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Leumeah High School Newsletter

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From the Principal Mr Zielinski

Thank you and Farewell!!

Dear Parents,

What a tumultuous year it has been. It seems such a long time ago that the year started and so much since has happened. No one could have predicted all that we have been through. As the year draws to a close I would like to acknowledge the wonderful support our school has enjoyed from the community these past 12 months. Students and staff have been wonderful in ensuring that Leumeah not only remained a great place to learn but that it was also a safe place to learn. The support from each of you, our parents, in these extraordinary times has been wonderful and so appreciated. Being unable to have parents visit and attend the school throughout the year has been very strange, especially at such important events such as presentation day held only last week. Below you will find my speech from last week's Presentation Day.

Alas, this is my last message to parents. After more than 11 years as Principal of our school, I have decided it is time to retire and I will finish at the end of this week. I am extraordinarily proud of the many achievements from those years. I am confident that our community can look forward to the future with much confidence, knowing that the staff of Leumeah High will continue to do all it can to ensure each student "strives to succeed". A sincere thanks to the multitude of parents I have had the pleasure to meet and work with over these past 11 years. It has been an absolute joy and enormous privilege to lead this wonderful school. I shall miss the students, staff and parents so very much, but with change comes the opportunity for growth, and each school needs this every so often.

My heartfelt appreciation to each of you. As we reach the end of the year can I wish each of you a Merry Christmas and prosperous and safe new year and wish all at Leumeah High the very best for the future.

Paul Zielinski

Principal

CALENDER

DECEMBER

16 Last Day Term 4, 2020

JANUARY

27-28 Staff Development Day 2021

**29 Year 7 Students
First Day 2021**

FEBRUARY

**1 Year 8-12 Students
First Day 2021**

8 Swimming Carnival

11 Year 8 & 10 Immunisation

continued from the Principal

Principals Address - 2020 Presentation Day

Good morning students and staff. Welcome to this morning of celebration. A morning where we acknowledge our students who have excelled throughout 2020.

May I begin by acknowledging the D'harawal people who are the traditional custodians of this land and pay my respect to elders past and present of the D'harawal nation and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people here with us this morning.

Normally each year I would use today to highlight the many school successes over the past year. This year however, I intend to mention only two... You the students and all my staff.

Firstly I would like acknowledge the wonderful work of your teachers and all the support and office staff. This year has been the most challenging year for schools I have ever experienced. With the onset of COVID teachers were asked within 48 hours to totally change the way teachers have worked for, basically ever. We went from classroom learning to on line learning in the blink of an eye. Teachers learnt new skills and new methods of delivery to ensure your learning continued. They called home every day to check on you: to see if you were okay and what was needed to help you with your learning. On your return to school, teachers were still challenged in that many of the activities we take for granted such as excursions and sport could not go ahead. Your teachers have worked tirelessly. From the Deputies, Mr Glasgow, Ms Ferro, Mr Fryer - to all the head Teachers, classroom teachers, office staff, SLSO's, canteen ladies, cleaners.. All have been brilliant and I will forever be in awe of the role they have played to keep you safe. I am constantly humbled by their commitment, passion and unfailing dedication to do the best for you, that is, the students of our school.

To you the students. You are the reason schools exist. You too have been awesome this year. The way you first adapted to change by learning to work online at home. This was no easy feat. Some of you struggled at this but many of you simply knuckled down to the task at hand and got on with it. You certainly were living up to our school motto of "strive to succeed". On your return from lock down you worked with your teachers to ensure Leumeah remained not just a great place to learn, but also a safe place to learn. We have had so few excursions, sports carnivals and other activities that give our school so much life, and also a break from the daily routine of learning, but you have continued to follow the school values of preparation Respect, Aim and Co-operation. Thank you for the way you have co-operated with your teachers this year.

As you know this will be my last ever presentation day here at Leumeah High School as I will be retiring at the end of next week. I would like to take just a few minutes to talk about the importance of learning.

Every one of you has something you're good at. Every one of you has something to offer. And you have a responsibility to yourself to discover what this is. Maybe you could be a good writer – maybe even good enough to write a book or reports in a newspaper but you won't know until you try in your English class. Maybe one day you will discover a new medicine or vaccine – but you might not know it until you do a project for your science class that you excel at. Maybe one day you might be a lawyer but you might not know that until you join the SRC, the ARC or the debating team.

And no matter what you want to do with your life – I guarantee that you'll need an education to do it. You want to be a doctor, an accountant, or a police officer. You want to be a nurse or an architect, or a builder, you are going to need a good education for every single one of those careers. You can't drop out of school and just drop into a good job. You've got to work for it and train for it and learn for it.

And this isn't just important for your own life and your own future. What you make of your education may one day help many other people. You need the knowledge and problem-solving skills you learn in science and maths to

continued from the Principal

maybe one day cure diseases like cancer or COVID 19, and to develop new methods for generating power to protect our environment. You'll need the creativity and ingenuity you develop in all your classes to write that hit movie.

Every single one of you need to develop your talents, skills and intellect so you can help solve our most difficult problems. If you don't do that – if you quit on school – you're not just quitting on yourself, you're quitting on all of us.

Now I know it's not always easy to do well in school. I know that many of you have challenges in your lives right now that can make it hard to focus on your schoolwork.

I get that. I know what that's like. Where you are right now though, doesn't have to determine where you'll end up. No one's written your future for you.. You make your own future.

All of us face challenges in our lives just like you do. But the people who succeed are those who don't give up..... They chose to take responsibility for their education and set goals for themselves. And I expect all of you to do the same. That's why I want each of you to again think about the goals that you set for your education – and to do everything you can to meet them. Your goal can be something as simple as doing all your homework, paying attention in class, or spending time each day reading a book. Whatever you decide to do, I want you to stick to it. I want you to really work at it. I know that sometimes, young people get the sense from TV that you can be rich and famous without any hard work. But that is only on TV.

The truth is, being successful is hard. You won't love every subject you study. You won't click with every teacher. Not every homework assignment will seem completely relevant to your life right this minute. And you will rarely, if ever, succeed at anything the first time you try.

No one's born being good at things, you become good at things through hard work. You're not a state of origin player the first time you play rugby league. You've got to practice. It's the same with your schoolwork. You might have to do a maths problem many times before you get it right, or read something a few times before you understand it, or do a few drafts of an essay before it's good enough to hand in.

Don't be afraid to ask questions. Don't be afraid to ask for help when you need it. As a principal, I do that almost every day. Asking for help isn't a sign of weakness, it's a sign of strength. It shows you have the courage to admit when you don't know something, and to learn something new. So find an adult you trust – a parent, grandparent or teacher;– and ask them to help you stay on track to meet your goals.

And even when you're struggling, even when you're discouraged, and you may feel like other people have given up on you – don't ever give up on yourself.

Your families, your teachers, and I are doing everything we can to make sure you have the education you need to answer these questions. But you've got to do your part too. So I expect you to get serious. I expect you to put your best effort into everything you do. I want great things from each of you. So don't let your school down – don't let your family down, don't let yourself down. Make us all proud. I know each of you can do it. The students who are receiving recognition this morning have shown what happens when you put your best effort into what you do.

It has been the greatest privilege to have been Principal of Leumeah High School. Thank you to all the dedicated staff I have worked with over the past 11 years, to the countless parents I have met and worked with and finally, to the couple of 1000 students who have attended Leumeah. It is all of you, that make teaching such a wonderful, fulfilling career.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas, a prosperous new year and an enjoyable and safe holiday. Thank You.

From the Year 8 Advisor

2020 has been a testing year but I would like to congratulate all Year 8 students on their resilience, patience and determination throughout this difficult year. Term 4 2020 has been a busy term as students have been involved in a range of activities and events.

Year 8 have recently finished their Yearly examinations and have been commended on their effort and behaviour. I am pleased to hear the positive results students are receiving from their assessments. Students participated in a number of events during the Athletics carnival this term as Year 8 were highlighted as being one of the most involved year group on the day. On Wednesday 25th November students participated in a number of activities and dressed up in their favourite superhero costume for Superhero Day which focused on the prevention of Bullying. Donations on the day were given to Australia's leading bullying prevention charity, Bully Zero.

Coming up next week on Wednesday 9th December students will be participating in Activity Day. This day allows students to bond with their fellow peers and to celebrate many achievements both inside and outside of the classroom this year. Permission notes and costs will be handed out this week to advise parents what the day entails. I know students will be excited for a much deserved reward for such a challenging year.

Ms Needham and myself are both very proud of all students in Year 8 in their sporting, academic and social achievements and how they have overcome the many challenges in 2020. We want to wish all of Year 8 and their families a happy and healthy holiday as we look forward to what 2021 brings.

Mr Smith

HSIE Teacher

Year 8 Assistant Advisor

From the Year 12 Advisor

This last few months have seen Year 12 finish their final classes, complete their exams and have their Graduation ceremony and Formal on the same day. Unlike any other Year 12 group they had to complete all of these emotional milestones amidst restrictions and Coviesafe plans. They have done extremely well to cope with all that they have.

Their last day was a picnic day on the oval with kebabs, pizzas and plenty of water fights. Emotional farewells saw them off to do their exams and the biggest study sessions thus far. After they completed their exams, parents were once again allowed to attend to watch their graduation.

This amazing year group walked down the ramps looking spectacular in their graduation gowns and sat with their cohort for the last time. They looked much more relaxed than previous weeks as the relief of finishing such a year dawned on them. They walked out of the hall after receiving awards and graduation certificates to the final roll call, and then had a great night at their Formal.

Ms Kotep

Special Education Teacher

Year 12 Advisor

From the ARC

The ARC have had a busy few terms engaging in a lot of activities while settling back into the school environment. To celebrate NAIDOC week this year the ARC worked together to come up with ideas that allowed us to reflect and celebrate the history, culture and achievements of the First Nation peoples. The students ran a short ceremony during Tuesday morning assembly where they performed the Dharawal National Anthem and explained this year's theme 'Always Was, Always Will Be'. The students also created a video that spoke about their understanding of this year's theme and how Aboriginal culture and people have looked after this land for over 65,000 years. This video was showed during roll call on NAIDOC Week, along with a variety of activities that students completed each day to help celebrate that we have the oldest continuing cultures on the planet.

Overall 2020 has been an eventful year for our Indigenous students, one that will definitely never be forgotten. Our students have shown immense maturity and growth and have been able to adapt to all the changes that have occurred this year. They should all be extremely proud of their achievements. We would like to wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing what 2021 has to bring.

Ms Carter

Aboriginal Education Officer

Technology and Applied Studies
CREATING, DESIGNING AND MAKING

Year 9/10 VET Hospitality
ESPRESSO COFFEE SHOP

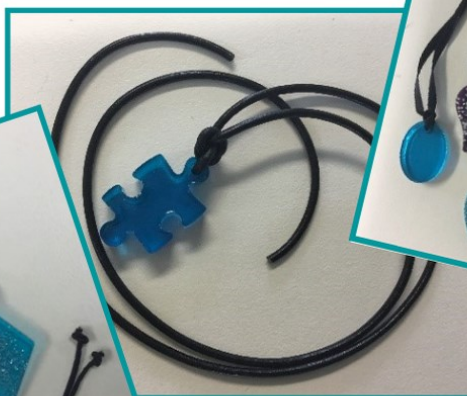


Year 9/10
FASHION AND DESIGN



Year 8 Technology Mandatory

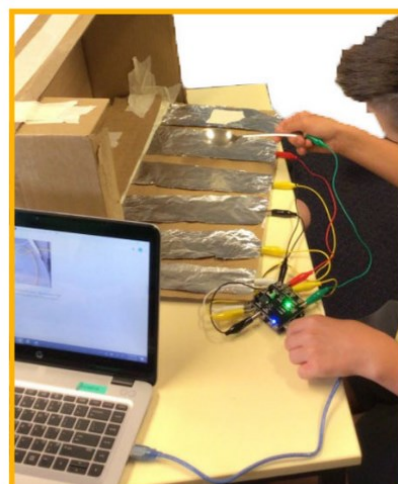
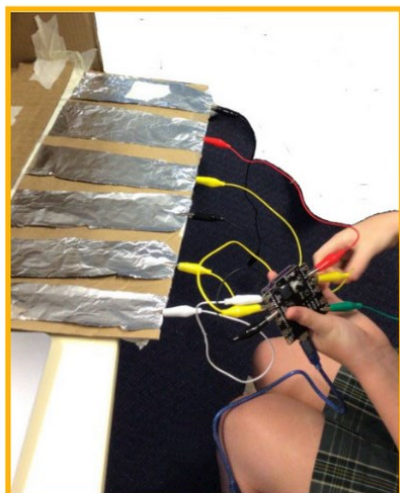
KEEPSAKE JEWELLERY



From the TAS Faculty

Year 8 Technology Mandatory

ARDUINO CODING



Year 8

Technology Mandatory

FOOTREST



From the TAS Faculty



Year 7 Technology Mandatory MONSTER MANIA



Year 7 Technology Mandatory BOTTLE ROCKETS



Year 7
Technology Mandatory
FOOD ON YOUR PLATE



From the TAS Faculty



Year 9/10
Food Technology
CELEBRATIONS WITH FOOD

Year 9/10
Food Product Design
GOURMET MACARONI CHEESE



From the TAS Faculty



Year 9/10
Food Technology
CELEBRATIONS WITH FOOD



Year 9/10
Food Technology
MUFFIN BAKE OFF

From the TAS Faculty

Year 9/10
Industrial Technology Metal
BBQ



From the TAS Faculty

Year 11
Food Technology
COOKIE CONNECTIONS



Year 11
Food Technology
PANNA COTTA



From the TAS Faculty

THANK YOU to the local Hospitality businesses for hosting our Hospitality students Work placements.

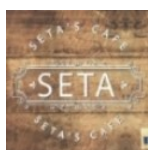
During October and November a large number of the year eleven Hospitality class completed their mandatory 35 hours work placement. Our local businesses were very supportive in what has been a difficult time for their operations. Thank you for sharing the time and your valuable expertise in providing a variety of typical entry level roles in Hospitality Food and Beverage and providing a work place report.



Gloria Jeans - Macarthur Square



Gloria Jeans - Campbelltown Mall



Seta's Cafe - Dumaresq Street, Campbelltown



Grill'd Macarthur Square



Crave Espresso - Bradbury



Jamaica Blue - Campbelltown Mall

Jamaica Blue - Marketfair Campbelltown



Enzo's Cucina - Gregory Hills

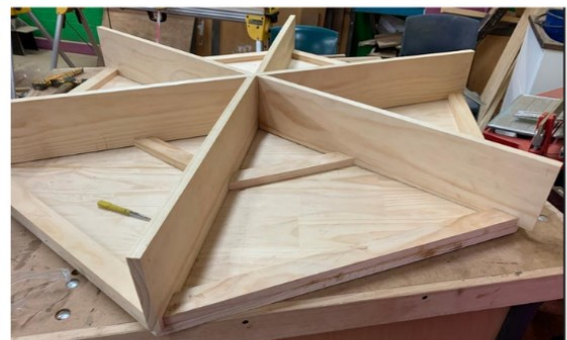
We appreciate the work of **MWLP (Macarthur Workplace Learning Program)** in coordinating the workplace positions and also a wide variety of school to work pathway information and opportunities for youth in the Macarthur Region.

<https://www.mwlp.com.au/>

Linking youth to business, careers and opportunities

From the TAS Faculty

Year 12
Industrial Technology Timber
HSC MAJOR PROJECTS



From the Mathematics Faculty

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 Mathematics. 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 has been issued for each Mathematics course. 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. All Mathematics students have a take-home task based on the topic of Financial Mathematics, and it is imperative that they have already started this. It is due Term 1 2020 on Monday Week 3, so they have time this year to receive feedback from their teachers on how they are progressing with the task.

This year has been a very stressful year for both staff and students, but we have overcome the challenges that were presented to us. Lessons were presented in a variety of ways including video lessons and annotated PowerPoints, a lot of Zoom sessions were held and many new skills were learnt by both staff and students. Staff have since started to present their class lessons using iPads which continued to provide a measure of continuity and connection between students and their teachers.

For 2021, 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, iPads (fully charged for Years 7 and 8), mathematics textbook (for Years 9 to 12), pens, ruler, pencil and calculator.

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

Mrs Fry

Relieving Head Teacher Mathematics

From the English Faculty

English and Drama have experienced a whirlwind year that has seen us undertake some new and exciting initiatives both inside and outside the classroom. It has not been a year without its challenges, however, to their credit, the students of Leumeah High School have continued to thrive and achieve in reaching reading and writing goals.

Year 9 received impressive results in their Literacy Check-In Assessment that saw them placed above state average. It is a credit to our students who have adapted to the challenges of 2020 with resilience and persistence.

Some of our Year 7 students also participated in a creative writing initiative that saw published authors come to Leumeah High School throughout Term 4 and work with a group of our up and coming writers. It was an initiative that focused on improving their creative writing skills and will culminate with each student having their work published in an upcoming publication by the Sweat Shop Literacy Movement.

We look forward to another amazing year in 2021 where students are presented with challenging, engaging lessons in the English faculty at Leumeah High School.

Ms King

Relieving Head Teacher English



From the SRC

It has been a busy term for the SRC with the newly elected students joining those who will be continuing on in 2021. Our Leadership Team for 2021 have been inducted and have started planning for their final year at school.



2021 LEADERSHIP TEAM



I would like to congratulate our Captains, Zaidyn S and Akaisha WS; our Vice Captains, Hannah W and Nickvo O; our Head Prefect Zoe M; and our Prefects Yogie M, Naomi L, Mele T, Riley B, Brayden B, Geofery J R, and Thomas H.

In week 7 this term the SRC ran Superhero Day, with students and teachers dressing up as superheroes and taking part in a series of superhero themed activities throughout the day. It was a fantastic day, and students raised \$454 with donations being made to Bully Zero and Movember.

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Ms Finucane

Relieving SRC Co-ordinator

From the HSIE Faculty

Students have been very busy in their HSIE classes this semester. Years 7 – 10 have participated in project based learning to help them engage with their topics and expand on their team building skills. We have been able to incorporate the use of Lego in our subjects so students can use their skills to encourage collaboration, communication, critical thinking and creativity. We have also used ICT tools to help promote research skills and to increase the options available to meet the specific learning needs of students



across a wide range of abilities. These learning technologies have been used for demonstration purposes, looking at focus questions and answering, and to assign tasks for individual and group work. The students have adapted really well to these new learning tools and have been able to engage in a variety of learning strategies to help them expand their understanding of the topics studied in their classes.

Year 10 civics and citizenship and geography worked on sustainable houses this semester. Over a couple of weeks the students worked together in small groups to design and build, in the form of a model, blue print or mine craft city to show how their house reduces its environmental and social impacts whilst saving money on the cost of living. The students worked well together and were able to come up with some really great ideas to create a house which is energy efficient by itself, environmentally healthy, respectful for the natural environment and comfortable for family life. We really enjoyed watching all the projects come together.



We have had a very busy year here in HSIE in 2020 and have overcome many obstacles and embraced a lot of change, and have come out a lot better and prepared for anything that comes our way. We hope the students have really enjoyed our lessons and look forward to seeing what 2021 has to offer. We hope you all have a happy and safe Christmas and New Year. See you all for a fresh start next year.

Ms Sullivan

Head Teacher HSIE

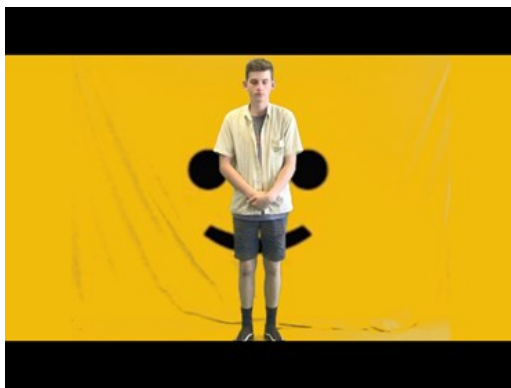
From the Bundalong Unit

Although 2020 has been unprecedented with many obstacles, the students and staff in the Bundalong Support Unit have met the challenge with creativity, fun and great team work!

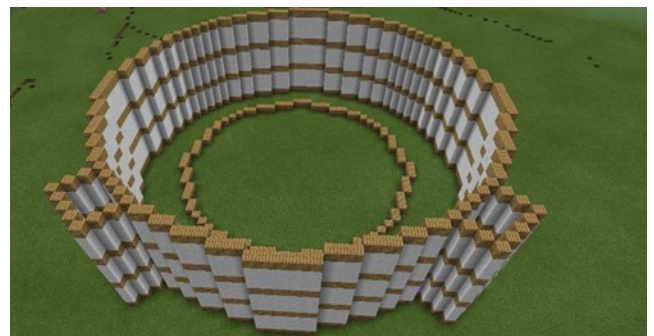
Our Stage 4 Geography class working together to use Lego to create their own 'liveable' cities.



Our Film Festival class using the Green Screen to create interesting films!



Our Stage 5 English class using Minecraft to recreate the Globe as part of their study of Shakespeare.



Our Stage 5 History (Elective) class using Minecraft to recreate Anne Frank's room as part of their study of the Holocaust.

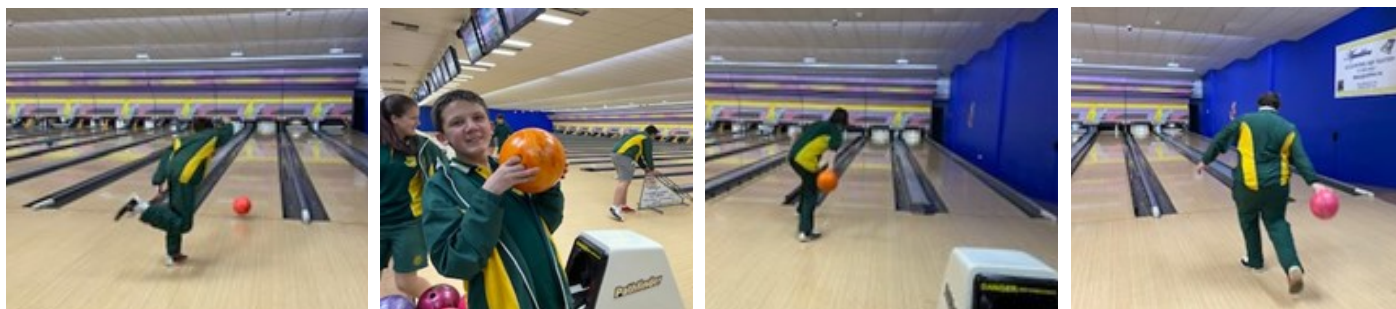


Our Stage 6 students have completed Term 1 of their HSC year.



continued from the Bundalong Unit

Enjoying our weekly visit to the bowling alley!



We wish all the best and success to Mathew A A and Matthew O who both graduated Year 12 this year. We are looking forward to another successful year of learning in 2021, and look forward to working with our 5 new Year 7 students who will begin high school next year.

Ms A Edwards

Head Teacher Special Education

From the PDHPE Faculty

2020, what a year!

My first year at Leumeah High School has flown by and I could not help but take the opportunity to say how great it has been to be apart of such a thriving school community. I am humbled by the dedication of students, staff and the wider school community during some of the most difficult and trying challenges we have all faced.

Students in Year 7-10 PDHPE continued their focus on progressing their personal skills, knowledge and understanding of the many contextual issues that they face in 21st century society. With a strong emphasis in PDHPE programs in developing resilience and improving healthy habits, students were engaged in a range of learning opportunities that took on a holistic approach to health in a time that required students to be versatile and adaptive. In PDHPE lessons students had plenty of team building and practical lessons that strived towards maintaining a sense of connection to themselves and each other.

In our Year 9/10 Elective classes of Child Studies, PASS and Outdoor Education, students have participated in a range of practical based learning opportunities that enabled them to put into action the theoretical concepts they studied while working from home in Term 1 and 2. This involved Looking after the Real Care babies and developing creative toys and books in Child studies. In PASS they completed a range of fitness testing and session planning opportunities as well as immersing themselves in a range of new and emerging sports including the favourite European Handball. Outdoor Education finally got to head out on some adventures and apply some skills learnt throughout the year, with students heading to Tree Tops, a 2-night camp to Honeymoon Bay and learning swim survival skills at the pool.

Our senior students in PDHPE, CAFS and SLR worked hard to overcome the obstacles of working from home with some outstanding results from our Year 12 students in their final year of schooling. Well done to Om T. who topped our PDHPE group and Nathan H. for his 1st place in SLR. In Preliminary PDHPE Cassandra D. was our top performer, Mele T. was 1st in Year 11 CAFS and Losana L. finished 1st in SLR. Students in Year 11 are encouraged to continue making a concerted effort with their studies moving into their HSC year.

A BIG thanks to the PDHPE Staff who have been working tirelessly once again in an effort to continue to revamp and provide positive and future focused learning in PDHPE. Year 8 and 10 students continued on with their engagement with the new K-10 Syllabus as well as our Stage 5 Child Studies and PASS classes starting new course work for the first time. The PDHPE staff are excited by some of the learning opportunities we have to offer our students and are looking forward to getting into the classroom next year.

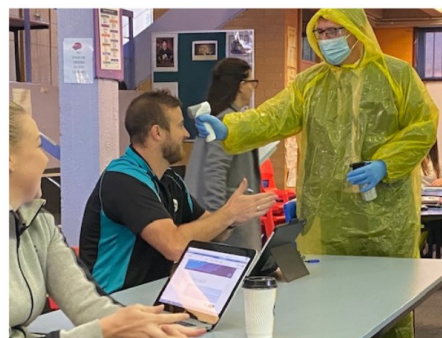
Mr Ellis

Head Teacher PDHPE

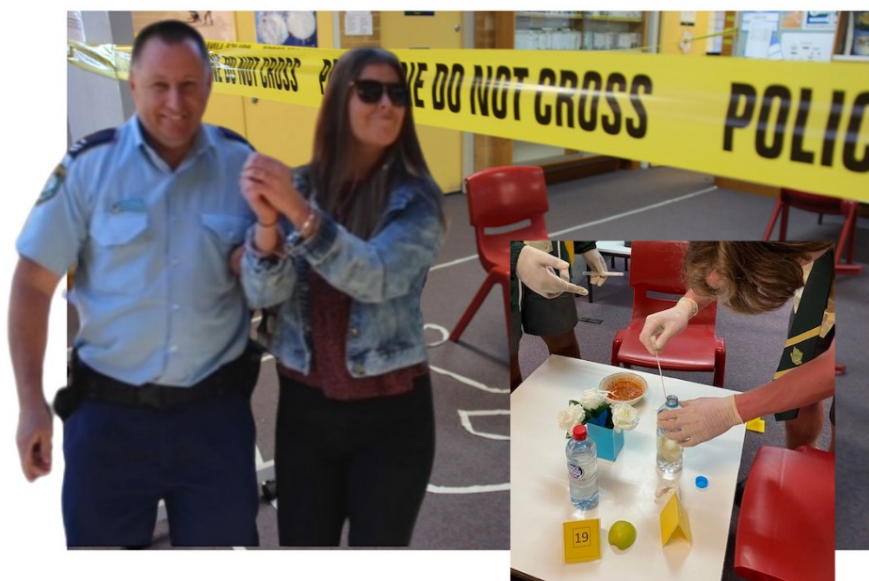
From the Science Faculty

The year in review.

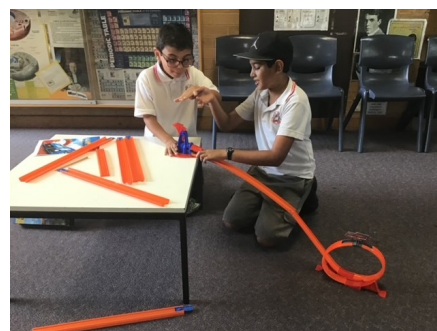
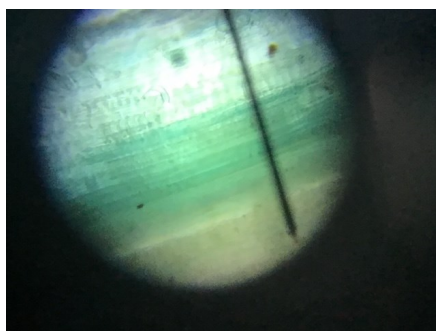
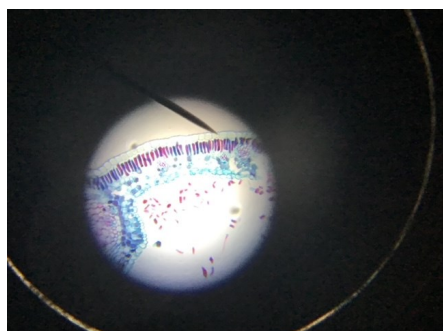
Had 6 excursion planned – had 6 excursions cancelled due to COVID.



Science have undertaken their first 9/10 Elective subject this year in CSI. Students have been highly engaged in blood spatter patterns, fingerprint analysis, dental impressions and generally building their deductive reasoning skills. Culminating in solving the crime of an assault of a teacher in the staff lunchroom students have found the experience exciting and has built their skills and interest in the field of Science. So engaged have the students been they have been eager to accuse and/or incriminate many teachers of the crime. Z Electives in science prove to be popular with the number of classes increasing in 2021 with the addition of a potions class.



New resources for the faculty such as electronic kits, green house kits, transformers, microscopes, and hot wheels track continually challenge our students to participate in scientific inquiry with the latest and most interesting equipment to support and inspire their scientific curiosity.



Continued from the Science Faculty

I could not have imagined the implementation of Ipads into our year 7 science classes being more successful. Redesigned teaching units that have contextual relevance as well as being engaging and thought provoking have exceeded our expectations in terms of students' responsiveness and class participation. The innovative and creative work student have been able to produce has increased their understanding of scientific concepts and assisted students in remaining on task and committed to course outcomes. Increased submission rates of assessment tasks, increased motivation to completing extension tasks and a decrease in classroom incidences have all been observed and compared to other years. So successful has the initiative been that teachers have been extended these practices to the other years, observing similar trends in the increased motivation, self-advocacy and completion of course work with our senior classes. Beyond excited for future possibilities.

The Science faculty continues to meet new challenges with enthusiasm and embrace the direction change takes us.

Happy and Safe Holidays

Ms Baker

Head Teacher Science

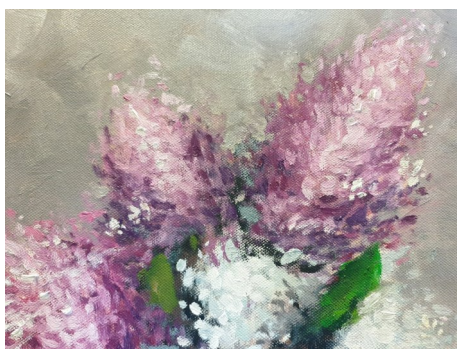
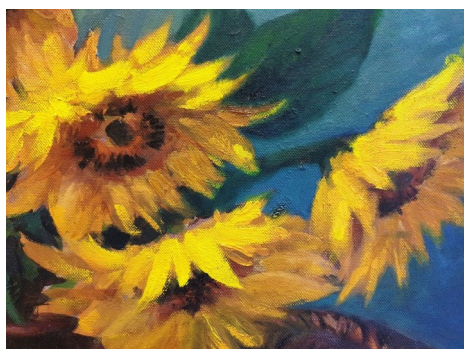


2020 HSC VISUAL ARTS

Zion A - "MANA"



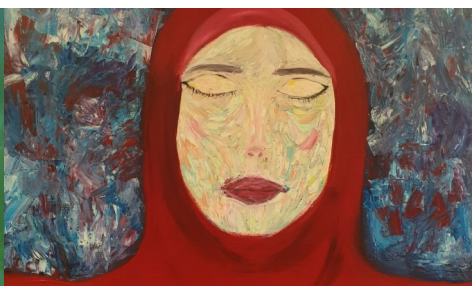
Sarah D - "Sunflowers and Lilacs"



Sarah E - "TOD"



Eman A - "Inner Peace"



Joshua M - "Reef on Edge"



Jeannie V - "2020"

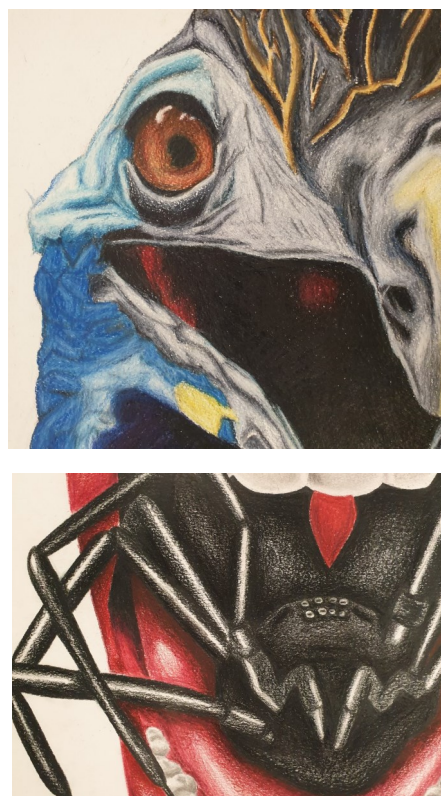


From the CAPA Faculty

Bryce M - "Monochromatic Cyberpunk Artdump"



Aneesa N - "Fear and Phobias"



Briony T - "Protect the Forest"



Dez'Ree K - "Malagao Lolu Aiga - Journey of my Family"

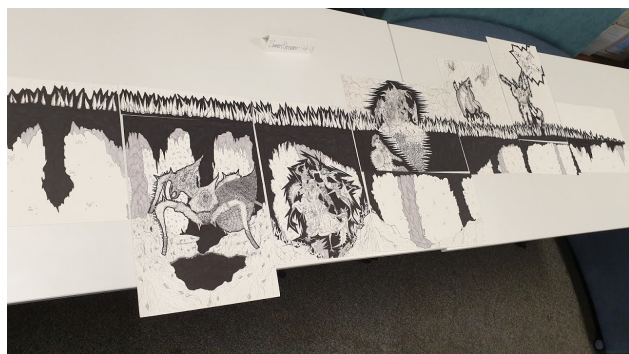


Ridika N - "Black Summer"

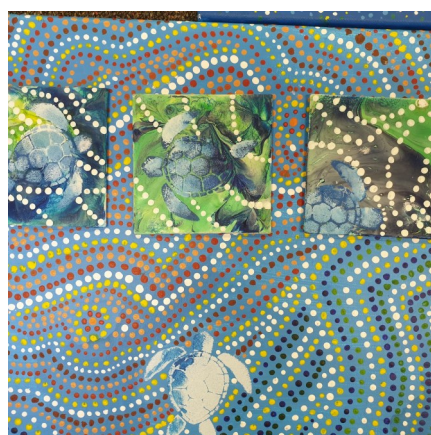


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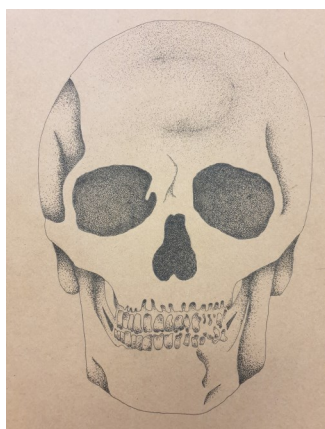
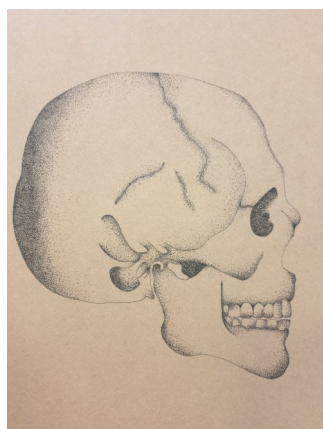
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Chelsea F - "Budgial"



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Tommi I - "Past Future/ Future Past"

