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Leumeah High School Newsletter

15 September 2017 Term 3 Week 9

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From the Principal Mr. Zielinski

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

In just a few days our Year 12 students will graduate after six years of high school and begin final preparations for the Higher School Certificate exams which will commence in just a few short weeks. I am sure the entire school community join with me in wishing Year 12 every success in the HSC and all their future endeavours. Particular mention should be made of the Yr 12 Prefect team, led by school captains, Talyssa and Daniel who have been exemplary role models for all students and wonderful ambassadors for our school. Their work in leading the SRC has been simply fantastic and will leave a wonderful legacy for the student leaders that will follow them.

It is also with great pleasure that I officially announce the newly elected Prefect Team and School Captains for 2018: The School Captains are Somnieng C and Jason L. The Vice-Captains are Lauren T and Imaad K. We have also created a new position of Head Prefect, Sarvannah M. These wonderful student leaders will be supported by the remainder of the Prefect Body: Daniel C, Katelyn E, Mariam M, Shazia M, Laura M, Sheetal S and Ann T. Congratulations to each of these students, and to all of the students who participated in this election process. The future of our student leadership team is most certainly a promising one.

I am pleased to announce that we will have several new staff that will commence full time next term. Ms Teagan Finucane will commence her teaching appointment in HSIE replacing Ms Brassington, while Mr Shane Pratt will his teaching appointment in English replacing Ms Pawar. Following local merit selection which will conclude over the next few days we will also have a full time replacement for Ms Shortridge. It is expected that the successful applicant will also begin early next term.

The refurbishment of our kitchen has finished and it is now compliant with full commercial standards. This refurbishment provides our students with the most up-to-date kitchen facilities and will allow our students much more meaningful learning opportunities in the future. Students will begin using the new kitchen in the next week or so. Also, work will commence before the end of term to replace all the roofs on the school. This will address the issues of leaking roofs especially during heavy rain. This work will cost in excess of \$1 million dollars and is scheduled to be completed by the end of year. This essential work should mean that our new roofs will hopefully last another 40 years.

I invite all parents to attend an evening meeting to have their opportunity to discuss the next three-year school plan that will commence in 2018. Each school every three years is required to develop a management plan that provides clear direction on how student learning and school governance can be enhanced. It is vital that parents have an opportunity to help shape that plan. This meeting will take place on Monday 16th October at 7.00pm in the school library. We genuinely welcome the chance to share our plans with you and to seek your input into the education we plan to provide your children with over the coming years.

On Saturday December 2nd, Leumeah High School will celebrate 40 years. 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 party for all ex students in the school library. Further details are available on the school web site.

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

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

NOVEMBER

- 6-10/11 **Years 9 & 10 Yearly Exams**
- 13-17/11 **Year s 7 & 8 Yearly Exams**
- 16/11 Year 12 Formal
- 17/11 Year 7 Immunisations
- 20/11 P&C meeting
- 24/11 Year 8 Pathways to Dreaming
- 27/11-1/12 MADD Festival Week

Our 2018 Captains, Somnieng and Jason



From the Deputies

We would like to add our congratulations and best wishes to our graduating Year 12 students. It is with immense pride that we will farewell these students next week, especially with Mr Bates having shared their learning journey so closely since their arrival in Year 7. We look forward to the memorable events that still lie ahead next week and following the HSC with the Formal, and then beyond that we truly look forward to seeing the achievements that lie ahead with their HSC results and their future undertakings. We hope and trust that each and every graduating student, and their families, will always identify as being part of our extended Leumeah Family.

Following the recent SRC elections and School Captain interview processes, we wish to add our congratulations to Somnieng and Jason, along with Lauren, Imaad and Sarvannah, and all of the 2018 Student Leadership Prefects. We also wish to congratulate each of the unsuccessful candidates, who demonstrated outstanding leadership throughout the process, and immense maturity in defeat. Having now also concluded the SRC election process across Years 7-10, we congratulate all of the successful candidates who will form the 2018 Student Representative Council, and look forward to working with these students to continue to shape the Learning Culture of our school in the coming months.

We are currently engaged in the evaluation of a number of significant projects across our school, with Head Teachers leading the collation and analysis of various sources of data to demonstrate evidence of impact in many things we do as a school. This includes the recent Tell Them From Me surveys we have conducted with students, parents and teachers, as well as collating various other pieces of evidence to determine whether we are achieving our ultimate goal of improving learning outcomes for all students. We look forward to sharing our findings with all parents in the upcoming Parent Consultation Meeting on Monday 16th October. We hope all parents will attend this meeting so we can share our current learning journey with you, as we strive to make Leumeah High School the best Learning Community we can be. As partners in your child's learning, we want to share this journey openly and honestly with you, so please feel welcome to attend this important meeting to help us shape the school plan for the next 3 years.

Mr Ken Bates, Mrs Tania Irons and Mrs Raquel Spratt



Leumeah High School

*Wishing our class of 2017
success in the HSC and beyond.*



Congratulations!

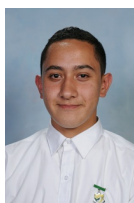


2018 STUDENT LEADERSHIP

2018 Captains

Somnieng C

Jason L



2018 Vice Captains

Lauren T

Imaad K



2018 Head Prefect

Sarvannah M



2018 Prefects

Daniel C

Katelyn E

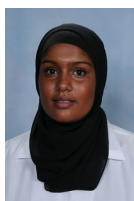
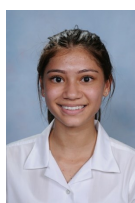
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Ann T



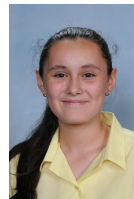
Year 7

Elizabeth P

Mohamed J

Maddisyn B

Tamia H



Year 8

Akaisha W

Raphael P

Tamikah L

Salama M



Year 9

Lamarr S

Nadeem P

Patricia S

Shyleen P

Tevita T

Dez'Ree K



Year 10

Varsha C

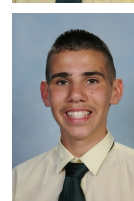
Ashantae P

Brodie D

Alex C

Lisa A

Wylleon B



From the Year 7 Student Advisor

Year 7 has really settled into school life and it is hard to believe that this cohort of students have been with us now at Leumeah High School for almost a year. I think it is a credit to many of our students that they have undertaken so much in such a short time. From attending school camps and excursions, participating in school carnivals and sporting events, debating competitions, school musicals and academic competitions; and many other extra-curricular activities, Year 7 continue to conduct themselves enthusiastically and with great pride.

Students have been participating in Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) Workshops for three lessons a fortnight, where they discuss and deal with issues relating to their 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 allowing them to make more positive decisions in social situations.

As well as SEL, many of our students have been achieving outstanding success through numerous extra-curricular activities. The Under 14's Girls Rugby League team represented our school in the NSW All Schools Girls Rugby League Competition. After a grueling grand final against Hunter Sports High School, the team finished undefeated and were crowned State Champions for 2017. Congratulations to the following Year 7 girls who represented the school with pride, Lilieta P, Elizabeth P and Penina P. Furthermore, our Year 7 and 8 debating team beat Elizabeth Macarthur and Elderslie High School in a challenging tournament. Congratulations to our two Year 7 members, Jaimee H and Tayla S on an outstanding result.



Year 7 & 8
Debating Team

On Wednesday 23rd August, Year 7 attended the Fisher Zone Gala Day. Leumeah High School, Sarah Redfern High School, Campbelltown Performing Arts High School and Eagle Vale High School participated in various sports that included netball, touch football, soccer and kickball. The day was a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by students across all schools. The behaviour and sportsmanship shown by all Year 7 Leumeah High School students was exemplary, with some excellent results across all the sports.

Finally, we have the Taronga Zoo excursion that will take place on Thursday 21st September (Week 10). This excursion is a good opportunity for the year group to bond with each other and their teachers, and is a result of all the hard work and cooperation that they have demonstrated so far this year.

Ms Scurr

Thank you to Wests for their ongoing sponsorship for our Breakfast Club!



From the Year 9 Student Advisor

This has been a positive year so far for Year 9 who are demonstrating a growing maturity and sense of responsibility towards their school work.

Pleasing improvements in assessment task submissions rates are suggesting that many are now taking more responsibility for the progress that they make. This year's NAPLAN results have been distributed and we are pleased with the growth that many students have shown; this growth is the result of hard work and effort on the part of the students. Students are advised to look at the information in their NAPLAN results and continue to work towards improvement.

As well as pleasing academic results, Year 9 are involved in a number of initiatives outside of the classroom. Y Quest, Leaps and Links to Learning are a few of the programs that our students are actively participating in and we can see the growing confidence of all students involved.

Congratulations to the students in Year 9 that were part of the "14s Girls" team that won the state competition.

Congratulations also to the students who have recently been named the SRC representatives for Year 10 2018.

Keep working well Year 9.

Ms Gartside



Year 9 Y Quest Students helping out in the community at Yummy Café.

From the Year 11 Student Advisor

Year 11 students begin their Preliminary HSC exams this week. The exams will run from 11/9/17 to 22/9/17. We wish them all the very best.

A group of 9 year 11 ladies have been attending a weekly leadership workshop with the Australian Business & Community Network. They have developed skills in leadership and empowerment and are to be congratulated on their maturity and diligence demonstrated throughout the workshops. The students worked alongside reputable Lawyers, Business owners and Commonwealth Bank staff.

Prefects for 2018 have now been elected. All students who applied to be a prefect are to be congratulated and commended for wanting to be the future leaders of our school. The prefects for 2018 will begin their duties in Term 4 2017 and will soon undergo training to further equip them with the skills needed to be quality leaders and ambassadors of Leumeah High School. The prefects selected are:

Somnieng C, Jason L, Lauren T, Imaad K, Sarvannah M, Laura M, Daniel C, Katelyn E, Mariam M, Shaazia M, Ann T and Sheetal S.

As year 11 studies are coming to an end, I would like to remind year 11 students that attendance is crucial for success and I wish them all the best for their final year of schooling.

Ms Alexander



From the Maths Faculty

The Mathematics Faculty has been busy over the past term, particularly with ensuring that Year 12 are prepared for their H.S.C. examinations in General, 2 Unit and Extension 1 Maths, next term. It is hoped and expected that students are completing as many past HSC exams as possible to enable all students to achieve results of which they can all be proud. Year 11, of course, have their Yearly Examinations next week, with the major Maths exams scheduled for Thursday, so it is hoped that these students are also working hard to consolidate their understanding of the course work they have been taught over the past three terms. Years 9 & 10 also have assessment tasks scheduled for next week, so they, too, need to be preparing for these exams.

Nearly 30 students participated in the Australian Mathematics Competition at the end of July. This was a great number compared with previous years, and the results should be in soon. Stage 5.3 Year 9 students conducted an outdoor activity whereby they used trigonometry, and clinometers, to measure the heights of different features around the school. This engaging activity allowed the students to connect what they are learning in the classroom to the real world. (See the photos [attached.](#))

Mrs Fry and 20 students from 7L are also involved in a STEM Project, in collaboration with the Sydney accountancy firm of Ernst & Young. They all loved the great views of Sydney from the high rise building, however, the lunch provided was a little too fancy for most of their tastes! The students have been, and will continue to, travel to the City for sessions to develop their confidence in STEM areas, as well as their understanding and knowledge of STEM careers. Students will work in teams to solve problems which will show them how interesting STEM related tasks can be.

As usual, if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate contacting me.

Mr O'Brien



From the Science Faculty

Here in Science we wish to report that things are travelling along very nicely indeed. Our students have been enthusiastically powering through Term 3 and like our teacher are dreading the fact that the holidays will soon be upon us and will be forced to have some time away from Leumeah High. However, there is little ray of sunshine to beat those holiday blues away as our HSC teachers will be back again in the break with our senior classes to do some extra study lessons.

In Term 3 the Science faculty and the school had some unexpected good fortune with the return of two of our favourite daughters, Mrs Gilleland and Ms Langford. We were so very very lucky to find two excellent Science teachers in Ms Hall and Mr Mitric to fit so seamlessly into our faculty and the school during Mrs Gilleland's and Ms Langford's absence. However, while it is with sadness we see our two replacements move on, it is wonderful to have our absent teachers return. We would like to thank Ms Hall and Mr Mitric for their outstanding service during the first half of the year.

The agricultural plot has been forging ahead under the guidance of our new Agricultural assistant, Mr Hobson. Mr Hobson has worked tirelessly in the agricultural plot to mend fences, build coops, prepare garden beds and tend the sheep and chooks. Mr Hobson has the agricultural plot looking absolutely fantastic and is to be commended on his efforts in bringing the farm back to its best. All members of our school community should take the time to wander down to the farm to see the improvements and give Mr Hobson a pat on the back for his hard work. We will soon be planting our pumpkins and collecting our chickens in readiness for next year's Easter Show.

HSC Trial Examinations are completed and the HSC Examinations are howling at our doors. In Science we will have our Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Senior Science students sitting these exams. Students should have made all preparations required and study schedules should be well under way. Good luck to all our HSC students at Leumeah High and remember to aim to do your best as there is no substitute for hard work.

The Preliminary courses are coming to an end but there's still time to improve, especially over the holidays. Year 11 can catch up in preparation for the HSC courses commencing Term 4. The Science staff would like remind Year 11 about the importance of dedication and perseverance.

The Science staff expects all students to be prepared by bringing the necessary equipment to each science lesson, including their science book, pens, ruler, pencil, sharpener, eraser and glue stick

From Mr Flanigan and your friendly Science Faculty





SPORTS REPORT



The back half of term 2 and term 3 has seen the students of Leumeah High School go above and beyond in the sporting arena.

In week 10 of term 2 over 60 students attended the Zone Athletics Carnival at Campbelltown Stadium. Athletes ran, jumped and threw faster, higher and further than they ever had before. Leumeah had success in both the track and field and dominated in the relays. The outstanding effort and dedication to training of the Leumeah Athletes saw Leumeah High School win their second zone carnival for the year. 35 students qualified for regional and represented Leumeah and the Fisher Zone at the Regional Carnival. From here, 4 students qualified for State Athletics and will compete towards the back end of Term 3. We wish our State Athletes the best of luck and congratulations to all of the Athletes for their success in the track and field.

In week 6 of term 3, the much anticipated Years 7 and 8 Gala Day came about. Over 200 students from years 7 and 8 participated in Netball, Soccer, Kickball and Touch Football competitions. Students had the opportunity to compete against the 6 schools in our zone in a sport of their choosing. With the sun shining, the Term 3 Gala Day was a success with smiles all round.

Our team Knockout Sports have also seen success in Term 3. The under 14 boys rugby league team were unfortunately beaten in the quarter final of the Buckley Shield Competition, but made Leumeah High School very proud of their efforts. The under 13 boys rugby league team have been successful in progressing through to the next round of competition. The under 15 girl's basketball team have progressed and will be competing at Central Venue in Week 10. Good luck teams in your upcoming games.

Finally, the Under 14's Girls Rugby League team, the NSW State Champions! A dedicated and committed bunch of young ladies with limited Rugby League experiences amongst them have proven that anything is possible if you are determined and put your mind to it. They gave up recesses, lunches and their afternoons to train and prepare for the State Championships. With only 4 of the 15 girls playing Rugby League previously, they were desperate to learn and improve in a limited period of time. Over the course of the competition the girls were undefeated over 15 games! They showed resilience, determination and teamwork as they dug deep for each other. In the Grand Final they defeated Hunter Sports High School to take out the State Championships. Congratulations girls, Leumeah High School couldn't be any more proud.

Congratulations U13's Boys

Wests Cup Grand Final Winners!



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**NSW
STATE
CHAMPIONS!**





Our Bundalong Classes visited Campbelltown PCYC for boxing and circuit sessions.



Year 7 Visited the Art Gallery of NSW



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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

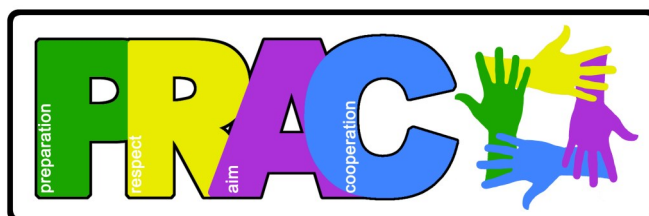
Cocktail Function TBA

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