Principal’s Report:
Following the Term’s house point score, the successful house was Allunga (Yellow). Today they are off to the Sydney Royal Easter Show with Mr Boake. I’m sure the students will have a great time at the show. It is a great reward to recognise their collective hard work as a house to achieve ‘Gotchas’, ‘Classroom Commendations’, participate in extra-curricular activities and minimise the number of house members that are late to school throughout the term. The point score has now reset for Term 2 and I wish all houses good luck in achieving the reward excursion at the end.

Congratulations to staff and students who participated in a very successful Athletics Carnival last week. Many students enjoyed the opportunity to participate in the sporting activities or cheer their fellow house members on. It was great to see so many people enjoying the days’ activities despite the rain that hindered the second day of running races.

A big thankyou to Mr Mansfield and the team from PDHPE for organising such a successful carnival.

As many may know Mrs Tenille Dowe has over the last couple of years completed some extraordinary pieces of artwork with students painting fake cows. Her efforts as a teacher in this program have been recognised by the ‘Primary Industries Education Foundation of Australia’ who have asked her to present at their upcoming Conference in May in Canberra. They have asked Mrs Dowe to present on...
‘Engaging disengaged students in learning through teaching agriculture in a modern classroom.’ This is significant recognition for Mrs Dowe and I wish to congratulate her on behalf of the school community.

Also in positive staff news, Mr Luke LePage who has been teaching in our English faculty this term as a temporary teacher has successfully gained a permanent position at Cowra High School on merit. I wish Mr LePage all the best at his new school in a new community and in his future career.

**Harmony Day** was celebrated on Monday the 21st with all students enjoying the stories and performances. Thank you to Mrs Garside, Ms Byrnes, Ms Morgan, Ms Bryant and Mrs Bissaker for all their efforts in organising and making the day successful.

Thank you to Mr Lappas and Mr Meza for sharing their stories and being an active part of the day. A number of motivated, enthusiastic Year 9 students also conducted an

‘International Food Market’ on the day. They cooked food based on recipes from around the world and sold it to raise funds. This Food Market was well received by all and I enjoyed the various items I got to eat!

Northlakes High School recognised the **National Day of Action on Anti-Bullying** on Friday 18th with all Year 7 students participating in a ‘**Positive Relationships Day**.’ Mr Wilkinson and Ms Morgan had a range of speakers and activities that students got involved in to re-enforce the message that at Northlakes High School we “Say No to Bullying.”

Mr Mackinnon has held another successful **WH&S White Card** course this week with another 20 students receiving this important qualification that allows them to seek employment opportunities in the Construction Industry. He is looking to hold another course early next week and I encourage any student who is thinking about undertaking work experience or work placement in the Construction Industry to sign up for this course.

On Tuesday, students and staff from the **Support Unit** attended the Sydney Royal Easter Show.

I heard that they had a great time at the show and learnt lots of interesting information about animals and where some of our food comes from.

A big thank you to all the parents who visited the school on Tuesday afternoon and spoke
with teachers as part of parent/teacher interviews. This was a highly successful afternoon with significant numbers of parents taking the opportunity to come in to the school and meet with staff to talk about the progress of their son/daughter at school. The feedback I have had so far from parents since the afternoon has been very positive, especially from Year 7 and 8 parents who enjoyed having time to speak to staff who are involved in our team teaching approach to Year 7 and 8.

Finally as the weather is cooling a reminder that students’ jumpers should be plain black with no company logos etc splashed across the chests or elsewhere. Also for female students they are not permitted to wear tights, jeggings or similar tight fitting material without having a skirt or shorts covering them. Students who arrive at school in these inappropriate items will be required to change into appropriate clothing. Please take the time over Easter to ensure your child’s winter uniform requirements are met and that they are not placed in a situation of receiving detentions or other consequences for not having their correct uniform. The uniform shop is open every Friday from 10am – 12pm during the school term.

I hope everyone enjoys the Easter weekend with the Easter Bunny being kind to all. I look forward to seeing all students and staff refreshed after the long weekend and ready for the last few weeks of Term 1.

Mr Warren Welham
Relieving Principal

HSIE Report
It has been a great term for the HSIE faculty. We have settled into our new staffroom at the bottom of D Block which is near all our rooms. Year 12 Society and Culture and Aboriginal Studies classes had a great excursion to the State Library and learnt all about using the Library for their major assignments. We got to go to many of the hidden places of the Library and the staff were very informative and helpful.

We had a huge influx of completed assignments from years 7 – 10. We are very proud of the students’ efforts. Year 7, 8 and 10 produced some absolutely terrific models.

We enjoyed meeting all the parents at Parent Teacher night. It is great to touch base and strengthens the relationship between teachers, parents and students.

Year 11 and 12 are now well into their studies but we do have concerns about the attendance of some of our students. To be successful in their studies students need to have attendance rate over 85%. We have had conversations with students of concern and N Award warning letters have been sent. Please ensure that your student is attending classes and catching up on work they have missed.

Senior students always have homework, whether it is an assessment task being due, revision of notes or doing Past Papers. If your student wants to complete a successful HSC they need to put the time into these at home activities.

We hope you all have a good holiday!

Anna Howard
Head Teacher HSIE

Science Report
Lots of exciting things happening in Science. Ms Pidgeon and Mr Pankhurst took the
Agriculture classes to the Easter Show and the teachers would like to congratulate the students on their excellent behaviour.

The day was a complete success and the students gained a valuable experience watching a major show like the Sydney Easter Show. On that note we have baby chicks for sale from our farm.

Our senior students will be conducting their assessment tasks are at the local wetlands this year. The wetlands are situated in Charmhaven and as part of their assessment they are going to test the water environment as well as testing the soil and other biological tests. The equipment has been upgraded with the money we were given from The Wallarah 2 coal Project. Rumbalara and water watch are involved in the day and we are fortunate to have Rachael our Scientist in Schools coming along to help the students on the day.

The students who took part in the Gifted and Talented Science Test, run by Sydney University, were given out participation certificates. Well done to those who entered the competition and gained some valuable experience.

All first assessment tasks for students are now complete and the next task will be their half yearly examination which will be held in week 3-4 in Term 2.

The Science faculty wishes everybody a happy and safe Easter break.

Science Faculty

TAS Report

All Year 7 Technology assessment tasks have now begun as the 4 week introductory unit has been completed. Students are reminded to bring a USB to school to take their folio work home to work on. Year 8 Assessment tasks are also well under way and students are 8 weeks into a 13 week cycle.
Year 9 Timber students are completing their DVD rack and folio for Assessment Task 1 this term. Year 9 Metalwork students have completed a sheet metal tool tray and are fabricating an engineer’s square as an extension activity. Senior students completing Timber and Furniture studies and Design and Technology are reminded to bring in their material for project construction.

**VET students:** Year 12 Construction classes are currently excavating for a concrete slab at the rear of the CAPA building to make an area for music students to practise. The slab will be poured in 2 stages and Year 12 students have an excellent opportunity to display skills acquired on work placement. Any students in Year 12 who have not currently completed their work placement for Construction or Metals & Engineering need to contact Mr Williamson immediately.

**Workplace Health and Safety:** It is mandatory for students using a workshop to wear enclosed leather footwear in N.S.W. If your child participates in Woodwork or Metalwork this footwear is mandatory. Please ensure children wear the correct footwear to maximise their time in the workshop and complete Assessment Tasks.

**TAS Faculty**

**CAPA Report**

YIPA auditions for Performing Arts students occurred in Period 2 on today in the Creative and Performing Arts Block. The Performing Arts staff are putting on a concert in week 11 on Wednesday 6th April during periods 3 and 4 and parents are more than welcome. All you need to do is sign in through the office and come and enjoy the entertainment.

Excursions in process at the moment are a Photographic workshop at Brooklyn on the Hawkesbury River for Stage 6 students and next term another will be organised for Stage 5 Photographic and Digital Media students. Year 10 Visual Arts students will shortly be installing their sculptures at Kooindah Waters at Wyong. As soon as I receive more information I will pass it on, including invites to the opening. I am very proud of their work and hopefully we can install the works back at school at the completion of Sculpture on the Greens exhibition. Competitions coming up include The Goats Festival Digital Media and Art and the Wyong Photographic prize, students should see their Visual Arts teacher for competition details.

Les Brimbecom  
Head Teacher CAPA/ Languages

**Aboriginal Education Report**

**Aboriginal Student and Community Room**

Our Aboriginal student and community room moving along nicely. Our senior Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students already identify as having a very strong sense of belonging to the school compared to the rest of the school population. It is hoped that this will further enhance this and also support stronger connections with our community.

**Didge Group/Aboriginal Dance**

Our Didge group had a chance to perform as part of our Stage Assemblies held on Thursday of Week 7. The boys were excellent and special mention goes to Daniel Kulk who stepped up to deliver the Acknowledgment of Country.

We have 8 girls in Starstruck and a new dance teacher, Jarrah Cain.

**Northlakes High School Aboriginal Dance Group** auditioned for School Spectacular and are awaiting approval.

**Harmony Day**

Northlakes High School has a diversity of cultures within the school and celebrates harmony within cultures. Harmony Day was celebrated in 2016 on the 21st of March, with a
variety of speakers from various nationalities, drummers, musicians and other activities.

There is an Anti-racism Contact Officer appointed within the school to address any issues of racism. Fortunately their services are rarely used. An ELP (English Language Proficiency) teacher is appointed to assist students who are new arrivals to develop their English skills.

Simone Byrnes & Jodene Garside
Welfare

Teaching & Learning Report

Intervention Courses Term 2

Teaching and Learning classes have already commenced the Corrective Reading program with students working through sequenced lessons providing the structure and practise needed to master high priority reading skills and strategies.

Students will also engage in the Gail Brown Reading Comprehension program which provides structured lessons to improve student performance in question skills (including inferential questions).

Permission notes for small group withdrawal reading have been sent home with students. Parents are encouraged to return these notes as soon as possible. Students will undertake intensive instruction focusing on phonemic awareness, fluency and spelling.

The Peer Tutor Program is being offered again this year with selected Year 7 students reading with Year 10 tutors during Roll Call each day. This program encourages fluent reading which in turn promotes good comprehension.

Our 30 week Quicksmart numeracy program (a research based program from the University of New England) will also commence next term. This program supports learners to narrow the achievement gap by addressing fluency in basic numeracy skills as well as building student confidence and ability in numerical problem solving. Students who have previously completed the program have recorded outstanding growth in the NAPLAN Numeracy test as well as showing improvement from pre to post assessments and curriculum based measurements in class. Students attend Quicksmart three times per week for a half lesson at a time. This ensures students do not miss entire lessons. Parents are asked to return permission slips as soon as possible to ensure your child has a place in this program. Unfilled positions will be offered to students on the waiting list.

The Teaching and Learning staff would like to congratulate Mrs Dowe for her success with the Archibull Prize program. This is a world renowned program with curriculum-linked teaching resources which explore the role agriculture plays in the health, wealth and happiness of Australians and many other people around the world. Mrs Dowe has been asked to present at the Primary Industry Education Foundation Australia Conference to be held in Canberra in May- a wonderful achievement!

Jan Curran
Head Teacher Teaching & Learning

Support Unit Report

On Tuesday students from the Support Unit participated in an excursion to the Royal Easter Show. They thoroughly enjoyed the show atmosphere and exhibits on display. Students experienced many aspects of the show including show bags, the carnival, fashion,
food, baby animals, dogs, rabbits, gardens and lots of fun. For many the favourite parts of the show were seeing the baby chickens hatch and the Haunted House. All students were extremely well behaved. They were able to demonstrate many of the living skills they have been learning in their classes, in an unfamiliar context.

The students are already looking forward to attending again next year.

Beth Murray
Support Unit Teacher

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PARENT WORKSHOPS
RESEARCH TASKS

Presenters: Mr Zappia and Mrs Curran

Parents will learn how to guide students in using marking rubrics to plan, research and produce quality work while ensuring all task questions have been answered.

THURSDAY 7TH APRIL
8.30 - 9.30AM
4 - 5PM
SCHOOL LIBRARY

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Central Coast BrickFest
Sunday 3rd April
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All Welcome
Wyong High School
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Supporting Wyong High School P&C
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Follow us on @CentralCoastBrickFest Follow us at Rainbow Bricks LGI
All people, all ages and all abilities, join us for the first Lakes Community Clash on the coast.

WHERE: Northlakes High School  
Brava Ave San Remo  

WHEN: Wednesday 13th of April  

STARTS: 6pm to approx. 9.30pm

Contact Jillian Hogan to register your teams or if you are interested in playing in the event

Jillian Hogan The Epicentre  
Phone 43907888  
Email jillian@sanremo.org.au

NSW Government  
Ability Links New South Wales  
St Vincent de Paul Society
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Team Captain:_____________________________________________________

Contact Number:___________________________________________________

Contact Jillian Hogan to register your teams by 31 March 2016

Phone (02) 4390 7888

Email jillian@sanremo.org.au
GOATS

GOING OFF AT THE SWAMP

SUNDAY 10TH APRIL FAMILY FESTIVAL

9AM - 5PM KOALA PARK
Delta Electricity
Scenic Drive San Remo

ALL AGES
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LOADS OF ACTIVITIES
- Funky Market Stalls
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Four Shades - Threaded - The Kate Rose Band - Brynn Luker - Jayden Bosma - Elisabeth Robbins - Northern Lakes Martial Arts
Jacinta Rose Burnley - Kallan Burley - Madi Gentle - Joel Leggett - B. Raw - Street Dreams Hip Hop Dancers
Jemima Webber - Perform Ability Dance Group - Northlakes High School Dodge Group

PARK + RIDE
Online entries are open from Monday 11 April and close Wednesday 4 May 2016

For more information about the terms and conditions and how to enter visit www.wyong.nsw.gov.au/exposure
www.youthweek.nsw.gov.au

8/4/2016 6:30 PM
Idea to Screen: Short Film

Competition and Screening Showcase

The Hub Erina, Nth St Rd, Erina Fair, Erina
Contact: Jennifer Dias on 4304 7071

9/4/2016 9:00 AM
Central Coast Series: Kariong Sessions

Central Coast Series is a skate, scooter and BMX competition. The Kariong Sessions are the first of three rounds in the championship. The competition is open to all young people with divisions of Under 12, Under 16, Open and Sponsored. The cost of $5 covers all three events. Find us on Facebook ccscomp or Instagram @centralcoastseries.

Kariong Skate Park, 98 Mitchell Drive, Kariong
Contact: Michelle Tilden on 4304 7039

9/4/2016 10:00 AM
Youth Connections: Connecting Youth Abilities Day

This community open day showcases the talents and significant contribution made by young people with disability. Youth Connections participants will demonstrate their strengths and skills across various areas from radio production and cooking, to activities and games. The free event is open to everyone. Come along and discover what our young people have to offer.

Green Central Gate 1, Kangoo Road, Kariong
Contact: Matt Williamson on 4346 1111

10/4/2016 9:00 AM
GOATS Family Festival

This festival has something for everyone, including live bands and performers, market stalls, food, community stalls, showbags, cultural performances, art exhibition, roaming entertainment, animal farm, family rides and more.

Koala Park, Delta Electricity Scenic Drive, San Remo
Contact: Jillian Hogan on 4390 7888

10/4/2016 10:00 AM
An Introduction to ‘The BUS’

Regional Youth Support Services will be parking its new mobile Youth Centre, The BUS, at various Youth Week festivals and events throughout the Coast. We look forward to hearing young peoples’ ideas as about what they want to see and do with their very own youth bus.

Various locations
Contact: Virginia Walsh on 4325 2374

11/4/2016 12:30 PM
Youth Week at the Y

The YMCA is running a free youth multi-sport gala day at Lake Haven Recreation Centre to celebrate Youth Week. Touch football, soccer, netball, basketball, indoor rock-climbing session and mental health workshops with headspace. There will also be free gym access for youth throughout Youth Week.

Goobarabah Avenue, Gorokan
Contact: Alicia Parker on 4392 7677

11/4/2016 1:00 PM
Planet Art

Six upcycled art workshops will be held daily during Youth Week across the Berkeley Vale, Bateau Bay, Long Jetty areas, culminating in an exhibition on Saturday 16 April.

The Berkeley Centre, 3 Heather Ave, Glenning Valley
Contact: Gillian Holton on 4388 5801

12/4/2016 10:00 AM
How to Slay Being an Adult

Practical demonstrations and information stalls covering everything you need to know to stay being an adult. Cooking demonstration, car, lawn and home maintenance, bank accounts, consumer rights, renting, how to get a doctor, dentist and more.

The Wyong Grove Community & Cultural Hub, 1 North Road, Wyong.
Contact: Jennifer Dias on 4304 7071

13/4/2016 10:00 AM
Central Coast Series: Copa Clash

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Copacabana Skate Park, Del Monte Place, Copacabana
Contact: Haley Burgess on 4325 8102

13/4/2016 12:00 PM
Developing Dreamz

A free photo booth at Phoenix Youth Support Service. 12-18 year olds are welcome to come and have their photo taken. You will receive one copy and will have a chance to put a second copy in a collage which will be displayed in the centre. Free finger food will be prepared by young people from Youth Connections.

Gravity Youth Centre, Off Bannister Drive, Lakehaven
Contact: Chris Dryden on 0403 129 920

13/4/2016 6:00 PM
Lakes Wheelchair Basketball Challenge

People of all ages and all abilities are invited to join us for the first wheelchair basketball challenge on the Coast.

Northlakes High School, Brava Avenue, San Remo
Contact: Jillian Hogan on 4390 7888

14/4/2016 4:00 PM
Rising Stars MMA

This will be a fun, informative introductory class to Mixed Martial Arts for all young people regardless of experience in this area. The two hour workshop will run a series of Mixed Martial Arts demonstrations, physical activities and explore the traditional philosophies that influence martial artists.

There will also be an opportunity opportunity to meet and learn with the current World JNR PANKRATION / MMA Champion.

The Hub Erina, Nth St Rd, Erina Fair, Erina
Contact: Jennifer Dias on 4304 7071

17/4/2016 9:00 AM
FREE All Day A Capella Youth Workshop

If you have watched Pitch Perfect or sung along to Glee, now is your chance! Perfect your pitch, register for eventbrite acapella youth workshops. Grab your friends and learn a four part arrangement led by Blindside (National A Cappella Champions), brought to you by Soundwaves.

The Hub Erina, Nth St Rd, Erina Fair, Erina
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