

# Central News

Lockhart Central School



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## Principal's Report:

Well here we are with the end of term rapidly approaching and the weather changing from one day to the next. One change that has been ongoing and will continue in to next year and years to come is the cultural change in relation to behaviour and expectations within the school. This cultural change is supported by our new Welfare and Discipline policy which encourages positive behaviours through values based education.

The key word underlying the policy and the values it is based on is RESPECT. That is, Respect Others, Respect Property and Respect Yourself.

If you wish to view the policy please phone the school and ask for a copy, otherwise you will be able to view it on the school website in the near future.

### School Website

The school website is now live – go to the following address to access it:

<http://www.lockhart-c.schools.nsw.edu.au>

To access the school newsletter click on the Our School link at the top of the page then click on News and announcements on the menu on the left hand side of the page.

### Year 12 Formal

Congratulations to James, Kimberley, Josephine and Emily on their graduation from Year 12. The Formal was a great evening that celebrated the achievements of 13 years of schooling for these students. We wish them all the best with the future endeavours that they embark on.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents from the P&C who were involved with the catering for the night – you did an outstanding job!

I would also like commend the junior girls who did such a fantastic job as waitresses on the evening.

### Interactive Whiteboards

The installation of the interactive whiteboards has been completed and we now have a total of 7 throughout the school. This was funded through the Building the Education Revolution. Complementing this work was an upgrade of our fibre optic network which was completed early in the term. This upgrade will allow Phase 2 of the Digital Education Revolution (DER) to proceed. Phase 2 of the wireless network program from the DER will provide us with wireless access throughout most of the school.

In addition to this we have purchased a class set of laptops that can be used in all classes around the school. We will also be purchasing other emerging technologies such as I-Touches to provide our students with rich engaging tasks that will develop the skills needed to adapt to the range of converging technologies that will continue to grow over the coming years.

The digital age that we are living in presents a world of new opportunities for teaching, learning, working and living. At LCS we are aiming to use quality teaching practices to use these information and communication technologies as teaching tools to develop and improve student outcomes.

### Tips for keeping your cool

With temperatures already having hit record highs, here are some tips to stay cool and comfortable this summer:

- Include frozen drinks, plenty of water and fruit in your child's lunchbox
- Ensure they wear factor 30 sunscreen, a hat and light cotton clothing
- Plan your day to stay out of the heat
- Stay indoors or in the shade during the hottest part of the day. (10am – 2pm)

- If you can't avoid strenuous activity like sport, home improvements or gardening, keep it for the cooler parts of the day such as early morning or evening
- If you must go out, stay in the shade. Wear a hat and light-coloured, loose-fitting clothes, preferably made of natural fibres. Wear sunglasses and apply sunscreen with a sun protection factor of 30 to exposed skin. If you will be outside for some time, take plenty of water with you
- Ensure your pets are also well hydrated and have plenty of shade when they are outside

NSW Health has fact sheets on heat-related illnesses such as heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

Go to:  
[www.health.nsw.gov.au/factsheets/environmental/heat\\_related\\_illness.html](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/factsheets/environmental/heat_related_illness.html)

### Primary school

#### New rules for children in cars

From March 1 next year, children up to the age of seven must travel in approved child car seats or wear restraints. These new laws have been passed to address the high rate of injuries from children travelling in cars.

Research shows that younger children using adult seat belts greatly increase their risk of injury. For around \$100 for a booster seat, families can reduce the risks and save lives.

The RTA has produced an information brochure to assist in choosing suitable child restraints and seats. The 2009 Safer Child Restraints Guide is available from motor registries on 13 22 13 or [www.rta.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/children/childrestraints/](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/children/childrestraints/)

#### Dates to remember:

P&C Xmas Meeting -2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 7pm Ex-Services Club

Presentation Night – 14th December

Swim School – Tues - Fri during weeks 7 & 8

Students last day – 16<sup>th</sup> December

Pupil Free Days (Staff) – 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 2009

**Take care and have a great weekend!**



**Richard Schell**

Relieving Principal

## Primary News

Swimming began Thursday with not so kind weather but hopefully this will improve. A reminder - we go to the pool Tuesday – Friday in weeks 7 and 8. Remember to bring your gear!

Students enjoyed Musica Viva during the week and also experienced playing instruments with the outreach program.

Our 5/6 cricketers were not successful against The Rock last week but played well with great sportsmanship.

On Monday Waste Watchers will run a workshop session with Years 5/6 and Years 2/3/4.

Next week our prospective Primary captains will make their speeches and voting will take place.

Jan Griffiths

Assistant Principal

## Secondary News

There has been a lot happening in the Secondary in the past week. The weather also has been indecisive about what it wants to do. Please ensure that your child/ren are prepared for the weather.

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November Year 8 sat ESSA test in Science. The ESSA test is for students who have completed two years of secondary schooling and learning in science. It is mandatory for all Year 8 students in NSW government schools. Students are asked to demonstrate their:

- knowledge and understanding in science
- skills in planning and conducting investigations
- skills in reading, understanding and responding to a range of scientific texts (which are presented in a stimulus magazine)
- skills in critical thinking and problem solving.

The test results provide information about student achievements which are used to support teaching and learning programs. Analysis of these results assists school planning and can be used by schools to monitor development of scientific knowledge, understanding, skills and attitudes through time.

Also on Tuesday Years 7 and 8 participated in the Musica Viva from 9.45am – 10.45am and students from Year 9 and 10 participated in a Compact Workshop for Job Training which was run by Miss Jessica Shute.

On Wednesday from 9.00am to 1.00pm Years 4 -8 were involved in the Music Outreach. **Outreach Music** is a program to give support to music teachers, energize community music making and nurture musical talent throughout regional Australia. Each year spent half an hour with this valuable program.

Yesterday RYAT held their first major fundraiser, a cake stall to raise money for the Lockhart Skate Park. The students are still selling tickets in their raffle with the first prize a \$400 coffee maker. Thank you to Mr. Watt and the Year 7's who made cakes and yummy food and a special thank you goes to parents/guardians for supporting your children with this important activity. At today's tally they have raised in excess of \$700.

We wish Miss Shute a speedy recovery from her recent ankle surgery and also hope Mrs. Lashbrook is feeling better after her recent illness.

Today at our whole school assembly Year 10 were given an informal ceremony to mark the end of their compulsory education. We wish those who are not returning the very best in the future and look forward to seeing those that are returning, for their Preliminary and HSC education, in 2010.

Year 7 and 8 are to depart for their Camp at Echuca on Wednesday and staying overnight and returning Thursday. We hope they have a wonderful experience.

Have a great weekend.  
Debbie Waters  
Janine Dunne  
Head Teachers Secondary Studies

## P&C News

**Our Xmas meeting will be Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec at the Lockhart Ex-services Club 7pm where we will have our final meeting for the year, then enjoy a meal together (Pay for your own meal). Please bring a Kris Kringle gift to exchange.**

### Monster Christmas Raffle

Our local businesses have been very generous and have made great donations to our raffle

#### So far donations include

Wheelie bin- Donated by Lockhart Shire Council  
\$100 gift voucher – Donated by IGA  
Car service – Donated by Billabong motors  
Ham & Turkey to the value of \$50 – Donated by Delta Ag  
40kg washing powder – Donated by Landmark  
Large bag of dog food – Donated by Ag and Vet  
Carton of Beer – Donated by Harper Trevaskis  
Hair Pack – Donated by Angela Matthews (Country Lane Hair Co)  
Blank CD's and DVD's – Donated by Lockhart Post Office

We are asking school families to donate non perishable food or Christmas items to add to the hamper, please leave these at Mrs Cunningham's office.

We will be selling raffle tickets and having a cake stall on Sat 5<sup>th</sup> December.

## Community News:

### WEP Student Exchange - \$500 Special

World Education Program Australia (WEP) has launched a new website! Now there are more stories, more photos, more videos and everything you need to know about student exchange!

To celebrate the new website, WEP is offering students in year 9, 10 and 11 a **\$500 discount\*** on its long-term programs commencing in Aug/Sep 2010 to:

Brazil, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, The Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Norway, Turkey, Thailand or the USA

Give your child the opportunity to **gain international experiences** and **foreign language skills** to kick-start a future career. Along with distinct foreign language benefits, exchange students mature, gain confidence and develop a much more worldly approach upon their return to Australia.

**To find out more and request a free information pack**

- Visit [www.wep.org.au](http://www.wep.org.au)
- Call 1300 884 733 for the cost of a local call

WEP is a not-for-profit student exchange organisation registered with the education departments.

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