Principal’s Report:
In Week 6 Northlakes High School hosted the Central Coast Head Teachers’ Network Meetings. We had three groups of around one hundred and fifty staff in the in the school over three days. Our Aboriginal Dance and Didge groups performed, and our Hospitality students catered magnificently. Bryce, Amber and Suzie were meet and greeters – and earned a lot of compliments. Special thanks also go to Mr Boake, Deputy Principal, who organised the events, and a large number of staff who assisted in many ways.

Last week we also held a meeting for HSC students and their parents. One of our school counsellors, Louise Pratt, with Mr Boake, conducted the presentation. Thank you to Mrs Bambey, who organised refreshments. Hopefully, the information given will help everyone manage the demanding process of maintaining focus until the examinations are over.

This Monday we held a Reconciliation Assembly, which involved our dance and didge groups, a great band, The Big Kinnection, and students making a ‘Sea of Hands’. It was a very special event.

Our ‘Sorry Day’ celebration on Wednesday allowed us to reflect on the significance of our nation’s recognition of our indigenous population. Tori Leven and Joshua Pescud
presented wreaths to the school, and Mr Boake read Mr Rudd’s speech.

Mrs Rowley, Joshua Pescud, Tori Leven with Mr Boake

Year 11 students have (nearly) all been interviewed in the last two weeks. Their attendance and progress, concerns and goals have all been discussed. We hope that all students especially those who aim to finish Year 12, are working productively, and asking for help if needed. Free tutoring is available in the library; see Mr Freebody.

Year 10 have begun the subject selection process by completing an on-line survey. This gives us a rough idea of which subjects are the most popular, and thus need to be included in the timetable. Students are expected to attend the Careers’ Expo and the subject selection evening. The more thought they put into this process the more likely they are to choose subjects they are happy to work on for two years.

We have established an online payment system through our website called ‘Parent Online Payment’ to facilitate the payment of money to the school. Its use is gradually increasing; it is a great service for parents and guardians, and very efficient for the school. Second Term fees are now due, for those paying fees on a term basis. A reminder to senior students; fees must be paid before you can pay for the Year 12 Formal. If this is not possible, a payment plan may be negotiated with the school.

All students in practical classes must wear correct uniform. This includes leather shoes, as these are able to provide satisfactory foot protection. Long hair must be tied up, or a hair net worn. Safety glasses must be worn when required. We are currently upgrading B Block. New secure cages have been built to store student bags safely during class time. We are putting cameras in B Block, again as a safety precaution.

We are also repainting parts of the building and reframing the many photographs of the exceptional work of students from many years ago.

I held a meeting at school last Monday with DEC architects. We have been selected as part of a ‘School Renewal’ program, for a refurbishment of our front of school. I am not yet sure of the scope of this. It will certainly mean new external signs, and some changes – hopefully to our Administration Block. Thank you to those parents who gave me their observations at a Parent Forum last week, as well as at the P&C meeting.

Yesterday we held three Stage Assemblies during the day where students were acknowledged for academic excellence, and having a positive contribution to Northlakes High School.
Our Captains and Leaders ran each assembly, and our dancers performed their dances prepared for Central Coast Dance Festival.

Some of our dancers who will soon perform at the Central Coast Dance Festival with Miss Kotekczy

We also had our Aboriginal boys play the didgeridoo, and students singing and performing in front of their peers. Congratulations to everyone who received awards, and those who helped to make these assemblies run so smoothly.

Yours in Public Education
Merrilyn Rowley

Year 7 Report

Many Year 7 students are working hard this term, maintaining focus and doing their personal best both inside and beyond the classroom. I am surprised that I have not had more visits from students with 5 Classroom Commendations. I know many have been awarded for assessment tasks and excellent classwork in the past few weeks. Please bring them to me in the Language Centre Staffroom so you can receive a Year Advisor’s Commendation. These all contribute to receiving a Principal’s Commendation which is great for the student’s portfolio.

We had another wonderful stage assembly where we recognised the efforts of the many students trying their best in all areas. Year 7 students were recognised for a variety of reasons including; mature and responsible attitude, receiving 5 classroom commendations, consistent effort in class, positive attitude toward lessons and displaying leadership qualities. This term the recipients were Aden Berjawi, Sarah Holloway, Brooklyn O’Mara, Cheyenne Crockett, Amy McHale, Rebekah Graham, Brittney Gosper, Caleb Arnold, Reuben Foxhall, Christopher Smith and Adam Cartwright.

I would like to congratulate James Cook, Jemima Greer, Amy McHale, Chloe Clegg, Kiara Gonzalez and Conor Smith for their leadership and public speaking skills when presenting during the stage assembly. It is great to see so many students willing to stand in front of their peers with confidence and present in a professional manner. Well done! A big thank you also goes to Keewen Lee, Joe Rippard and Conor Smith who put together the wonderful movie presentation of our Year 7 camp for all to see.

On Friday of Week 7, Warner Youth Education delivered a program to Year 7 students to enhance Wyong Shire Council’s existing Graffiti Management Strategy in the area of prevention.

Year 7 students learning about how graffiti impacts our area

It was a highly engaging and entertaining program designed to prevent youth from undertaking a range of anti-social behaviours with a focus on tagging, and provided crucial life skills.
Two important reminders! The first is that it is an expectation of the school and teachers of all classes that students will continue to bring their exercise books, pens and other equipment for every lesson, right up until the last day (and last lesson) of term. If pens run out or books are full they must be replaced. Secondly, if you are late to school or have missed a day due to illness or family issues, you must bring in a note the following day and hand it to your roll call teacher. Unexplained absences will be noted on school reports which are due to be handed out in the last week of term two.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me on 4390 0555 or Fiona.Davis4@det.nsw.edu.au

Thank you
Fiona Davis
Year 7 Advisor

Year 8 Report
We are now approaching the end of Term 2 and the weather is getting much cooler. Please ensure your child wears the correct school jumper and pants to avoid consequences here at Northlakes High School. If you cannot supply your child with the correct winter uniform please feel free to contact me on 43900555 for assistance, otherwise please provide a note explaining why your child is not wearing uniform and they will be issued with a uniform pass by the HT Welfare.

This term I have been interviewing students whose unexplained attendance is below 85%. If your child is away from school please provide an explanation so I do involve your child in this process.

Year 8 have recently visited the Taronga Zoo as part of their HSIE course. To avoid disappointment in the future please ensure you pay and send in permission slips as soon as possible, as places are always limited to these types of events.

I would like to recognise one of our Year 8 students, Felicity Drew who has recently shaved her head in support of her grandfather dealing with his cancer treatment. She was very pleased with the support she received from her peers.

As of the remainder of this term I will be on long service leave however Kate Pidgeon will be acting Year 8 Advisor. Please do not hesitate to call her or Mrs Garside; our Year 8 Head Teacher Welfare on 43900555.

I hope you all have a wonderful winter break and I will see you all next term. Remember to have all your books and equipment organised for the beginning of Term 3.

Thank you
Kerry Bissaker
Year 8 Advisor

Year 9 Report
Another term coming to an end
I would like to congratulate all the students who go to school every day in full uniform I can see how great you all look. A reminder for all the girls in year nine; no tights are to be worn. You can wear the tights under a skirt. All students should wear the correct jumper and pants – black.

Don’t forget to get your Gotcha’s, I have noticed that a lot of students are getting the Gotchas but I haven’t been issuing any year advisor commendations so if you feel that you have done a great job on some work …ask your teacher for a commendation. You only need to collect 5 and then you are eligible for a year advisor commendation which would look great in your resume, especially at this age, as I hear a lot of students are getting part time jobs. This is a great way to stand out from other applicants.
I would like to congratulate Daniel O’Meara and Zane Whitbread on receiving an award in Agriculture for being hard working and committed; another great asset to your resume.

Just remember if you have any concerns about school, please come and see me.

Sue Fulwood
Year 9 Advisor

Year 10 Report

Winter has well and truly arrived! As we near the end of Term 2 and start Term 3, I would like to remind students are caregivers that black jumpers are the only accepted winter uniform at Northlakes High School. Tights are also prohibited at school. The uniform shop is open and has stock for Winter.

By now, Year 11 subject selection surveys should have been completed. This is a great way to form an understanding of subjects that are offered in Year 11 and 12. There will be a Senior subject selection night held later on in the year. I recommend all students and caregivers attend as it is a great opportunity to gain understanding about different subjects offered, and also to talk to teachers of that faculty area. This night will be held on Monday the 15th June. Students are also encouraged to attend the Central Coast Careers Expo on 23rd June. Please see myself or Ms Hewett for further information about this. Subject selection interviews will commence in Week 2 of Term 3.

We have had a slight timetable change. Students who have not received their timetable should see me to get a replacement. I can be found in the HSIE staffroom. Half Yearly reports are almost ready to be given to students. Please ensure you receive your child’s report. They are a great indication of student progress both academically and behaviourally in the classroom. Further information will be given to students about the date they can receive their reports.

As always, if needed I can be contacted on 430900555. I aim to be prompt in my reply. Keep warm this Winter!

Erin Lawson
Year 10 Advisor

Year 11 Report

Here we are half way through the Year 11 Preliminary course and we have just completed the Year 11 interview process. This involved a panel of teachers, myself included, interviewing each and every Year 11 student to check their progress and review their future plans. A common theme amongst most students was a lack of clarity on a plan for the future. Many options were discussed and it is important that students realise if they are uncertain of what career path to choose, they need to be extremely focused and committed to their studies here at school, in order to open themselves up to as many opportunities as possible, by achieving the highest possible HSC result.

A reminder to all Year 11 students and parents that a minimum of 85% attendance is required in every subject.

Students are also NOT permitted to leave the school grounds during the day on a ‘free’ period. They may only sign in late IF they have period 1 off, and sign out early IF they have period 4 off. Students are expected to honour this agreement as per their Senior Contract.

Jovannah Knight
Year 11 Report

Year 12 Report

Year 12 Year Adviser, Ed Seaby is currently on long service leave, for the next four weeks I’ll be filling his role as head teacher. Students should be reminded that with trials coming up
next term and the HSC exams the following term, that being organised and ensuring they are studying is extremely important at this stage!

The recent visit from the ‘Elevate’ team and the ongoing support from Mr Jarad Freebody and the University AVID tutors has been implemented for the students to ensure they are developing revision skills and at home study programs. I ask parents and carers to please remind the students to make use of these tutorials which are held period 3 on a Tuesday. Mr Freebody and the five university students – two of which are former Northlakes Students – are available to help the year 11 and 12 students with assessment tasks, classwork, studying and resolving N-award warnings. At this point of the HSC year, students can become very stressed with the workload and the prospect of the HSC. Please remind the students to talk with their mentors, classroom teachers and year advisor if they are feeling overwhelmed.

Some reminders for parents and carers; all school fees need to be paid as soon as possible, the deposit of $20 for the year 12 formal needs to be paid to the front office by week ten of this term and now that winter has arrived, seniors need to make sure they are still wearing full school uniform. The winter uniform consists of a white button up or polo shirt, black pants, black jumper and jacket and black leather shoes.

Stacey Ewer  
Year 12 Advisor (acting)

**HSIE Report**

We have had a busy month with excursions, tasks due and reports being written.

The HSIE department is proud of our provision of outside school learning experiences or commonly known as excursions for our students. We notify the students of these excursions in class, on assemblies and on our big blackboard outside our staffroom. We have also begun to advertise these excursions on the School Website under Curriculum and Activities – Excursions – HSIE Excursions. Often these excursions have limited numbers or deadlines for payment. This is due to the numbers for buses. Please be prompt in paying or contacting us to secure a place for your student.

Year 10 went to Norah Head beach to complete a field study that formed the basis for their 2\(^{nd}\) Task. Students were given a month’s notice for this excursion and task and we booked 4 buses to accommodate all the students unfortunately on the day designated and advertised as the final day for payment we only had less than enough for two and so we cancelled the other two buses so we would not lose deposits. An alternate task had been written for those students unable to attend the excursion which the students were notified about.

Deadlines are part of everyone’s lives whether it is assignments, paying bills or rego for the car and hopefully this is a lesson learnt for some of our students.

Year 7 had a fantastic time at The Australian Museum. They saw lots of great exhibits and had lunch in the park. The staff would like to commend the students for their fine behaviour.

This week the HSIE faculty took a group of year 8 students to Taronga Park Zoo in Sydney for their Geography studies. The weather couldn’t have been better for the harbour views and the visit to the park. The students were able to see the newborn baby Gorilla as well as the toddler Gorilla. The seal and bird shows were fantastic, lots of photos, lots of fun was had by all.
The day was a success and the faculty is looking at another visit later in the year for the students who were unable to attend.

As Head Teacher it is my legal obligation to notify you if your student has not completed an assignment. This is done through an N Award warning letter. This letter can be the beginning of a process which can lead to your student repeating the year however this is a long process and every opportunity is given to the student to fix the problem. If you receive a letter which is a department proforma don’t panic. The best thing to do would be to discuss the missed task with your student and ask the student to get a copy of the task either from the school website under Faculties – HSIE – History or Geography and then their Year, (The Tasks will be labelled Task 1 or another number), or from their teacher or the HSIE staffroom. Students then can complete the task and hand it to the teacher by the date indicated so that the N Award warning is resolved.

Anna Howard
Head Teacher HSIE

G’Day USA Fundraiser
A group of students are travelling to the United States of America in January 2016 as part of the G’Day USA Cultural Exchange Program. These students are spending 20 days travelling in America, attending an America High School and being homestayed with an American family.

G’DAY USA

To support these students financially, the organising committee are holding a fundraising Thompson’s Pie Drive.
Attached is the order form. Please complete your order and return the monies to the school canteen by Friday 26th June (last day of Term)
Orders will be available to collect on Friday 24th July (Term 3, Week 2)
We thank you in advance for considering supporting this group of students with their trip to America.

Warren Welham
Deputy Principal

ATTENTION ALL
NORTHLAKES HIGH
FAMILIES
Next Term we have Korean students coming to visit us again. If you would like to have one, or even two students stay with you please contact Fiona Davis in the Language Centre.
## DATES TO REMEMBER

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### GRAFFITI HURTS EVERYONE

**Working as a Community to Help Stamp Out Graffiti**

Graffiti is a highly destructive problem which affects the entire community. It has damaging economic, social and environmental consequences and costs many millions of dollars each year to police and clean-up. Every dollar spent on graffiti removal is a dollar that could be used in other positive ways in our community.

**How Students Can Help**

Your child will be exploring the issues of graffiti in an educational presentation. Delivered by leading educationists Warner Youth Education, the Graffiti Education program informs young people about the legal, social and personal consequences of graffiti. It encourages them to be part of the solution by developing a sense of civic pride.

**How Parents Can Help**

- Encourage your child to discuss with you and others what they learned in the presentation.

**Understand Graffiti Laws**

- Tough graffiti laws in New South Wales give police special powers to search, arrest, fine or charge individuals. Penalties range from community services and/or compensation and can include:
  - Marking property without owner’s consent
  - Possession of a graffiti implement
- Max penalty: $2,200 fine or imprisonment for 12 months.
- Possession of a graffiti implement
- Max penalty: $500 fine or imprisonment for 6 months.

**Report Graffiti**

- For graffiti on private property contact the Police Assistance Line (PALS) 100 444
- For graffiti on council property contact Wyong Shire Council 4350 5055

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**Every day counts!**
# Fundraising Order Sheet

**For: Northlakes - C' Day USA Trip 2016**

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**Order form to be returned by:** 26<sup>th</sup> June 2015

**Pie Drive Collection Date:** 24<sup>th</sup> July 2015

*From: Northlakes High School Canteens*