Presentation Day
Stage 2 and 3 ceremony for Years 3 to 6 will be held in the hall next Monday 14th December at 9.30am as a combined presentation. The K – 2 ceremony will begin at 11.45am. As this ceremony is our formal academic and achievement ceremony we ask that parents turn their mobile phones off, refrain from chatting during the ceremony, keep preschoolers under control and remain for the entire ceremony. A reminder that no photos can be taken but if you wish to take a photo of your child on the stage receiving their award please let us know and we can do this after the ceremony.

Gold Certificates
Gold certificates will be presented to students at a special assembly this Thursday 10th December 9 - 10 for K-2 and 10-11 for years 3 - 6

Data Upgrade
Tomorrow we will have technicians here to install some new equipment that will make our internet slightly faster and bring our system more up to date. This is infrastructure not NBN but should make our school system more functional.

Fitness track
Our fitness track soft fall is being installed and the end is in sight. It is a huge job for Martyn our GA so if anyone can spare an hour or two to help him it will get the job done a lot faster.

Library Stocktake
Please return any books that you may have at home.

Changes to Bus names
Commencing today many school bus numbers will be changing as shown below. Bus 3 in the morning is now Bus 2128. Afternoon buses have changed accordingly Bus 1 is now Bus 2637, Bus 4 is now Bus 2676 and Bus 10 is now Bus 2717. It is important that you make yourself aware of the new bus number for the morning and afternoon trip, as both will be different. This change to 4 digit numbers is required to ensure Busways can meet guidelines set by Transport for NSW in terms of reporting and ticketing functionality. Detailed school bus timetables (including all connecting services) are available on the Busways website at www.busways.com.au or for further information, please contact Busways Customer Service on 9497 1870 or 9497 1887.

More good reports
I have been contacted by a retired teacher who was a Toukley pool last week and rang to let me know how well behaved our students were at the pool. Well done swimmers. We love to hear this and are proud of you!

Family Holidays during School Terms
There has been some recent research done about the detrimental effect taking family holidays during school time has on your child’s academic performance. Research shows it is extremely difficult for children to catch up on the concepts missed during the time not at school. Whilst we know that holidays are cheaper during term time what will be the cost to your child? There are 11 weeks during the course of the year for family holidays and it is much more beneficial for your child if they can be planned during these 11 weeks. The research was very interesting and worth considering as you plan your family holidays for next year.

Coming events for Term 4
Fri 11th Year 6 Big Day Out & Year 5 class parties
Mon 14th Presentation Day
Reports Home
Tues 15th Year 6 Farewell
Class parties Kinder – Year 4
Wed 16th Last day of term for students
17th & 18th School Development days – pupil free

Privilege Badge winners
KC Kathleen, KD Jayde KE Paige, KL Byron, 1K Marshall, 1M Elle, 1MC Paige, 1O Archie, 2J Ellymae, 2M Mia R, 2WB Indie, S2A Will A, S2B Sienna, S2C Cam, S2EV Jypsiraine, S2J Jade, S2L Alex, S3B Brendan, S3C Cooper, S3GP Tyler, S3L Noah, S3SW Adara, Unit 1 Nicholas, Unit 2 Camryn, Unit 3 Oliver & Unit 4 Rhys.

Best Attendance
Congratulations to S2A who 2 absences last week. Well done. Mrs Kerry Moore, Principal

School News
Frequent Reader Club
Congratulations to the newest member of our Frequent Reader 100 club; Hayley F (1M), Matilda PW (KL), Bailey G (KD), Dean R (KD), Emily S (KC), Matthew S (KC) and Kane U (KC). Congratulations to our newest 200 club member; Byron (KL) Their names will be displayed on the special Star Reader display board in the office. We hope to see some more readers join the club soon!
Well it is nearly the end of term, and we have been still working hard, especially with our writing. This week we have been using our words to create images in the minds of the readers, rather than pictures. We have used made up words and tried to explain them in narrative form. See if you can figure it out!

I always wanted a neatisis. I am saving some money to get one. It is a very cool robot that does everything for you. It is friendly and you must be respectful to it. I cannot wait to get one, it will be amazing.

The cat spat out the nimun in a real hurry. The nimun has smooth, dry fur, two beady eyes, and small little ears like a dog. It looks like a ball with four little legs. I dived at the nimun and caught it, and I wondered what I was going to do with it.

Ella has always wanted to go to Neatsis. It has waterfalls, a breakfast buffet, and a spa. Ella’s been saving her money by doing chores, and she didn’t have a birthday party for 4 years. It has 5 ensuites and a huge pool. It also has a chocolate fountain. If you’re wondering what Neatsis is, it is a resort.

The cat spat out the nimun in a real hurry. I mean, as soon as I saw the cat coughing. I put him outside, but when I saw it, BANG! 1 minute later, there was a hairy fish in my hand! I bolted to my fish tank, carried the fish tank to the place where we caught hold of the hairy fish, and put it in. I had to make sure I wasn’t dreaming.

Rebekah, Year 3
Thanks for reading our work! Happy and safe holidays to you and your families.

Year 6 Farewell
The Year 6 Farewell is fast approaching. Students are expected to dress to an appropriate standard with a collared shirt (no T shirts) and long pants (not jeans) for boys and shoes and socks (no thongs). Girls may wear dresses, long pants or skirts. Dresses and skirts should be of an appropriate length and shoes must be able to be worn and danced in all night. High heels are discouraged. The night will run as follows.

5.45pm – Students arrive
6:00pm – Student Presentation. Parents are invited to watch at the back of hall.

Please note that photo opportunities will be available outside after every child has been presented with their Year 6 photo pack and DVD. If you would like a photo, there will be backdrops to choose from.

Due to recent Dept of Education guidelines, we request that you only photograph your child as some children DO NOT have permission to have their photo taken.

6:30pm - Dinner served
7:30pm - Disco Begins
8.30pm – Parents return for parent dance and to watch DVD.

Year 6 Big Day Out
The Year 6 Big Day Out will be held this Friday 11th December. The students in Year 6 will be travelling to Bateau Bay Bowling Club and Majestic Cinemas at The Entrance. The bus will depart school at 9:00am and return to school by 2.45pm. This includes travel by bus, one game of ten pin bowling and admission to watch Transylvania 2. Students are able to wear mufti. However there is a dress code for what can be worn to match up with the Department of Education and Communities’ Workplace Health and Safety (WHS) and Sun Smart Policies. Your child will need to wear suitable clothing depending on the weather. Shirts must have sleeves and cover their shoulders to protect students from sunburn (no singlets). Students must wear comfortable sandals or shoes (no thongs). We would discourage girls from wearing dresses and skirts as they will be Ten Pin Bowling. Shorts worn need to be of an appropriate length.

Students must bring their recess, lunch and drink bottle.

Year 5 Class Party
This year all Year 5 students will be having a Year 5 party this Friday 11th December. The children are asked to bring their own Christmas party lunch. Students are able to wear mufti. Your child will need to wear suitable clothing depending on the weather. Shirts must have sleeves and cover their shoulders to protect students from sunburn (no singlets). Students must wear comfortable sandals or shoes (no thongs). Shorts worn need to be of an appropriate length.

Students must bring their recess as normal.

Student Medical update 2016
Just a reminder to obtain new health care plans for any health conditions over the holidays as they will be needed for day 1 2016.

School Banking
This is the last week of school banking for this year. We look forward to another great year of banking next year. We will be starting school banking in week 3 2016.

Remember you can still bank over the holiday to watch your saving grow (I don’t think you receive any tokens though the bank).

Canteen News
As we are winding down for the end of the year some Canteen items will become out of stock, alternate items will be offered if this occurs. Thank you

No deposit laybys on uniforms are available, beat the rush.

Roster for week beginning 8th December 2015:

Tuesday 8/12/15 – Denise Wilson, Michelle Burgess
Wednesday 9/12/15 – Denise Heather, Jenny Leatham,
Thursday 10/12/15 – Vanessa Allan, Georgina Atkinson
Friday 11/12/15 – Madeline & Dale Clenton, Megan Lewis
Monday 14/12/15 – Alison Sutton

Helpers, if for some reason you cannot attend, please contact Sophie early on 43992238. New volunteers are always welcome.

Northlakes High School Uniform Shop
The Northlakes High School Uniform shop is open every Friday from10:00 till 12:00pm (beat the rush before orientation day 24/11/15)