

Northlakes High School Newsletter



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Principal's Report:

Welcome to Term 4, 2015.

Many of our Year 12 students are using this week to access staff for tutorials, revision and feedback prior to the HSC next week. My thanks go to all those staff who came to school during the holidays to work with their students. We have such committed teachers here!

We have come back to some very good news about some students:

- Our Support Unit garden has won 2nd prize in the Wyong Council Competition. Thanks to Mrs Parkes, who has led our keen gardeners to this point!



- Suzy Taylor-Monzer, Year 11, and our 2016 School Captain, has been successful again in the 'Poetry Slam' event, after a round in Newcastle. Her next is at the State Theatre,

Sydney. She is a powerful and creative speaker, doing so well!!

- Corey Jones, Year 12, has been invited to perform in 'ENCORE', a selection of the highest level performers in music in the HSC. This is a huge achievement for an extraordinarily talented student.

Term 4, like all terms at Northlakes High School, will be very busy. Central to staff activities will be intensive and extensive training and development, as we expand on our very successful AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) project. In 2016 all Year 7 and 8 classes will be taught by staff trained in AVID teaching ways. We plan to build on the evident success of the program this year.

I am taking some Long Service Leave for a couple of weeks to attend to family matters. Mr Boake will relieve as Principal, and Mr Fleming as Deputy Principal for Year 8, 10 and 12 in my absence.

Yours in Public Education
Ms M Rowley
Principal

Deputy Principal Report

Congratulations to students on a positive start to Term 4.

Signing Classroom Commendations has been a real highlight so far this year and the trend looks set to continue.

Students have been accumulating valuable House Points in an effort to get their House across the line and on to the end of term reward excursion.



This has really changed the experience of students who are 'sent down to the deputy's office' as the opportunity to acknowledge student effort and achievement has significantly increased through this Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) structure.

Sometimes teenagers are reluctant to share their successes with home, so you may be pleasantly surprised if you ask them whether they have been sent to the deputy principal's office recently.

Matt Boake
Deputy Principal

Shave it Off!

A staff member at Northlakes High School was recently diagnosed with Breast Cancer and is currently undergoing intensive treatment.

She is raising two young boys on her own and has had to stop working to undertake her Chemotherapy and Radiation treatment. There are many costs involved and we would like to help her with these expenses.

On **Thursday 22nd October** Ms Bryant, our Technology Support Officer, will have her head shaved in front of colleagues and students to help raise awareness and much needed funds for our dear friend.



Ms Bryant with hair!

We really need to reach our \$5,000 target!!
So if you'd like to see Ms Bryant 'Shave it Off' please donate!!

<https://www.gofundme.com/shaveitoffjackie>

Sticks and strings

Phoenix Youth Support Service

Wyong Neighbourhood Centre Inc Commonwealth Bank

When:

Thursdays: Guitar lessons
(every Thursday, from 15th October till 3rd December)

Time:
3:30pm to 4:30pm

Location:
Gravity Youth Centre,
Off Banister Drive
Lake Haven

Fridays: Drumming lessons
(every Friday, from 16th October to 4th December)

Questions?
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NORTHLAKES HIGH SCHOOL PLANNER TERM 4, 2015

	Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
October	1	5 Labour Day Public Holiday	6	7	8	9	10/11
October	2	12 HSC commences	13	14 Sydney Dance Co workshop	15	16	17/18
October	3	19	20	21 Support unit concert Yr 7 NRL Gala Day Yr 7 game development day	22	23 Immunisation catch up	24/25
October/ November	4	26 AECG Meeting	27	28 HSC Drama excursion	29 Yr 10 Max Potential	30 National Bandana Day	31/1
November	5	2 Year 12 hosp work placement all week	3	4 Year 7 Egypt Day	5	6 HSC Finishes	7/8
November	6	9 Mini Transitions all week	10 P&C meeting 3:30pm	11	12 Premiers Sporting Challenge	13 Japanese Film Festival	14/15 Year 12 Formal
November	7	16	17	18 Year 8 Medieval Day	19	20	21/22
November	8	23 AECG Meeting Immunisation	24 Yr 6-7 Orientation Day Immunisation	25	26	27 School Spectacular	28/29 School spectacular
November/ December	9	30	1	2	3	4	5/6
December	10	7	8	9	10 Presentation Assemblies	11	12/13
December	11	14	15	16	17 Staff Development Day	18 Staff Development Day	19/20
December		21	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26/27

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