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Leumeah High School Newsletter

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From the Relieving Principal Mr. Bates

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each member of our school community from teachers through to students and ancillary staff alike for the conduct you all portrayed in trying circumstances during the school evacuation on Tuesday. The school was targeted as a bomb hoax along with Thomas Reddall High School on Tuesday morning and the school was evacuated whilst emergency services conducted their business. I was very impressed with the sensible behaviour and cooperation demonstrated by our students on this day. Police are now tracing the callers, which is an easy thing to do apparently, and should be in a position to question suspects later this week.

As the close of the year approaches and we prepare for the beginning of 2017 our staff and students are preparing for the welcome of our new year 7 students. We will have orientation day on Tuesday 6 December and our peer support leaders have been trained in preparation for this day and the ensuing year. Thanks to Mr Douglas, Mr Baca and Ms Needham for the training of these students. The school has also decided to invest in the services of a third Deputy Principal and the process for selecting this person has begun in order for them to commence on the first day next year.

I would like to thank the parents of our outgoing Year 12 students and thank them for their contributions to our school community throughout the past six years, some of whom have attended our bi-term meetings and others have contacted the school on various occasions to ensure the school was advised or keeping up with best practice. The Year 12 formal last week was a great success and I would like to attribute this and much of the fine work from Year 12 to their Year Advisor, Ms Catherine Modica, who worked tirelessly to ensure each student in year 12 felt safe and happy at school and worked to achieve the best results they could achieve.

On Tuesday I attended Beverly Park School for their annual awards ceremony and presented awards, and was delighted to witness four of our own students receive awards, representing the many students of Leumeah High School who have participated in assisting at events or sport days, as volunteers of the year with Mr Geoffrey Parry-Ewing. Thank you to Mr Parry-Ewing and the SRC students who have attended all year to assist at Beverley Park School; you are very much appreciated at the school.

Thank you to all of our P&C members who support our community links throughout the year. A special thank you to our outgoing P&C President Kylie Devine, whose dedication and efforts in leading our P&C over the last few years have been impressive and are very much appreciated. I would like to extend a warm welcome to our incoming P&C President Bob Rogers; we look forward to working with you and the rest of the committee in 2017. All parents are welcome to join our P&C; please refer to the 2017 school calendar when published for the meeting dates and times.

I hope all of our community have enjoyable break and are adequately recharged for another brilliant year of learning together in 2017.

CALENDER

NOVEMBER

28/11-1/12 Year 10

Crossroads/All My Own Work

DECEMBER

2/12 ARC Movie Night-5pm

5-9/12 MADD Week

6/12 Year 6- Year 7

Orientation Day

9/12 Years 8-11

Pathways to Dreaming

End of Year Showcase

12/12 PD/H/PE

Sports Assembly-9am

13/12 Presentation Day-10am

16/12 Last Day 2016, for students

JANUARY 2017

30/01 Years 7,11 & 12
First Day 2017

31/01 Years 8,9 & 10
First Day 2017

**The Uniform shop will
open on**

18th January 2017

9.00am-2.00pm

Cash, Cheque

or EFTPOS

From the Deputies

With just 3 weeks of learning time remaining, students have now had their final opportunities to demonstrate the knowledge and skills they have developed over the past 4 terms. Teachers are in the process of finalizing the Semester 2 reports for Years 7-10, and students will have the opportunity to reflect on their learning progress during upcoming Report Reflection activities. The Report Reflection process is an important step in guiding students to consider their strengths, weaknesses and learning habits in order to set goals for improving their learning in 2017.

It was a privilege to join with our graduated Year 12 students to celebrate their Formal last Wednesday night, acknowledging their final rite-of-passage as they leave their schooling days behind them. Thanks must go once more to Ms Modica for her flawless organization of this important event, and congratulations to our graduated Year 12 class who displayed impeccable respect for themselves, each other, and our school as they celebrated.

Our Year 11 students are currently undertaking their first HSC Assessment Tasks, whilst Year 10 will undertake the Crossroads and All My Own Work programs this week in preparation for their transition to the Senior School. The courses for Year 10 are compulsory for all students prior to entering Year 11 in 2017. Any students not attending any component of the course will be issued with an assignment of equivalent scope to cater for the missed work.

We are also looking forward to the upcoming Year 7 Orientation Day, to support our newest students in their transition to High School.

Over the coming weeks we will acknowledge the academic, artistic and sporting achievements that have characterized our 2016 journey through a variety of events such as the Presentation Day Assembly, the MADD festival and the Sports Assembly, and we look forward to seeing many parents at these events.

As Term 4 2016 draws to a close we would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of our school community who have contributed to making 2016 another great year of learning in our school – students, families and teachers. We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday break and look forward to working together once more in 2017.



Congratulations Sakshi G on receiving a Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute School Science Award for outstanding achievement in Preliminary Science. In the Photograph is Dr Louise Dunn a researcher from the Vascular Biology Division at The Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute and Mayor of Campbelltown, Cr George Bricevic.



Our School leaders visited Parliament house along with other student leaders from schools in the Campbelltown area.



From the Year 8 Student Advisor

Another year is nearly completed and we are happy to say that this has been a positive and productive year for Year 8. Students have participated in numerous initiatives throughout the year and they have been quite a busy group. They have also been making great progress in their lessons and have produced some excellent work across their subjects. We are very pleased with the maturity and cooperation that they are demonstrating and feel that they are showing signs that they are truly ready to progress into Year 9 next year.

A reminder that the Breakfast Club is still available to all students at 8.00 am each day this will continue until Week 9. Many of our Year 8 students are among those that attend and it is always great to see them enjoying their time there.

As the year comes to an end we would like to thank all students and parents of Year 8 for a wonderful school year. We hope that you enjoy your holidays.

Ms Gartside



C.A.P.A Presents
M.A.D.D.
Festival

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



From the Year 10 Student Advisor

As we head into the home stretch of 2016, Year 10 have been extremely busy. With Yearly exams finished and finishing touches being applied to their Record of School Achievement, students are still being asked to apply themselves with diligence for the remainder of the year. In the final few weeks there are many important events, programs and activities that Year 10 will be involved in. This will start in Week 8 with the Crossroads program which enhances the knowledge and skills they will apply throughout their lives and have learnt in their previous years at high school in a week long program.

The Presentation Assembly and Sports Assembly will reward those students in the cohort that have excelled in an academic or sporting discipline throughout 2016 and those students should be extremely proud of their achievements.

Students have selected the subjects that they will undertake next year in their senior studies and will make the transition to become seniors and leaders within the school. Their new uniform will reflect this transition and I encourage them to not only embrace their new found position within the school, but to regularly lead by example and display our school's core PRAC values. Year 10 have had an exciting year and they should be congratulated on their achievements. I wish them all the best with their senior studies in 2017.

Mr Clark



From the Year 12 Student Advisor

Year 12 have finished their HSC examinations and they are now breathing a sigh of relief! Students worked hard in the lead up to their exams with many of them taking advantage of the Study Centre here at school. I know that many students are now enjoying the simple pleasures like sleeping and relaxing! I'd like to congratulate the students who have already secured full time employment or early entry to University.

The year group had the privilege to celebrate their graduation at Western Suburbs League Club on September 21st. Everyone looked amazing in their gowns and the auditorium was filled with proud faces. The Captains delivered heartfelt speeches, the music class performed infectious medleys and everyone smiled broadly when they received their Certificate of Graduation. I'd personally like to acknowledge everyone who made Graduation such a success.

One of the most anticipated celebrations of the Year 12 calendar is the Formal. I know students and staff alike enjoyed catching up and posing for a few hundred photos. The final event for Year 12 is the morning tea on Thursday December 15th where students can share their results with their teachers and peers. Students will be able to purchase a yearbook for \$30. The morning tea will begin at 10am with the launch of the memorial garden, in honour of students who have passed away. It is hoped that this garden will be an important feature of Leumeah High School and will be a peaceful place for everyone to visit.

It has been an absolute pleasure being Year Advisor to such a lovely group of students. Mr Brennan started the journey with them and I was fortunate enough to finish this journey with them with Miss Chandler as Assistant. I will genuinely miss the year group but I'm happy that everyone has the opportunity to make choices about their passions and achieve greatness. I wish everyone all the very best!

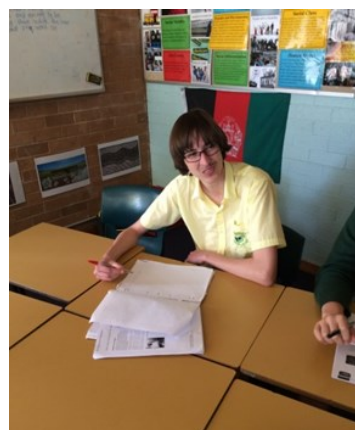
Ms Modica

From HSIE Faculty

Students have been busily completing exams and Assessment Tasks recently in the HSIE Faculty. Many students have produced pleasing results that have been well-deserved after a year of studies. I would like to extend my congratulations to the Year 12 students for completing their exams and look forward to seeing their results soon.

Year 11 are now settling into their HSC courses and have a range of Assessment Tasks coming up over the next couple of weeks. Students are reminded to see their teachers for help and ensure that they complete these tasks to the best of their ability.

Mr Brennan



Year 10 students working in their History class.



On Wednesday our students went to The Koch Centre at Macquarie Fields to participate in a variety of activities for White Ribbon Australia, and finished in 2nd place overall.

Well done!



From LTAS Faculty

It has been another big year in the Kitchens, Textile rooms and workshops and the LTAS Staff would like to wish all students and their families a safe festive season and a happy new year.



Enjoying lunch!



Delicious!



From the



What a successful year for our SRC students. We would like to Thank all of our school community for your support throughout the year. We would like to thank all of our outgoing 2016 SRC students for all of their hard work and efforts and look forward to working with the newly appointed SRC in 2017.



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The Head Teacher Mrs McWilliam and Miss Edwards with some of the Japan Trip students. This was their final day in Japan.



We were lucky enough to organize for a group of Year 10 and 11 students to experience a practical drama session through Belvoir Theatre's Drama Education Program.

It has been a very busy year in English. At this time of year we have examinations taking place, as well as final assessments. We have also said a fond farewell to Year 12. We are very lucky in English to have many Year Advisors on staff and Year 12 gave Miss Modica a beautiful farewell. Mrs Rigg and the Year 11 Year Advisor Team ran an amazing Study Retreat with Year 11 and we know they benefited greatly from this wonderful opportunity. We hope that they put into practice all of the useful study tips and tricks. We have continued to offer students lots of wonderful opportunities for learning. Here is a snap shot of just a few of our recent exciting extra-curricular activities.



Our wonderful Young Writers in Year 10 at WSU. A particular congratulations to Kelly H. for her recent win in a short story competition.

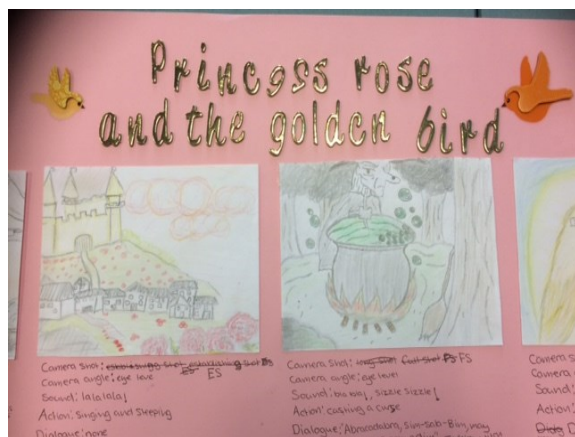


Sydney showered us with love on our return from seeing Twelfth Night at the Belvoir Theatre.

One final lesson with Year 12. A grand farewell for their Year Advisor Miss Modica.



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Year 7 Fairy Tale Appropriations



Year 10 and 11 getting out of their comfort zone.



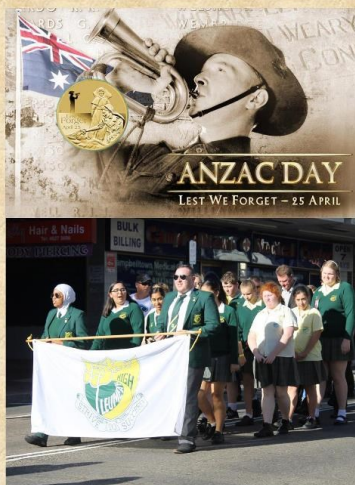
Year 10 making the most of the Western Sydney University Young Writer's Day



Year 11 students having a go at getting into character during the Belvoir Theatre Drama Education session.



Helping Year 12 to get a little nostalgic with a different approach to creative writing. They were taken back to their childhoods with a Discovery



An Eventful 2016







UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS 2016

Monday

8.15am - 11.00am

Wednesday

8.15am - 11.00am

**The Uniform shop
will open on**



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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for more information.

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