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Leumeah High School Newsletter

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From the Principal Mr. Zielinski

Dear Parents,

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 Year 12 Prefect team, led by school captains, Somnieng and Jason 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 they leave a wonderful legacy for the student leaders that will follow them.

It is with great pleasure that I officially announce the newly elected School Captains and Prefect Team for 2019. The School Captains are Lisa.A and Jake.B. The Vice-Captains are Leah.S and Wylleon.B Head Prefect is Jedidiah.S These wonderful student leaders will be supported by the remainder of the Prefect Body: Jacinta.L, Jolie.K, Melinda.V, Varsha.C, Alex.C, Brandon.L and Travis.S. 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.

On school staffing, I am pleased to announce Ms Rebecca Lawler has been appointed to the TAS Faculty. Replacing Mrs Grimson who retired in the second term, Rebecca is a former student of Leumeah High having graduated in 2002 and she will begin her position at the start of next term. At the moment local merit selection procedures are occurring for a second TAS teacher (replacing Mr Silva who also retired in the 2nd term), our new librarian and Head Teacher Science. It is expected that the successful applicants will also begin in the first half of next term.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the recent parent/teacher evening. We as teachers very much appreciate the opportunity to share the achievements of your child and provide support on the next steps they need to take as they move through their learning journey of high school.

Parents are reminded that they can easily keep up to date with what is happening at our school by downloading the free mobile phone Skoolbag app available for both Apple iOS and Android Smart phones. The app, when downloaded to your phone, provides alerts to the latest news happening in our school, a list of upcoming events and most recent newsletters, parent information and school calendar. It is an easy and convenient way to find out what is happening in our school. Simply search for "Leumeah High School" in " App Store" or "Google Play".

I extend a warm invitation to all parents to attend our next Leumeah Parent Forum meeting on Monday the 26th of November in the school common room commencing at 7p.m. There will be a short presentation on the new Bring Your Own Device(BYOD) that will commence next year for Year 7. 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. I look forward to seeing many parents on the night.

CALENDER

SEPTEMBER

- 26/09 Year 12 Graduation
- 27/09 Year 12 Picnic Day
- 28/09 Last Day Term 3

OCTOBER

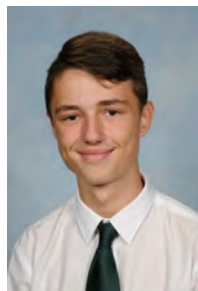
- 15/10 First Day Term 4
- 31/10 Year 7 Immunisation
- 31/10 Dogtober

NOVEMBER

- 02/11 Year 7 ABCN Program
- 07/11 Sports Presentation
- 12-16/11 Years 9&10 Exam Week
- 15/11 Year 12 formal
- 19-23/11 Years 7&8 Exam Week
- 26-30 Year 10 Crossroads

Congratulations to our 2019 School Captains/Vice Captains and Prefect Team

Captains



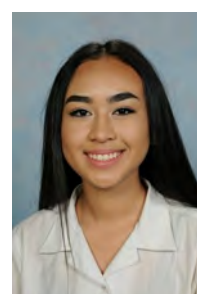
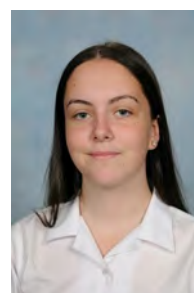
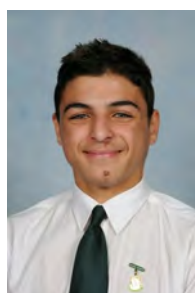
Vice Captains



Head Prefect



Prefects



From the Deputies

We would like to congratulate our graduating Year 12 students on the completion of their studies at Leumeah High School. It is with great pride that we farewell these students. We encourage all of them to prepare thoroughly for their upcoming HSC examinations and to actively seek the assistance of their teachers if needed as they prepare to sit those examinations. We look forward to seeing their results and hope that every student is happy and proud of their achievement. We would like to wish every Year 12 student all the best with their future endeavours. We hope and trust that each and every student, and their families, will always identify as being part of our extended Leumeah Family.

Leumeah High School held its “PRAC Celebration Day” on 31 August. It is envisaged as a day to celebrate our core values of Preparation, Respect, Aim and Cooperation. The day is designed to enhance student engagement through the acknowledgement and celebration of positive student behaviours at Leumeah High School. Students were engaged in planned activities that were instructive, reflective and fun. The appearance of our superhero “PRAC Man” exemplified the connectedness and positive relationships evident between students, teachers and the wider Leumeah High School community. Furthermore, we held our Years 7-11 Parent-Teacher evening on 4 September. It was great to see many parents on the night engaging with their child’s teachers in order to share their child’s achievement and discuss the areas for potential improvement for the remainder of the year. Can we please encourage you to continue to take the opportunity to discuss your child’s progress with their teachers during these important events? You can also contact the school and ask to discuss your child’s progress at other times.

Students also completed the “*Tell Them From Me*” student survey, which is designed to inform our school of our students’ views on a range of topics crucial to the planning and development of relevant initiatives. The parent “*Tell Them From Me*” survey, which is designed to help our school understand parents’ and carers’ perspectives on their child’s experience at school, is currently available at <https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/lhs2018>. It can be completed on most mobile phone, tablet or PC devices and typically takes 10-15 minutes to complete. It is completely confidential. Can we please encourage you to complete the survey as your responses are important to us and are very much appreciated? The survey closes on 26 October.

Lastly, we would like to thank the vast majority of parents who impress upon their children the importance of wearing the full school uniform, including black leather shoes and the correct sports uniform on designated sports day. Wearing the correct school uniform sends a strong message about the ethos of the school and the sense of pride that students have for their school. Please don’t hesitate to contact us if you have any questions regarding the uniform policy. Information about the school uniform, including appropriate footwear and the uniform shop opening hours, is published on our website.

We hope that students have a safe and restful break. We look forward to the commencement of Term 4.



From the Year 8 Advisor

Term 3 has been busy for Year 8! We started with report reflection day and subject selections and then moved into the Quidditch World Cup. Mrs Stojakovic was fortunate enough to be able to observe some of the groups throughout the 5 weeks and was delighted to see them work with such creativity and collaboration. Students worked in the areas of Music, Visual Arts, English and PD/H/PE and it was fantastic to see the students in charge of their own learning and the design of their projects. The project ended with a presentation evening and the grand final on Thursday 30th August. During the evening, the students had their projects on display and were wearing the t-shirts created by the design team- they looked fabulous! There were also performances from the musicians and the chant leaders, who did a stellar job considering the short time frame in which they had to complete their project. To end the evening, we witnessed a wonderful game of muggle Quidditch, in which the undefeated Dore team continued on their winning ways and took out the championship. The picture show how delighted the team were in their win. Overall, year 8 enjoyed the project- especially being able to get outside every Thursday afternoon and try something new.

After the conclusion of the Quidditch World Cup, the school also had our PRAC Celebration Day. We were delighted to see Year 8 students demonstrate their preparation, respect, aim and cooperation throughout the day and to participate in the activities with enthusiasm.

This term Year 8 have also attended the Zone Gala Day, in which they participated in netball, soccer and touch football. It was pleasing to see Year 8 represent the school with distinction on this day.

Looking forward to Term 4, there will be a number of things going on for students as we look to finish the year. One of the biggest items is the completion of yearly exams, which will occur in week 6. We encourage students to work hard to revise their materials in the lead up to this, and if they need assistance to see their teachers or to see one of us.

Mrs Stojakovic and Mrs Marcus

From the Year 10 Advisor

With a just short time left as junior students at Leumeah, Year 10 can look back on an impressive list of activities and achievements, as they have continued to work hard towards their ROSA. Students have selected their subjects for next year and should be congratulated for completing what can be a daunting process. Anyone who has not completed this process should come and see me ASAP. Additionally, any student who does not have a USI number can get the form from me. Students need to have a USI number by the start of Year 11.

This term we particularly congratulate Mia.G for playing in the NSW Combined High Schools softball team at Cairns and Michael.L who is currently in the Solomon Islands playing in the under 18's Samoan Soccer team. A stunning achievement from both students.

Year 10 girls this term have participated in the Shine program each Thursday period 5, and the boys attended a third workshop with ABC presenter Kayne Tremills which they enjoyed. Students participated in the Student Representative Council (SRC) speeches recently which was a valuable opportunity to hear their visions for the future of our school.

Students have also taken part in the science VALID tests and minimum standards practice exams. Their last term in year 10 will be busy with the 'Cross Roads' program and 'All My Own Work' compulsory course, and final yearly exams in Term 4.

I hope our lovely year 10 students continue to move forward in a positive direction and that they look forward to a wonderful break at the end before their first senior year.

Please feel free to see myself or Mr Al Nakeeb with anything you wish to discuss.

Ms Kotsep Mr Al Nakeeb



From the English Faculty

Year 8 took a peek behind the stage curtain as part of an exclusive audience as they were invited by Parramatta's Riverside Theatre to participate in the 2018 Martin Lysicrates Prize.

With their English assignments due the next day, many students travelled on the train as it passed through the western suburbs to the theatre in true Sydney commuter style, with work on their laps busily typing or scribbling down notes. Hands were up in the carriage as students called on the teachers for feedback on their PEETEL paragraphs, showing off to the public how dedicated to their studies Leumeah High School students are.

After swapping trains and walking through Parramatta's restaurant strip, sadly with no time to stop, we arrived at Riverside Theatre and awaited our usher. When the theatre door opened we were taken to fantastic seats, just a few rows back from the front. The perfect point to see expressions on an actor's face without craning our necks!

Before the show began we heard an inspiring and insightful speech from the director of the theatre, who thanked the student audience for playing a part in writing Australia's story. How were they doing that? By voting for the next original Australian stage production to be commissioned by Riverside Theatre. With this great responsibility in their hands (in the form of a gold token), students watched the beginning of three separate plays still at the stage of inception.

The actors had only been rehearsing each play for the past couple of days and so still carried their scripts, the staging and costumes were minimal and the lighting was conceptual. These raw performances allowed us to witness what the pre-production of a play is like and how an engaging story will captivate an audience even without full use of the elements of drama.

At the conclusion of the third and final short play we left our seats and students used their gold tokens to vote for their favourite of the three. Votes were quickly counted while we enjoyed a traditional bush band and then the winner was announced!

We didn't all vote for the winning play, although everyone agreed that it was a deserving win and took a little pride in knowing that students from Leumeah High School were now a part of the legacy of Australian theatre.

Ms Armstrong & Ms Tree

Caitlin.M and Tynieka.S both agreed, "we liked that we got to vote".

Tayla.S enjoyed that the plays were aimed at a teenage audience, "they were for teens, so we could understand the humour and relate to them".

Madison.R and Laura.P appreciated seeing the plays as works in progress, "it helped us to understand the elements of drama from a different point of view".

Leikyn.V, Lakshay.S and Albert.N liked that it was a different learning experience, "it was a new experience with our friends outside of normal school".

Photography by Jessica Lindsay

Year 8 Drama



On the 6th of September our school was invited to take part in The Martin Lysicrates Prize 2018. Forty of our Year 8 students travelled to the Riverside Theatres in Parramatta to view the beginning of three incomplete plays. Students were then invited to vote on the play they wanted to see completed with the winning playwright receiving \$15,000 to put their play into production. Students from around the Sydney region came to change the course of Australian theatre history! “Farewell Mr Nippy!” by Brendan Hogan won the prize and will become a published play due to our students’ contribution.



‘Jake Cameron Meet and Greet’ by Nick Coyle



‘The Meme and the Moon’ by Katy Warner



‘Farewell Mr Nippy!’ by Brendan Hogan



Photographer: Jessica Lindsay

From the PDHPE Faculty

Earlier in the year the NSW Educational Standard Authority (NESA) released a new PDHPE syllabus for Kindergarten to Year 10. This will see a new course being taught to Year 7 and Year 9 next year, with all other year groups to commence the new course the following year. This means that the PDHPE department have been working tirelessly to ensure that we are up to date with the new changes and to develop highly engaging and valuable learning experiences for students. In fact, we are pretty excited about the changes and believe that the work have already done, will lead to really powerful learning experiences for our students.

In the class room this term, students are working on 'Knowing Your Limits' in Year 7, 'Nutrition' in Year 8, Mental Health in Year 9 and 'Nutrition' in Year 10. The Outdoor Education students are finalising their Video group projects, PASS are developing their skills around 'Coaching', SLR are investigating 'Healthy Lifestyles' and our Year 12 PDHPE students are furiously studying and preparing for their HSC. We'd like to wish them the best of luck and congratulate them on their hard work.

For the first half of the term Year 8 along with the PDHPE, CAPA and English departments have been working on a Project Based Learning initiative based around the magical game from Harry Potter, Quidditch. We'd like to congratulate all the students involved for the tremendous effort that went into the projects and thank all the parents and special guests who made it to the Community Showcase to support all the 'Muggles' from Year 8.

In sporting news, the students of Leumeah High School should be proud to hear that we have cemented our authority over the Fisher Zone as the school champions for all three carnivals. WELL DONE!

At home, we would like to encourage students to start putting together all their notes from the year and begin preparing for the end of the year. Yearly exams are not too far away and it is a great time to start studying and ensure that you know your content and how to write about it.



Congratulations to all of the Fisher Zone Blues recipients who attend the Fisher Zone Sports Presentation. These students represented LHS in sport at the zone level or higher and achieved outstanding results. Congratulations to Mia G, Leah S, Sarah A, Natanya N, Shakeet K and Michael L for all receiving a Zone Blue on the day. Well done.



'Congratulations Leah S who participated at the NSW All Schools Netball Championships. Leah competed for CHS and they were the overall Champions of the tournament. Congratulations Leah.'

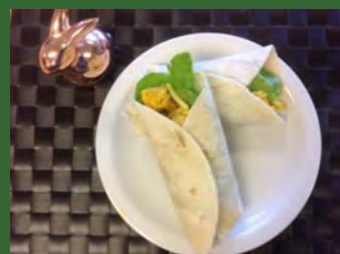
Life, Technology and Applied Studies.

We welcome you to feast your eyes on a variety of creative and ingenious items produced by students in a variety of courses this term.

Learning through Design and Production



9/10 FT Food for you.



9/10 FT Product Design - Gourmet Macaroni Cheese



Learning through Design and Production



11 Hospitality
Omelette Express



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Learning through Design and Production

Industrial Technology Timber HSC Projects





The LTAS Faculty would like to thank our parents, carers and community for your ongoing support as we incorporate RETHINK, REUSE, RECYCLE and REDUCE in our projects. The supply of useful materials for projects, especially exotic timber off cuts, end lots of hardware and perspex off cuts is positive role modelling.

By partnering with us in your child's learning in so many ways contribute many great benefits, from reviewing assessment task progress and completion before the due date and especially in the supply of materials and discussing the grade received. The support of parents in their time, providing and carting materials for the production of major works, makes for positive gains in progress. HSC projects take a large amount of time and effort for students and their teacher, Mr Craig Shaw. In early term 4 we plan to hold a Twilight HSC Project Display and provide for the sharing of experiences between current students and those students in Year 11 and their parents for the 2019 HSC.

Your ongoing financial assistance through fees make these experiences and creations across all our courses possible. We appreciate your collaboration in ensuring students have safe footwear to participate in our courses. Your input, feedback and inquiries are most welcome.

Next term we will welcome two new staff members and will design the new Technology Mandatory program and learning materials for Year 7 and 8 in 2019.