Principal’s Report:

Astonishingly, we are half way through the year. We have done so much, and so much more is coming. We are in the second year of the new school Resources Allocation Models (RAM) of funding. It has meant that we can do many things which in the past we could only dream of. We have been able to address students’ needs in many areas, and we are certainly seeing very positive results. Some of our RAM funding has been used to maintain our ARC and ETC classes, a Learning Centre Co-ordinator for senior students, Mathematics Extension for junior students, QuickSmart, Focus on Reading, a wide range of literacy strategies, an upgrade of library facilities, increased Female Professional learning, establish and nurture our House and Positive Behaviour for Learning programs, and extra resourcing in all areas of the school. DEC research has shown that funding increases for schools can have very significant positive effects, and most particularly for schools in a low socio-economic area, such as ours. The Secondary Principals’ Council and the State Government are working hard to persuade our Federal Government that this funding needs to continue beyond 2017. It is a model which has been acclaimed across the world for its delivery of equity in education.

The end of this term has been hectic for all staff, with excursions, testing and assessment and reports. We have also had a lot of staff put in many extra hours to facilitate students’ involvement in Starstruck and the Central Coast Dance Festival. We are very proud of one of our students, Piper Nowland for being selected to deliver the Acknowledgement to Country at the opening of every show.

A special thank you to Helen Mayo (ex-Teacher) for making the aboriginal dance costumes, they looked stunning. Without the dedication of our staff events would not be possible.
Special thanks go to Ms Koteczky, Ms Byrnes, Ms J Byrnes, Mr and Mrs Brimbecom, Ms Smith and Mr Wilkinson. I was able to attend the Dance Festival on Monday night. Our Year 11 girls did a great performance.

We are also experiencing more improvement of our school’s physical environment. B Block is having painting, cameras and a new student bag storage area put in and we are upgrading our clinic. The DEC is about to replace the hall roof in a very welcome improvement, as we have endured leaks and damage for many years. We are also having our Support Unit demountables assessed. One is being refurbished this week, and the other two may well be replaced. We are also in discussion with the DEC about improvements to our school entry and administration building.

Yours in Public Education
Ms M Rowley
Principal

**English Report**

Term 2 has been very busy and productive in the English faculty. We extend our warmest welcome to our newly appointed Head Teacher Mrs Tamaryn Dunn. Mrs Dunn has extensive experience with English and has settled in well to the faculty. She is very happy to be here and brings with her a wealth of knowledge and experience. We have also been involved with many activities including Debating and Poetry competitions. Selected students have been involved with a recent “Poetry Slam” competition in which they compose and perform their own poems. They are performing this at the Wyong Grove and Community Hall on Saturday night at 7pm. Good luck to all of the students involved.

All students from years 7-12 have been busy either preparing assessment tasks for upcoming due dates or have just submitted tasks and are busy beginning their new units of work.

**Year 12 Report**

Year 12 Advanced are currently studying the last module for their HSC which is the poetry of Judith Wright looking particularly at representations of people and landscapes. They have an extended response due in class next week. Year 12 Standard have also been studying their last module for th HSC which is a study of transitions through the novel The Story of Tom Brennan, their assessment task will be an extended response due in Week 10. Year 12 Studies assessment task is due in Week 1 of next term. Students are reminded to begin their filming of the video as soon as possible. They will do this in class for Week 10.

**Year 11 Report**

Year 11 Standard have completed their speech and presentations on the poetry of Siegfried Sassoon. Well done to all the students, the presentations and speeches were very impressive. They have now moved onto their final Preliminary Module that involves institutions and their effect on individuals through the study of the novel “RAW” by Scott Monk. Students should be busy reading this novel throughout the holidays to be prepared for Term 3. Year 11 Studies have just completed their extended response assessment task, with students having received their feedback in class during the week. They are looking forward to Term 3 when they begin their Travel unit.
Year 10 Report
This has been a busy term in English for Year 10. We have just completed our first Directorial Study on the films and style of Tim Burton. Throughout this term’s course, students have had to complete a Listening Test and are about to commence and begin their Speeches on Burton’s characters. All students did well during their assessments and results and participation has been very pleasing. The English Faculty would like to thank all of our students for their continued hard work and effort.
Finally we would like to remind students to seek help and guidance from their teachers if they are experiencing any difficulties understanding the requirements of a task or the content of a topic. Additionally, we would remind our students that all work submitted for assessments must be original. Plagiarism of any kind may result in student’s receiving a zero grade and being reported to the Board of Studies. If you are unsure as to whether or not your work is considered plagiarism free the English teachers are always happy to assist and advise.
We hope that next term students will continue to find success in English and will strive to achieve their very best.

Year 9 Report
Year 9 students are currently presenting speeches based on an environmental issue. They are also studying persuasion in the media and its impact on individuals. Students also completed their final NAPLAN examination for school, well done to all students on their efforts.

Year 8 Report
Students have recently completed an in class listening task and have also been busy studying Shakespeare’s A Midsummer Night’s Dream.

Year 7 Report
Year 7 students have been studying all types of myths and legends this term including Aboriginal Dreaming stories, urban legends, Greek and Roman Mythology and traditional stories told in a variety of cultures. They are currently working on an assessment task due in Week 10 in which they are to design their very own mythological creature based on their stories studied and compose a reflective analysis based on their designs.

Debating and Public Speaking
Our Year 9 Debating Team competed in their first two debates as a new team. Northlakes High hosted two teams from Gosford in our common room. The two topics debated were Education and Sport. The team did a fantastic job and made some excellent points, however Gosford were the winners for the day. Mr Freebody and Mrs Reay would like to thank our chairperson, Felicity Drew, and her helpers Grace Ryan and Amanda Raslan for their outstanding work on the day. We would also like to congratulate our team Daniel Studt, Michael Graham, Jas Privetera, Alexis Madden, Piper Nowland and Chloe Tarleton for their hard work and dedication. We look forward to our upcoming debates next term, with Year 8 versing Morisset High and Year 9 taking on Henry Kendall.

Learning Centre
Year 11 and 12 are hard at work preparing and completing assessment tasks for their various courses. Students are reminded to not lose focus during the holidays and to continue with a study pattern that is suitable for them to achieve their personal best. Northlakes High will continue tutoring with Mr Freebody and university students on a Tuesday Period 3 after the holidays. Students are encouraged to use this session productively and come along to strengthen their understanding of their subjects. This is an opportunity that Northlakes is proud to offer to our senior students. All students are reminded to clear any outstanding N-Awards with their teacher as soon as possible. See Mr Freebody if any students...
would like assistance in this process. Have a great holiday!

Mathematics Report

Mathsonline
This has been mentioned before, but I wanted to remind people again. All students have access to the website which contains excellent tutorials on a wide variety of Mathematical concepts. I would encourage all students to utilise mathsonline, particularly those students who need a little extra help or another explanation. All students at Northlakes High School are registered with the site and have a login name and password. If for some reason they do not know their password, they should see their maths teacher.

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several young students boarding the bus in tears following Guru’s attempt at making friends.

Recently a select group of agriculture students attended the inaugural Central Coast Careers in Poultry expo, whereby they were afforded the opportunity to engage in discussions with a range of poultry experts in both, the egg and broiler industries as well as vets and research scientists operating in the poultry field. This event was conducted by the Central Coast Poultry Club at their Tuggerah facility. In the future under the expert guidance of club members we aim to further develop the quality of our show poultry breeding program.

Mr Pankhurst and students had to bid a sad farewell to Kevin, the boar borrowed from Morisset High School who has returned to Morisset following his romantic and hopefully successful tryst with Julia, the Northlakes sow. Kevin was on his second visit to Julia, following his successful visit last year resulting in the birth of eight piglets. For those that have had the experience of dealing with Kevin it is always an enjoyable experience. He is a gentle (and extremely destructive) giant of a pig. Topping the scales at over 400kg, Kevin lives by his own rules and these rules often included breaking himself and Julia out of their enclosure on regular occasions.

The school also has had some recent additions to the farm. Following the culling of our previous ram, Shane, due to his poor breeding performances, a new and hopefully more virile ram has been introduced to our herd. Benny, the new ram has been a hit with the students and ewes alike. Taking to his job like a true professional.

In addition the rabbit breeding program is finally beginning to come to fruition. I am pleased to announce that the rabbits are now finally breeding like rabbits, with the birth of four little blind, bald, bundles of cuteness.

After taking possession of ten little day old broiler or meat chickens, Year 12 are beginning growth trials. The chickens are split into two groups and feed a standard vs a commercial high protein diet. The chickens are weighed every day and a comparison made between the two growth rates before an enjoyable BBQ is had to celebrate everyone’s hard work.

Yours in farming,
Mr Ben Bryant

Sport Report

Being late in Term 2 we are now firmly into the Zone and Regional phase of the Athletics and Cross Country carnivals. On Friday 22nd May, staff and students braved terrible weather conditions for the Zone Cross Country carnival. Four of our students qualified for the Sydney North Regional carnival; Brooklyn O’Mara, Tristan Neal, Ethan Byrnes and Kiran Page. Unfortunately these students did not progress to the NSW CHS carnival, however they are to be congratulated on their efforts and achievement of running at the regional level.

Still on theme with cross country, our school carnival doubled as a fun-run / fundraiser for Year 7 and 8 students. The goal of the fundraising is to purchase new uniforms for our school representative teams in Netball, Football, and both Rugby League and Union. Participation in the carnival was great this year, now the next step is to bring your forms and money back in. As yet, only one student has filled out their form and returned it with payment. These forms are well and truly
overdue. If everyone who ran manages to raise just $10 we will have reached our fundraising goal. Please do your best to raise some funds for your school team uniforms and bring this money to your PDHPE teacher by the end of term. Your cooperation here is greatly appreciated, and will be greatly appreciated by those lucky enough to represent the school in new uniforms.

The Zone Athletics carnival is to be held at the Mingara recreation centre on Wednesday 24th June. Individual results from the school carnival have been on display outside the PDHPE staffroom for just over a week, with notes available here also. All students who have qualified should have collected a note by now, however there are still plenty more available from the PDHPE staffroom. A program of events has been attached to your note, and I encourage all competitors to highlight the events they are involved in. Students who finish in the top two at the Zone carnival should keep the 20th and 21st July free for the Sydney North Regional carnival at Homebush. Good luck to all competitors!

The U/14 Buckley Shield team have had terrible luck with the weather for their scheduled gala day. This is now possibly the fifth attempt to get this gala day happening, and is scheduled for Tuesday 23rd June, at a venue still to be finalised at the time of print. I understand the frustrations of parents and carers of the boys involved in this team, as quite often information has only been received at the last minute. Rest assured you are receiving the information on the same day as we are. Thank you for your patience and understanding with all of the attempts to re-schedule this event.

M. Mansfield
Sport Coordinator

TAS Report

TAS and VET news:

The new rotation of Technology Mandatory has begun well with Year 7 & 8 students rotating through a sequence of Woodwork, Metalwork, Computing, Food, Textiles and Theme Park.

Senior students undertaking a major project have been extremely busy in Timber, Textiles and Design and Technology working on their projects and accompanying folios.

VET Hospitality students are undertaking their work placements in Weeks 9 & 10 of this term and are currently with their assigned employers learning the tricks of the trade.

Information and Digital Technology students have all successfully completed their work placements and are now focusing on HSC preparation in class time.

VET Construction and Metals & Engineering students have also completed their industry work placements this term. The number of positive employer comments received about this cohort of students is a real credit to the students involved.

Vet students have to complete one mandatory week of work placement in each senior year of high school. Throughout this week students are exposed to their chosen industry and consequently have the opportunity to make important employer contacts and experience firsthand how industry functions. A White Card is mandatory for VET Construction before a student is allowed to go out on site.

The subject selection night for Year 9 students going into Year 10 was a big success. Students are still able to talk to TAS and VET teachers about all courses offered if they were unable to attend.

Ms. DeWaal is currently calling for donations of knitting needles and wool for her Textiles classes. If anyone has anything they can donate please drop it off to the front office of the school or students can drop it off to the TAS staffroom.
Creative and Performing Arts Report

StarStruck 2015!
We would like to congratulate the Year 9 and 10 Dance students for their hard work and fantastic performances at Starstruck last week. The girls have been working hard all year in preparation for this production and we can all agree it was well worth it in the end.
Miss Koteczky and Miss Smith took 28 Year 9 and 10 students to Newcastle Entertainment Centre and rehearsed and performed over 4 days last week. They were extremely proud of the girl’s behaviour and enthusiasm throughout the week.
Well done!

Central Coast Dance Festival
This year we had 3 groups audition for the Central Coast Dance Festival. All groups were successful through the audition process and have represented Northlakes High School at Laycock St. Theatre throughout the week. Year 9, 10 and 11 Dance groups should be extremely proud of themselves for their hard work and commitment throughout the term in preparation for the festival. Their performance was outstanding, and I am extremely proud of their efforts.

Sarah Holoway, Tamira Bayley, and Tahlia Harris have represented Northlakes High school in the Senior Regional Dance Ensemble. A huge congratulations to them. They have been accepted to perform in Showcase in August and we wish them all the best with this performance.

In Music, Cory Jones has just won a $500 Scholarship from Youth and Performing Arts Organisation, following his performance at Laycock Street Theatre earlier this year. The scholarship is sponsored by Macron Music and involves a performance at Laycock Street theatre, with other Music industry representatives. Cory is also representing the school at Central Coast Showcase, with own composition “Screaming Silence”, others selected for showcase are, Jess Truman and Jack Morgan with “Grandma”, Angel Danzante, Brandan Rondan, Luke Rondan and Ben Saggus with “Hit me like a man” and Kate Pope with “I wish I was a Punk Rocker”. Kate is in between gigs with Becky Cole. We also have Jackson Wood from Year 12 and his band signing a recording deal and are currently in the recording process. The whole faculty and the school wish all these acts the very best for the future.
A reminder that artworks at Maitland Regional Gallery will be collected shortly, the exhibition closes on June 29, congratulations to the students involved. Next week there will be a joint CAPA faculty meeting, involving staff from Waldalba Community School, Wyong, Gorokan, Lake Munmorah and Northlakes High Schools. Topics will include literacy, educating GATS students and using data to improve HSC results. To conclude, I would like to thank Parents and Carers, as well as students for attending last Monday’s Subject information evening, it was great to see so many people. Our ATAR courses include Visual Arts, Music, Dance, Drama and Japanese; Vet Entertainment and a board endorsed course in Photography. Choose courses wisely and select those, you are passionate about and see our CAPA/Languages for advice.

Les Brimbecom
Head Teacher CAPA/Languages

Languages Report

Year 7 language students are progressing with their numbers. They particularly enjoy playing Bingo with numbers called out in either Japanese or Indonesian. All Japanese students have learnt the words for their body parts and have had fun singing “head, shoulders, knees and toes” in Japanese. Indonesian classes are learning new vocabulary for their next topic “Where are you going?” I was happy to give out Classroom Commendations to a number of students who performed well in the previous topic test. The Year 7 Spanish language class with Mr Meza have been working on some extremely difficult grammatical concepts such as verb conjugations combined with adjectives. Mr Meza is pleased with their efforts in this area. French lessons are progressing well in 7WL with Miss Watts. Their current topic is “School” and students can say what is in a classroom and in a pencil case in French. Talking about school subjects is next. Well done to that class! Stage 5 Japanese have just completed a listening task and results were very pleasing. They have now begun a new topic which is about family. This group will also be starting the Katakana script ｶﾀｶﾅ next term. Katakana script is used for words borrowed into the Japanese language and was originally created by scholars hundreds of years ago to help study Buddhist texts.

Year 12 students in both Beginners and Continuers levels have recently completed their final internal assessment prior to the Trial Exams next term. We will be concentrating on speaking practice regularly to prepare for the external Oral exams. It has been a very busy term for all classes but particularly Year 12. Term 3 will be even more intense, so revising all past topics during the two weeks off will be extremely beneficial. Please check that your student can access Moodle. All work undertaken in class since last year is on Moodle now.

Mrs Fiona Davis
Languages

Support Unit Report

Excursion to Fort Scratchley

On Wednesday 17/06/15 students from the Support Unit went on an excursion to Fort Scratchley at Newcastle. The students enjoyed a tour of the site, including a walk through the underground tunnels and munitions area, the museum that contained a lot of historical war paraphernalia and the quarters where soldiers lived when the fort was active. The tour was directed by Fort Scratchley Historical Society volunteers, who were a wealth of knowledge and information. Our students asked many interesting questions and were extremely well behaved.
The excursion was part of our History unit of study on Australians at War. Students in all Support Unit classes have studied topics on Gallipoli, ANZACs, WW1 and WW2. The students have been very inquisitive and interested in this area of history. The excursion allowed us to reinforce the content taught in class, including real life examples of cannons, uniforms, rifles, bayonets and medals. All of our teachers were impressed by the behaviour of students during the visit. They displayed Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best and were excellent representatives of our school community.

After the visit to Fort Scratchley we took the students to the newly built ANZAC walk. This was an exciting experience and quite enjoyable, even though it was cold and a little wet. Students were able to read the Honour Roll engraved on rusted steel soldier silhouettes. Many students found surnames that matched theirs and showed a genuine interest in the people named on the Honour Roll. Some students discussed relatives who fought in WW1 or WW2 and were fascinated in the information on display.

Volcano Competition
The Support Unit classes have been studying the Earth, Tectonic Plates and Volcanos in Science, to conclude the program of study, we will be having a Volcano Competition in the last week of term. All of our students have been working really hard and cooperating with each other to produce a whole class Volcano. The competition will test a number of criteria including best design, highest eruption and longest eruption. We are eager to see which class wins and will attach photos of all the magnificent creations, fun and excitement in the next newsletter

Roy Goodenough
Head Teacher Support

Welfare Report
Term 2 has been a very busy and full term for the Welfare team. Our programs for the term such as RAGE and GLOW are nearly completion with a celebration at the end. GLOW is going to Doyalson RSL for a lovely
lunch and RAFe have had a party to celebrate! Reality Check was successful again this term with our students gaining valuable support from the LINKS/SRNC.

Last Friday our Child Studies and Exploring Early Childhood students participated in a 3 hour workshop with Core of Life. Core Of Life is an organisation funded by the government that offers talks about pregnancy, birth and parenting.

The workshops were hands on and with a lot of student interaction. The workshops were successful and our students responded positively with the facilitators. We look forward to having Core Of Life back in 2016 with a year group such as year 10.

Mrs Kate Pidgeon has been doing a fantastic job as relieving Year 8 Advisor for Mrs Bissaker. She has gained valuable experience and knowledge of welfare issues relating to a year group. We look forward to Mrs Bissaker returning the last day of this term.

We have had ongoing support from the Links GP clinic and YAT team across the road at San Remo Neighbourhood Centre. We are very fortunate to have that resource available to our school and we utilise this service weekly.

Uniform is one of the major issues the Welfare Team are concerned with at the moment. It is very important for students to be in correct uniform, showing responsibility for their own appearance. Black jumpers or school jackets are to be worn in cooler months. The school jumpers/jackets are available for purchase from the School Uniform shop or you can purchase black jumpers and jackets from Kmart, Target or Lowes at a reasonable price. Remember hooded jumpers and jackets are not permitted.

School attendance of 85% or more is a legal requirement from the DEC. If your child is absent you have 7 days from the first absent day to explain it. It is important to explain all absences as it is recorded on your child record and may affect their reports. You can explain absences through our SMS system call the school or write a note. If there are any issues with getting your child to school please contact your child’s Year Advisor on 43900555.

Mrs Jodene Garside & Ms Simone Byrnes
Head Teachers Welfare

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FREE screenings of Project Wild Thing, the international film about reconnecting kids with nature – Bookings Essential

The film will be screened at Laycock Street Community Theatre on Thursday 25 June 7pm and Tuesday 30 June 10am

Bookings: 43 233 233 (Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm)
or online at www.laycockstreettheatre.com

Please note that this film is aimed at adults and is 50 minutes in length.
Ways to Keep Informed

Webpage  http://www.northlake-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/

- Calendar
- Newsletters
- Gallery
- Up to date news
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- Faculty curriculum
- Parent Portal
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Parent Portal (from our webpage) under our School Tab

- Newsletters
- Book Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Reports and NAPLAN results
- Teacher Communication
- Timetables
- Adjust absences or contact information

School APP – available on apple and android networks (also available on iPad)

- Newsletters
- Links to Parent Portal and Northlakes Facebook
- Calendar
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- Change of details

Facebook – Northlakes High School Information

For up to date information

SMS Notifications

If you have replied to an SMS if your child is away or phoned the school you do not need to send a note in. (you have 7 days to respond, otherwise student gets marked as ‘unexplained absence’. (please note you can only reply to an SMS, not send a message)

Newsletters

Newsletters are sent out every Friday of week A, via an email, or mailed out if requested
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Uniform shop opens every Friday 10:00am – 12:00pm