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Leumeah High School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Caregivers

From the Relieving Principal Mr. Bates

Educational research indicates that it is extremely important that the educational success of students is greatly improved if there is a strong relationship formed between the school (teachers) and the home (parents). With this in mind, I would like to thank our parents who have visited the school in recent weeks for: parent and teacher interviews, year 10 and year 8 subject selection information evening and subsequent interviews with an executive teacher, STEP class information night and, last week, with our Education Week open day where our community was invited to attend an acknowledgement of school achievement assembly and tour of classrooms across the school witnessing first-hand what our students are learning. I would like to thank two Head Teachers, Mrs Joyce Russell and Mr Adam Tsoupis and their portfolio team, who along with our Community Liaison Officer, Mrs Donna Shedden, put together a wonderful program of events for the many families who attended.

Last week we enjoyed a visit from 30 students and their teachers on tour from Beijing looking to discover what Australian schools do. Our students, who were brilliant hosts, learnt a lot from the day as well I am sure. In the coming weeks we will again be asking students and parents to complete the "Tell Them From Me" surveys about school life. The information gained from these surveys helps to guide our future direction for the school and gives us valuable feedback on paths already travelled. All students will complete their survey at school, and we will soon distribute information to families about the parent survey.

Year 12 will be commencing their Trial HSC examinations in weeks 5 and 6. I would take this opportunity to wish them well and remind them that they should be working on exam preparation by now and continue working right through the exam period. Graduation for year 12 at the end of term will take place at Wests Leagues Club commencing at 3.30pm on Wednesday 21 September with a slight change in format including the invitation extended to all year 11 students.

Ken Bates



## CALENDER

### AUGUST

- 8-19/08 Teacher Learning Weeks
- 11/08 Year 11 Maths Assessment Task 3
- 11/08 Years 7 & 8 Boys Netball
- 12/08 Year 8 Pathways to Dreaming
- 15-26/08 YEAR 12 TRIAL HSC EXAMS**
- 18/08 Years 7 & 8 Gala Day
- 26/08 Year 11 Pathways to Dreaming

### SEPTEMBER

- 01/09 Years 7 & 8 Adidas Fun Run
- 02/09 Year 11 U Turn the Wheel
- 05/09 P&C Meeting
- 06/09 Zone Blue Awards
- 08/09 Formal Assembly
- 09/09 Years 9 & 10 Pathways to Dreaming
- 12-21/09 YEAR 11 PRELIMINARY EXAMS**
- 21/09 Year 12 Rehearsal
- 21/09 Year 12 Graduation
- 22/09 Year 12 BBQ Day
- 23/09 Last Day Term 3, 2016

### From the Deputies

It was with great pleasure that we were able to open our school to the community for Open Day last week. Thank you to the families who were able to join us for this wonderful event, and to the staff and students for the efforts by all to make the event such a success. We also opened our doors to a group of International visitors from China last Friday, with 30 students and 3 teachers joining us for a school tour and interactive activities. It was wonderful to see our students interacting with these students in such a positive and welcoming way, and all thanks must go to the students involved as well as Mr Parry-Ewing and Ms Roberts for their expert coordination of the event.

Year 12 Trial HSC examinations commence next week for two weeks, and on behalf of the entire school community we wish Year 12 every success in these important exams. We also congratulate the Year 12 students who have already completed major project work for the HSC in Society & Culture and Industrial Technology, with Visual Arts and Music projects soon to be completed, and Language oral exams also soon to be undertaken.

Thank you to the staff and parents who have worked together to support the Year 10 students in making their subject selection and HSC pathway choices over the past 2 weeks and into this week. This is an important step in the educational lives of all students and we are thankful to parents for their support of our school subject selection process.

As the cold weather continues parents and students are asked to continue to be mindful of the school uniform policy and to ensure all students are dressed in full school uniform each day as a demonstration of their preparation for learning.

Happy learning,  
Mrs Irons and Ms Osborne



### From the Maths Faculty

Another term is upon us and it is a vitally important one for Year 12. Their Trial H.S.C. exams begin in week 5 and, for those students who purchased the past H.S.C. Papers book last term, they should have started to complete as many of those examinations as possible. This is the best revision that students can do for their H.S.C., and it was pleasing to see so many students from particular classes purchase this resource to aid them in their revision. It is imperative that Year 12 make the most out of every lesson remaining, as it can be the difference between a Band 4 and a Band 5 in the H.S.C., this includes their attendance at period 0s on Tuesday mornings at 7:55 am.

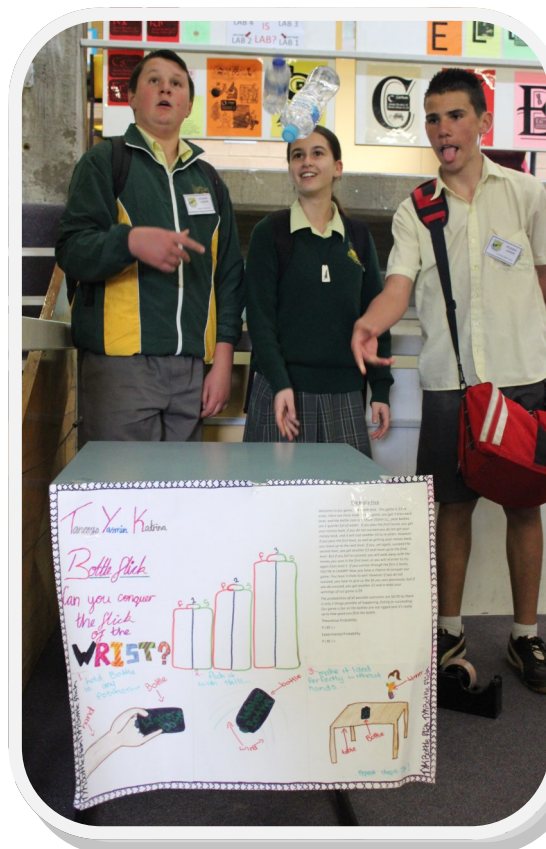
Year 11 also have an assessment task this week, on Thursday, as well as their Yearly Exams at the end of this term, so there should be plenty of revising and consolidating of work for those students as well.

Year 10 students have been going through the process of selecting subjects for 2016/2017. Students need to make sure that they are realistic about their ability in Mathematics, as it is of no use for a student to choose a level that is not commensurate with their ability and, hence, receive marks that will not be of benefit to them in the H.S.C. Students completing the Stage 5.3 course (10L students) should really be the only ones who choose the “Mathematics” course, as they have developed the required basic skills to succeed at this level. All other students considering choosing Mathematics as a subject to study for the H.S.C. should choose Mathematics – General.

8L and 7L both put on displays for parents at the recent Education Week Community Day last Wednesday. 8L displayed their Making Connections Percentages assignments, as well as a few of their Pythagoras’ Biographies. 7L recently spent time creating probability and chance games, which many parents enjoyed playing on the day. Thanks to Mr Curtain for his efforts with 7L which produced these excellent achievements.

As usual, if you have any concerns regarding anything in relation to Mathematics at Leumeah High School, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mr O’Brien



# ACTION in the LIFE AND TECHNOLOGY APPLIED STUDIES FACULTY.

**Introducing the virtual Baby Aaliyah.** Years 9/10 Childhood Studies are currently borrowing the Virtual Babies Ash, Sarah and Aliyah to experience the 24 hour care of a new born baby. A new software program downloads and analyses all the care provided to determine if all needs were met.

**8LS1 Technology Mandatory** in Semester 1 upcycled materials to make a quilt to donate to charity as part of the ECOWISE UNIT of work.



**Students in the Year 11 Hospitality Class** continue to upskill in readiness to undertake their first week (35 hours) of work placement with local businesses organised by **Macarthur Workplace Learning program (MWLP)**. They provide a variety of services for youth and school to work in the local community. <http://mwlp.com.au/>



## Industrial Technology-Timber and Furniture Technologies HSC Major Projects 2016



## Industrial Technology Metal 2016 Major HSC Projects



Congratulations to all the year twelve students  
on completing their Major Projects.

From the



### The Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club continues to be a huge success. Serving about forty students from all years each day. The SRC would like to remind all students that they are invited to attend the Breakfast Club which runs each morning in the Common Room from 8am. The SRC would like to thank Wests League Club for their ongoing support.



### Winter Sleep-Out

On the Friday the 5th of August 2016, Leumeah High School hosted the winter sleep-out, with 50 people in attendance. The night was a huge success.

The winter sleep-out raised money and spread awareness of homeless in Australia. Students came prepared with their sleeping bags and warm clothes, a luxury for us as individuals who have a home of our own. On such a chilly night individuals who unfortunately are experiencing homelessness were in the thoughts of all who attended the night.

The group of students who attended were in great cohesion with each other, participating in sporting games in the hall, cooking a BBQ and other group activities throughout the night. Thank you to all students and staff members who participated in the winter sleep-out, as without their attendance the night would not have been successful.

By Krisharne A of Year 12



**From the Year 7 Student Advisor**

It's been a sensational start for Year 7 leading into the second semester of their High School adventure. I would like to thoroughly commend all students on their continued application to class work and the many positive behaviours we continue to see exhibited by Year 7. The sensational efforts of many of our students were recently recognised at our Formal Assembly, where many students received Bronze, Silver and Academic Report awards for their continued efforts in class. I encourage all students to continue to apply themselves with this outstanding diligence and commitment as their efforts will continue to be recognised and rewarded. I would also like to encourage students to continue wearing appropriate uniform, including shoes and hats. It demonstrates not only pride within yourself, but pride within your school to be so smartly dressed and ready for the many different activities you experience here at High School.

This semester, Year 7 have been fortunate enough to attend an excursion to Taronga Zoo, with numerous students spending the night in tents inside the zoo. It was an extremely exciting day for the students who had an absolutely sensational time and an experience they will definitely remember for a long time yet. It was extremely positive to see students also participating in the Winter sleep out. The night is designed to raise awareness for students, as well as to experience similar conditions to those experienced by homeless individuals during the extremely cold temperatures of Winter. All students who were involved in both events did themselves exceptionally proud and should be commended for their excellent behaviour and participation.

Year 7 also have their second Gala Day on the 18<sup>th</sup> of August to look forward to in Week 6. Gala Day is an extremely positive bonding experience for Year 7 and allows them the opportunity to work with not only their peers from their own school, but foster friendships with other schools in friendly competition. All students who participated in the first Gala Day exhibited excellent sportsmanship, skill and enjoyment and I encourage all students to come prepared with the same qualities in the coming Gala Day.

I have been extremely impressed with the cohesiveness and efforts exhibited so far by Year 7 in the first semester of their time at Leumeah and I encourage all students to continue in the same excellent form in the coming semester, you're making me extremely proud to be your Year Advisor!

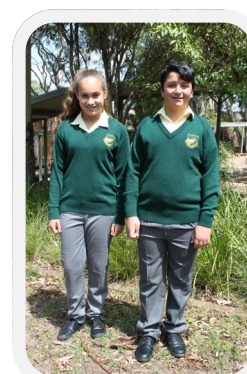
Mr Curtain



### UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS 2016

**Monday**  
8.15am - 11.00am

**Wednesday**  
8.15am - 11.00am



# FROM THE ARC

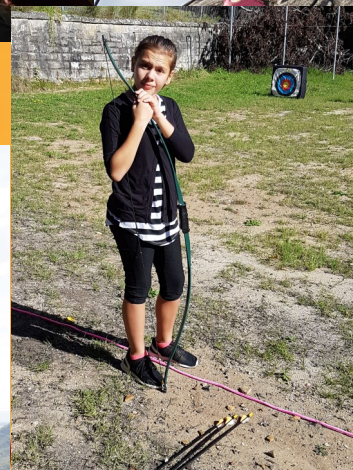
## Passfield Park School Reconciliation Day!

During Term 1, the Aboriginal Representative Council (ARC) was invited to open Reconciliation Day at Passfield Park school as part of the ARC's ongoing community engagement activity. Students from year 10, Jayde F, Malia A and Paris H delivered a 'Welcome to Country', sang the National Anthem and delivered a 'what is Reconciliation day' presentation.



## ARC Leadership Camp!

The ARC took part in a leadership camp in the Blue Mountains accompanied by Mr Clark and Miss Roberts. The purpose of the camp was to build team rapport and develop leadership skills among our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student leaders. Activities that the ARC undertook during the camp were; abseiling, archery and team building workshops.



### Passfield Park NAIDOC day.

In partnership with Passfield Park school, the ARC delivered the NAIDOC assembly. The ARC have been working on learning sign language throughout the year and delivered much of the assembly in sign. Student then helped facilitate cultural activities within the classrooms K-12. The ARC received a letter of commendation for the ongoing help and support they provide Passfield Park School.



Congratulations to Taylah H in Year 8 who has been invited to participate in the prestigious Twuiga Program for high-achieving Aboriginal Students across the South West Sydney area as one of just 30 students in the program. We are exceptionally proud of you Taylah.

EDUCATION WEEK 2016.

# OPEN DAY AT OUR SCHOOL



Open Day was a great success. Congratulations to all the students who received awards. We would like to thank all of the parents/Carers and Grandparents who attended our Celebration Assembly and our opening day.



### Under 13's Rugby League

Leumeah High School has a proud sporting culture and this was exemplified by the amount of students that trialled for our rugby league teams in 2016. In particular, a very special group of young sportsmen are evolving in the U13s team who are following in the footsteps of Mr Allsopp's invincible team, who dominated all major rugby league competitions over a significant period of time. The boys have had an outstanding season to date, coming 9<sup>th</sup> overall in the NSWRL All Schools Carnival last Tuesday, playing against the best teams within the state. The team have a West Leagues Cup semi-final match against Sarah Redfern on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August to qualify for the division 1 grand-final at Campbelltown Stadium on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August. We wish them the best of luck for the remainder of the season. The U15s team showed courage and determination to get to the quarter finals of the West Leagues Cup, unfortunately, falling to John Edmonton High School in a hard fought battle. Hopefully, they can continue this effort into next season and continue to do Leumeah proud. Thank you to all the students who have represented Leumeah in Rugby League this season. Go the pirates!

Mr Jankowski



### Under 15's Girls Basketball

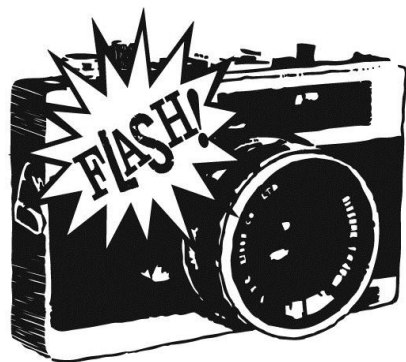
The Under 15's Girls Basketball team versed Ambarvale High School in their knockout match. The girls played extremely well showing great skills and sportsmanship. The girls won the game 49-5 and advance through to the next round. Great job girls!



# BUNDALONG CATERING



Our Bundalong students assisted with catering for our career advisors meeting. The presentation of the food was very professional. Thank you to all students and who helped.



**Students  
engaged in  
classroom  
activities**

