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Leumeah High School Newsletter

November 9 2020 Term 4 Week 5

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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 have only a few days till they conclude and then they will begin the nervous wait for their HSC results which will be due just before Christmas. I'm sure all of our community join with me in wishing them the very best. It has been a most difficult year for all of us but especially for our Year 12 students. Their delayed graduation and formal will both take place on Friday 20th November. I am very pleased that graduation will be able to have parents attending. Letters have recently been posted to all Year 12 parents explaining the guidelines for graduation this year. If Year 12 parents have not received their letter, please contact the school immediately.

Last week our school held its much delayed Annual Athletics Carnival at Campbelltown Sportsground. It turned out to be a wonderful day. Attendance

was excellent and participation from students was outstanding. Both students

and staff enjoyed a marvellous day 'out' that did much to lift the spirits of all after such a long and at times bleak winter.

Year 10 students are currently finishing their Yearly Exams with Years 7-9 exams timetabled for Week 6, commencing Monday 16th November. I have spoken to all students at assembly of the importance of regular revision and the need to prepare thoroughly for exams. Parents are reminded that reports will be emailed to parents in the last week of the school year.

While the state government has allowed parents to attend Yr 12 Graduation, at this stage parents are unable to attend Presentation Day. If this situation should change I will let our community know immediately. If parents are unable to attend it is our attention to 'livestream' the event for parents. Also due to Covid, we have had to set aside times for different year groups for the sale of uniform for next year to avoid large groupings from occurring. All parents will receive a letter shortly outlining opening hours of our Uniform Shop for purchase of uniforms for the commencement of the new school year. These hours will also appear on our facebook page and school website. If unsure, please ring the school. Parents can also purchase uniform from our web page and then have their child collect it at school.

From 2021, the Department of Education has changed the timing of staff development days for all schools. Next year, school will commence with two staff development days on Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th of January. Year 7 only will commence school on Friday 29th of January with all other years commencing on Monday 1st February. There will continue to be a staff development day at the beginning of Term 2 and Term 3 with only one staff development day at the end of the year.

CALENDER

NOVEMBER

8 - 15 NAIDOC Week

Remembrance Day, 2020

10 Year 7 & 10 Immunisation (catch up day)

2 - 6 Week 3 HSC Exams

9 - 11 Week 4 HSC Exams

16 - 20 Years 7, 8 & 9 Exams

DECEMBER

1 **Year 7 Orientation Day**

11 School Presentation Day

16 Last Day Term 4, 2020

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continued from the Principal

This means that school will conclude one day later than what has been practice for the past few years with the last day for all students being Thursday 16th December 2021. The last official day of school for students this year is **Wednesday 16th December**, 2020

Congratulations to Mrs Tania Irons who has just been appointed as Principal to Nepean Creative and Performing Arts High School near Penrith. Mrs Irons has been relieving as Principal at James Meehan High School for the past 12 months. Mrs Irons had been Head teacher Welfare since 2010 and then Deputy Principal since 2014 at our school. Mrs Irons is an outstanding teacher and educator. Her contribution to welfare, curriculum, administration and professional development of staff was enormous. She has been a caring and compassionate leader who was always totally dedicated to assisting students. She will be greatly missed from our school though I'm sure all parents who have had the pleasure of working with Mrs Irons will know how lucky Nepean High is to have Mrs Irons as their new Principal.

This week is NAIDOC Week where we acknowledge our first peoples and the contribution that our indigenous students have made and continue to make at our school. Many activities have been planned for the week to help grow our understanding of Aboriginal Culture and to develop stronger bonds within our school.

We are finally able to hold regular P& C meetings again. The P& C provide myself and the school with a valuable voice from you, the parent. It allows me to learn what is happening in a different context and I value this very much. Our P&C is not about raising money. Our P&C meeting for this term will be held on Monday 23 November at 6.30 pm in the school staff common room. This will be our Annual General Meeting and it would be absolutely wonderful to have a strong parent turn up. If you are able to make it, I urge you to please attend. The meeting should last not much more than an hour.

Finally, can I continue to thank our entire school community for their continued support in what has been a most difficult year. Our students and staff have been simply amazing.

Stay safe!!

Paul Zielinski

Principal

From the Year 9 Advisor

Year 9 have settled in well to Term 3. So far students have moved into their second Z Elective, expanding their knowledge and skills in a range of projects. Year 9 have also had the opportunities to choose their electives for 2021, which is something exciting to look forward to. Throughout a range of subjects, Year 9 are integrating their knowledge of technology throughout their learning including the up coming opportunities to create iMovie's and also an iPad application! I can't wait to see the final products.

Rachel Pearse



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EXTREME



PIZZA MENU

PIZZA EXTREME

pineapple, capsicum, cream, grated cheese, ham/bacon, onion, basil, oregano, garlic, moroccan, BBQ sauce













From the TAS Faculty

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From the TAS Faculty





The Construction Students



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From the Maths 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 Standard 1, Standard 2, 2 Unit and Extension 1 Maths which thy are currently sitting. 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 in weeks 9 and 10, 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 also have assessment tasks scheduled for week 9, so they, too, need to be preparing for these exams.

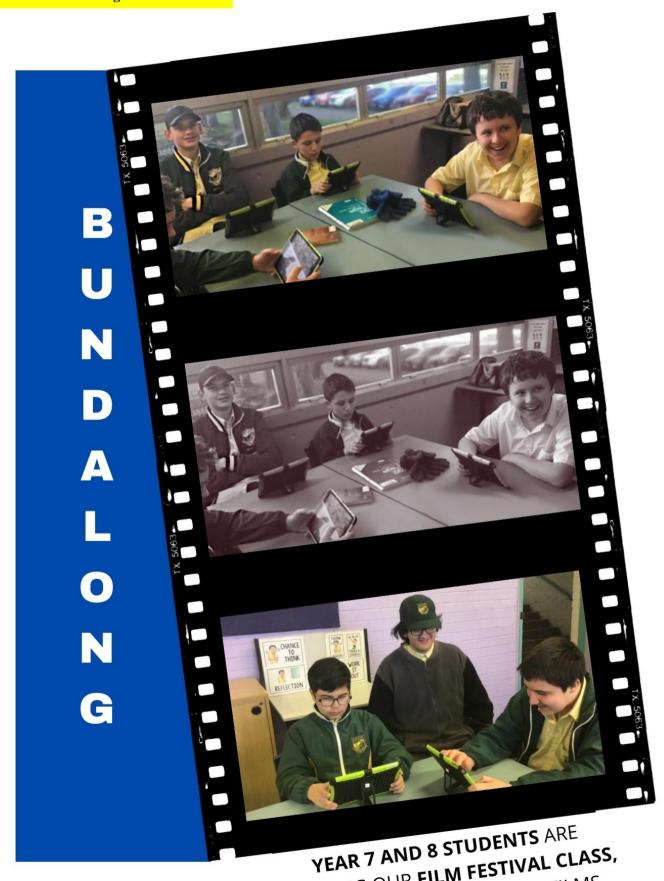
We have recently had number of Pre-service teachers join our faculty for their Practicum. 7M and 8T explored escape rooms with Mr Savvas which they thoroughly enjoyed and a number of other classes looked forward to trying to catch out Mr Nguyen wearing the same pair of sports shoes -he has 240 different pairs! They thrilled when they finally caught him out.

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate contacting me.

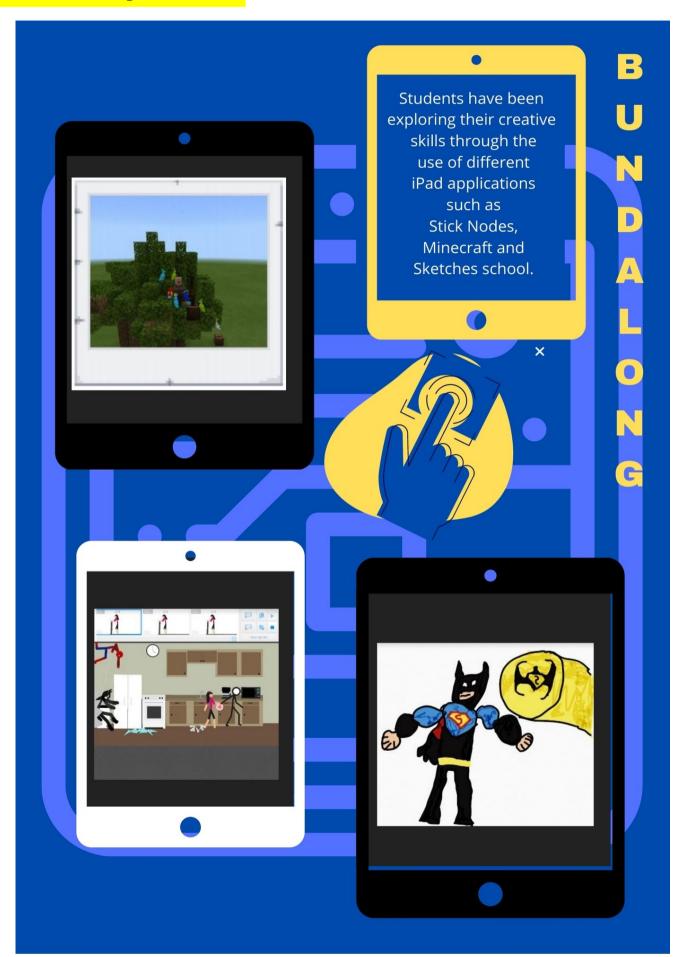
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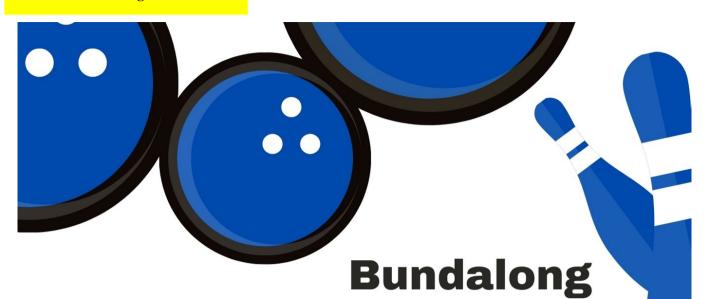
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YEAR 7 AND 8 STUDENTS / M.E.
ENJOYING OUR FILM FESTIVAL CLASS,
PRODUCING ENTERTAINING FILMS.









Enjoying our weekly visit to the bowling alley!

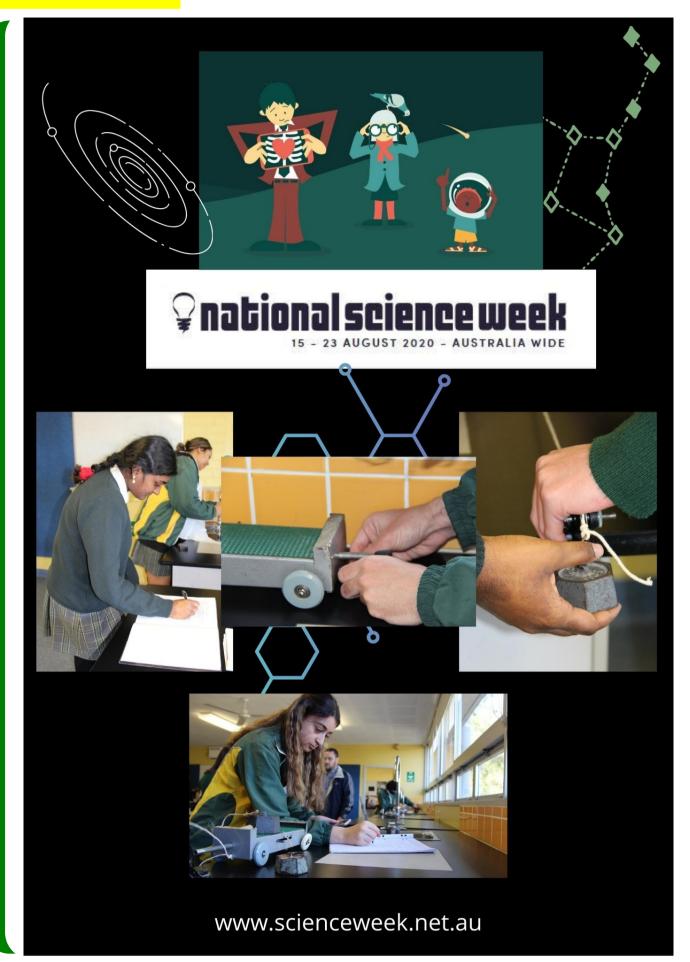




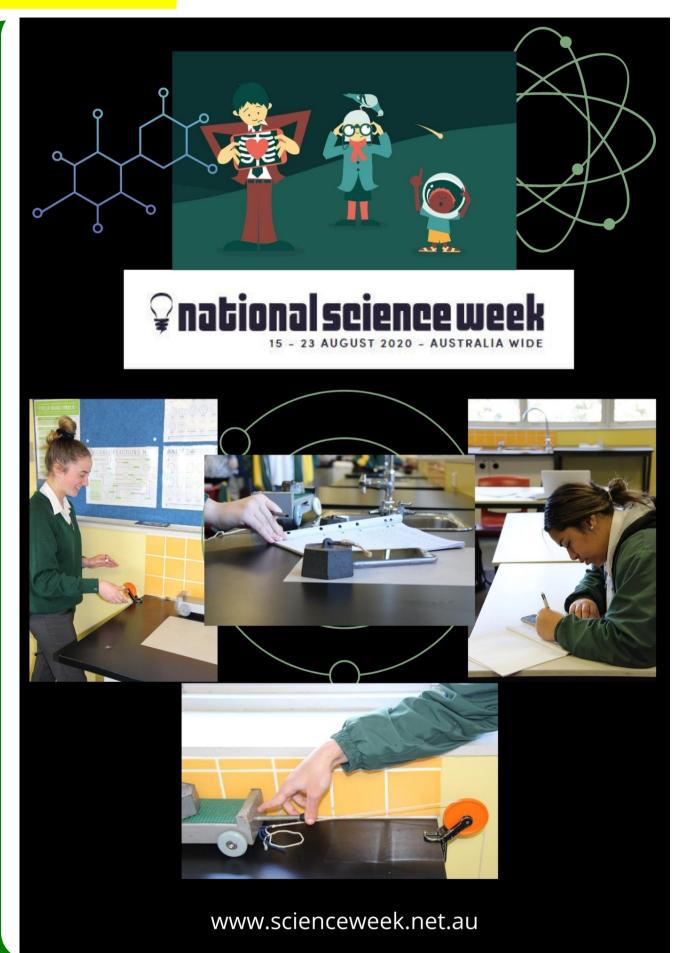
From the Careers Faculty

- It has been a busy term in Careers. A number of students have commenced apprenticeships and part time jobs.
- The Step Class for 2021 has been selected. There are around 20 students who are currently enrolling in a number of courses for next year including Electrotechnology, Plumbing, Beauticians, Construction, Early Childhood, Automative Mechanical Technology, Business Services, Baking, Plumbing to name a few.
- The above courses will be run at TAFENSW next year on a Tuesday at Campbelltown, Ingleburn, Granville, Richmond, Mount Druitt, Kingswood and Cambridge Park.
- There are also other students outside of STEP who will also enrol at TAFE.
- One student in Year 10 will commence a School Based Apprenticeship from Term 4 this year.
- There have been many Year 12 students who have applied for various universities for Early Entry including the University of Wollongong, UNSW, Western Sydney University and Macquarie University. Some students have already been selected for early entry into Western Sydney University for 2021.
- University of Wollongong spoke to 16 Year 12 students early in Term 3.
- We had 32 students attend the Annual Careers Expo through Zoom this year which was useful for these students searching through options for their future.
- There have been around 30 students attempting examinations through TAFE this semester at present.
- Around five students received their White Cards so they can work on site.
- Have helped students apply and worked on resumes for students applying for jobs.
- Sienna E. of Year 10 managed to get a part-time job at Specialty Donuts.
- Sam O. of Year 11 is working at Roni's at Macarthur Square.
- Many students managed to get work at KFC and McDonalds.
- Mark T. got an apprenticeship at Allsrings Mechanics at Moorebank.
- Dylan H. of Year 10 has managed to get a School Based Apprenticeship at DIZ Footprints at Campbelltown Hospital.
- There will be more apprenticeship opportunities in the coming months as the school will be extending their networks with more apprenticeship agencies.
- Sarina Russo Apprenticeships offer apprenticeships weekly and their job offers are listed on the Careers Noticeboard in the library.
- Working on and improving and refining resumes for students.
- Leumeah High School has had many participants in the Gateway program at UNSW. (preparing students for the HSC Trials and other assessment tasks). HSC Markers from Maths, English, Modern and Ancient History and Science assisted with our students. There were more students form Leumeah High School participating than any other comprehensive high school in south-west Sydney.

From the Science Faculty



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From the Year 7 Advisor

Despite all the disruption and alterations caused by COVID 19 Year 7 has continued to flourish during their first year at Leumeah High School. As the end of semester one came to a close many students began submitting their final assessment tasks for their reports. In Year 7 Science there was a wonderful and creative range of toys that were made for their Science of Fun Assessment Task. From soccer games to musical instruments, they were amazing to see - and to play with!

Recently students received their immunisations and, although there were some tears, Ms Lemos and Mrs Mitchell were very proud of the behaviour and courage shown by the students. The second dose will be scheduled for later in the year. Watch this space.

As the term progresses Year 7 are reminded to return their notes for the Flipside production on Wednesday 14th October 2020. Students who already paid for the production, which was originally scheduled for March 2020, will not have to pay the \$7 fee again. Students will simply need to provide an updated signed note. Permissions note can be collected from the Welfare Staffroom or from Mrs Mitchell in the English Staffroom.

Mrs Mitchell and Ms Lemos would like to wish the best of luck to those students running for SRC. Successful candidates will represent Year 7 in the Student Representative Council in 2021. Nomination forms can be collected from the HSIE Staffroom.

Some happy news from Year 7 - Mr and Mrs Mitchell are expecting their first child! Ms Lemos and Year 7 wish them the best of luck! Congratulations

Ms Lemos and Mrs Mitchell

Year 7 Advisors

