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Leumeah High School Newsletter

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From the Principal Mr. Zielinski

Dear Parents,

Thank you to the many families who braved the winter weather to attend the subject selection information evenings for Year 9 - 2019 and Year 11 - 2019 in the second 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. Currently, all year 10 students along with their parents are meeting individually with a member of the school executive who are assisting in selecting subjects for study in Year 11 next year.

A reminder to all parents that our second Years 7-11 Parent Teacher evening will be held on Tuesday Sept 4 from 3.30 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.

Earlier this month the school celebrated NAIDOC week that culminated in a wonderful assembly celebrating aboriginal custom and culture. My thanks to Ms Carter, Ms Finucane, Mr Brennan and all the Aboriginal portfolio team, along with the students from ARC. Parents would be interested to know that recently the team from CESE (Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation) visited the school to study our programs that assist our Aboriginal students. Leumeah High School has been identified as one of 4 schools across NSW who have been achieving well above average growth for our Aboriginal students. CESE intend to publish a paper outlining the success of our programs along with the other identified schools.

Our Year 12 students are halfway through their HSC Trial exams. This will be the last opportunity Yr 12 students have to fine tune their exam preparations before the HSC commences in mid October.

Congratulations to Mr Dale White who has been appointed Deputy Principal. Mr White replaces Mr Ken Bates who as parents remember, has been promoted to Principal of Vincentia High School. Mr White who began his teaching career at Leumeah High, was most recently Head Teacher of Administration at Mt Annan High School. Mr White is highly experienced, a wonderful classroom teacher and will be a wonderful asset for our school over the next few years. Welcome to Mr Darko Levkovski, who joins our school as our RAM funded third deputy for at least the next 18 months. Mr Levkovski has come from Ingleburn High School where he was Head Teacher—Teacher and Learning and brings a wealth of experience in teacher development and expertise in classroom learning strategies.

Congratulations to Mr Simon Flanigan who will leave us early next term to take up a promotion as Deputy Principal at Vincentia High School. Simon began teaching at Leumeah HS in 2004 and was appointed Head Teacher in 2009. Congratulations also to Mr Luke Brennan who has gained promotion as Head Teacher History at John Edmondson High School and will begin early next term. Luke was appointed to Leumeah in 2003 and has for the past several years acted as Rel HT of HSIE and Admin. Both Luke and Simon are wonderful classful teachers who have made outstanding contributions to our school, particularly in the area of aboriginal education and assessment. Both will be very much missed.

Paul Zielinski—Principal

CALENDER

SEPTEMBER

04/09	Years 7-11 Parent Teacher Interviews
04/09	Parent Forum 7pm
12/09	Fisher Zone Gala Day
19/09	Years 7 and 8 Fun Run
20/09	Year 9 Maths Assessment
21/09	Year 10 Maths Assessment
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

From the Year 7 Advisor

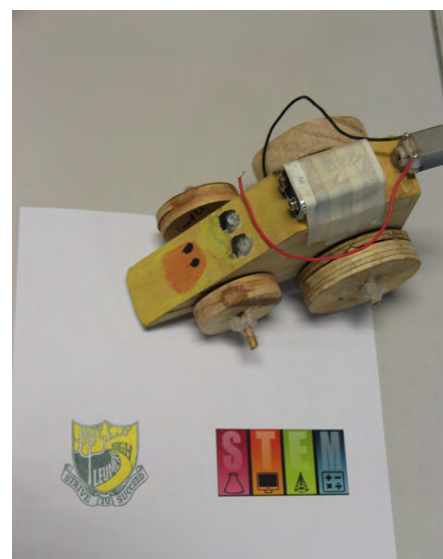
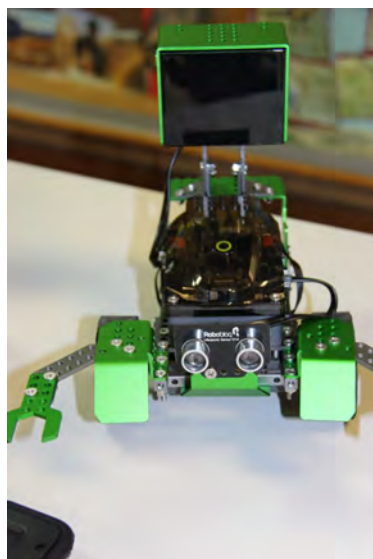
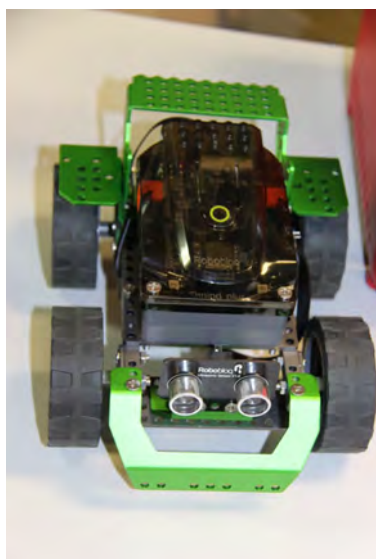
Well done Year 7 for completing more than half of your first year of high school! Only an exciting 22 terms full of opportunities to go!

Students of Year 7 have been busy in all areas of school life. Over the past term Year 7 students have been completing their STEM projects where they have been learning to code and program a robot, creating puppets for a puppet show, learning musical instruments, creating amazing artworks, and have been a part of debating teams, sporting teams, regional competitions and much much more.

Over the coming weeks there are a number of opportunities that will be available for Year 7. Year 7 students have the opportunity in the coming weeks to apply to be in the SRC and will be presenting SRC speeches in Week 6. This is a fantastic opportunity for any student wishing to step out of their comfort zone and expand their leadership skills. Also Year 7 will be attending the Zone Gala Day in Week 8 where they will have the opportunity to participate in soccer, netball, touch football or kickball teams. Stay tuned for more information.

Congratulations to all of Year 7 for everything you have accomplished so far in high school. Whether you are creative, musical, academic, an athletic, a leader, a writer, a mathematician, a scientist or you're still figuring out your area of expertise, always remember to 'be the BEST version of YOU!'

Ms Pearse



From the Year 9 Advisor

It is an exciting and busy period for Year 9, leading into the beginning of our second semester. I have continued to be both impressed and filled with pride regarding your progress, with many of you representing the school within leadership, academic and sporting disciplines over the past two terms. We have many important events on the near horizon. Students should have already started submitting their electives sheets for the coming year. It is important this is completed in a prompt manner to avoid the disappointment of missing out on your electives for next year! Students have the opportunity also to begin their preparation for SRC elections in the coming weeks. It is an important, rewarding and selfless task to be an SRC member, with Year 9 fortunate to have additional placements in the coming year. With many students exhibiting the qualities of outstanding leaders and members of our school community, I know that we will continue to be represented in an excellent manner in the coming year.

A reminder to all students, with the cold weather beginning to warm into the Spring months that uniform is extremely important. As a member of the school community it is your responsibility to ensure you represent yourself and the school with pride and correct uniform is an integral part to this!

Thank you and well done Year 9 on a great start to Semester Two 2018!

Mr Curtain

From the CAPA Faculty

The Creative and Performing Arts faculty have been very busy of late with the Year 12 students nearing the end of their courses in Music and Visual Arts. Both have major projects due in the coming weeks with Music Performing their HSC pieces to the markers visiting our school and our 2 Visual Arts classes completing their Body of Work projects for the HSC which are due just around the corner.

We have just recently had our subject selection night and presentations so we are looking forward to many new talented students selecting our subjects for next year!

Auditions have begun for the annual M.A.D.D festival in term 4 and so far the interest looks like we will have another star studded line-up from talent from our school community.

School Choir is taking new members for auditions. If you are interested, please see Mrs Christophers about both of the above opportunities.

We have begun a new semester in our junior courses which means a new batch of students will study a different course this semester and it is time to remind students and parents to have the required equipment and to pay the fees associated with these new courses as it helps us provide the necessary materials to complete the course. Please make these payments directly to the office or online.

Mr Tsoupis



From the Mathematics Faculty

The Mathematics Faculty has been busy over the past term, particularly with ensuring that Year 12 are prepared for their Trial H.S.C. examinations in General, 2 Unit and Extension 1 Maths. 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 at the end of the term, 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 had assessment tasks last week, so please ask your how they performed!

The Australian Mathematics Competition took place last Thursday. 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. 8L also conducted an experiment utilising Pythagoras' Theorem to try and find the length of the largest rod that could fit inside different sized boxes. This required the use of some of our 21st Century skills of collaboration, cooperation and problem solving. (See photos!)

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

Mr O'Brien

Head Teacher Mathematics



From the HSIE Faculty

Term 3 has seen a busy start in HSIE, with the change over of subjects in the junior school and preparation for Trial HSC in Year 12 and the end of preliminary courses for Year 11.

Year 12 students should be busily preparing their study notes in preparation for their examinations. All students in HSIE courses are encouraged to ask your teachers for assistance and attempt past papers, seeking feedback on areas for improvement.

I would like to thank Mr Melliush for filling in as the Relieving Head Teacher HSIE for the end of Term 1 and all of Term 2, as I was working as the DP. The Faculty was well managed and all members continued to work well.

Finally, congratulations to Mrs Carter and Ms Finucane who organised an excellent NAIDOC Assembly. Students who performed and presented were exceptional and all of the students in the audience are to be commended on their behaviour and engagement. This was an event that all of the LHS community should be proud of.

Thanks

Mr Brennan

Head Teacher HSIE



FROM THE ARC

Over the last few months the ARC has participated in a variety of community engagement experiences. They have attended Sydney Dance Company's workshop where they were able to learn contemporary Aboriginal dances. The students have also performed at local schools and helped them celebrate NAIDOC week by dancing and singing at their assemblies as well as hosting our own NAIDOC celebrations in week 2 this term.

Ms Carter

**Bundalong Gardens**

Our students worked on beautifying our gardens behind Bundalong classrooms.



From the English Faculty

"When shall we three meet again? In thunder, lighting or at the Seymour Centre?" It was a gloriously crisp winter's morning when a keen group of Year 10 thespians walked briskly to Leumeah Station. They were full of excitement and anticipation for their big day ahead of witchcraft, betrayal and murder (don't worry... no students were harmed in the making of this excursion!). After a squishy train journey to Central Station, students ventured to the University of Sydney's Seymour Centre. Of course, before the play we had to stop in at the Broadway Shopping Centre to sample the local cuisine. Authentically crafted sushi shared a table with giant servings of halal snack packs – the atmosphere in the food court was electrifying. Although there was some mess left over from this delicious banquet, a little water cleared us of this deed as we washed our hands clean and headed towards our final destination.

The group, although sluggish after their feast, arrived at The Seymour Centre with bright eyes, bushy tails and a distinct smell of garlic (luckily we had some spare mints on hand). During the thrilling performance of William Shakespeare's *Macbeth* there were gasps of horror and whoops of excitement as the newly appointed Thane of Cawdor, with a little encouragement from his vindictive wife, betrayed his unsuspecting king in the dark of night. The staging was intricately detailed and the performance was executed (no pun intended) perfectly. All in all, it was a fantastic day out and I would like to extend my thanks to Year 10 who represented the school in an extremely positive light. It was a really fun day and overall a wonderful excursion to be a part of!

Mr Pratt

"The production was really engaging and kept me on the edge of my seat the entire time!" (Rahat H.)

"The play has been extremely helpful for me as we are currently studying *Macbeth* in class!" (Shakeet K.)

"The acting was really intense and the stage setting was very realistic." (Shyleen P.)

"I had such a fun time hanging with my friends on the train and back." (Aubrey V.)

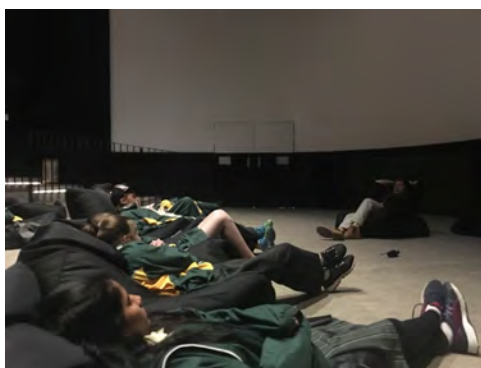
"Fair is Foul and Foul is Fair, Hover through the crime scene and see what's there"

Year 10 exploring the crime scene of the death of King Duncan in Shakespeare's *Macbeth*.





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From the Sports Coordinator

What a successful term for sport it has been. The end half of Term 2 saw Leumeah High School take out the Fisher Zone Cross Country and Fisher Zone Athletics Carnivals as overall winners. Students have been competing at a zone, regional and state level, as well as Leumeah sporting teams competing in knock-out competitions.

Following the Zone Cross Country Carnival, over 30 Leumeah High school students competed at the Regional Cross Country Carnival at Hurlstone. Not only did students have to conquer a 3-6km course they also had to overcome the muddy terrain. From here 3 students qualified to compete at the State Level. Congratulations to Wylleon B. Jayden G. and Joshua B. who all competed and represented SSW and Leumeah High School.

In week 3, over 30 students competed at the Sydney South West Regional Athletics Carnival, representing the Fisher Zone. Over the course of two days the athletes ran, jumped, threw and ran some more, with many Leumeah students finishing in the top 5 of their event. Congratulations to Wylleon B. Nicolas D. Jesse R. and Joshua B. for qualifying for State Athletics. A special mention to Nicolas D. who came first in the 15 years high jump. We wish the boys best of luck at State in September.

Term 3 will see the end of some team sports and the start of some new teams including the under 15s basketball teams. Good luck to all teams in your up and coming knock out competitions and the best of luck to the Girls 16s and 14s Rugby League teams who are competing at regional in week 6!

Ms Pearce



