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## Leumeah High School Newsletter

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From the Principal Mr Zielinski

Dear Parents,

As we rapidly approach the end of a most extraordinary term, can I take a moment to thank the entire school community, mums and dads, all students, and all staff for the manner in which we have coped so well with the difficulties of the last few months. Since the full return to school 6 weeks ago, students have worked diligently to catch up on lost time and are to be congratulated for their efforts.

Normally, students in Years 7-10 would be receiving end of semester reports. However, due to the disruptions all schools have endured, the Department of Education has indicated that schools are able to delay reports until the middle of next term. However, I am pleased to be able to let parents know that students will receive their reports at the end of Week 1 or start of Week 2 next term.

Year 10 Reports – emailed to parents on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

Year 9 Reports - emailed to parents on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July.

Year 8 Reports – emailed to parents on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July.

Year 7 Reports - emailed to parents on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July.

Next term we at Leumeah High are looking forward to being able to add more regular activities such as excursions, sporting activities and regular assemblies back into everyday school life. However, for this to happen, all of us must continue to observe the strong safety practices of washing hands, social distancing that we have followed for the past 4 months.

Can I wish each of our families a relaxing and safe holiday and I am sure you join in looking forward to a more normal second half of the year.

Sincerely,

Paul Zielinski

Principal

### CALENDER

#### JULY

**3** Last day of Term 2, 2020

**20** First Day Term 3, 2020

28-29 SSW Secondary Athletics

31 Year 12 Life ready

#### AUG

**3-7** Education Week

5 Year 10 Immunisations day

**13-24** Year 12 Trial HSC

12-22 Language Oral Exams

17-21 Science Week

**27** Industrial Technology  
Major Project due

**31** Textiles and Designs  
Major Project due

#### SEPT

**10** Design and Technology  
Major Project due

### From the PDHPE Faculty

As learning opportunities at Leumeah High School slowly begin to return back to normal in PDHPE, it has been great to see so many students becoming actively involved in improving their knowledge, understanding, physical health and skills.

Currently across Year 7 and 9, students have been learning and developing their performance skills in dance with many students battling at the end of each lesson to be crowned dance champion. Year 7 have been practicing some well-known dances including the Nutbush and Cha Cha Slide, whilst Year 9 have been choreographing their own individual or group performance.



In our Stage 5 Elective Classes, PASS have been undertaking some gruelling Fitness Testing lessons and Outdoor Education have been learning and practicing adventure skills in preparation for their much anticipated journeys in Term 3 and 4.



All students are encouraged to maintain their positive approach to learning in PDHPE and should be prepared for a return to normal sport opportunities at the start of Term 3.

Mr Ellis

HT PDHPE

## Year 12 Advisor

Year 12 students have certainly had a chance to prove themselves over the past few months this year while they adjust to online learning. They have had to engage with lessons without their usual learning environment or face to face teaching. Generally they have impressed their teachers with their resilience and willingness to adjust to the new situation. They have shown increasing maturity as they adapt to change and manage stressful situations.

It was great to see all our students arrive back and hear their stories about how they managed the lockdown. Even though we were not able to have our camp on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May, Year 12 are looking forward to completing their year book, and the events that celebrate their completion. We will only know closer to the dates how (and if) the assemblies, ceremonies and formal will be able to be held.

Senior reviews have been taking place over the last two weeks with myself and Mr Fryer. It is hoped that the students involved are working hard and accessing the help available to complete any outstanding assessment tasks.

Some of our lovely year group have recently signed out and have gone on to work or follow apprenticeships and will be missed. Any other students who are interested in apprenticeships encouraged to approach Mr Melliush who is our acting Careers Adviser.

Universities are frequently sending information about early entries and other programs. Students are encouraged to check the Class of 2020 Google Classroom for new announcements and information.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mr Al Nakeeb the assistant Year Adviser for Year 12.

Ms Kotsep

Year 12 Advisor



## ARC

During these unprecedented times the members of the ARC have continued to work together remotely as well as readjusting to everyday school life at the commencement of week 5. On return to school the students worked together to find ways to celebrate Reconciliation Week while following current social restrictions. The students worked hard on making a video to recognise the importance of Reconciliation Week focusing on this year's theme "in this together". This video featured our ARC students and their views on how we can come together and move forward in unison. The video was played during roll call and broadcasted on Leumeah High Schools Facebook page. Roll call activities were also created so the whole school could be involved and learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving *reconciliation* in Australia. The students designed hand prints that represented coming together as one and embracing all cultures for their uniqueness, beauty and individuality. These hand prints were connected together in the form of a wreaths and placed on all doors around our school. The ARC will continue to work tirelessly towards the inclusion of all students and cultural groups throughout Leumeah High School whilst enhancing the awareness of Indigenous culture.

Ms Carter

Aboriginal Education Officer



Preparation Respect Aim Cooperation





### From the Science Faculty

The Science faculty have been extremely busy for the last 6 weeks trying to provide students with as many practical and hands on experiences as they can in order to complement their Learning from Home.

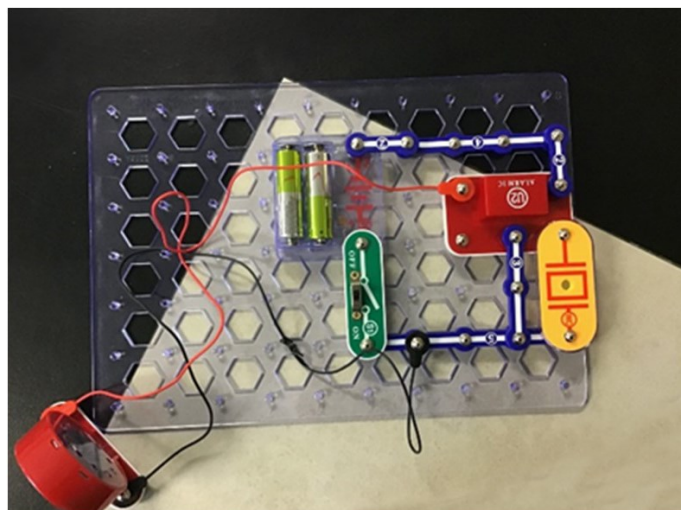
Whether it is Fish dissections in Biology, Water Filtration models in Earth and Environmental Science, Body Farm simulations in CSI, Esterification experiments in Chemistry, or working with our new Snap Electronic Kits in 7 and 8, students have been provided with many exciting activities to sharpen and refocus on their skill development in Science, with highly engaged and enthusiastic results.

With the first semester drawing to a close, we are extremely thankful for all staff, students and caregivers' efforts during the 7-8 weeks of lockdown. Despite the disruption to normal lessons, there was no interruption in them- with many teachers delivering course content over videos and live conferences. Students efforts in Science were admirable, as the majority of students participated in, engaged and excelled with online learning when Learning from Home and they are to be congratulated on their conduct, maturity and flexibility adapting to online learning

With only one term left with Yr12 and Yr11 Science students, we hope they maintain their hardwork and their commitment to their studies as they complete their final assessment tasks before examinations, essential course content and practical lessons.

Ms Baker

Head Teacher Science





# Grow Together

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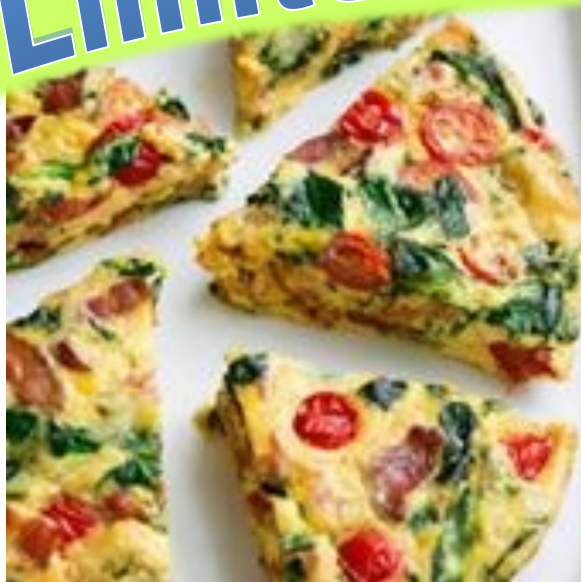
10 Weeks of Ready-made Meals

Address: Unit 4/5 Hollylea Rd.

Pick up on **Tuesdays or Fridays** - between **9.30am and 2.30pm**



**Limited weeks left**





### From the English Faculty

On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June Year 12 English Standard and English Advanced students participated in an incursion. They viewed a series of webinars led by experts in the field in an effort to broaden their textual knowledge of their prescribed texts prior to their upcoming Higher School Certificate Examinations.

Students then unpacked a series of HSC style questions using this knowledge. It was an interesting and engaging series of webinars that left students and staff alike inspired and ready to continue on their journey towards the 2020 Higher School Certificate.

Ms King

Head Teacher

