Principal’s Report:
We have had a very interesting and busy couple of weeks. On Thursday we farewelled the students from Sancheok Education District, South Korea. This was our second group, and all went very well. It is a significant cultural experience, both for them and for our host families.

I attended our Student Representative Council board meeting last week, and took away from it a lot of important information and ideas. We discussed a range of issues, including their views on our House System, and how they are taught. I have taken this back to the staff. I was very happy that most of their comments were positive and perceptive; they had a good understanding of the complexities of a big school like ours.

The English Faculty saw a very successful Book Week event, which included a presentation from Monty Prior. The involvement and engagement of the students is a credit to the faculty, and members of whom put in a significant effort to inspire their students.

We have now completed the HSC Trial Examinations. It is VERY important that Year 12 students continue to attend school and work with their teachers. The examinations will have made it clear what areas each student needs to do more work on. Doing extra practice essays and papers is the most beneficial activity for improving final results.

Many Year 12 students have practical components and these are all now coming due. One of the reasons we hold the Trial Examinations is to refine and submit their major
works, which, of course, they have been working on for nearly 12 months.

ATTENDANCE
STUDENTS MUST BE AT SCHOOL BEFORE THE 8.10AM BELL

• I am not prepared to accept late students unless there is a MAJOR reason. In isolated cases, things happen... and in those circumstances parents must inform the school.
• Late students who do not have a genuine reason will be given a detention or Orange Card if they are persistently late.
• We have interviewed many of the students who come late or have poor attendance. Unfortunately, this affects their progress so much that some are likely to have to REPEAT the year, as they have not met course outcomes. In these cases, parents will be asked to meet with us and improve the situation.

Yours in Public Education
Ms M Rowley
Principal

Year 7 Report
We are already half way through term 3! I hope that everyone is now settled into the term and are earning lots of Gotchas and receiving Classroom Commendations for excellent work. Please ensure you have an exercise book, pen and other necessary equipment for each subject. You will need to check your timetable each day and pack your bag accordingly.

Winter is not over yet, so continue to bring your black jumper or jacket to school. No other colour is acceptable.

I have been a bit disappointed with the behaviour of some students towards each other. Remember that you will be at school with your classmates for a number of years and it is important for everyone to have a positive learning experience. Please think about what you say to others and how you behave in class, as this really does impact on those around you.

I was pleased to hand out two Year Advisor awards this week to Sarah Holloway and Vanessa Anderson. These girls have received 5 Classroom Commendations each. Well done!

I would like to thank the Year 7 students who hosted Korean students in their homes recently. I know many students in Year 7 were very friendly and helpful towards our visitors when they attended class with their host buddies.

Keep doing your Personal Best in class and remember to be Respectful to those around you.

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

Fiona Davis
Year 7 Advisor

Year 8 Report
We are now half way through Term 3 and we have had a great start to the second half of the year. Year 8 students participated in Book Week, it was great to see so many students dress up and engage in the activities provided on the day.

Awards were given to Granger Fox for his best dressed outfit of Harry Potter, Libbie Everley for her outfit of Harley Quinn, Amanda Raslan for her outfit of Alice and Hannah Mercer dressed as the cat from Alice in Wonderland. Amy
Walker was also awarded the funniest costume, dressed as a clown.

Regular attendance at school is essential to assist students to maximise their potential. If your child is absent from school, you are required to explain the absence of your child within 7 days of the first period of absence.

Just a reminder that all students are expected to wear the correct school uniform. If there is an issue with this, please send your child in to school with a note explaining the current issue.

We are still waiting on approximately 40 subject selection forms to be returned to school by students. We cannot assign students to classes running for next year until we receive all these forms.

If your child has not returned their subject choices, please return them as soon as possible.

Until advised, I am relieving in the position of Head Teacher in TAS. Kate Pidgeon from Science will be assisting me in the role as Year Advisor.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kate Pidgeon on 43900555.

Kerry Bissaker
Year 8 Advisor

**Year 9 Report**

As the Year 9 Advisor I believe it is important for student’s wellbeing to spend time together informally, to get to know each other and support one another. So I have decided that I will be arranging a camp for Year 9 in the second semester of 2015. I will hand out an expression of interest letter next week to get an indication of interest. If it is positive I will be booking Milsons Island. NSW Sport and Recreation Department run the camp and they have offered us a 3 day camp with all accommodation, meals and activities at a cost of $240 per person. Milsons Island is an island situated on the Hawkesbury River, the only way to get to the island is by boat from Hawkesbury Station. There are plenty of fun activities including canoeing, archery, rope climbing, abseiling and more. It is a good opportunity for students to bond with their peers in a relaxed atmosphere and something that they will remember in years to come. I really think it is a worthwhile activity to be involved in.

Year 9 are reminded that attendance at school is very important and must be over 85%. All students must explain any absences and if leaving early must also have a note to explain this. Please try and organise appointments after school if possible.

Uniform has been quite good with Year 9, aside from the jumpers and jackets which have been worn on cold days. Plain black jumpers and jackets are to be worn, with no prints. Tights are also not to be worn, they are not NHS uniform. If you are having any issues with uniform please let me know.
PBL is the reward of positive behaviour at our school. Remember to work for your Gotchas, Positive Postcards and Classroom Commendations. When you earn 5 Classroom Commendations you receive a Year Adviser Commendation which will look great in your CV or resume.

Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best are our PBL focus.

If there are issues concerning your students please do not hesitate to call me on 43 900 555.

Sue Fulwood
Year 9 Advisor

Year 10 Report
We are now moving into the latter stages of Term 3. Year 10 has been working well, but currently overall attendance from students is a concern. Caregivers and students are advised that it is necessary to maintain high attendance levels in Year 10. Students will need notes explaining why they are not present at school. Please let me know if you have any attendance concerns.

I would like to congratulate Year 10 on their wonderful subject selection interviews. I was lucky to be a part of this process for two days and was impressed with the high standard of presentation and thought that students have put into their senior years. If you have not yet finalised your selection please see Ms Hewett ASAP.

We are nearing the end of Winter and warmer weather is approaching. I have noticed a trend (especially from the boys!) that students are not wearing their correct uniform. T shirts and cream coloured pants are not acceptable. Please ensure you have the correct uniform at school each day. If you have any issues, please see me.

Students are also reminded to finalised their N Warning notifications – or complete any outstanding assessment tasks. It is very important that all tasks are completed prior to the conclusion of Stage 5. This has an effect on your overall ROSA grade in subjects.

Once again, I hope you are all well. If you have any enquiries please do not hesitate to contact me on 43900555.

Erin Lawson
Year 10 Advisor

Year 11 Report
As we are now half way through this term, our Year 11 students should be commencing their study practices in preparation for their upcoming Preliminary Exams in Weeks 7 and 8 of this term. Now is the time for students to be sacrificing their social life and time on social media for revision and consolidation of the content covered in their courses over this year. If your child is struggling with how or what to study, they should approach their classroom teacher for tips and ideas and extra revision practice if required.

The senior jackets have finally arrived and will be distributed this morning. Yay!! They look fantastic and I look forward to seeing our students wear them with pride.

We are now looking to choose our school leaders for 2016 and are hoping for many students to put their name forward to be nominated for School Captain/Vice Captain/Prefects. Students that are selected from the nominations will be required to present a speech to Year 10 and Year 11 in an assembly setting before voting occurs. Stay tuned for more details on this exciting upcoming event.

Jovannah Knight
Year 11 Advisor

Year 12 Report
The HSC trial is over and the student’s yearly marks are being tabulated with the reports for
Year 12 soon to be written. It is time for students to take stock and look at where they need to do that extra study and revision before their HSC exams roll around. Although the trial exams have been completed this is not the time for student’s attendance to drop away as many subjects are winding up their courses and will start revision very shortly.

All students have access to past HSC papers on the BOSTES web site and should be encouraged to access this site and attempt any number of past papers. If students do not know how to find these past papers please ask their teachers for assistance.

The date and venue for the formal has been set for Saturday 14th November 2015 at Kooindah Waters Wyong. For students who have not yet paid their deposits we will be opening the window shortly.

Ed Seaby
Year 12 Advisor

Korean Visit

Thank you to everyone that helped make the Korean visit a success again this year. Our host families and school buddies did a fantastic job of making their guests feel welcome.

The students had a range of fun and cultural experiences during their visit to the Central Coast. At school they enjoyed learning about the Aboriginal Dream Time, painted boomerangs, watched a didgeridoo and dance performance and cooked damper on a stick. They also had a cooking class in the Hospitality Centre where they made burgers and lamingtons.

On other occasions the students and their buddies tried some Aussie Rules football, cricket, thong throwing and bull rush. Our trip to the Reptile Park was a great day out for all students involved.

Photos of the activities are on the school website (http://www.northlake-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/).

I know that the tour group is keen to visit again next year, so we may be looking for host families. If you missed out this time, consider hosting a Korean student next time.

Mrs Davis and Mr Mackinnon

Art Gallery Visit

On Monday 10th August, selected Aboriginal and Gifted and Talented art students attended an excursion to Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery with the support of Miss Leffley. Students sketched sculptures by the lake and enjoyed a tour of Aboriginal artist Lola Greeno’s Cultural Jewels exhibition. They participated in a ceramics workshop where they learnt about sugar/flour bags that were used on missions and reserves. Lake Macquarie City
Art Gallery will host the Lore and Order exhibition From 4th September – 11th October, where there will be a large scale installation that will be comprised of 150 inscribed ceramic sculptures, including those created by Northlakes High School students.

Parents and students are encouraged to visit the gallery and hear local stories from Aboriginal Elders forced to live under the Aborigines Protection Act (1883-1969). Miss Leffley would like to the LMCAG for their generous donation of materials and time, providing our students with the opportunity to both art and learn more about Aboriginal people and their experiences.

Jessica Leffley
CAPA

TAS Report
Year 11 & 12 Hospitality
Most students have finished their mandatory work placements with local employers. Students are placed with local employers for 35 hours in both Years 11 and 12. This is a mandatory requirement from the N.S.W. Board of Studies.

Hospitality students from Yrs. 11 & 12 catered for the Head Teachers’ Conference last term.

The conference went for 3 days and the students fed over 150 people.
Junior food technology students cooked with the visiting Korean students in week 4. After that the Korean students had a send-off banquet catered for by the Yr11 hospitality students.

Industrial Technology and Design & Technology
Industrial Technology Timber students’ major projects have been completed and are waiting for HSC markers to be graded.
Design and Technology students are currently putting final touches to their projects.
Textiles students have completed their major projects and are also waiting for HSC markers to arrive.

Vet Construction and Metals & Engineering students have completed their work placements however; several students are yet to complete the Board of Studies mandatory placement.

Dates to Remember
18/8/15 P&C Meeting 3:30pm in the Language Centre
18/8/15 Central Coast Showcase till 21st
19-20- Discovery Days Year 5 Primary
21/8/15 Students
20/8/15 Inaugural Aboriginal Parent Yarn up Forum 10:15am Doyalson
21/8/15 Year 12 Advanced English Hamlet Excursion
21/8/15 Year 7/8 Sydney North Netball Gala day
24/8/15 Year 11 Preliminary exams
24/8/15 Central Coast Public Education Awards
25/8/15 Year 9 Maitland Gaol
31/8/15 AECG Meeting
3/9/15 CHS Athletics
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Children and Young People’s Mental Health is pleased to offer parents of young people this evidence based seminar series. There are three 2 hour seminars in the series which will be held on 3 consecutive Monday evenings at Wyoming Community Centre. You can attend just one or all three seminars.

The program does not address the management of mental health problems in teens, however many parents have found the program useful in reducing the everyday conflict and stress associated with parenting teens.

DATES: 
24th AUGUST RAISING RESPONSIBLE TEENAGERS
31st AUGUST RAISING COMPETENT TEENAGERS
7th SEPTEMBER GETTING TEENAGERS CONNECTED

TIME: 6PM – 8PM

VENUE: WYOMING COMMUNITY CENTRE 147 Maiden’s Brush Road, Wyoming 2250

PRESENTERS: Ruth Phelan and Jo Heap

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