

Northlakes High School Newsletter

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Principal's Report:

Parent/Teacher night on Tuesday 24th March was very successful. It ran very smoothly, especially with the help of our time keepers Aimi Hopson, Hollie Swain and Melissa Graham, and the support of Mrs Bambey, our Community Liaison Officer, and Mrs Schofield, our school's para professional.



It was great to see so many parents had obviously used our parent portal, and arrived with their students' timetables in their phones. This certainly helped the efficiency of the

evening, and my staff were able to see many parents, guardians and students.

We have had an audit of all teaching of Vocational Education in the school this week, where the outcome has been very positive. I was told by the team that the preparation for this was outstanding, and in many aspects, the best they had seen, by Mr Williamson, Head Teacher Vocational Education. He has done an exceptional job in this very important area of our school's curriculum.

One of the vocational classes, our Year 12 Entertainment and Media Studies class, held a day time concert this week.



It was much appreciated by all in the school, as the students entertained us with song. It was a great recess!!

Every year we survey all students in the 'Tell Them From Me' survey, to get a very clear view of the students' perception of what is happening in the school, what they appreciate, and what they consider we need to improve.



Education &
Communities

We have the responses of over 75% of our students, so the results, which we won't get until next term, are very significant for us and our long term planning.

Our end of term is very busy! Most students will be out on at least one excursion... many will have a few! We are very proud of the fact that our students are given so many opportunities to experience things – whether it is a sport group, faculty excursion, visit to the university, zoo, Easter show, a play... and much more. It is also a credit to our wonderful staff, who organise so much for our students!!

I hope everybody has a safe and happy school holiday.

Yours in Public Education

Ms M Rowley

Principal

Year 7 Report

Term 1 is almost over, and I hope all of your children have settled into High School life. If you have not returned your permission and medical notes, or paid the final payment for our Year 7 camp, please do so by next Tuesday.

Please note: If your child is not attending the camp, classes will be collapsed and run as normal.

If your child missed out on their immunisations, there will be a catch up on the first day back next term.

I hope you all have a wonderful break, and see you on Tuesday 21/4/15.

Fiona Davis

Year 7 Advisor

Year 8 Report

I cannot believe this term is over already. It has been a busy Term 1 with the swimming carnival, athletics carnivals and cross country. It was great to see so many Year 8 students participating in these events. They are great

days that many students enjoy. Congratulations to the students who have finished the Quicksmart program and to those participating in the extension Mathematics program. Year 8 students who did not receive the final dose of their immunisations last year were given the opportunity to have them done this year in the Immunisation Catch Up clinic.

I wish you all a very happy and safe Easter, use this time to relax and recharge for another term ahead. Term 2 will be much cooler so I would like to remind all students about wearing the correct jumpers, being a Northlakes High School logo jumper or plain black with black pants only. Tights are not classified as school uniform.

If there is anything I can assist with in preparation for next term or any general enquiries, please feel free to contact me on 43900555.

Kerry Bissaker

Year 8 Advisor

Year 9 Report

Although Term 1 has gone by quickly we have had a very busy term. First our swimming carnival which was great to see so many dressed in their house colours. Next came our athletics carnival which was a great success I would like to congratulate all the students in year 9 that entered events and. really tried to do their personal best ,sometimes out of their comfort zone but they were all 'having a go' I would like to especially like to acknowledge the effort made by Piper Nowland and also Chelsea O'Mara. Both girls entered in just about every event and the race was on between them who came first and who came second. I am not sure of the end result but it was exhausting just to watch them compete. Well done, girls. Thank you to all the students' families who attended the Parent Teacher interviews. I would like to remind parents if you did not have the chance to come to the interviews ,please don't hesitate to call me and

I'm sure we would be able to work out some communication about your child's progress. Term 2 is shaping up to be another busy term until then I would like to wish all students and their families a safe and happy Easter.

Sue Fulwood
Year 9 Advisor

Year 10 Report

Year 10 are finishing off a productive Term 1. I have had the pleasure of spending lots of time with our year group over the past week –and have been impressed with the quality of student engagement and participation from students.

It was pleasing to see many Year 10 students participate in the Athletics Carnival last week. I spent the day with the 16 years age group. Students were wonderful! There was great support for the students who were competing in the various events. It really was a great (hot!) day.

This week, Year 10 students have completed the mandatory excursion for Geography. This field study was conducted at both Norah Head and Lakes Beach. I attended the excursion on Wednesday, and had the most wonderful day with the 50 participating students. We spent the day researching Coastal Management Issues around the Northern Central Coast. I was very proud of all students in their representation of Northlakes High.

Holidays are just around the corner! I wish you all a wonderful break. Remember – cooler weather is approaching and students must wear appropriate school uniform in Term 2. This means no tights for girls. Please ring me if there are any problems
Happy Holidays!

Erin Lawson
Year 10 Advisor

Year 11 Report

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Year 11 Report is not currently available.

Year 12 Report

As the holiday approaches, it would be timely for me to remind parents and carers that this are important year in their student's lives, and that study and revision is an essential for good results. It is also essential that students take part of the holidays to take a rest from the rigors of study and use part of the holidays for rest and recreation.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish parents and carers a happy Easter and a safe and productive holiday period.

Ed Seaby
Year 12 Advisor.

Harmony Day

Harmony Day celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It's a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from our traditional owners to those who have come from many countries around the world. Everyone Belongs! This year Northlakes celebrated Harmony Day with Years 7-10 in the hall, where the students had the opportunity to learn about Harmony Day with some guest speakers, including some of our teachers and some very special performances.



A special thanks to Ms Byrnes and Mrs Garside and all of our other special helpers who made the day a success.

Sport Report

On Wednesday 1st April we have our cross country carnival here at school. This will double as the Adidas school Fun Run again, to continue to raise money for the purchase of new uniforms for our school representative teams. All students in years 7 and 8 should have received sponsorship forms already. If you haven't, please see Mr Mansfield ASAP. Students who raise just \$10 are eligible to claim a prize, with the prize selections increasing with the more money you raise. You will still be able to raise funds over the holidays, as the money isn't due back in until Friday 1st May. If all of our students in years 7 and 8 raise \$10 each, we will more than reach our target! Any students in years 9-12 are more than welcome to also come and collect a sponsorship form. The cross country is not just about trying to make it to zone, it's about getting outdoors and being active, and we welcome anyone who wants to just come and walk the course. A number of staff have also volunteered to run on the day, so there is an extra incentive or two for both competitive and non-competitive students.

Last Thursday and Friday, we held our Athletics Carnival at the neighbouring Northlakes Oval. Blessed with two days of fine weather (for a change), it was a fantastic carnival with participation numbers solid throughout all age groups.



A special mention must go to the 13 years age group, who once again had the largest participation levels. Congratulations to all students who participated over the two days, and especially to Bronte Turner in the 16's, and Cassidy Peters in the 12's, who both broke long standing school records in the 400m!!

House results for the carnival were:

- 1st – Yindarra
- 2nd – Panamuna
- 3rd – Barakee
- 4th – Allunga
- 5th – Banyandah
- 6th – Goolara
- 7th – Bimbimbie
- 8th - Dilkara



This week we also had our open boys football team play in round 2 of the CHS knockout. Drawn against Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College, it was always going to be a tough contest. The boys battled away and more than held their own for long periods of the match. It was 0-0 still at the break, was briefly 1-1, before TLSC eventually clicked into gear and ran away with a 5-1 win. Shaun Londrigan again got his name on the score sheet, and was well supported by the efforts of the whole team. Well done to the team for making round 2 for consecutive years, after quite a few years of being knocked out in round 1.

At the regional level, congratulations to Jemma Justin, Blake Langton, Joshua Gray and Ella Henderson who competed at the Sydney North

Regional Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 17th March. Marcus Guendoul has once again made the Sydney North Softball team, and congratulations also to Blake Foss for making the Sydney North Regional Football team! Students are encouraged to keep listening on assemblies for upcoming trials and to get the relevant paperwork in on time.

Upcoming dates for the Calendar:

School Cross Country – Wednesday 1st April
Open Touch Football trials – Thursday 7th May
Buckley Shield Gala (U/14s Rugby League) Friday 1st May
University Shield Gala (Opens Rugby League) Wednesday 13th May
Zone Cross Country – Friday 22nd May
Regional Cross Country – Thursday 11th June
Zone Athletics – Wednesday 24th June
Regional Athletics – Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st July

Mark Mansfield
Sport Co-ordinator

Learning Centre Report

Year 11 and 12 AVID students have been working hard all term during their AVID period. Students have been very vocal about the expectations they have in regards to their study and the goals they wish to set for their future. Students have been working through their point of confusion, utilising the Tutorial Request Form assigned to them at the start of the period. This allows the students to deconstruct any content area in which they may not have fully understood in a collaborative environment. Students are reminded, with the holidays fast approaching, to maintain their focus on their studies and continue to develop their skills in preparation for HSC exams and future assessment tasks. AVID periods will continue during Term 2 to allow our students the capacity to reach their personal best.

NAPLAN – Year 7 & 9

Week 4 of next Term, all of Year 7 and Year 9 students will be sitting for the NAPLAN exam. Please click on the link if you would like more information, or would like your child to do some practice exams over the holidays. <http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/naplan/info-for-schools.html>

Practise to be a journalist

This website could definitely make practising writing and spelling more interesting for all of us. Make a newspaper clipping with your own headline and story. Your child may even start imagining themselves as a publisher or journalist. <http://www.fodey.com/generators/newspaper/snippet.asp>

Bullying knows no bounds

When cyberbullying hits home - what one mum wishes she'd done differently. Because most cyberbullying happens in the home, parents need to be aware of the technology that young people are using. <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/cyberbullying/when-cyberbullying-hits-home>

DATES TO REMEMBER

30/3/15	Anzac Day Ceremony
30/3/15	Glow luncheon
31/3/15	Final payment Yr 7 camp
31/3/15	House Excursion to Royal Easter Show
1/4/15	Cross Country
1/4/15	Hospitality Barista course
3/4/15	Good Friday
6/4/15	Easter Monday
20/4/15	Staff Development Day
21/4/15	Students return
21/4/15	Yr 7 & 8 catch ups 11 & 12 Immunisations
27-29/4/15	Yr 7 camp



NORTHLAKES HIGH SCHOOL PLANNER TERM 2, 2015

	Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
April	1A	20 Staff Development Day	21 Vaccinations Yr 11 & 12 Yr 7&8 catchup	22	23	24	25/26
April/May	2B	27 Anzac Day Year 7 camp Starstruck rehearsals	28 Year 7 camp	29 Year 7 camp	30	1 Buckey Shield gala day u14Rugby	2/3 Gosford Show
May	3A	4 Yr 11 Work placement const & enter till 15/5/15	5 National Teachers Appreciation Day	6	7 Open touch trials	8	9/10 Mother's Day
May	4B	11 AECG Meeting	12 NAPLAN	13 NAPLAN University shield gala open rugby	14 NAPLAN	15	16/17
May	5A	18 In Concert Town Hall	19	20 Yr 7 Sydney Museum Elevate senior students	21 Elevate Junior students	22 Zone cross country	23/24
May	6B	25	26 National Sorry Day Reconciliation week till 3/6/15	27 Starstruck Rehearsal	28	29	30/31
June	7A	1 Yr 11 Work placement Retail all week	2	3 Year 8 Taronga Zoo	4 Yr 7 Aboriginal Students -Uni	5 Yr 7 anti graffiti day World Environment Day	6/7
June	8B	8 Queen's Birthday	9	10	11 Regional cross country	12	13/14
June	9A	15 Yr 11 Work placement Hospitality all week	16	17	18 Yr 9 Skywalk Sydney Centrepont	19	20/21
June	10B	22	23 Central Coast Careers Pathway expo	24 Zone athletics	25 Yr 10 Aboriginal students - Uni	26	27/28
June/July		29	30	1	2	3	4/5
July		6	7	8	9	10	11/12

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