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Leumeah High School Newsletter

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From the Principal Mr. Zielinski

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you to the many families who braved the chilly weather to attend the subject selection information evenings for Year 9 - 2018 and Year 11 - 2018 in the first week of term. These evenings are very important in providing students and their parents valuable information regarding subject selection, NESA requirements and rules and procedures that students must adhere to in order to successfully meet requirements for the award of the HSC or a ROSA and to discuss with staff what options might be best suited for their children. A reminder to all parents that our second Yr 7-11 Parent teacher evening will be held on Monday the 28th August from 3.40 till 7.00pm. I urge parents to take the opportunity to talk with teachers so that we can share each child's achievements and indicate areas for improvement over the remainder of the year.

Congratulations to Ms Woolley, the CAPA staff, roadie crew and all students who performed in the school musical last term. It was another smashing success. Check the many photos on the school web site and see for yourself what a great event it was. Earlier this month the school celebrated NAIDOC week that culminated in a wonderful assembly celebrating aboriginal custom and culture and then was followed with events throughout the day that allowed all students to reflect on the importance of aboriginal culture to all Australians. My thanks to Ms Roberts, Ms Carter, Mr Brennan and all the Aboriginal portfolio team, along with the students from ARC.

Our successful year on the sporting paddock continues. Our boys U/14 Rugby League side have made it through to the state semi-finals. This is the second time in 4 years that we have made the final 4 in the state. We wish them well in the semi final as they battle Chifley High, the team that defeated us in the 2014 Buckley Shield State final. Not to be outdone, our girls' Rugby League team has progress through to the final 8 in the state. We wish both teams the best of success.

Exciting news for all students and TAS staff is the refurbishment of one of our kitchens to full commercial standards is almost complete. The refurbishment is valued at \$450,000 and provides students with the most up to date facilities to teach hospitality and food technology. Watch the web site shortly for pictures once the works are complete. Other upgrades the school will receive in the coming months include new carpeting in much of the school and replacement of rooves in some of the block which should see an end to the many leaks we suffer in very heavy rain.

On Saturday December 2nd, Leumeah High School will celebrate our 40th Birthday. On this day the school will be open from 10am till 2pm for past students to view displays, have a wander and reminisce. Later that evening the school will hold a cocktail part for all ex students in the school library. Further details are available on the school web site.

I would like to remind parents that they can easily keep up to date with what is happening at our school by downloading the mobile phone app available for both Apple iOS and Android Smart phones. The app when downloaded to your phone from the App Store provides Alerts to the latest news happening in our school, a list of upcoming events and most recent newsletters, parent information and school calendar. Over 250 parents are already using the app. It is an easy and convenient way to find out what is happening in your school. Simply search for "Leumeah High School" in itunes or Googleplay.

I would also remind parents of the need to pay school fees if they have not yet done so, as soon as possible. Without these fees, we are not able to provide all the materials necessary to give our students the educational experiences they require to adequately complete their coursework. If parents are encountering any difficulties with the payment of fees, I would ask that parents make an appointment to discuss them with me.

I extend a warm invitation to all parents to attend our next P&C meeting on Monday the 28th August (straight after Parent Teacher night) in the school common room commencing at 7.00pm. The school very much values the support of parents. I hope that many of you can attend the evening.

Paul Zielinski
Principal

CALENDER

AUGUST

- 17/08 U Turn the Wheel
- 23/08 Years 7 & 8 Gala Day
- 25/08 Year 11 Pathways to Dreaming
- 25/08 Year 12 Biology Excursion
- 28/08 Years 7-11
Parent Teacher Interviews
- 28/08 P&C Meeting (7pm)

SEPTEMBER

- 01/09 Open Girls Cricket
- 08/09 Years 9&10
Pathways to Dreaming
- 11-20/09 YEAR 11 PRELIM EXAMS**
- 14/09 Wests Leagues Cup
- 15/09 Years 9&10 Maths Assessment
- 20/09 **Year 12 Graduation**
- 22/09 Last Day Term 3, 2017

OCTOBER

- 09/10 Students Return Term 4, 2017
- 10/10 Year 9 Fast Forward
University Day
- 13/10 Years 9 & 10
Pathways to Dreaming
- 16/10 HSC COMMENCES**
- 27/10 Dogtober

From the Deputies

Deputy Principal's Report

We would like to wish Year 12 well for the remainder of their HSC Trial Examinations and for the remaining five weeks of school. It is a very important time in their schooling life to consolidate their learning, reinforce knowledge and apply skills in preparation for their final exams. Some subjects have practical components this term as well so good luck to those students doing HSC activities this term. Information regarding celebration activities for year 12 has been distributed. Thank you to the parents of year 12 students for your support of your child's education over the years they have attended Leumeah HS and for those who will no longer have children at Leumeah HS, thank you for your time in the 'Leumeah Family'. It is important to remember that education is a key to choice and we have hopefully instilled a passion for learning that is life-long.

We would encourage as many parents that can make it to parent –teacher night next week to attend as there is no greater relationship for the benefit of young people and their learning than that between the parents and the teachers. It is an opportunity to express your concerns or thanks to our staff of dedicated teachers.

We will once again be asking parents, students and teachers to undertake a survey in the coming weeks. This is a valuable source of information that leads to school improvements in facilities as well as operating procedures. The opinion of our community is extremely important to us as it is you whom we serve. Please take the ten minutes or so to complete the survey and express your opinions with us for consideration. There will be ipads available at the P&C stall at parent teacher night for parents to use to complete the survey whilst they may be waiting for their next interview.

Thank you,

Ken Bates, Tania Irons and Raquel Spratt



SAVE THE DATE!

Join us to celebrate
Leumeah High School's 40th Birthday

Date: Saturday 2nd December 2017

Time: 10am—2pm

School open day and BBQ

Cocktail Function TBA

For more information please view our school

Website: <http://www.leumeah-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/home>

Facebook and Skoolbag App



Teapots made
by
Year 9/10
Visual Arts



From the Year 12 Student Advisor

The students, and some staff, have received their jerseys and are looking fabulous and warm! Our students must be commended on their behavior and participation in our recent carnivals, particularly the Athletics Carnival where they dressed up and looked amazing for their last carnival ever!

Students have been busy working on assessment tasks and major works over the last few weeks and need to communicate with teachers about due dates and any assistance they need in the lead up to submissions. The list and dates of these workshops will be advertised on the LHS Facebook page, around the school as well as on the Year 12 Google Classroom that Ms. Turnbull has created. Students need to register their attendance as soon as possible for any of the workshops they wish to attend.

An information note went home with student reports last week specifying a few important dates:

1. **Trial HSC:** Term 3 Week 4
2. **Graduation:** Wednesday 20th of September, 2017
3. **HSC exams:** Monday 16th October, 2017

Year 12 Formal: Thursday 16th November, 2017

If you have any concerns or questions regarding any of these events feel free to contact me directly through the school or via email: Samantha.Carman@det.nsw.edu.au

In the last term of their final year at LHS we want students to feel supported and prepared for their HSC and beyond and want to encourage everyone to do their best!

Mrs Rigg



SOCCER

On a tough day against a difficult opponent we struggled to craft anything of real quality throughout the match, coming from behind twice to force the tie into extra time. The heroics and determination of the players shone through, never giving up throughout the match and continuing to fight despite the reduced players rule. With the match still tied at the conclusion of extra time, we were forced in a tense penalty shootout, missing the first spot kick placing the pressure firmly upon our shoulders. Fortunately, we survived some tense moments and a glimmer of hope from a missed penalty, followed by an exceptional Shakeet K. save placed us in position to win the match. Riley B. stepped up to slot home the winning penalty and send us into a tie against John Therry, a match which was won 1-0. The boys play their next match against a tough Cecil Hills outfit and if fortunes favour Leumeah, will set up a tie with perennial powerhouse Westfields to be crowned winner of the Sydney South West region.



LTAS NEWS (Life, Technology and Applied Studies).

The LTAS faculty offers a diverse range of courses to students from Technology Mandatory course in Years 7 and 8 for all, to elective 100 hour courses in Years 9 and 10 and 200 hour courses in Years 11 and 12.

A major focus currently is introducing activities involving **STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)** which features researching, designing, making, coding, collaborative group work and other digital enterprises for twenty first century learners. Three courses evolving in Year 8 Technology Mandatory are challenges with Lego Mindstorm Robotics, Crack a Code using coding for an electronic circuit and an Aeronautical Design using a power anchor for flight simulation testing.

Year 8 with Mr Shaw recently entered a team in the **NSW State Championship Aeronautical challenge** on Friday the 9/6/17 with the smart crew coming sixth in the state. See photo display of the event.

Under construction is a state of art **Commercial Kitchen** which is part way through construction and ready for action by the end of July for all students. This is a huge bonus in access to current facilities for the industry training that will be available in 2018 for a course selection for Year 10 Hospitality Certificate 1 and Year 11-12 Hospitality food and Beverage Certificate II.

An important reminder for all is the need for school shoes as **safe footwear** to be worn as a mandatory part of school uniform, which is essential for participation in these courses. Material **course fees** for Semester 1 are also due to cover resources consumed by students.

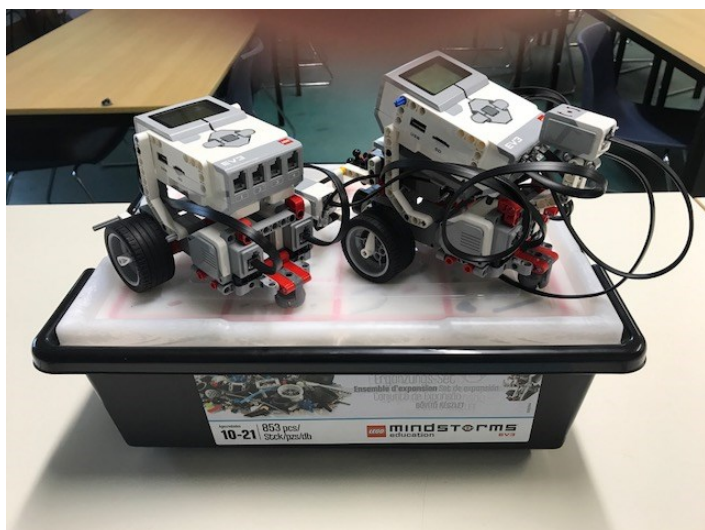
A wide variety of **electives will be offered for 2018 by LTAS for Year 9, 10 and 11** and close reading of the Elective Booklets soon to be available, give a full description of content, assessment and requirements.

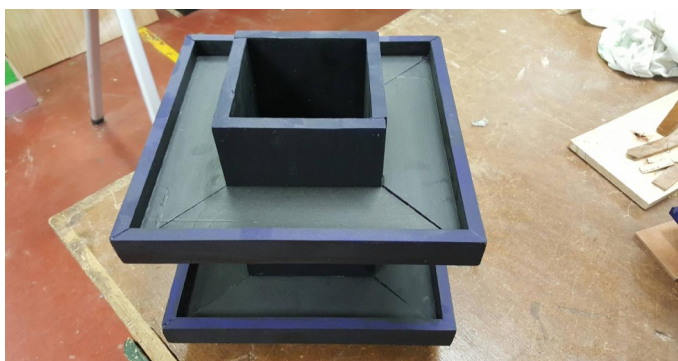
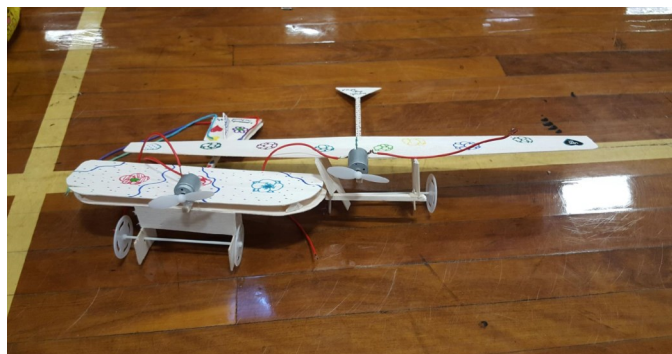
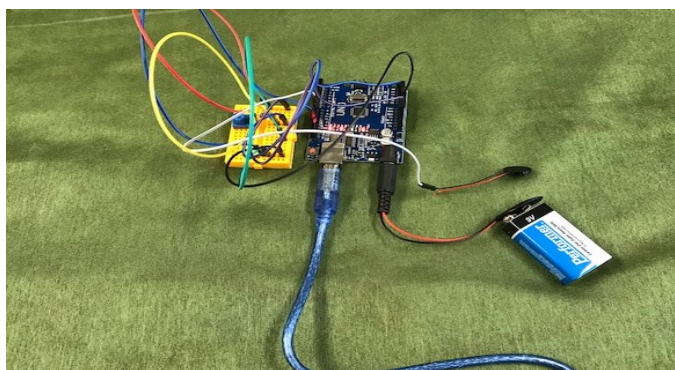
Stage 5 (Year 9 and 10)

Food Technology
Textiles Technology
Design and Technology
Child Studies.
Hospitality Certificate I – Food and Beverage (VET)
Industrial Technology – Timber.
Industrial Technology – Metal.
Industrial Technology – Engineering
Information and Software Technologies.

Stage 6 (Year 11 – 12)

Food Technology
Textiles and Design
Design and Technology
Community and Family Studies.
Exploring Early Child Studies (CEC).
Hospitality - Certificate 2 Food and Beverage
Construction - Certificate 2
Industrial Technology – Timber and Furniture.
Industrial Technology – Metal.
Industrial Technology – Multi Media
Information Processing Technologies.
Software Design and Development
Computing Applications (CEC)





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VEEEEERRRY SOON.**

2018 SRC Coming Soon

Nominations for Year 12, 2018 close Week 4
Nominations for Years 8-11, 2018 close Week 5

See Mr Parry-Ewing in the HSIE staffroom
for a nomination form



In week 10 of last term members of the SRC sustainability committee attended the Schools for Sustainability Forum. On the day they learnt about ways that the school can be more sustainable.



Congratulations to all of our SRC students who participated in the LHS Refugee Camp. They raised \$2,500. Thank you to Mr Parry-Ewing for staying every night with the students and organising the event with the SRC team. We would also like to thank Ms Modica, Mrs Ferro, Ms McWilliam and Ms Roberts for staying overnight. Thank you to everyone who donated to the cause.





The SRC would like to thank the school community for supporting "Australia's Biggest Morning Tea".



FROM THE ARC

The ARC have had an amazing semester, we have had many culturally enriching experiences and bonding this year.

We have been delivering a Language unit at Passfield Park School each Friday, teaching the Dharawal National Anthem to the High School. We have volunteered at Pembroke Nursing Home with the students leading a craft activity hour for the residents. We have participated in Aboriginal Dance workshops with The Campbelltown Arts Centre, with some of our students going onto dance for the company. May, saw us at the Campbelltown TAFE enjoying the career expo hosted by Opportunity Hub. We have continued our relationship with WSU and their pathways to Dreaming program for year 8-11.

We had an absolute ball together at our ARC leadership camp at Kincumber “Great Aussie Bush Camp”. There, we completed high rope challenge courses, leap of faith, made rafts, giant swing, and archery and of course “yarning” with smors.

We are unbelievable proud to see our ARC developing into our cultural leaders. It was lovely to see how together they were able to overcome challenges and face their fears.

Looking forward to another Deadly Semester,
Miss Roberts and Mrs Carter





student achievements



Congratulations to the Year 7 and 8 debate team for winning their debate .



Our U15's Basketball team had a loss, but played extremely well against James Meehan High..



Eco Wise Project-Year 8 students reused fabric to make a quilt. The quilt was presented to Mr Zielinski and will be donated to a charity.

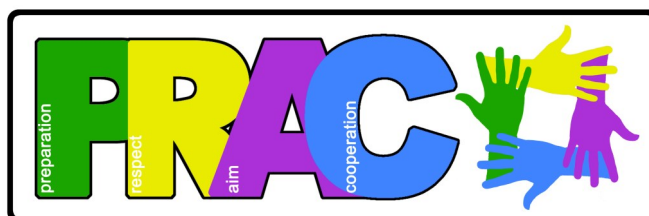


Congratulations to our U14 girls rugby league team who were undefeated at the western schools final day. Good luck girls at state!.



Congratulations to our U14's Rugby League Team for winning the quarter final Buckley Shield game 43-14. Good luck for the next game boys!





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