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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 thank the parents and families of our year 12 students, who complete their studies and their educational journey at Leumeah High School in the next couple of weeks, for your ongoing support and partnership in your child's education. We all wish them well in their future endeavours and trust they will look back on their days at Leumeah High School with fondness.

During these last weeks of Term Three we will be distributing the "Tell Them From Me" survey once again to revisit some areas identified in past surveys and measuring improvement along with identifying various aspects of school life that we as a community value or feel we need more work with. Please help us by taking the short amount of time as a parent or caregiver to complete the anonymous online survey when the details arrive home this week or next. All students will take the survey in structured lessons at school.

Schools today are busier than ever with many programs to assist in the educational, emotional and spiritual development of our students; your children. Please be aware that it is often of great importance to your child to be in attendance at these scheduled events that many teachers put countless hours of work into coordinating. If you are unsure the next time your child tells you that they don't need to go to school or to an event that is outside of the normal curriculum, please contact the school and discuss the matter before permitting them to stay home that day.

Ken Bates



CALENDER

SEPTEMBER

- 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-Wests
- 22/09 Year 12 BBQ Day
- 23/09 Last Day Term 3, 2016

OCTOBER

- 10/10 Staff and Students return
Term 4, 2016
- 13/10 HSC COMMENCES
- 21/10 Years 9&10
Pathways to Dreaming
- 24/10 Community of Schools visit
- 26-27/10 Community of Schools visit
- 31/10 P&C Meeting
- 31/10-11/11 Teacher Learning Weeks

From the Deputies

At the end of last term all students completed report reflections, a chance for a one-one-one discussion with a teacher looking at strengths of their achievements as well as areas for goal-setting to improve their learning. Parents and carers should have received a summary of this reflection process with their child's half yearly report. A common discussion point was assessment tasks, with tasks that have been submitted late or left incomplete affecting students overall results. There were some common misconceptions regarding the rules of assessment tasks. To clarify the basics, all assessment tasks for all year groups and all subjects are a compulsory part of learning and must be completed. Assessment tasks that are late or not submitted will incur a penalty in-line with BOSTES guidelines. More information regarding assessment tasks can be found in your child's Assessment Booklet issued earlier in the year and are available on our school's website under the *Curriculum and Activities* tab.

Earlier this term we held our parent and teacher night. Thanks you to all parents and carers who attended. The night is a wonderful opportunity to build the connections between home and school. A common comment from this night was the confusion around whether their child has homework or not. Homework will always vary from year group to year group and subject to subject however, assessment tasks are a constant. Many parents ask how they can know what home learning their child is meant to be completing. To reduce this disconnect, please access our school's Facebook page regularly; here you will see posts each time an assessment task is issued and links to the school's website page with the task information.

The Facebook page is also a great source of the most current and exciting events happening in our school. Over the term we have had students access many and varied wonderful learning opportunities from Year 7 students attending the Zoo Snooze excursion to year 12 students attending the Centre for Human Diseases. We've also seen numerous successes in student representation, from the battle of the arts, debating and many sporting teams, Zone Carnivals, to the success of our U13s Rugby League team. Thank you to the numerous staff that have coordinated these opportunities for our students. Looking forward to some more exciting learning opportunities over the last few weeks of term!

Mrs Irons and Ms Osborne

The image displays two screenshots. The top screenshot is of the Leumeah High School website. A yellow arrow points to the 'Curriculum & activities' tab in the top navigation bar. Another yellow arrow points to the 'Year 12 Assessment Information' link in the left sidebar. The main content area shows 'Year 12 Assessment Information' with links to the 'HSC Assessment Booklet 2015-2016', 'Illness/Misadventure Form', and 'HSC Internal Assessment Program'. Below this, it lists assessment notifications for Term 2, 2016, and Term 1, 2016. The bottom screenshot is of the Leumeah High School Facebook page. A yellow arrow points to a post from September 1st about the 'Year 11 Standard English and Advanced English Assessment Task', which includes a link to the school website.

From the Year 8 Student Advisor

Year 8 are busy working on their assessment tasks for many of their subjects. I have been happy to hear many of the speech assessment tasks for English and would urge some to pursue public speaking opportunities and debating. As well as the wonderful work that they are doing in classes, Year 8 have been participating in a number of initiatives around the school and in the community.

I would like to say congratulations to the following students:

- Jarae D for his work with the “Rugby League Reads” program where he has been working hard.
- The U13 Rugby League Team in reaching the Grand finals and for their outstanding effort in the final game.
- The Pathways to Dreaming students of Year 8 who engaged in cultural activities at WSU Campbelltown for a day
- The students who were a part of the Year 7 & 8 Netball team who came 3rd in the NSW Metro Cup
- All Year 8 students that participated enthusiastically in the Gala Day earlier this term
- The participants of the Adidas fun run which was a hugely successful event and Year 8s participation in this day was excellent

Their participation in these activities was outstanding and something of which they should be proud.

I would like to remind all students that have achieved something this Term that they should be recording their participation on the School Citizenship Passport so that they can keep a permanent and useful record of their effort. Students who have not yet started their passport are encouraged to come and see me so that I can give them one and get them started on this worthwhile venture.

Ms Gartside



From the Year 10 Student Advisor

Semester one this year provided year 10 students with many opportunities and challenges to develop their repertoire of skills and identify personal strengths and areas of improvement. Reports were distributed prior to parent teacher interviews which was well attended by many parents in our school community. Report reflection day encouraged students to identify subjects and possible career pathways that could assist them with their subject selection for senior years, which are fast approaching. All students attended the subject selection interviews with Executive staff and Year Advisors, where they were assisted in deciding subjects and the various pathways that their future education journey will take. These evenings are invaluable and the feedback from students, parents and staff all recognise the importance of these interviews when there is such a significant decision to be made for our students. Year 10 had the privilege of attending the Bstreetsmart Road Safety education excursion held at Sydney Olympic Park and were amongst over 10,000 students from across the state to be involved in the largest road safety education event in Australia. The event was broadcast across Australia through major media outlets and it was really exciting to witness our students participate in the variety of interactive workshops, guest speaker presentations and the highlight which was a crash scene re-enactment involving police, fire, ambulance, media, and SES members at Acer arena. Throughout the remainder of the year I encourage all students to develop regular routines of revision and attempt a variety of time management strategies prior to starting their senior studies, in order to develop the required skills to navigate the rigors of the Higher School Certificate (HSC) which they will commence next year. I wish Year 10 a successful remainder of the year and encourage them to apply themselves with diligence for their Record of School Achievement (RoSA).

Mr Clark

**From the Year 12 Student Advisor**

The end of High School is fast approaching for Year 12! The year group has completed their Trial examinations and should be in the process of reflecting on their results and working on past papers. This is a critical time for Year 12 to work on their weaknesses, seek teacher feedback, set goals and settle into preparing for the HSC. Students should also be reengaging with their units, adding to their study notes and rereading their English texts.

In addition to the Trials it has been a busy time for students who completed their major projects. Congratulations to students from Society and Culture, Timber, Metal and Art for submitting their impressive projects. Good luck to Language students with their upcoming speaking exam and all the best to the Music students for their practical exam on Wednesday. It was also great to see that Year 12 students won the senior Mastermind Challenge run by Ms Young. Congratulations to Loren, Georgia, Khodeejah and Natalie.

Nostalgia is running high at the moment with students collating pictures for the year book and digging up kindergarten pictures for their yearbook profiles. Thank you to Miss Chandler and the committee for organising the creative details of the book. Year 12 need to confirm if they wish to receive a year book at the formal and complete their payment.

Year 12 are looking forward to their upcoming celebrations this term, Graduation at Western Suburbs Leagues Club on 21st September and the Picnic Day the following day. Students are reminded to pay their \$20 gown hire in cash to the front office as soon as possible. They will be receiving Picnic Day permission notes this week and will need to pay \$5 to cover the cost of the buses.

It has been a pleasure being Year Advisor and I'd like to congratulate all students for their achievements throughout their time at Leumeah High School. I know there will be a few tears shed on Graduation, but I know everyone will be happy to reunite after the HSC exams at the Formal on the 23rd of November, and again at the morning tea on the 15th December.

Ms Modica

Year 7&8 Gala Day



From the



**TELL US
WHO YOU
WANT**



Nominations for SRC member for 2017 for years 8-11 are now open. We look forward to seeing many students across all years nominating to be part of the leadership team for 2017. If you have any questions regarding this please contact Mr Parry-Ewing in the HSIE staffroom.

Nominations close on Friday the 9th of September.



In August students from the environment committee of SRC attended the Youth Environment Forum hosted by Campbelltown City Council. This forum was a great opportunity for students to learn about programs, and initiatives that can be put in place at Leumeah High, to help reduce our impact on the environment. Students also had the opportunity to network with students from schools across New South Wales. The students left the forum inspired and ready to implement new programs within the school.



The SRC have enjoyed the opportunity to continue their partnership with Beverly Park School. Students from years 8-10 have attended Beverly Park School each Friday to assist them with their sports program.

FROM THE ARC



As part of the ARC's commitment to community engagement, we have been learning sign language to better communicate with our friends at Passfield Park School. The ARC has successfully learnt 50 signs including the National Anthem thus far this year.



This week during North-North Year 8 students Max S and Riley A have participated in activities surrounding word origins to help them better understand language conventions.

LTAS

Students have been busy cooking up a storm in the kitchens.



Year 11
Food
Technology



Year 11
Hoisin
Chicken
Rice
Tumblr



Year 7
Club
Sandwich



Year 7

And more saw dust was created in the Workshops.



As a part of our VET team I would like to wish all the VET Hospitality and Construction students that are on, or about to commence, their work placement as part of their VET Course. All the best of luck and we all hope you *grain* a valuable insight in to those industries.

TAS Faculty





Thank you to all
students who
participated.
We hope you enjoyed
your Amazing Race!



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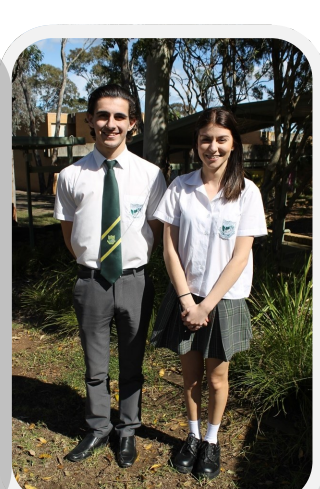
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