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## Leumeah High School Newsletter

19 May 2017 Term 2 Week 4

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From the Principal Mr. Zielinski

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

On April 25th, students and staff joined together to march in the Campbelltown ANZAC Day commemoration. Led by our SRC and Mr Parry-Ewing, our school community took the opportunity to pay our respect and recognise the sacrifice of our men and women from our armed forces. Later the same week, the school held our ANZAC Ceremony where students and staff took time to reflect on the sacrifices made by those who have fought for our country, and to remember the ANZAC spirit. My thanks to Mr Brennan, Mrs Sullivan and all staff involved for organising one of the best assemblies our school has held for many years.



Great news as work has finally commenced this week on the refurbishment of one of our kitchens to commercial standards. This will mean when the kitchen is completed, at a cost of \$500,000, in 12 weeks' time, senior students will have access to facilities regularly found in commercial kitchens and will allow teachers to better prepare students in subjects such as Hospitality and Food Technology.

An early reminder that parents should reserve the last week of this term for the school musical. Always a great evening of entertainment, parents will be advised via our official Facebook page, our Skoolbag app (available for free for both IOS and Android), or the web when tickets become available.

There have been a number of additions to the Leumeah High family of late. Congratulations to Mr Brennan Douglas and his partner Melissa on the birth of their son Aiden, to Mr Matt Fryer and his wife Corrin on the birth of their daughter Willow, to Ms Sam Marcus and her husband James on the birth of their son CJ, and to Ms Caitlin Jobburn and her husband Gabe on the birth of their son Jude. All bubs and parents are great, though the parents are complaining of lack of sleep!!

A coming event includes the annual Sports Carnival next Thursday 25th May at Campbelltown Sports Ground. Parents are especially welcome to attend the sports carnival.

Our P&C does a fantastic job in supporting our school. The next meeting will be Monday June 5th in the staff common room above the main office block commencing at 7.00pm. All parents are warmly invited to attend and hear first hand the many wonderful things that are happening at our school.

Paul Zielinski

Principal

### CALENDAR

#### MAY

- 19/05 Years 9 & 10 Elective CAPA  
Luna Park Excursion
- 22/05 Pathways to Dreaming  
Mentoring Years 8-11  
Aboriginal students
- 23/05 Year 9 Fast Forward
- 24/05 LEAPS
- 25/05 School Athletics Carnival
- 25/05 U13's & U15's  
West's Leagues Cup
- 26/05 Year 8 Pathways to Dreaming
- 26/05 SLR First Aid
- 29-31/05 **Years 9 & 10**  
**HALF YEARLY EXAMS**
- 29-31/05 Reconciliation Week

#### JUNE

- 01-02/06 **Years 9 & 10**  
**HALF YEARLY EXAMS**
- 01-02/06 Reconciliation Week
- 5-9/06 **Years 7 & 8**  
**HALF YEARLY EXAMS**
- 05/06 P&C Meeting
- 07/06 LEAPS
- 09/06 Australia's Biggest  
Morning Tea
- 12/06 Queen's Birthday  
Public Holiday
- 15/06 SSW Cross Country
- 15/06 Year 11 Maths Assessment
- 16/06 Year 11 Pathways to Dreaming
- 20/06 Years 11 & 12 Immunisations
- 20-21/06 Y-P.E.P Year 7  
Child Protection
- 22-23/06 Y-P.E.P Year 8  
Child Protection
- 23/06 Year 12 Maths Assessment
- 23/06 Years 9 & 10  
Pathways to Dreaming

### From the Deputies

Parents are reminded, as we move into winter, of the importance of all students wearing correct school uniform each day. In particular, students must wear the school jumper with crest or school jacket, both available from the uniform shop. No other jumper is permitted to be worn. If students wear the incorrect jumper to school they will be provided with a school jumper for the day. It is also a requirement under the WHS act that students wear black leather shoes to school each day. The Department of Education supports the wearing of school uniform by students and the upholding of high standards of dress by students. The wearing of school uniform has the strong support of our School P&C. Students are reminded that they may only wear full sports uniform on the day the whole year has sport. We ask all parents to ensure that students come dressed in correct uniform to school each day. If for some reason a student cannot wear correct uniform on a particular day, then that student is requested to have a note from parents for that day.

At this stage of Term 2, Year 12 have now completed their mid-course HSC assessments, and Year 11 are fast approaching the mid-point of their Preliminary courses. Year 12 Reports will soon be sent to parents, with the Year 11 Report process commencing very soon. Student Report Reflections will accompany these reports, and form an important part of supporting each student to take ownership of their learning. Parents are encouraged to contact Year Advisers or Class Teachers if you would like to discuss your student's progress.

Years 7-10 exam blocks are also fast approaching. Please remember that formal assessments also occur across each term, not just in exam blocks. Assessment tasks are an important indicator of student progress in each subject, whilst also providing teachers with vital information about each student in their class. Students must ensure they complete and submit every assessment task as their best work by the due date in order to maximise their learning opportunities.

We look forward to sharing learning success with all our students as they progress towards achieving their learning goals across Term 2. Students are encouraged to AIM to become the best learner they can be.

Mr Bates, Mrs Irons and Mrs Spratt

The ARC visited Pembroke Nursing Home as part of the Community Service Engagement Project "Our People, Our Community". We helped the residents make Easter hats for their parade. We always enjoy our time with Pembroke Nursing Home, and are very much looking forward to our next activity day,





### From the Year 9 Student Advisor

This semester has seen a busy one for Year 9. Students are becoming increasingly familiar and confident in their new electives and have started to produce pleasing work samples across their subjects. Students have been participating in Social and Emotional Learning Workshops twice a fortnight where they discuss and deal with issues relating to the own ability to interact successfully with those around them. The workshops are held during standard lesson times and are proving to be a great opportunity for students to think critically about their own responses to situations which in turn allows them to make more positive decisions in social situations.

As well as SEL, many students have been given the opportunity to participate in numerous initiatives held by both external agencies and within the school. So far this year students have been involved in two sessions of Links to Learning, Fast Forward, Top Blokes and YQuest are due to commence later this term. As well as these opportunities, some of our Year 9's have been working in the canteen helping to run it and helping Year 8 students learn the procedures and processes. Year 9 has been very fortunate with the initiatives that have been made available to them and we look forward to being able to continue to provide this cohort with such valuable opportunities.

Year 9 has also been busy this term because of their NAPLAN examinations. Week 3 saw students spend three mornings sitting tests in language, writing, reading and numeracy. All students were extremely cooperative and we were pleased to see them focused and trying hard. The school is very proud of the effort they displayed on these days and we wish them all the best with their results.

Finally, we are working on a rewards excursion for Year 9 that will take place during the Week 10 of Term 2. This excursion is a good opportunity for the year group to bond with each other and their teachers, and is a response to all the hard work and cooperation that they have demonstrated so far this year.

Ms Gartside

## APRIL IS NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH



Leumeah High School celebrated Autism Awareness Month in April. All Roll Call classes participated in activities. Jordan W. from one of our Bundalong classes chaired the whole school assembly.

Our Bundalong students had lots of fun making our Autism Awareness Month video. If you would like to view the video, please visit our school Facebook page.



### From the Year 11 Student Advisor

After the shock and realisation that they were indeed now seniors of the school, Year 11 have taken their first terms in their preliminary courses in their stride. Term 1 was a hard start, with students trying to find the balance between their studies, home and work. Along the way students found the time to participate in events such as the Prevent Alcohol and Risk-Related Trauma (P.A.R.T.Y.) at Liverpool Hospital. This was a deeply emotional and eye opening experience for the students. During the program students were exposed to the real life consequences of poor decision making skills. They spoke to the victims and those affected by the events that unfolded due to the effects of alcohol and drugs. We also had some of our female leaders represent the school at the 2017 Women's Leadership Seminar at the Parliament House of NSW. The students were given the opportunity to network with influential women of politics and business. They found the experience rewarding and it was pleasing to see the school being represented so beautifully.

With the start of Term 2 students had to prepare themselves for their half yearly exams. This marked the midway point for their preliminary studies and gave some students a sense of relief to have achieved such a milestone. However, Year 11 will have to continue their hard work with the remainder of their preliminary studies and their yearly exams still ahead of them. In order to aid them with their studies, a Study Retreat has been organised for week 3 of next term. This will aim to instil coping strategies and develop their study techniques.

Well done Year 11! Keep up the good work.

Ms Lemos





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In term one the Sustainability Committee of the SRC invited Tim Silverwood to talk at a whole school assembly. Mr Silverwood discussed the impact that we have on the environment and what we can do to reduce our waste. He also discussed the not for profit organisation which he has established – “Take 3 for the Sea”. Following the assembly, Mr Silverwood conducted a workshop with the SRC. In the workshop the students outlined three sustainable initiatives which they wish to commence at Leumeah High School.



The sustainability committee of the SRC attended the Powerful Energy Forum hosted by Western Sydney University. The students learnt about ways the school can reduce its energy consumption.



Students from the SRC represented Leumeah High School in the Campbelltown ANZAC march.





### From the Maths Faculty

It's been a couple of very busy weeks for the Mathematics Faculty recently. Not only have we been preparing, marking and evaluating numerous senior half-yearly exams and junior assessment tasks, but we are now in the middle of preparations for the junior half-yearly examinations, which will be conducted during weeks 6 and 7.

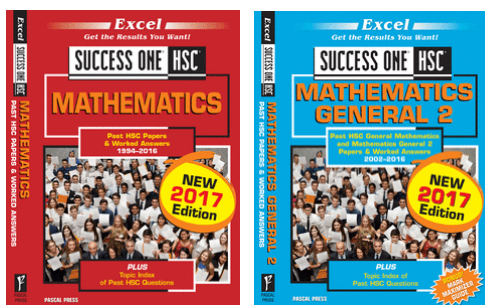
It is imperative that all students are revising well before their exams. There is a lot of content that needs to be retained and the earlier students start studying for their exams, the more readily it will be recalled under exam conditions. Students need to also make sure that they come to their exams, as they should for every lesson, fully prepared. This obviously means a calculator (excepting for year 7, who will not be utilising these in their half-yearly exam), ruler, geometric instruments, and writing utensils!

Once again, I stress the importance of continual and rigorous revision in Mathematics as a means of maximising your student's results in their upcoming exams. It would be appreciated if you could endeavour to ensure that your child does revise so that they can maximise their potential.

Parents of students in Years 7 and 8 are also reminded that their child should be receiving a weekly homework sheet (in addition to their regular homework) which is to be completed without the aid of a calculator (to ensure that students retain the methods they have been taught to solve problems without its use). Working out is to be provided for the questions marked with an asterisks, and there is a place for parents to sign the sheet, so that the staff are cognizant of the fact that you are aware of this homework. If your child is not doing this weekly sheet, please ask them why.

Year 12 Mathematics were informed of the availability for purchase of a copy of the Past H.S.C. Examination Papers book at the end of last term. This is the most vital resource that any senior student can possess as they try to adequately prepare themselves for the H.S.C., and I am extremely happy with the number of students who purchased this resource. Well done, Year 12!!!

Mr O'Brien



Miss Roberts and Mrs Stojakovic's International Studies class have been investigating foods from around the world, with a particular focus on Singapore. Students have been studying Asian etiquettes this term. Students are pictured practising their chopstick skills in class.





Years 11 and 12 Advanced English students and Year 10s interested in Persuading Advanced in 2018 have taken part in a Bell Shakespeare incursion about the Shakespearean play 'The Tempest'. Performers from the Bell Shakespeare company visited LHS and delivered an interactive lecture. This is one of the most prestigious theatre companies in Australia and we are incredibly lucky to be able to take advantage of this opportunity.



### From the Canteen

Our school canteen currently have new products on sale. Please watch our Facebook page for new items and prices. We would like to thank all of our wonderful students who work in the canteen, who assist with the preparation of the food, cleaning and serving our students.



**\$4.00 each**



**\$1.00 each**



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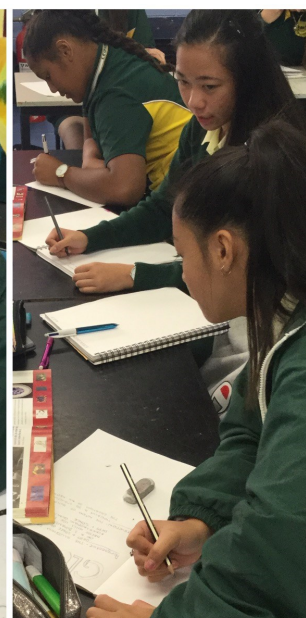
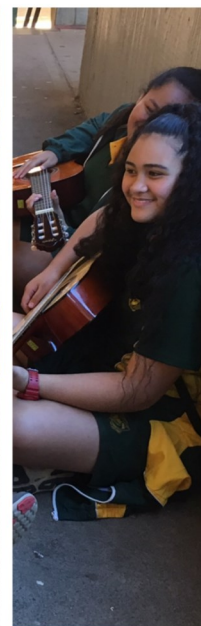
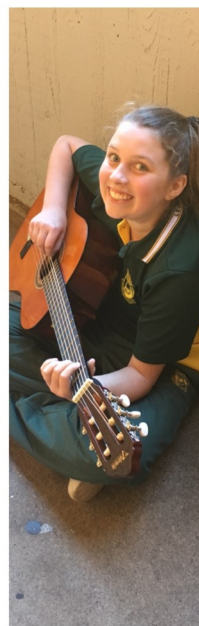
### From the CAPA Faculty

Welcome to another exciting term in Creative and Performing Arts! Our years 7 – 11 classes have begun work on new topics for Term 2 while our Year 12 students continue working on their HSC pieces. Year 12 students are reminded to utilise their study periods and their Study Day Fridays to use our specialised learning spaces and their teacher's expertise to extend on their work, especially as the countdown to HSC due dates is on!

Year 7 Visual Arts students are exploring their world as inspiration for their artmaking, while our Years 9 + 10 elective classes are studying the Built Environment with a focus on Luna Park; thanks to Mrs Coggans for organising the upcoming excursion. Our musicians are building their skills in class with many involved in our upcoming musical – listen out for details on how to get tickets for this exciting event happening in Week 10. Thanks to Miss Woolley and Mrs Christophers for their dedication and passion in working with our students in showcasing their talents.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Tsoupis for doing such an amazing job in relieving as Head Teacher CAPA.

Ms Osborne





# SPORTS REPORT

With an unfortunate end to Term 1 sport due to the miserable weather conditions, Term 2 is set to be a busy term for sport at Leumeah High School. There are many knockout teams competing weekly and we wish all of our summer and winter teams the best of luck in all upcoming matches.



Term 2 will also consist of the Leumeah High School Athletics Carnivals and the Fisher Zone Cross Country and Athletics Carnivals. All parents are welcome to come and support our students. The dates and locations are as follows:

Athletics Carnival: Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Campbelltown Athletics Stadium

Fisher Zone Cross Country: Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Mount Annan Botanical Gardens

Fisher Zone Athletics Carnival: Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June – Campbelltown Athletics Stadium

The Athletics Carnival is a whole school event. Students are to meet at Campbelltown Athletics Stadium for an 8:30am roll call. Students are encouraged to wear their house colours (Dore: Yellow, Freeman: Purple, Macarthur: Green, Warby: Blue). Years 9 and 10 students will have a compulsory PDHPE Athletics Assessment Task to complete on the day and must provide a doctor's certificate if they are unable to attend.

I would like to encourage all students to listen out for when the different sports are trialling and training. Announcements are made weekly and all students are encouraged to trial. Trials and training sessions occur during recess and lunch, however, students must bring a change of clothes and are not to wear their sports uniform to school.

Leumeah High School prides itself in competing in sporting events with sportsmanship. Any students who are privileged to represent LHS at any level are reminded of the values of the school and are expected to conduct themselves with integrity.

I wish all teams and individual athletes the best for Term 2 and can't wait to see some tremendous results in all areas of sport at Leumeah High School.







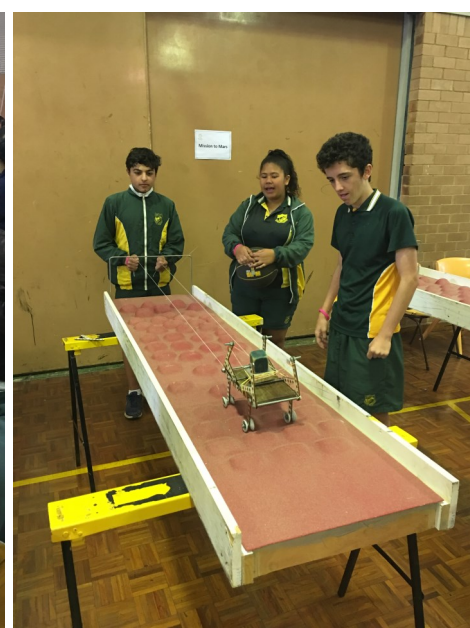
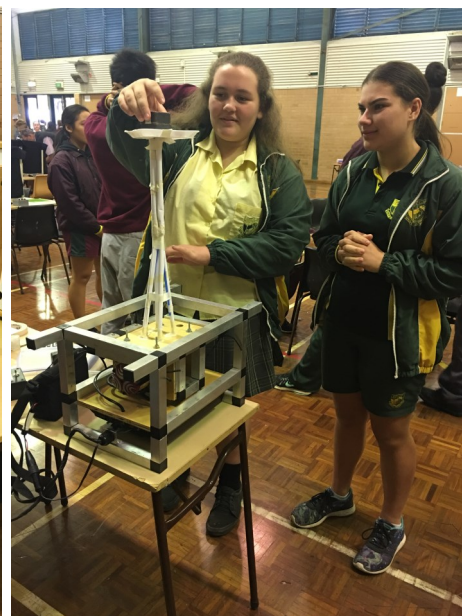
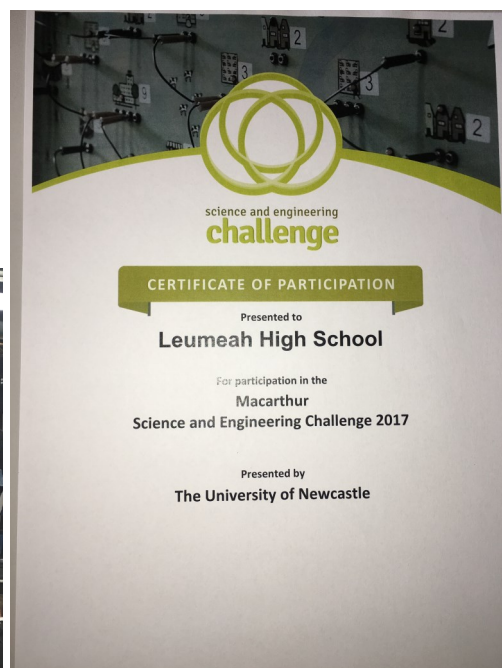
Year 11 Senior Science students studying the topic Humans at Work, looking at the anatomy of a pluck which consists of the lung, heart and liver. Students dissected the lung to investigate how the lung functions.





## THE LINK—LEUMEAH HIGH SCHOOL

On 4th May, 27 students from Years 9 and 10 competed in the Science and Engineering Challenge run by the University of Newcastle. The Science and Engineering Challenge is a nationwide STEM outreach program that aims to promote and encourage students to consider a future career in Science and Engineering. The challenge saw students from local high schools working in groups of four across eight different Science and Engineering challenges. The challenges involved a fixed amount of time and resources. Students from Leumeah High School designed and built bionic hands, an all terrain rover, circuits, flat pack tables and chairs and bridge. It was an enjoyable day, despite the fact that our bridge couldn't handle the weight of the 9kg bridge buster! Well done, Leumeah High!





# Can Anyone Catch Warby?

WARBY

2,110

MACARTHUR

1,698

FREEMAN

1,479

DORE

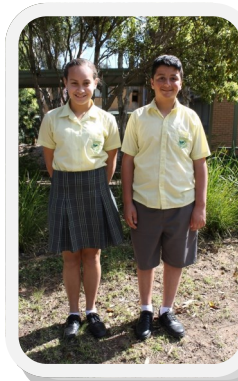
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