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Leumeah High School Newsletter



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Term 4 Week 4

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From the Relieving Principal Mr. Bates

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This week sees the commencement of term four “teacher learning weeks”, where teachers in teams of three observe each other’s lessons and learn different methods of teaching from each other. Our focus has been on making connections and forming stronger relationships with students as research has shown students will learn far more and quicker from teachers and people they have a relationship with.

I would like to congratulate Mr Matt Clark for gaining a Head Teacher (relieving) position in PDHPE for 2017 at Hoxton Park HS. Matt has contributed a great deal to our school in the five years he has been here as year advisor on the welfare team and as our Aboriginal Programs Coordinator. A great legacy Matt will leave us with is the Leumeah High School Aboriginal Representative Council, a first of its kind has flourished under his guidance and support and will continue to not just here at Leumeah High School but also entrenched in the Leumeah Community of Schools.

Last Monday night four staff members from Leumeah High School were awarded Director’s awards for outstanding service to the school and its community, the most of any school on the night. I would like to publicly congratulate Donna Shedden our Community Liaison Officer, recognised for her work with the community; Kim Osborne our relieving Deputy Principal for her leadership as Deputy Principal; Maree Russell, one of our Home School Liaison Officers for her work with students in need and Mr Paul Zielinski for his Leadership of Leumeah High School and mentoring across Campbelltown, Macarthur and Wollondilly.

Ken Bates



Wishing our class of 2016 success in the HSC and beyond!

CALENDER

OCTOBER

31/10 P&C Meeting

31/10-11/11 Teacher Learning Weeks

NOVEMBER

**7-11/11 YEARS 9 & 10
YEARLY EXAMS**

10-11/11 Years 9/10 OE Overnight Hike

14/11 Years 9-12
Pathways to Dreaming Mentoring

14-15/11 YEAR8 7 YEARLY EXAMS

14-18/11 YEAR 8 YEARLY EXAMS

16/11 Year 7 Immunisations

17-18/11 YEAR 7 YEARLY EXAMS

17-18/11 Years 9/10 OE Overnight Hike

23/11 Year 12 Formal

25/11 Year 8 Pathways to Dreaming
Cool Science Day

28/11-1/12 Year 10
Crossroads/All My Own Work

DECEMBER

5-9/12 MADD Week

9/12 Years 8-11
Pathways to Dreaming
End of Year Showcase

12/12 PD/H/PE Sports Assembly

13/12 Presentation Day

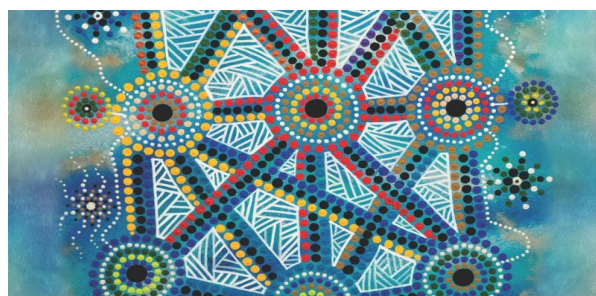
16/12 Last Day 2016, for students

From the Deputies

We were welcomed back to Term 4 by some wonderful NAIDOC celebrations presented by our fantastic ARC led by the dedicated Mrs Roberts and Mr Clark. Students and staff were fascinated by the opportunity to hear the personal narrative of Mr Delaney, mesmerised by the Indigenous version of the National Anthem as sung by our new school captain Talyssa B, and impressed by learning from members of our ARC about cultural totems and song lines. A highlight was the inclusion of students and staff from our LARC, in particular the signing of the National Anthem with members of Passfield Park School. Year 7 students were lucky enough to have an afternoon of celebrations including Kangaroo Stew tasting and Aboriginal Games such as boomerang throwing. Thank you to Mrs Roberts for your hard work and dedication in coordinating such a wonderful event!

Term 4 has also started with a fortnightly PRAC focus on our school value of PREPARATION (weeks 2 – 3). Students are reminded to demonstrate this value by: wearing correct school uniform; arriving to school on time; attending all classes; and having the necessary equipment for each subject. For weeks 4 and 5 our focus will be on the value of RESPECT. Students are encouraged to use language that is kind and polite when speaking with all members of our school community and to look after school resources and the school environment. We look forward to celebrating students who have demonstrated our PRAC values during our formal assembly.

Wishing everyone a successful term 4!



Songlines:
The living narrative
of our nation



From the Year 7 Student Advisor

Excellent work, Year 7 on the way you have transitioned and progressed over your first year here at Leumeah High School. It is so pleasing to see how successful you have been, the things you have achieved, the friends you have made and the way you have enhanced the culture of our school. I hope that you continue to be model members of our school community and set a fine example for the new incoming students to Leumeah High School. We have continued to see Year 7 achievements recognised, with students continuing to achieve Bronze, Silver and Gold PRAC awards. We have later this term, our Sports and Formal Assemblies, to recognise the outstanding efforts of our students, where Year 7 will be very well represented. I would also like to stress to students, the importance of not only maintaining their uniform, including hats, shoes and appropriate shirts, pants and skirts, but arriving prepared for school every single day, especially being on time.

The school has had numerous exciting events occur over the past few weeks, including NAIDOC day, where students had the opportunity to experience Indigenous culture, tasting Indigenous food, competing in different games and also listening to the insight of an Indigenous elder from the local community. The students were exceptionally well behaved and should be commended on their efforts, something which myself and Ms Langford were exceptionally proud. Students were exceptional in working with students from Passfield Park, encouraging and supporting them throughout the duration of the day, which was extremely positive and impressive to see.

Later this term, students will begin their Yearly exams, their second formal assessment in the hall. It will be a week long process, where students will be assessed on their knowledge of everything they have covered in this second semester. I encourage students to begin preparing and studying for their exams, as they are fast approaching and to give themselves the best chance of success, preparation will be key.

It has been an absolute pleasure being a part of your first year here at Leumeah, I hope you all continue to strive to be the best you can be and I'm extremely excited to continue to see you all grow and develop into amazing individuals in the coming year.

Mr Curtain



Year 7 Debating Team

Our debating team has challenged many competitive teams, such as Ingleburn and Macquarie Fields High Schools.

We are very proud of our results and hope to continue at high standards. Our debating team has grown stronger and built our confidence. We all work well as a team and look forward to working with Miss Modica again next year.

Written by Akaisha W-S
Year 7

From the Year 9 Student Advisor

Hello Year 9 students, parents/carers,

Another year has nearly passed and the exams are approaching quickly (examination week, 7th-11th October). Students are encouraged to study for their exams for at least 30 minutes (preferably an hour) per day. The homework centre, which is open Wednesdays 3-4:30pm, is a great opportunity for studying and completing assignments with assistance available from supervising teachers.

Towards the latter part of the term, report reflections will be held alongside pastoral sessions focusing on job readiness and subject selections with respect to future careers that are best suited to one's personality and strengths.

Mrs Gilleland

From the Year 11 Student Advisor

We are very excited to welcome and congratulate our 2017 Prefect body!

Captains: Daniel R and Talyssa B
Vice Captains: Weerona V and Misipele U

And our Prefects: Austin H, Sarah A, Koyel P, Mackenzie J, Helen H, Lawrence V, Aimee W and Julie L.

These bunch of amazing students are ready to guide, support, represent and lead our student body this term and as we head into 2017!

We also would like to take the time to congratulate Shanae H, Talyssa B and Jasmine-Lee F for their fantastic and professional performances during our NAIDOC assembly.

We are looking forward to our Senior Retreat Friday 4th November to Saturday 5th November which we hope will assist the students attending to prepare better for their HSC. Students and Parents are reminded that final payments for the retreat are due soon.

This term will be a busy one for students, we have a few opportunities for more fundraising for the formal and yearbook and we hope that we have everyone's involvement and support for these events.

As always we are extremely proud of Year 11, their behaviour, uniform, attendance, strong work ethic and positive attitudes are preparing them for their bright futures!

Thanks
 Mrs Rigg & Mr J!

LITERACY GROUPS: TERM 3 BOYS GROUP



LITERACY GROUPS: TERM 3 GIRLS GROUP



From Science Faculty

Here in Science we wish to report that things are travelling along very nicely indeed. Our teachers and students have returned to us well after the holidays and are enthusiastically powering through Term 4.

Last term Science and the students of Leumeah High had a number of educational and fun-filled excursions. The HSC Biology class also went to Sydney University as part of the “Kickstart” Program for “Kickstart Biology” to assist them in their HSC preparation. They then teamed up with the students from Senior Science to attend the “Museum of Health and Disease” at the University of NSW to supplement their studies in modules – “Search for Better Health” and “Medical Technology”. Year 7 Science students had a wondrously exciting couple of days with all the animals on the Zoo Snooze at Taronga Park Zoo. Science is planning further excursions for our other year groups. We are all so excited and just can’t wait.

The HSC Exams are now in full swing. In Science we have our Biology, Chemistry, Senior Science and Physics students sitting these exams. Students should have made all preparations required and be powering through those exams as you read this Link contribution. Good luck to all our HSC students at Leumeah High. Aim to do your best and remember there is no substitute for hard work.

The Year 11 students have rolled into their HSC course and all seem to be going well. Perhaps all our students should take note of the stress our current HSC students are under and make a mental note to work hard so that their stress levels may be reduced when it is their turn.

The junior years, 7 through to 10 will be sitting their yearly exams in weeks 5 and 6. It is important for all our junior students to remember that their exam will cover all work from this year, so it’s time to dust off those class notes from earlier in the year and reacquaint yourselves with knowledge held within. If for some reason you have misplaced your notes, even after being reminded on many occasions not to, see your Science teacher for resources to assist you in your exam preparations. Good luck to all students but again remember hard work is the key to success.

The Science staff expects all students to be prepared by bringing the necessary equipment to each science lesson, including their science book, pens, ruler, pencil, sharpener, rubber, glue stick, and in the case of Year 10, they must bring their laptops (completely charged). Seniors are also expected to bring their necessary text books.

From Mr Flanigan and your friendly Science Faculty



From the Maths Faculty

Yearly exams are drawing near, and it is imperative that all students from Years 7 – 10 are adequately revising for their upcoming assessments. Years 9 & 10 will have their Maths exam on Tuesday 8th November, whilst Years 7 & 8 will sit their exams on the following Tuesday, 15th November. All students must come fully prepared for these exams; that obviously includes a calculator.

Year 11’s first H.S.C. Assessment Task will be later during the term. They have all now started work on the H.S.C. Course and it is vitally important that they are continually revising to ensure that they are consolidating the concepts that have been taught. General Mathematics students have started to receive weekly assignment sheets, which are to be completed for the Monday following their distribution. A new assignment is handed out each Monday. Students are expected to have a separate assignment book into which these sheets, the student’s solutions, and a copy of the worked solutions, will be placed.

Once again, if there are any issues concerning anything regarding Mathematics, please do not hesitate to call me at the school.

Mr O’Brien

From PDHPE Faculty

As the 2016 year slowly draws to a close, students in PDHPE have been completing their final assessment tasks for the school year. Year 7 students must be commended for the high quality creative writing tasks they submitted where they demonstrated their understanding of appropriate measures to be taken to stay safe during party situations. Year 7 have been a great addition to the school community and their passion for physical activity and health has been evident throughout the year. Year 10 have recently completed their Ballroom Dance unit of work. They too must be commended for the maturity with which they embraced this topic and the skills demonstrated on assessment day when they had to perform 'The Jive' were very pleasing. Congratulations to the students who received full marks for their dance performance and well done to all the students who stepped out of the comfort zone and aimed to do their best in something that was very new to them.

It has been a huge year in sport at Leumeah with our students once again highlighting why we are widely regarded as a strong force in school sport throughout the wider community. Congratulations to the girls cricket team who finished semi-finalists in the region and good luck to our Under 14's cricket boys who are our only remaining sporting team still alive in knockout competitions. The School Sports assembly is approaching in coming weeks and is sure to be a fitting occasion to acknowledge the outstanding achievements of our students on the sporting arena and also the coaches who have given up so much off their time to prepare students for success in their chosen sports. The big question is, who will be named the 2016 male and female sportspeople of the year for 2016?

Mr Allsopp



From Bundalong Faculty

Friday, 21st October 2016 Ms Marcus hosted a Social Skills BBQ for Students in Bundalong.

Students, worked together in food preparation, cutting vegetables and assuring the bread rolls were buttered while the meat patties were cooking on the BBQ. Bundalong students were proud to make burgers and deliver to the Executive staff. Thankyou to the Bundalong staff for demonstrating and assisting students with the food preparation.



From CAPA Faculty

On the 28th October Mr Tsoupis, Mrs Coggans and Ms Turnbull took a fortunate group of Yr10 and 11 Creative Arts students to see the sculpture by the sea exhibition. A wonderful day was had by all walking from Tamarama beach to Bondi viewing all the magnificent 3d artworks. This was very inspiring to our students and will be helpful for the Yr11 student heading into the HSC Body of Work projects for 2017.



C.A.P.A Faculty Presents

M.A.D.D.

Festival

Oscar Party Night

HOLLYWOOD

Day Performance:
Wednesday 7th December
and Thursday 8th December.

Night Performance: Wednesday 7th
December

Doors Open 6pm for 6:30pm
Performance

Intermission with refreshments
available.

Location: School Hall

Price: Day Performance \$2
Night Performance \$5

Tickets can be purchased from the front
office

In week 9 this term Leumeah High School and the Creative Arts faculty will be holding its annual M.A.D.D festival. Student are already in rehearsals hoping to make it the most successful performance in history. We will be having two day performances for students to attend and our night performance on December 7th. Please come and support our talented students and all the hard work they are putting in. Tickets are on sale for the night performance in the office for \$5. We hope to see you there!

From the

S**R****C**

Last term the elections for the 2017 SRC were held. I would like to thank and congratulate all students who nominated and presented speeches to their years. These were of a high standard with all students outlining their vision for Leumeah High School.

I would like to congratulate the following students who were successful in being elected to the 2017 SRC:

Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
Priyanka P Akaisha W-S Zoe R Tamikah L	Patricia S D Shyleen P Lamarr S-T Iffah I	Wylleon B Hayden H Alex C Brodie D Lisa A	Somnieng C Sarvannah M Chelsea W Daniel C Tristan B Jason L	Talyssa B - Captain Daniel R - Captain Weerona V- Vice Captain Misipele U- Vice Captain Aimee W Makenzie Helen H Lawrence V Sarah A Julie L Misipele U Koyel P Austin H



Congratulations!

In week 9 of term three the SRC held a cake stall to raise money for an orphanage in Thailand. Mrs Mahoney had the opportunity to visit the orphanage and donate the \$400 that the school raised to purchase a range of food for the children living in the orphanage.

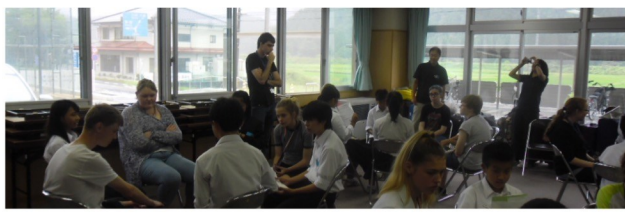




◆ JAPAN ◆



During the last holidays a delegation of 11 students and 4 teachers visited Japan for 13 days. We toured Tokyo, Hiroshima and Kyoto, as well as visiting Kanbayashi School in Ayabe for school exchange and homestay. We were treated to the most wonderful hospitality by our friends at Kanbayashi, who opened their school, their homes and their hearts to our students and our school. This is the second time Leumeah High School has been privileged to share in such an experience with Kanbayashi, and we have once again been able to form life-long bonds with this special community. We look forward to one day having the chance to host a visit from Kanbayashi.





**THANK YOU TO OUR STAFF, SRC AND PARENTS
WHO SUPPORTED OUR DOGTOWER FUNDRAISER.
WE RAISED \$800. OUTSTANDING EFFORT!**



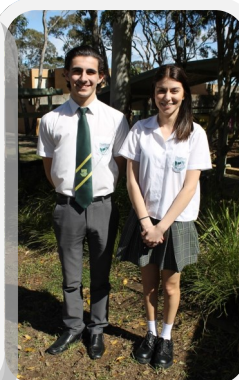




UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS 2016

Monday
8.15am - 11.00am

Wednesday
8.15am - 11.00am



WANTED



LEUMEAH HIGH SCHOOL SKIRTS

Are you in Year 12 and no longer need your school uniform skirt for next year?

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See Mrs Shedden or Mrs Dawson
for more information.

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