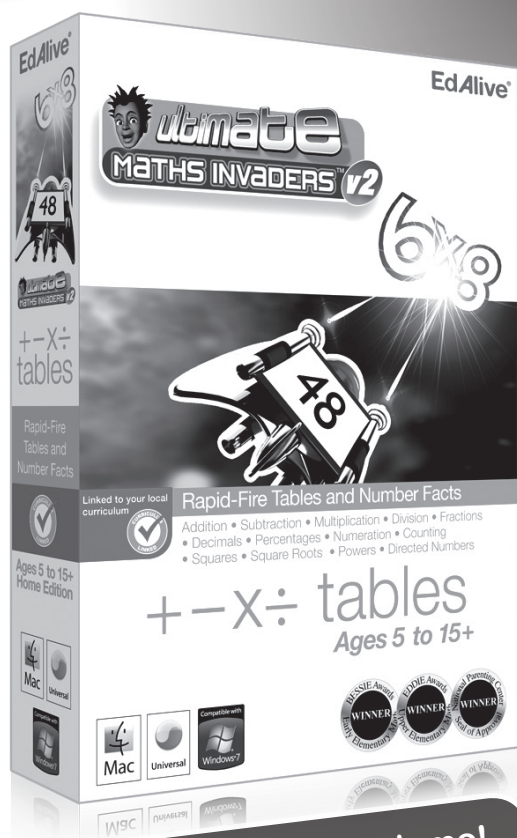


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