

Principals Message

Dear Families,

As we wrap up another busy term, I want to take a moment to celebrate all the fantastic events and achievements we've shared in our school community throughout the term.

This term has been full of excitement, starting with our Swimming Carnival. It was amazing to see so many students showing off their skills and sportsmanship in the pool. A huge congratulations to all who participated. Thank you to our staff who helped make this event a success and supported our students throughout the day.

Our Athletics Carnival was just as successful! Students displayed great determination and resilience. I'm so proud of our students for their enthusiasm and sportsmanship, cheering and encouraging each other. Thank you once again to our dedicated staff who ensured this was a successful event for our students.

We also had a great time celebrating Harmony Day, a special occasion that highlights our commitment to inclusivity and diversity. Students took part in activities that promoted understanding and respect for different cultures.

Looking ahead, we're excited about our upcoming Easter Hat Parade! This is always a wonderful celebration that brings our whole school community together. I encourage everyone to get involved, and I can't wait to see the amazing Easter hats.

We are also looking forward to our end of term disco. A very big thank you to our P&C and parent volunteers for their help in making this event happen and to the staff for giving up their time to supervise our students.

As we reach the end of term and the Easter break, I encourage all families to take some time to relax and enjoy the holiday break. It's important to recharge and enjoy time with loved ones.

Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in our school community. Together, we're creating a fun and inspiring environment where our students can learn and flourish.

Wishing you all a fantastic and safe holiday! I can't wait to see everyone back for another term filled with exciting learning opportunities.

Mrs Megan Linday

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Principal



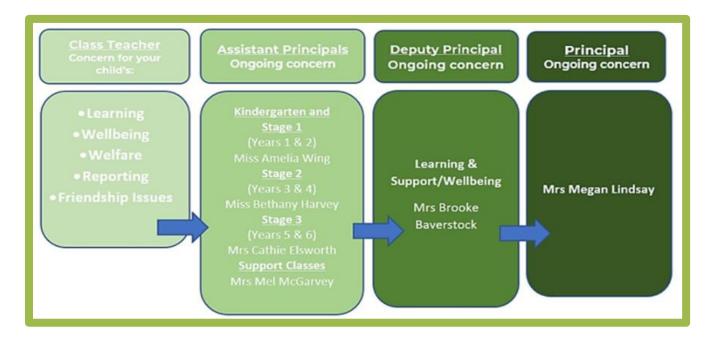
Communication with the School

As a school community, we are committed to creating a positive and supportive environment for our students, staff, and families. One essential aspect of this environment is respectful communication, which plays a crucial role in fostering strong relationships and ensuring that everyone feels valued and heard.

I want to take this opportunity to remind everyone about the importance of communicating respectfully, especially when it comes to interactions involving our students and staff. While we understand that emotions can run high during certain situations, it's vital that we approach communication with kindness and respect. To maintain a safe and supportive atmosphere, I would like to remind parents to refrain from approaching students directly to discuss concerns or issues that may arise.

Instead, I encourage you to communicate through the appropriate channels. If you have a concern about a student's behaviour or well-being, please reach out to a teacher or staff member. They are here to listen and work collaboratively with you to find a resolution. By using the proper channels for communication, we can ensure that our students feel secure and supported while also addressing any concerns effectively. Our staff are committed to working with families to resolve issues in a constructive and timely manner.

Please also be mindful that staff have commitments before school and after school most days. If you would like to discuss a concern, please arrange a time through the office or the Sentral Parent Portal. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.



Uniform

At Northlakes Public School we expect all students to wear full school uniform.

Wearing a school uniform is a symbol of our school identity and pride. When students wear their uniforms, they represent not only themselves but also our entire school community. Uniforms help foster a sense of belonging and unity, making it clear that we are all part of our amazing school community.

Having high expectations for uniform means setting standards that help our students develop a sense of responsibility. When students take pride in their uniform and adhere to the uniform guidelines, it reflects their commitment to our school values.

If there are any difficulties or concerns regarding the uniform, please don't hesitate to reach out to our staff for support.

Thank you for your ongoing support in maintaining high expectations for our school uniform. Together, we can create an environment that reflects our values and fosters a sense of pride in our school community.



Attendance Matters

Attending school consistently is essential not only for academic achievement but also for personal growth and social development.

Every day in the classroom provides students with the opportunity to engage with their teachers and peers, participate in discussions, and immerse themselves in a rich learning environment. When students miss school, they miss out on valuable lessons, activities, and interactions that contribute to their overall development. Each absence can create gaps in understanding, making it more challenging for students to keep up with their learning.

In addition to academic implications, regular attendance fosters important social skills. School is a place where students build relationships, learn teamwork, and develop communication skills. By attending school consistently, students have the chance to form connections with their classmates and teachers, which can lead to lasting friendships and a supportive school community.

We understand that there may be circumstances that lead to absences, such as illness or family commitments. However, we encourage families to prioritise school attendance as much as possible. If your child is struggling with attendance for any reason, please reach out to your child's teacher, Mrs Baverstock or Mrs Lindsay. We are here to support you and your child in finding solutions that promote regular attendance.

Let's work together to emphasise the importance of attending school every day. By ensuring our students attend regularly, we are setting them up for success and helping them make the most of their educational experience.

Thank you for your continued support in this important matter.



Sentral Parent Portal

A reminder to parents/carers that our school has adopted Sentral as our new School Management System. The Sentral Parent Portal is loaded with features such as keeping tabs on attendance, explaining absences, school calendars, permission slips and managing payments to name a few.

<u>Please be advised that our office will no longer accept consent forms or payment over the counter from Term 2</u>. Invitations including the necessary access codes were shared via email with families earlier this term. If you have not yet had the opportunity to do so, please take the time in the coming days to get setup. Please contact the office if you have difficulties in retrieving your access codes.

The Parent Portal is designed for your convenience, allowing you to oversee your child's school journey effortlessly from any device. It's browser-based, so it works on any device with an internet browser!

Download the app now: For iPhone: Apple App Store For Android: Google Play

Stay connected and engaged with your child's education!

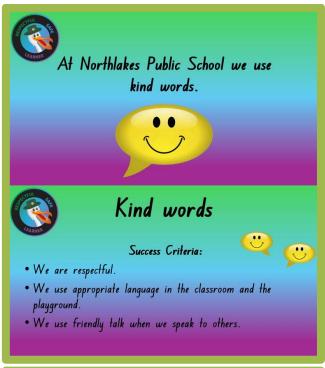


PBL Expectations

This term we have revamped our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) expectations. We have designed all our lessons to be revisited, and we are providing regular reminders just before each break. All our focus areas fall under our whole school expectations of Respectful, Safe, Learner. So far, we have focused on Kind words, Right place right time, Safe hands and feet, and Respectful. Each focus area is displayed around the school, and it is posted on Facebook for our parents to be aware of.

Students who are following our school expectations are rewarded within their classrooms by their class teacher and are given Storkie tickets in the playground. Students place their Storkie ticket in their house Storkie box located between the office door and the canteen. There is 1 box per house. Students can find out their house colour from their class teacher if they are unsure. The winning house will get first choice of the activities being held on our end of term reward session. There will be sport activities, Easter craft, science experiments or a Movie as the activities offered in the reward session which will be held on the last day of this term.

As an extra special treat, students who have consistently demonstrated all three expectations, Respectful, Safe, Learner, may be lucky enough to be chosen to attend Morning or Afternoon tea with the Principal, Mrs Lindsay. This is only offered to a limited number of students each term. This term, the lucky students enjoyed an ice cream with Mrs Lindsay.









Behaviour Code

NSW public schools are committed to providing safe, supportive, and responsive learning environments for everyone across a range of settings. We teach and model the inclusive and safe behaviours we value

in our students. The students at Northlakes Public School have been shown and have had discussions about the Behaviour Code in their classrooms. It identifies our 3 PBL expectations of being respectful, safe leaners and addresses the expectations within each area.

Please familiarise yourself with this code and you are encouraged to have a conversation with your child/children. You're welcome to contact the school for further information.



Healthcare Plans

All students are entitled to participate in education regardless of their health support needs. While a student's health support rests primarily with the parent, school staff have a duty to keep students safe while they are at school or are involved in school activities.

Schools are expected to consult with parents about their child's health. When students need help with health issues at school, parents may need to consult with their medical practitioner about the implications of the child's health condition for their schooling and any actions that need to occur during the school day. Parents need to convey relevant information from the medical practitioner to the principal in writing.

Schools undertake collaborative individual health support planning to determine the best way for the individual health needs to be met. This may require the principal to seek additional support from the department so that appropriate arrangements can be made for the student's participation at school. Northlakes Public School reviews and updates all student health care needs at the beginning of each academic year. It's essential to submit any required documentation to ensure we can support your student effectively. Additionally, please inform the office if there are any changes to your student's health care during the school year.

Year 7 2026

Expressions of interest for Northlakes High School are now closed for students moving to Year 7 in 2026.

Parents and guardians must now fill out the online enrolment forms for their children. Please use the link below to complete the process.

https://ehub.enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/schoolenrolment/?schoolCode=8547

Harmony Week Celebrations

Students, staff, and families at Northlakes Public School had an amazing experience exploring the globe today in celebration of Harmony Week. Each class dedicated considerable effort to crafting their displays, allowing us to learn a great deal about our culturally rich world.

It was truly heartwarming to see students proudly dressed in orange, showcasing the colours of their class's chosen country or wearing attire that represented their own cultural heritage.







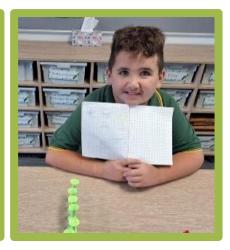
News From the Classroom K-6M

Exciting Learning Activities in K-6 M. In our class, we engaged in various enjoyable activities! We utilised cross-body movements to enhance the strength of our brains and bodies, and we showcased a fantastic performance of 'We Will Rock You' using desk drumming in music class.

We explored the history of Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day) while completing literacy tasks and cooking up some tasty pancakes! To wrap up the week, we dove into hands-on math activities that highlighted our understanding of place value.







Mariner's Kick Off program at Northlakes

On Tuesday 11th March and Tuesday 18th March, 26 year 6 students participated in the Mariners kick off training program. This free initiative provided students of all ability levels with skills to control a soccer ball and evasive manoeuvres which would assist them in a game. We are so very fortunate that we are able to access this free program provided by the Central Coast Mariners. They will be returning to work with more students in Term 2.

The Mariners are running their School Holiday Clinics, and they have provided us with a 10% discount code which is available to all Northlakes students.

Code: LLI751 https://central-coast-mariners-foundation.classforkids.io/camps







News From the Library

We have launched story time (K-2) and games club (3-6) in the library at break time. Our amazing year 6 students have been reading to the K-2 students. Our 3-6 students have been making new friends, playing games and having fun!

Thank you to our fantastic term 1 library monitors for all of your hard work. From scanning and sorting books to reading to our younger students and sharing your great ideas for our library.

Thank you to: Allira, Rosie, SJ, Kailin, Bella, Maiia, Kody, Slater, Faith and Evie. And an extra thank you to Callum and Connor for your library support.







Zone Swimming Team

North Lakes Public School had 19 students proudly representing the school with outstanding sportsmanship at the Zone Swimming Carnival on Wednesday.

Although no one advanced to the next level, we want to highlight Auburn and Cooper for reaching the finals in the 50m freestyle for their respective age groups.





News From the Support Classroom

Students in our support classes became roving reporters, engaging with teachers across the school and gathering footage for a news bulletin.

Armed with notepads and cameras, they eagerly approached their subjects, demonstrating curiosity and professionalism beyond their years. Their dedication to uncovering the stories that matter showcased their passion for journalism and storytelling.

They asked insightful questions on a range of topics, including climate change and bushfires. Well done, reporters!







News From 3/4H and K-6M Classrooms

3-4H and K-6M had the wonderful opportunity to welcome Director of Educational Leadership, Mrs. Avery, and Executive Director, Mr. McCallum.

Both classes showcased their knowledge, enthusiasm, and dedication to learning. These moments were great examples of the outstanding work taking place in classrooms throughout our school. Excellent job, NPS!





News From KW Classroom

Kindergarten have had an amazing start to school with lots of learning and fun activities. Here are 4 kindergarten superstars showing off their wonderful writing!



Stage 2 News

Students from 2-3C, 3-4C, 3-4G and 3-4H are loving our Daily Reviews. Students have continued to recite, recall and apply in their Reading and Maths Daily Reviews and have enthusiastically embraced our new Daily Writing sessions. Well done Stage 2!









Sporting News

Northlakes has proudly showcased a remarkable array of sporting talent this term. Congratulations to the following students for their exceptional performances in their respective sports! Your hard work and dedication truly shine, and we celebrate your achievements.

- Cohen Farrell 5/6M qualified for the Sydney North team to swim freestyle and backstroke in the Junior Boys Multiclass events at the NSWPPSA State Swimming Carnival later this week. This followed 1st and 2nd placings at the Sydney North swimming carnival.
- Jeremiah Mataio 5/6M Selected into the Sydney North U12s Rugby League Team to compete at the State Championships in Term 2. T
- Jeremiah Mataio 5/6M Selected to trial for the Sydney North Rugby Union Team in Term 2.
- Jackson Floyd 5/6M and Cohen Farrell 5/6M Selected to represent the Central Coast in Ten Pin Bowling at the State Championships in Sydney in June.
- Arianah Cama 5/6E Selected to trial for the Sydney North Girls Rugby 7s team.









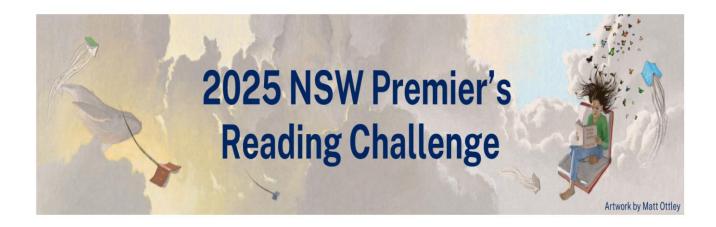
News From 2/3C Classroom

Our 2-3C mathematicians have been delving into the concept of measurement this week! We've had a great time utilising various tools to measure items within the classroom and comparing their lengths.









2025 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge is now open and Northlakes Public School is excited to be participating!

What is the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge?

The PRC is a statewide Challenge that encourages students to develop a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students and enables them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition, but a challenge to encourage each student to read, to read more, and to read more widely.

All students who complete the challenge and have their reading record validated by the school's PRC coordinator will receive a certificate signed by the Premier of NSW.

How many books do students need to read?

Students in Kindergarten to Year 2 are challenged to read or experience 30 books. 20 of these books must be from the relevant Challenge booklists, and up to 10 books can be personal choice books. Books can be read with a parent, carer, teacher or another student.

Students in Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 20 books independently. At least 10 of these books must be from the relevant Challenge booklists, and up to 10 books can be personal choice books.

If a book is from an approved PRC series, students can enter up to 5 books as Challenge books, and can read up to 10 other books from the same series as Personal Choice books. More information on the rules of the Challenge can be found on the PRC website.

Books must be added to a student's online reading record by **Friday 22 August 2025** in order for their reading record to be validated and receive a certificate.

How do students log their reading?

Students can access the PRC's <u>Student Experience site</u> using their DoE username and password, or can log into the site via the Student Portal. A video guide explaining how to use the Student Experience site can be found here.

Students may also record their reading on the Personal Reading Log and submit it to the PRC Coordinator by 23 August 2024, who will complete the reading log on the students' behalf.

How can students find books on the NSW PRC challenge lists?

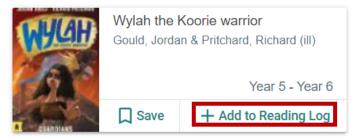
The Northlakes Public School library contains lots of books that can count towards the challenge. These books are identified with red (K-2), green (3-4) and purple (5-6) stickers.

A quick guide for logging books:

- 1. Log into the <u>Student experience site</u> using your DoE student username and password.
- 2. Use the blue search bar to search for books you have read.



2a. If the title appears, click "Add to Reading Log" to add it as a PRC book.



2b. If the title does not appear, you will need to enter it as a personal choice book.

To enter a personal choice book:

1. Click on the icon in the top right hand corner:



2. Click on "My reading log".



3. Fill in the book details under the "Add a Personal Choice book" field and click "add".



If you have any issues with logging books, please speak to Ms Haynes.

For more information or to register call Wendy 0409 800 821 or Kerry 0499 782 585

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Email: wendy.ballard@det.nsw.edu.au or kerry.carson-tull@det.nsw.edu.au Website: https://www.ccsacc.co



Term 2-2025 Dolphin Cottage

Blue Haven Schools as Community Centre

Blue Haven Community Centre Colorado Dr

MONDAY 9.30 to 11.30am Supported Playgroup

Families with children 0 -6 years please join us for fun activities, songs and stories and find out more about children's learning and development through play, meet other parents from the local area as well as learning about local services that support families in the early years.

Booking essential - Please phone Uniting on 1800 067 967

MONDAY 1 to 2pm Kids Try Sport (5th May – 23rd June) (7 wks) Please join us to try out different mini sports each week. For families with children aged from birth to 6 years.

Booking essential - Please phone Kerry 0499 782 585

TUESDAY 9.30 to 11.30am Playing Around the World

A fun playgroup for families from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse backgrounds with children from birth to 6 years. Join us for children's learning and development through play and lots of fun activities from cultures around the world and meet other parents and children Booking essential -

Please phone Mosaic Multicultural Connections 4334 3877

Providing free groups for the community

TUESDAY 12.30 to 2.30pm Talkers / Playstrong

(6th May - 24th June) (8 weeks) A fun interactive speech and language, curriculum-based Playgroup NSW playgroup. Bring afternoon tea for you and your child. A Speech Pathologist is available to assist you with your child's speech, sounds

Booking essential - Kerry 0499 782 585 or Kylie 4393 6767

WEDNESDAY 9.30 to 11am My Time (7th May – 25th June)

A peer support program for parents and carers of a child with a disability, chronic medical condition or other additional needs including developmental delay. Meet other parents and occasionally visiting clinicians. Booking essential -

Please phone 4305 6200 or 0435 319 184

and communication development.

WEDNESDAY 12.30 - 1.30pm Baby Massage

(7th May - 4th June)

These relaxed sessions delivered to you by Jeniene, a Certified Infant Massage Instructor and These Early Childhood Educator creates a special time together with your baby (birth to crawling) whilst you learn massage techniques to help calm your little one. Booking essential - Please phone Kerry 0499 782 585

For more information or to register call Wendy 0409 800 821 or Kerry 0499 782 585

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(5 weeks)

Term 2 – 2025 Jabiru Cottage

Northlakes Schools as Community Centre

Northlakes Public School Goorama Ave, San Remo

MONDAY 9.30 - 10.30am Baby Messy Play

 $(5^{th} \text{ May} - 23^{rd} \text{ June})$ Birth to crawling

Sensory or messy play encourages healthy development and bonding. Join our early childhood educators and be ready to have fun with your infant, get messy, learn about child development and meet other parents from your area.

Booking essential - Please phone Wendy 0409 800 821

MONDAY 10.30 - 11.30am Toddler Messy Play

(5th May - 23rd June) Toddler to 5yrs

(7 weeks)

Sensory or messy play encourages healthy development and bonding. Join our early childhood educators and be ready to have fun with your toddler, get messy, learn about child development and meet other

Booking essential - Please phone Wendy 0409 800 821

TUESDAY 9.30 - 11.30am PlayStrong Playgroup

(6th May - 24th June)

(8 weeks)

A fun interactive curriculum-based Playgroup NSW program. Please bring morning tea for you and your child and we'll make you a cuppa and you can meet other parents from your area.

Booking essential - Please phone Wendy 0409 800 821

Providing free groups for the community

wednesday 12.30 - 2.30pm '123 Magic'

Emotion Coaching Parenting program

(18th June - 2th July)

(3 weeks)

Free parenting program delivered by fully trained emotion coaching facilitators from Samaritans. You will learn to engage your children's cooperation by positively noticing and encouraging them, set clear expectations and help them to develop frustration tolerance, help children's brains to develop filters for behaving well, simple strategies to practice being a calm parent, and strategies to resolve family conflic quietly. Booking essential - Please phone Wendy 0409 800 821







THURSDAY 9.30 - 11.30am Supported Playgroup

Families with children 0 -6 years please join us for fun activities, songs and stories and find out more about children's learning and development through play, meet other parents from the local area and learn about local services that support families in the early years

Booking essential

Please phone Uniting on 1800 067 967

Please turn over for Blue Haven *

48 Narambi Road Buff Point



Girl Guides

Come try Girl Guides Day

Girls Aged between 6 – 13
Bring a water bottle and your smile
Contact Jenny Roberts 0406 931 412



Saturday 5th APRIL 9 AM – 12PM

Busways: Tap On and Tap Off

Important information if your child travels to school by bus?

From 24 February to 21 March 2025 Transport for NSW will be focusing on school student Opal tap data to help plan better bus services.

It's vital that your child remembers to tap on and tap off their Student or Child/Youth Opal card during this time – and every time they travel by bus.

Why is tapping on and off on the bus important?

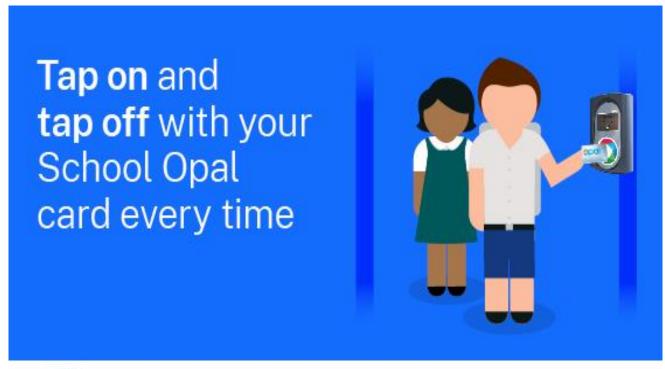
The use of Opal cards is the primary way bus operators and Transport for NSW analyse demand for bus services. When students don't use their Opal cards, their trip is not recorded. Therefore, buses may appear underutilised. Tapping on and off provides better data to plan better bus services.

How can you help?

Please remind your child to tap on and off and ensure your child has a valid Opal card (either a School or Child/Youth Opal card) and remind them to tap on and tap off on every trip. To apply for a school Opal card, visit https://transportnsw.info/school-travel-apply.

Students may see onboard bus posters and Busways Community Relation Officers at afternoon loadings.

Together let's get students into good habits of tapping on and tapping off with their Opal card.







1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching

To help manage challenging behaviour in children 2 to 12 years

A free parenting program delivered by facilitators who have completed the 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching training.

The program will run over 3 group sessions:

Session One: Wed 18th June 12.30pm-2.30pm Session Two: Wed 25th June 12.30pm-2.30pm Session Three: Wed 2nd July 12.30pm-2.30pm

> Location: Jabiru Cottage in Northlakes Primary School -69 Goorama Ave San Remo

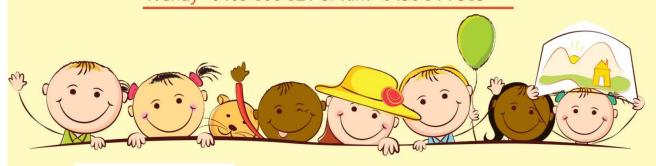


You will learn:

- How brain development and emotions are related and how we can support our children to develop emotional intelligence.
- · How to use emotion coaching to encourage positive behaviours
- To sort different types of behaviours and use the 3 choices model.

Join us for this course!

Afternoon tea provided and FREE Child Care available - BOOKING ESSENTIAL Wendy- 0409 800 821 or Kim- 0436 914 383







DATE	EVENT
Saturday 12 April 2025 – Sunday 27 th April 2025	School Holidays
Monday 28 th April 2025 – Tuesday 29 th April 2025	School Development Days
Thursday 1 st May 2025	School Photos
Friday 2 nd May 2025	School Cross Country
Tuesday 6 th May 2025	Princess and The Pea Excursion for K-6K Year 5 and 6 Visit from Northlakes High School
Tuesday 7 th May 2025	Mother's Day Stall – P&C Fundraiser
Tuesday 13 th May 2025	Mariners Session 8:30am – 9:30am Parent/Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 14 th May 2025	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Friday 16 th May 2025	Zone Cross Country
Tuesday 20 th May 2025	Mariners Session 8:30am – 9:30am
Monday 26 th May 2025	Sorry Day
Tuesday 27 th May 2025 – Tuesday 3 rd June 2025	Reconciliation Week
Thursday 29 th May 2025	Sailing with Winds Joy Program K-6M
Thursday 12 th June 2025	Boccia Competition (Selected Support Students)
Friday 13 th June 2025	Sydney North Cross Country
Tuesday 1 st July 2025	Yarn Up
Thursday 3 rd July 2025	Movie Night in the Hall – P&C Fundraiser
Saturday 5 th July 2025 – Sunday 20 th July 2025	School Holidays
Monday 20 th July 2025	School Development Day
Tuesday 21st July 2025	Students Return to School

Please note: Since the creation of this Newsletter event dates are subject to change.

Please check our Facebook, School Website or Sentral Calendar for more accurate information.

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Deputy Principal Mrs Brooke Baverstock

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Facebook https://www.facebook.com/NorthlakesPublicSchool

Phone 02 4399 2071 Office Hours 8:15am – 3:00pm

SMS Text Messaging

Daily attendance of your child is sent to your family mobile number. This can also be used for important information regarding parent teacher meetings, issue of reports etc. You CANNOT phone this number. You may respond to the text message at any time to this number to explain your student's absences.

Sentral

https://www.sentral.com.au/parents

The Sentral parent portal contains all your students school information. This includes attendance, school reports, assessment tasks and behaviour information. Families can see the whole family at a glance with your private login.

Uniform Shop

https://flexischools.com.au/

Our P&C are currently operating the Uniform Shop via Flexischoools.

Appointments and to contact the uniform shop please email: uniformshop@nps-pandc.org.au

School Canteen

https://flexischools.com.au/

Orders can be made via Flexischools App or before 8.30am at the Canteen.

Before & After School Care and Vacation Care at Northlakes Public School

Enrolments are now open for before and after school care and vacation care operated by PCYC.

Email: northlakesoosh@pcycnsw.org.au

Phone: 0434 819 758