Principal’s Report:
How quickly this term is going! A rough start with the aftermath of storms…and so much going on!

This week all students will have study lessons from Elevate presenters. This is the third year Northlakes High School has brought this highly acclaimed team into the school. All students in every year group are taught age-appropriate study skills…hopefully it will be helpful as they prepare for half-yearly tests. All staff build the techniques into their programs as well; it is all about giving students good tools to study effectively.

Thank you to Mrs Curran and Mr Glachan for their excellent organisation of Year 7 and Year 9 NAPLAN last week. Their effectiveness means the whole experience is not stressful for students, and gives the school a genuine ‘Snapshot’ of students’ skills on the day.

In Week 6 we will be interviewing every student in Year 11, checking their attendance and progress, and discussing their future. We have already interviewed all Year 12 students. We will be running a number of information
programs for them, including one run by Ms Louise Pratt, school counsellor, on 25/5/15. Notes have been issued this week to Year 12; I encourage all parents to attend.

Year 10 will begin the subject selection process next week. The first step will be an online selection process, which will help us determine subjects for courses in 2016 for Year 11.

We have many students currently involved in Starstruck and the Central Coast Dance Festival. Our fantastic teachers, Ms Koteczky, Ms Lee and Mrs Brimbecom are supporting these students. It is a great experience – but very demanding.

Next week, Northlakes High School is hosting the Central Coast Head Teacher Meetings. Head Teachers from all schools on the coast will be here, catered for by our wonderful Hospitality students, organised by Ms Chantelle Drummond. The program has been organised by our Deputy Principal, Mr Boake.

Yours in Public Education
Ms M Rowley
Principal

Mathematics Report
Half-Yearly tests
Most years are in the midst of or have just completed Half-Yearly exams or Assessment Tasks. Of course it is very important that students prepare well for these tests. Some suggestions for preparation are: 1. Re-doing a few questions from each exercise in the chapters being covered. 2. Completing review sets in the textbook. 3. Doing relevant lessons on Maths Online. 4. Writing topic summaries including any formulas and examples. Students can speak to their teacher for advice on what to study.

HSC Past Papers booklets
Any Year 12 student interested in purchasing past HSC papers in booklet form, which are produced by the Mathematics Association of NSW, see Mr Lappas. They include approximately eight of the most recent years’ papers with fully worked solutions. Once all money is in we will make a bulk order and the students should receive their booklets by the end of this term for use during Term 3, an essential resource.

Problem of the month

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Dean Lappas
Head Teacher Mathematics

Creative and Performing Arts Report
Three Dance students from our school have been selected for the Senior Regional Dance ensemble. They are Tamira Bailey from Year 11, Tahlia Harris from Year 9 and Sarah Holloway from Year 7. We wish the girls all the best in their upcoming performances. As mentioned before we have approximately thirty dancers in StarStruck, as well as Mr Wilkinson in the production team. All performers should keep up to date with Miss Koteczky, in relation to StarStruck and the Central Coast Dance Festival.

On Wednesday night Corey Jones from Year 12 performed his own composition at “Youth in
Performing Arts” at Laycock Street Theatre, it was extremely well received and he has had numerous offers to record. On Thursday night it will be Marybeth Webster’s turn from Year 10 to wow audiences at YIPA. Mrs Brimbecom and Mr Wilkinson need to be congratulated for the time and effort they put in to get students ready for such performances. Two HSC students Kate Pope and Julianne Whiting went along to the HSC study day at Henry Kendall HS on Wednesday in preparation for their HSC.

On Monday night Mrs Brimbecom along Melissa Graham, Mishel Francis and Jasmine Privitera from Year 9, sang as part of the Public Schools Mass Choir at Sydney Town Hall. These students had the opportunity to work with professional musicians and singers, including guest performer Lior.

In Visual Arts, Rose Ward, Keanu Hussey, Hayley Shaw, Jessica Weeden, Michael Lau, Timothy Bentzen and Sophie Stanford have had works selected for the Showcase exhibition at Maitland Regional Gallery. As part of this exhibition, we have been invited to send two students. Vanessa Webb and Brianna Henderson, have accepted this invitation and will participate in a day long workshop with artist Rachel Milne. There is no cost to the day and materials are being supplied, it should be a great day for them.

Miss Leffley has started up her Monday afternoon GATS class and this will continue for the rest of the year. The work being produced in this group is of a very high standard.

Excursions and extra extension activities are being planned for this group.

Mr Les Brimbecom
Head Teacher
Creative and Performing Arts/ Languages

Languages Report
Students in Year 7 Japanese are working on consolidating their knowledge of Hiragana. We will be progressing to spelling rules shortly. They are also learning to say more about themselves such as their age and phone numbers. All students were keen to find out about their doshi (Japanese zodiac). 2015 is the year of the sheep (hitsuji doshi).

The French language class is learning how to talk about body parts.

The Spanish language class is focussing on verb conjugations, which the students have picked up quite well, according to Mr Meza.

Stage 5 Japanese have just completed a Reading assessment task. Results were generally quite pleasing. Some students will need to work harder in class and study new vocabulary at home so they keep up with the lesson content. We are currently learning the more difficult spelling rules for Hiragana and then we will move on to Katakana script.

Year 12 Japanese Beginner language students have a Reading and Speaking assessment task which will be conducted in class during Week 7. Year 12 Continuers have a Listening, Reading and Writing task in Week 8. As always, these students have been ploughing through some difficult grammatical concepts as well as learning their kanji symbols.

Mrs Davis
Languages

Student Leadership Program
Recently our school Captains Amber Henderson and Bryce Mullen attended a Student Leadership workshop in Sydney held
at the NSW Parliament building and at Government House.
The day began at NSW Parliament House where Bryce and Amber, along with student leaders from other schools across NSW, were addressed by the NSW Premier, The Honourable Mike Baird.

Mr Baird spoke to the student leaders about his own personal road into politics and his present position as the Premier of NSW. He spoke about his own personal life and what he saw as the qualities that good leaders needed to possess. Mr Baird was more than fair with his time speaking to the students and answering questions for well over a half an hour. After Mr Baird had left, politicians from all political persuasions spoke to the students about their journeys to this point in their lives and all were prepared to answer all questions asked of them. After this assembly, students visited the houses of NSW Parliament where they were able to observe our democratic process in progress.

After a short lunch break the students walked down Macquarie St to Government House where they had a tour of Government house and its surrounding gardens and grounds. After a stroll through the grounds the students were assembled in the ballroom where they were instructed in the protocols of talking with the Governor of NSW. Upon the Governors arrival, His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd) spoke at great length to the students about his own journey to this most prestigious role and about his role as Governor of NSW. He also encouraged all students to ask questions, and even asked questions of some of the students. Many felt nervous and intimidated by talking to such an important member of our society. After a pleasant afternoon tea on the veranda students were encouraged to speak with the governor and his wife and to pose with the Governor and his wife for photographs.

Both of our school leaders were wonderful ambassadors for Northlakes High School and took a lot from the day.

Stage 6 Subject Selection Information Evening – 2016/2017
The Stage 6 Subject Selection Information Night for students wishing to study at Northlakes High School in 2016/17 (Years 11 & 12) will be held on June 15, 2015 at 6.00 pm in the School Hall.
Parents are invited to attend this evening with their child to assist in choosing appropriate subjects for the 2017 Higher School Certificate. A Subject Selection Information Booklet will be distributed on the night and school staff will be in attendance to provide relevant subject information and to address any questions.

In related issues:-

- Selected Year 10 students will attend the ‘Try-A-Skill’ fair at Ourimbah TAFE on June 17.
- All Year 10 students are invited to attend the Central Coast Careers Expo on June 23.
- Stage 6 Subject Selection Interviews will commence in Week 2 Term 3. Parents are most welcome to attend this interview to discuss their child’s subject selection.

Year 12 Parents and Students
There will be a HSC information evening at Northlakes High School in the Library next Monday 25 May at 6:00pm. A light supper will be provided.
**Parent Forum**

There will be a parent forum next **Thursday** at **10:00am** in the Trade Training Centre. This is a great opportunity for any Parent/Caregiver to come along and meet the Principal and find out the directions this school is heading and have your say on the things you think are working well, or things that may need improvement. Morning tea will be provided, hope to see you there!

**Community News**

**Central Coast Career Pathways Expo 2015**

Tuesday 23rd June, Avondale College of Higher Education, 582 Freemans Drive, Cooranbong. University Admission Centre, Employers, Professional Associations, Private Providers, TAFE, Job Placement Australia Providers, HECS, Youth Allowance, Group Training Companies, Universities, Career Information Centre. Notes will be handed out to all interested students in Years 10, 11 & 12 students.

**GRIP LEADERSHIP CAMP 2015**

Would you like to develop valuable leadership skills whilst having enormous fun during the July school holidays? Students in Years 10-12 are invited to participate in a national leadership camp being held in Sydney, hosted by the GRIP Leadership team. Teenagers from around Australia will be gathering for this 4-day camp from July 7-10. Grip Leadership is well known for organiseing Australia’s largest student leadership events and helping student reach their potential as a leader. Full details are available at [www.gripleadership.com.au](http://www.gripleadership.com.au)

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Or email kirsty.taylor@wyong.nsw.gov.au
kate.keogh@wyong.nsw.gov.au

Helping learner drivers become safe drivers

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