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Leumeah High School Newsletter

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From the Principal Mr Zielinski

Dear Parents,

There is much happening at the moment at our school, Leumeah High. HSC Exams concluded a fortnight ago with the Year 12 Formal held last week. It was again an absolute pleasure to attend and witness the outstanding young women and men of Year 12 take their place in the adult world. They behaved impeccably and looked wonderful. Year 12 are a credit to themselves, their families and their school. I wish them the very best as they begin the nervous wait for their HSC results which are due in less than three weeks. Year 11 recently received their Yearly Reports and are now well into their HSC Year. Years 7-10 have recently completed Yearly Exams with teachers now completing marking and writing reports that will be ready for emailing to parents early in the last week of the term. Parents are reminded that school officially concludes on

CALENDER

DECEMBER

- 3 Orientation Day
- 4 Fisher Zone Trials
- 4 COS Visits
- 5 COS Visit
- 11- 12 MADD Festival Performance
- 13 Presentation Day
- 16 Reports Emailed
- 18 **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

JANUARY

- 28 **STAFF RETURN**
- 29 **YEAR 7 START**
- 30 **YEARS 8 – 12 RETURN**

A few weeks ago the SRC, led by Ms Jensen and Mrs Cook, organised our 6th annual "Dogtober" event where the school raises money for Assistance Dogs Australia, a charitable organisation that trains Labradors and Golden Retrievers to perform every day tasks for people with disabilities. Assistance Dogs increase independence, reduce reliance on human caregivers and act as a great ice-breaker helping overcome social isolation. This year the school raised in excess of \$750 for this worthwhile charity.

Parents are reminded to keep their diaries free so they are able to attend end of year events that are planned. These include our annual MADD festival, a night of entertainment not to be missed, to be held on **Wednesday 11 December at 6.00pm** and our Annual Presentation which will be held on **Friday 13 December at Wests Leagues Club Auditorium** commencing at **9.30am**.

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From the Principal continued

Leumeah High School is committed to encouraging all students to adopt a healthy lifestyle; such is the focus of many curriculum activities which foster a better understanding of an individual's mental and physical well-being needs and strategies for meeting these needs.

In accordance with the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy, our canteen is moving even further towards a healthier menu which will be made available to all students in the school who use the canteen. We anticipate, down the track, involving the student body, through the SRC in helping to devise strategies that encourage students to make healthier eating choices.

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Finally, in this our last newsletter for the year, I would like to wish all families a restful and relaxing festive season and for all students a well earned summer holiday.

Mr Paul Zielinski

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From the Deputy Principal

I would like to thank all of the students and their families that have made me feel so welcome this year. For teachers and students alike moving school. I have found the school and its community very welcoming. I have been struck by how supportive I have found the entire LHS community.

I cannot believe that 2019 has almost ended. All the staff have been working hard to provide not only a great education for our students but to look at ways of making them a better person in and out. We have seen impressive improvements from students in all years but particularly in Years 8 and 10, the years I supervise.

For our Year 10 students it has been great to see how involved they were in Peer Support and looking after our new Year 7 students. This extended well past the official Peer Support program and its time but can be seen everyday in our playgrounds. This is a clear demonstration of the maturing and awesome young adults that attend Leumeah High School every day.

Year 8 are developing into a group of young adults that are caring and compassionate who really look out for each other. They are becoming more aware of social justice. We were impressed with the maturity and sensibility that the students showed when picking their electives for 2020. This marks a milestone in their progression through high school.

2020 will be a year at Leumeah High School where we continue to focus on improving the whole student; academically and socially. We want all students to firstly reach their potential and ability, then work with us to improve. We should all aim for a year of teaching and learning is a year of growth.

I look forward to continuing to work with all of our students and the Leumeah High School community to make these improvements.

Mr Alex Glasgow

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From the Head Teacher Secondary Studies

Term 3 2019 marked the beginning of a new Head Teacher position at Leumeah High School and, as a result, I am privileged to take on the role of Head Teacher Secondary Studies. The position has been created to take on the growing demand of administration tasks placed on schools and to work across the school to improve teaching and learning with a specific target of focusing on Years 9 and 10.

I have been working closely with staff to support students in Years 10 and 11 to meet the HSC Minimum Standards which is a new standard of literacy and numeracy required to receive a HSC. This year's Year 11 will be the first cohort required to meet this standard. You can find more information on the HSC Minimum Standards on the NESA website.

I have been surveying staff and students across the school as well as analysing data from a range of sources to develop a strong understanding of how to target greater learning gains for our students. As a result we have commenced work on a number of projects.

In 2020 we will welcome our first full Year 7 cohort of students who will bring their own iPad to school with them each day. This has come on the back of this year's 7T class who opted into an iPad program. 7T have been showing significant gains in learning, behaviour and attendance. We believe that having technology in every student's hand is a natural evolution for learning, will better prepare our students for the future and allows learning to happen in ways it couldn't previously do. For more information please visit our Future Focused website on lhsfuturefocus.com.

Additionally for the first time in 2020 we are offering Project Based Learning electives which will also be commonly known as the Z elective. Project Based Learning is a different model of teaching which aims to place the learner at the centre of a problem or challenge and asks them to solve it. Each student will create or contribute to an individual or group 'product'; that is they will have something tangible to show as the solution to the problem. Students in Years 9 and 10 will partake in one of these subjects each semester next year. Their work will culminate in a showcase where our community will be invited to see their brilliant work.

As you can see, 2020 marks the beginning of some really big projects that we have been working on for some time now. We think that Leumeah High School is a great place for learning but that doesn't stop us from working hard on improving.

Mr Matthew Fryer

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From the Head Teacher English

It has been an exciting time in the English faculty and classes this year. Students have been engaged in their learning and have demonstrated hard work and commitment to their studies. Students were enthusiastic and inspired by the 21st century teaching and learning that was a focus in many of our programs. The digital escape rooms in both Year 7 and Year 11 Advanced were a success and many students were able to defeat and escape their 'rooms'.



We were also lucky enough to have a new theatre installed, built by some of our very own students and staff. With the latest technology and comfortable seating, students have enjoyed viewing their prescribed texts in a new environment without distraction. Others have found it a fabulous learning space where teachers have been able to conduct academic university style lectures.



2020 looks to be an exciting time in English at Leumeah High School.

Ms Yvette King

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From the Relieving Head Teacher Mathematics

By the time you read this, year 12 will have completed their H.S.C. Exams in Mathematics Standard 1, Mathematics, Standard 2, Mathematics Advanced and Extension 1 Maths. We wish them all the best for their future endeavours, and hope that they achieve the results commensurate with their efforts.

Year 11's first H.S.C. Assessment Task will be issued during Week 7 for Extension 1 Mathematics and during Week 8 for all other Mathematics courses. They have all started work on the H.S.C. Course and it is vitally important that they are continually revising to ensure that they are consolidating the concepts that have been taught. Standard Mathematics students will have a take-home task based on the new topic of Networks, and it is imperative that they start this as soon as receiving it. It is due Term 1 2020 on Monday Week 2 so they have time this year to receive feedback from their teachers on how they are progressing with the task.

The Mathematics staff expects all students from Years 7 to 12 to be prepared by bringing the necessary equipment to each mathematics lesson, including their exercise book, mathematics booklets (for Years 7 and 8), mathematics textbook (for Years 9 to 12), pens, ruler, pencil, calculator, and in the case of 7T, they must bring their iPads (completely charged).

If you have any issues concerning anything regarding Mathematics, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Mrs Janine Fry

From the Head Teacher Science

Science students have been busily completing many various assessment tasks, class projects and field studies over the last few months. Year 10 recently completed the externally assessed VALID Examination which evaluates students' understanding and application of scientific concepts, principles, and skills. Results of this examination will be available to parents/caregivers early in 2020. Year 8 undertook the VALID Examination in week 4.

Year 7 students accompanied by several teachers, peer support and ARC students had an exciting experience with the Zoo Snooze excursion late in Term 3. Students got to experience hands-on activities, keeper talks, food preparation and much more. Students had an amazing time, despite the wet weather, and conducted themselves as high distinguished representatives of our school.

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From the Head Teacher Science continued



Newly commenced Year12 Investigating Science students undertook a Field Study to the Lucas Heights ANSTO Reactor. Students had 'glowing' reports of the excursions activities and were highly engaged with the information on the societal impacts of Nuclear Science and its regulation in Australia.

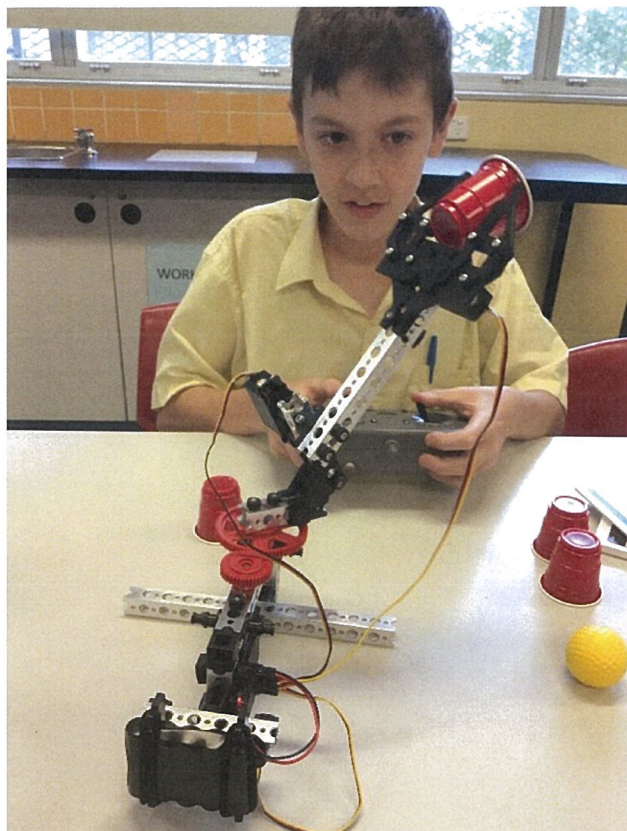
We have Chicks! Again! And the cute little fluff balls are thrilling and exciting our Yr7 agriculture students. Heading in to peak laying seasons, our pullets are showing themselves to be busy layers.

STEM Club continues to go full steam ahead with their coding, focusing this term more on robots. Students have really enjoyed the engineering and technology enrichment outlet, eagerly giving up their own time to learn new skills and hone their emerging interests in the field.

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From the Head Teacher Science continued

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We still have a busy term ahead with Year 11 into Year 12 students completing the first of their HSC Assessment Tasks. Newly commenced Year 12 Earth and Environmental Science students have an upcoming Field Study at the Geoscience Centre in Canberra. Hopefully they will set their alarm clocks Friday morning, as it's an easily start.

As always the amazing learning opportunities, experiences, activities and lessons are the results of LHS incredibly hard-working and dedicated Science staff.

We are busy planning for next year and look forward to seeing all returning students with fresh faces and renewed enthusiasm for learning.

Ms Keely Baker

From the Head Teacher HSIE

In keeping with recent years, 2019 has proven to be a highly productive and enjoyable year for staff and students of the HSIE Faculty alike. Teachers have maintained their incredible efforts to developing quality teaching and learning activities, designed to interest and inspire students and to challenge all students to achieve their very best.

HSIE students across a variety of subjects and stages have participated with interest and energy in numerous project based learning activities and educational excursions throughout the year. Students conducted themselves in a commendable manner and proved to be excellent ambassadors for Leumeah High School. The following examples demonstrate the range of activities undertaken by our students.

Yr 10 students of Commerce put the democratic process to the test, whilst studying the topic 'Political Involvement'. Students worked very effectively in groups to establish their own political party, to devise policies and to run an election campaign. Students experienced a sense of accomplishment and are highly commended for their dedication to the task.

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From the Head HSIE continued

Yr 11 Modern History students consolidated their learning about WW1 and WWII with a visit to The Australian War Memorial. Students had the opportunity to work closely with historical sources from that period and completed their visit with a guided tour conducted by Mr Smith. Despite the long day of travel, students and staff in attendance were extremely moved by the experience.

Year 9 students of Geography created cities of the future, utilising a range of tools including LEGO, Minecraft and Play Doh. Whilst Year 10 students of Geography designed and constructed sustainable houses, using recycled materials, computer applications such as The Sims and Minecraft, and blueprints. Not only did students enjoy the creative nature of the tasks undertaken, they gained valuable future focused skills.

The HSIE Faculty extend our warmest wishes to the students of Leumeah High School and their families for a relaxing and enjoyable holiday season. We hope to see you all well rested and eager to resume your learning upon your return in 2020.

Viv Sullivan

From the Relieving Head Teacher PDHPE

Congratulations to all Year 12 PDHPE HSC students who have worked diligently over the last 2 years and have now completed their HSC exam. The PDHPE faculty is so proud of the effort that you have put in and wish you all the success in your future.

Outdoor Education students have been developing their Adventure Skills including building a camp fire, camp cooking, what to pack on a hike and navigation. This term they have made S'Mores! S'Mores is a delicious campfire desert consisting of roasted marshmallow and melted chocolate squished in between two biscuits! Students enjoyed a sweet treat whilst developing their camp fire building skills. Well done Outdoor Ed!

Coming up in Week 7, Year 7 PDHPE students will be attending a Swimming Survival and Skills day. Please keep an eye out for more information and permission notes. This will be a fantastic opportunity for students to develop their water skills at the beginning of summer. Students of all abilities will be catered for.

Remember to make sure you bring your hat, sun screen and water bottle to sport and PE classes as the weather heats up. We are looking forward to learning some summer sports!

Ms Rachel Pearse

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From the Head Teacher TAS

DESIGN AND PRODUCTION IN LTAS.

Year 7 and 8 Soma Cube production for Puzzle Craze Unit



Preliminary Industrial Technology – Timber. Occasional Table Projects



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The staff thank you for your ongoing support and enthusiasm in encouraging your students to try new things and take on new challenges, to produce great projects like this and many more in all the courses delivered.

Mrs Joyce Russel

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From the Head Teacher Welfare

As the year is coming to the end of 2019, I can reflect on the many programs and Activities that our students have participated in.

I can say that most of our year 7 and 10 students have been immunised this year. Year 10 received the Meningococcal vaccine and Year 7 received Diphtheria, tetanus, Whooping Cough and HPV vaccines. These were administered by Nurses from NSW Health.

Year 7 and 8 have been participating in our Social and Emotional Learning classes this year. The students have been learning about how to develop self-awareness and self-management skills to achieve school and life success. To help maintain positive relationships and responsible behaviours in personal, school, and community contexts.

Nominated students from years 7 to 9 have successfully participated and completed the LINKS to LEARNING program, the students will be receiving their graduation certificates in week 9. Our Chaplaincy program has also been successful this year running programs with year 9 Boys attending the STRENGTH Program and Year 10 girls participating in the SHINE program. We are lucky to have on staff our School Support Officer who has been doing amazing work with our students and running the Love Bites program with our year 10 girls.

Leumeah High School has been looking at strengthening relationships and supporting our community. Our students have chosen to do this in several ways. Each year has chosen a charity and working towards supporting that charity with either backpacks filled with the essentials, food hampers and raising money to donate to their chosen charity.

As week 11 is approaching fast, I would like to wish everyone a safe and restful holiday.

Mrs Josie Ferro

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From the LEAPS Coordinator

This year, 12 students in Year Nine have had the opportunity to participate in the fortnightly LEAPS mentoring program. LEAPS is an acronym for 'Law firms encouraging and assisting promising students' and involves the partnering of students and mentors from the Curwood McCabe Law Firm in Sydney. Throughout the year students have explored a number of topics which have included goal setting, career choices, job applications and interviews, stereotypes, stress and the concept of giving back to the community. The students have attended two rewards excursions as part of the program thus far: these excursions were bowling and an exciting trip to the District Court where each student had the opportunity to approach the Judge and ask a question of their choice. Students will attend one more excursion this year on the 27th November as part of the program before their graduation ceremony. The highlight of the LEAPS program this year was the community project. Students collaborated with their mentors in order to collect donations from a range of local businesses and shop for goods to donate to the charitable organisation Youngcare. Youngcare is a not-for-profit organisation for people with high care needs due to chronic illness or disability. It works at providing accessible and age-appropriate living spaces to people with high care needs and provides advice on state and federal health, housing and disability schemes. The purpose of this activity is to provide students the opportunity to make a contribution to their community. Students and mentors donated four hampers to the organisation valued at \$1 000.

It has been a pleasure to coordinate the LEAPS program again this year. The students who have participated in this program have represented Leumeah High School with pride and have upheld the school values of 'preparation, respect, aim and cooperation' to the utmost standard. Throughout the LEAPS program, it has been remarkable to watch these students develop into even more informed, motivated and confident young people, with many of these students demonstrating outstanding leadership qualities and characteristics conducive towards future successes.



LEAPS students 2019 outside the Curwood McCabe Law Firm at the MLC Centre

From left to right (front row): Brooke Hooton, Tayla Smails, David Gu, Karla Rackley

From left to right (back row): Maddisyn Brennan-Fenton, Tamia Herrera, Kohen Smith, Sienna Evans, Aveet Kumar, Jordan Da Silva and Gurkirat Singh

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From the LEAPS Coordinator continued



LEAPS students 2019 practising job interviews with their mentors at the CurWood McCabe Law Firm at the MLC Centre

Miss Christina Needham

From the Sports Organiser

2019 has proven to be another big year of sport at Leumeah High School. I would like to thank all of the staff, students and parents who were involved in the provision of sport this year, for without your tireless efforts, support and commitment, this whole school sport program could not run.

Our students' passion for sport was evident once again, with students representing themselves and Leumeah High School to the highest standard in a range of, and more often than one, sport throughout the year. These sports included – Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer, Hockey, Rugby League, Cricket, Baseball, Touch Football, Netball and Futsal, with many of our students also successfully trialling for Sydney South West Representative teams.

Student participation rates in our School's Swimming, Athletic and Cross Country Carnivals remain high with the attendance rates showing an increase this year. Students also progressed successfully to Zone, Regional and even State level, with 35 students receiving Fisher Zone Sports awards this year. These included awards in Service to Sport, Open Boys Soccer, Netball, Open Girls Touch Football, Rugby League and age champions at the Swimming (1), Cross Country (5) and Athletics (5) Zone Carnivals.

We look forward to formally acknowledging the efforts and achievements of these students at our Sports Assembly on Friday, 29th November 2019.

Mr Wade Nelmes

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From the SRC Co-ordinator

Elections were held at the end of Term 3 for our new leadership team for 2020. We would like to congratulate the following students who will lead the Student Representative Council at Leumeah High School for 2020:

Year 8 – Kiara Draper, Jasmine Kaur, Memphis Maskill, Eva Pikula

Year 9 - Zack Fayad, Zane Fayad, Odin Hayes, Emma-Lee Raciti

Year 10 - Maddisyn Brennan-Fenton, David Gue, Tamia Herrera, Aveet Kumar, Dalin Pikula, Gurkirat Singh

Year 11 - Thomas Harkness, Sarah Peck, Mele Tupouniua, Hannah Walker, Akaisha Ward-Shallick

We would also like to congratulate the following students who will take the role of senior leadership team for 2020:

- Amir Ajineh (*Captain*)
- Sierra Yann (*Captain*)
- Manish Kumar (*Vice Captain*)
- Charlotte Bancroft (*Vice Captain*)
- Alisha Hyder (*Head Prefect*)
- Shakeet Kumar (*Prefect*)
- Jack Langford (*Prefect*)
- Shyleen Paddy (*Prefect*)

- Mason Painter (*Prefect*)
- Tevita Tuivaga (*Prefect*)
- Siosi Tupouniua (*Prefect*)
- Aubrey Villacorta (*Prefect*)



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Ms Lisa Jensen

From the Head Teacher Creative and Performing Arts

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MADD FESTIVAL
PRESENTS
**WELCOME
TO THE
JUNGLE**

Wednesday 11 December
Doors Open at 6pm
Tickets on sale at the front office
\$5.00

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From the Head Teacher Creative and Performing Arts continued

Term 4 is upon us and I would like to take this opportunity to invite all member of our school community, parents and students to our annual M.A.D.D (Music Art Dance Drama) festival in week 9 this term 11th December for a night performance. All the Creative Arts staff have been working tirelessly with our talented students to bring you all an amazing stage show and art exhibition showcasing the talents of many of the students this year.

Tickets can be purchased for \$5 at the office for the night performance and we look forward to seeing many of you in attendance to support our talented students.

Mr Adam Tsoupis

From the Year 7 Student Advisor

On the 18th and 19th of September Year 7 students attended an exciting excursion to Taronga Zoo. This excursion was designed to provide additional learning opportunities for the students as it complemented their studies in Science. All students who attended the excursion watched the bird show, where they had the chance to view a variety of bird species in action and were provided with insightful information about the birds. Following the bird show, students watched the seal show, where one of our own students was selected to participate in the show! Our Leumeah representative was asked to give the seal a command by raising her hands and calling "Go!" It was thrilling for all the students to watch this, particularly since our representative got a big splash when the seal jumped into the pool. Students who had the opportunity to spend the evening at the zoo, engaged in a morning and a night tour. During this time students were able to interact with a python, blue tongue lizard, baby possum and view the feeding of the Tasmanian Devils, gorillas and a variety of birds. Year 7 demonstrated the Leumeah High School values of preparation, respect, aim and cooperation to an exemplary standard during this excursion and their teachers and year advisors were very proud of how they represented their school.

This term Year 7 students have participated in the Digital Thumbprint workshops which have been designed to educate students about cyber safety and security. The feedback from Year 7 was very positive, with many stating that they were more aware of the implications of their digital thumbprint now and in the future.

Students completed their yearly examinations in week 6, and they will participate in a rewards activity to recognise an overall positive and successful experience at Leumeah High School this year.

Ms Needham

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From the Year 8 Student Advisor

2019 has been a positive and productive year for Year 8. Students have not only been busy with the day-to-day aspects of School life, but have been involved in various activities and experiences. Below is a brief snapshot of some of the things Year 8 has done this year.

In March, Year 8 had the opportunity to participate in an incursion run by Uniting. These workshops focussed on student's wellbeing, mental health and preparing them for the future. They learned about and participated in activities related to team building, resilience, mental fitness and cyber safety.

This year Year 8 students spent time helping out in the School canteen at recess and lunch times. This was an opportunity most students thoroughly enjoyed. The experience in the canteen provided many of the students with a taste of working life and taught them some important skills for the future such as money handling and customer service.

In Term 3, Years 7 and 8 went to a sporting Gala Day where they competed against a few local schools in a round robin competition. The students competed against the local schools in three different sports touch football, netball and kickball. The students had a great day filled with friendly rivalry and examples of true sportsmanship until the day was unfortunately cut short by wet weather.

Numerous Year 8 students were part of the Links to Learning program in 2019. The program took place weekly and was designed to help students develop their social, emotional and communication skills. The program not only taught students valuable lessons, it also provided a safe environment where students could open up and connect with each other authentically.

Year 8 are currently working on a community project to help eradicate homelessness in our community. They are donating items and putting together care back packs filled with the many necessities people living out of home or on the streets may require. This includes back packs, non-perishable food, sanitary items and clothing. It is really a joy to see the year coming together for such a worthy cause.

Ms Alana Price

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From the Year 9 Student Advisors

We've had a flying start to Term 4. It is hard to believe we are past halfway through the term already. Year 9 have completed many programs and activities along the way including, Links to Learning, LEAPS, Fast Forward, Peer Support Training and Our Community Project.

The Fast Forward Program is a partnership between Western Sydney University and Western Sydney Schools which helps students to see the value of continuing their education through to Year 12 and beyond. On Friday 1st November, twenty-one Year 9 students had the opportunity to attend the University of Western Sydney, Campbelltown Campus to begin their introduction into the pathways the university has to offer. They had an amazing day completing challenges, discussions and programs which can assist them in determining possible future careers.

Year 9 Outdoor Education students were also incredibly fortunate to experience a challenging 3 day/2 night camp to Jervis Bay. The camp was designed to allow for the application of practical skills, such as navigation and team-work that students have been developing throughout the year. I know all students involved represented themselves and the grade with outstanding motivation as well as PRAC values.

We would like to express huge congratulations to the newly elected School Representative Council (SRC) for next year, with six elected students; including Gurkirat Singh, Aveet Kumar, Dallin Pikula, Maddisyn Brennan-Fenton, Tamia Herrera and David Gu. We look forward to the contributions our SRC leaders and cohort will continue to make to the betterment of our school and community.

With Christmas just around the corner, our Year 9 cohort has joined forces with Year 7 to assist the Shining Stars Foundation with their 2019 Christmas Hamper and Toy Appeal. The Shining Stars Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation that focuses on the less fortunate, homelessness and disabilities. They run outreach and community participation programs across Macarthur and Liverpool. We would like to thank you in advance for supporting Year 7 and Year 9's community project as well as the Shining Stars Foundation.

Parents are reminded to keep their diaries free so they are able to attend the end of year events that are planned. These include our annual MADD festival, a night of entertainment not to be missed, to be held in the second week of December, and our Annual Presentation which will be held on Friday 13th December at Wests Leagues Auditorium.

It has been a busy, yet wonderful year for Year 9. We hope our students continue to move forward in a positive direction and that they look forward to an enjoyable and safe holiday period.

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From the Year 9 Student Advisors continued



Ms Angela Scurr & Mrs Renee Stojackovic

From the Year 10 Student Advisor

It has been a busy and productive year for our Year 10 students, who are now at the exciting transition point from junior to senior school, or school to work. Students have been encouraged to reflect on their learning at Leumeah HS, and consider their career interests, and study options for next year. Most students now have their senior subjects finalised, and should be creating learning goals for their senior studies. Students considering their options outside of school should be approaching prospective employers, or tertiary education providers.

Year 10 have just completed their yearly exams, which will contribute to their assessment record, and will also assist teachers in report writing. Although Yearly exams have been held, there is still content to learn in classrooms, and a few final assessments tasks to be completed for some subjects.

Students involved in Peer Support have been fantastic leaders, and have had very successful sessions with Year 7 this year on their transition to high school and social development. Thank you, and well done to those students involved!

Year 10 have also completed the Valid Science 10 exams, which provides teachers, and the Department of Education, an indication of students' learning and understanding in Science. Results will be available to the school shortly.

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From the Year 10 Student Advisor continued

Selected students in Year 10 have also been involved in the PCYC Fit For Work program, a fantastic initiative with the purpose of addressing issues experienced by youth, and assisting in their employability for the future.

The ROSA will soon be available to eligible students intending to leave school. The ROSA is a record of academic achievement of all school and VET subjects, and extra curricular activities completed up until the date they leave school (but before attaining their HSC). The ROSA can be used for entry into tertiary education, or for employment into some areas.

For our Year 10 cohort intending to return next year, please ensure the correct senior uniform is worn. The senior uniform must have the Leumeah crest on the white button-up shirts; grey pants / shorts for boys and a green tartan skirt for girls.

Students returning to Leumeah next year should consider it a fresh start into senior school, and have in mind their learning goals for the year, and career ideas for their future.

Students not intending to return next year, I wish you the best of luck in your future endeavours.

Have a fantastic and safe Christmas holiday.

Mrs Cifuentes-Post

From the Year 11 Student Advisor

Year 11 have been working hard in the last few months completing assessments and exams. They have begun Year 12 coursework, and are now accessing the study centre in their study periods. We trust they will continue to try their best in all subjects and continue to adopt a mature attitude to their last important year of school.

All SRC prefects have now been chosen. It was very impressive that all of the SRC elected prefects applied for the Captain role and prepared quality speeches. After much consideration, they have elected as Captains Sierra Yann, Amir Ajineh, Vice Captains Charlotte Bancroft, Manish Kumar, Head Prefect Alisha Hyder, Prefects Shakeet Kumar, Jack Langford, Shyleen Paddy, Mason Painter, Tevita Tuivaga, Siosi Tupouniua, Aubrey Villacorta. Our prefects have had their first official school engagement in the Year 12 Farewell Assembly where they assisted in seating of parents, and our captains Sierra Yann and Amir Ajineh did a fine job hosting the assembly.

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From the Year 11 Student Advisor continued

Year 11 have also participated in a U Turn the Wheel day, where they learned about road safety. They had the opportunity to see what the road looks like from the perspective of a semitrailer driver, by sitting in the driver's seat.



Ms Kotsep

From the Assistant Year 12 Student Advisor

The last few weeks have been quite the journey with Year 12. As they anxiously counted down their last moments confined to the classroom; tears, presents, goodbye hugs and more tears were aplenty. We celebrated their final moments at Leumeah High School with a beautiful picnic day. The day was filled with delicious pizza, water-balloon mayhem and never-ending smiles. A huge thank you to Mr White who provided the awesome entertainment and much-needed shade!

After all the smiles and laughter, the realisation that school was at an end had hit us. For most, graduation was bittersweet. There was joy and happiness as Year 12 donned their gown and cap (you all looked amazing by the way). But you couldn't help but feel sad knowing that this may be the last time we are all together as a family. Mrs King and I realised as they took their final steps across the stage that their thirteen years of schooling had come to an end. Year 12 had now officially graduated from the illustrated multi-coloured halls of Leumeah High School and are embarking on their life's journey.

THE LINK – LEUMEAH HIGH SCHOOL

From the Assistant Year 12 Student Advisor continued

Year 12 - by now you have completed your HSC exams, it is finally time for you to relax and enjoy a well-deserved break. Spend time with your friends and your family. Go explore this beautiful world – and don't forget to pop into LHS from time to time for a catch up. We will miss you!



Mr Pratt
English Faculty

From ARC

The ARC have had a busy few terms engaging in a lot of activities within our community. We are involved in the LARC program with the local primary schools; Leumeah, Kentlyn and Ruse Primary. Last term we went on an excursion to Mount Annan Botanic Gardens as part of the LARC program and participated in a cultural talk and team building activity. The high school students helped the primary school students build teepees and engaged in fun activities. This provided the students with opportunities to connect with the local community and build on their leadership skills.

THE LINK – LEUMEAH HIGH SCHOOL

From ARC continued

We also celebrated NAIDOC week at Leumeah High School. The students worked together to run the assembly and perform dances to help celebrate this significant event and reinforce the importance of Voice, Treaty, Truth. It was lovely to see the local parents and community come into our school and help us celebrate together. We love having parent input and involvement here at Leumeah High School so please feel free to offer any services you can provide us to help the ongoing education of our students.

Pathways to Dreaming has been going really well this year. Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from Years 8 – 12 have been participating in this program for many years now. This program allows students to engage in a range of activities at our local universities to help build educational aspirations, skills and confidence, and support student success in higher education and other beneficial post-school career pathways. The students have been involved in activities around science, medicine and many other exciting programs. We are all looking forward to our end of year celebration which is coming up later in the term. Overall 2019 has been an eventful year for our Indigenous students and 2020 is expected to be just as successful. We look forward to see what the end of year has to bring.

Ms Amanda Carter
ARC Coordinator

From the Peer Support Coordinator

This week 32 Year 9 students took part in training workshops aimed at preparing them to become Peer Support Leaders for the incoming Year 7 next year. Over the two days, students enjoyed participating in a range of collaborative and team-building activities aimed at developing their skills and confidence in preparing for, and facilitating, Peer Support sessions with Year 7 students.

One highlight was when students worked together in small groups to create a costume for a fancy dress party using only newspaper, masking tape and of course each other. Despite a few inevitable wardrobe malfunctions, students had lots of fun, especially when they got to show off their costumes in a parade in front of all their peers! This was just one example of how well the students worked together to problem-solve and overcome a challenge.

All students involved are congratulated on their positive and enthusiastic commitment displayed throughout the two days.

Mr Brennan Douglas