

Central News

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Term 4 - Week 6

Tuesday 15th November, 2011

Coming Events

- 12th December – Presentation Night
- 13th December – Yr 6 Farewell Assembly
- 14 – 15th December – Yr 6 Campout
- 16th December - K-6 Christmas Party
- 18th November - Year 12 Formal – 6.30pm
- 18th November – Charity Day at School
- 30th November - Whole School Assembly

Principal's Report

Greetings all from the Principal's desk and thankyou Ms Dunkley for relieving in my absences while I have been away in the past two weeks.

The Term is hurtling along and we are busy in our plans for 2012. Currently we are finalising both the timetable (curriculum) and budget as well as looking at our staffing needs.

Through consultation with students, staff and the community we have been reviewing our school vision and mission statement.

I would like to thank Lorraine Thompson our Presiding Officer for the HSC and School Certificate Exams. Her team has extensive and complex examinations. I would also remind parents about the attendance requirement for students in Year 10.

All Year 10 students are expected to remain at school until they graduate on Friday 9 December to complete mandatory work in preparation for Year 11. So read on and enjoy the diverse adventures happening at Lockhart Central School.

Year 10 interviews

This week we have interviewed Year 10 students and their parents. This is always a positive time for me as I have the opportunity to meet individually with many fine young people and discuss with them their progress and goals for the future. It is inspiring to hear the aspirations they have.

One thing that did come from my interviews with Year 10 is the impact technology, particularly social networking, is having. The amount of time some of our students spend on Facebook and other networks is concerning. In particular students, who, during their study time at home have laptops or mobile phones ready to make contact with anyone interested in communicating with them. This can be both very distracting and time consuming. It is important parents talk to their children about this and monitor what might be happening.

Lockhart and District Country Education Fund Grant Applications

Applications are now being taken for grants to assist students with their career aspirations through the support of our local and national education fund. Applications are available at the school or on the following website:
<http://www.cef.org.au/education-foundations-map-of-local-education-foundations-nsw-lockhart.html>

Thank-you once again to the Lockhart Community Bank for their support of our local education fund by assisting us with a \$5000.00 grant this year.

Gr8 People Attributes

At Lockhart Central School each fortnight we focus on one of the



10 important attributes of *gr8 people*. This month we are focusing on the attribute of being positive.

Your attitude is the personal choice that you make about how you are going to react and what action you will take in any situation.

Every day things are happening to us and around us. Our reaction to what happens and how we respond is in our control. That is our attitude. Just like choosing what to wear each day, you can choose to *wear* whatever attitude you want. Most of us believe our attitudes are caused directly by other people and the things that happen to us during the day. While these things may trigger our feelings, we choose how we react to them and the attitude we have. We can either let outside things affect the way we feel or we can take charge of our own response.

So what's your current attitude to your life? Are you a person who makes things happen, do you watch things happen or do you simply say "what happened" as life passes you by.

A good example is how we respond when someone asks, "How are you?" Instead of responding, "*Not bad!*" or "*Could be better!*", try "*Fantastic!*" or "*Great!*" You can choose a POSITIVE attitude. It gives you confidence, enthusiasm and energy.

The way that we think and *talk* to ourselves is very important and powerful. Self-talk is that little voice inside your head. If that little voice is saying negative things try to replace them with positive things. We need to watch out for really negative words like *hate*. Instead of thinking, "I hate this!", try changing your self-talk to, "I really don't like this but I'll give it my best".

We also need to be able to forgive ourselves. We all make mistakes. It is important that we learn from them but don't dwell on them.

"A pessimist is one who makes difficulties of his opportunities and an optimist is one who makes opportunities of his difficulties."
Harry Truman

"It is not your aptitude, but your attitude, that determines your altitude." Zig Ziglar

Family discussion starters

Suggestions for conversations around the dinner table at home

- What are some of the things you would like to do in your lifetime?
- Where have you dreamed of going?

Richard Schell
Principal

RETURN OF PERPETUAL TROPHIES

Students who received perpetual trophies at the 2010 Presentation Night please return them to the school ASAP.

P1 Excursion

Last Friday, P1 went to Altina Wildlife Park in Darlington Point with Infant students from Collingullie and Uranquinty Public Schools. We had fantastic day learning about a variety of animals by observing them play, eat and sleep. It was long day for everyone, congratulations to all Lockhart students who represented our school in a responsible and respected manner. Thank you to Mrs Trethowan for your support on the day, it was great to have you part of P1! Students from P1 will be reporting on this excursion in the next newsletter. So, stay tuned to get a full report from P1 students.

Miss Preston



Secondary News

The last two weeks have been a testing time in secondary particularly for our Year 10 students who undertook the School Certificate Examination last week. The students spent 2 days undertaking examinations in English, Math, Science, History, Geography, Civics and Citizenship at the Footy Sheds and 1 day doing the Computer Skills test back at school. These examinations are now at marking centres around the state where the efforts of our students will be compared with the efforts of other Year 10 students from all schools in NSW. The student's results will be returned to the school before the end of the year and we know that the results will reflect the effort that the students put into these exams.

Not to feel left out, students in Years 7 to 9 have been sitting tests in various subjects during the same time. At this time of year the students who have regularly completed homework and spent time studying will be rewarded for their efforts. Just a quick reminder that students should be doing at least 1 hour of homework and/or study each night to help them remember what they learnt in class that day.

After the exams students in Year 10 and 11 had the opportunity to undertake the Senior First aid course. This was a fantastic opportunity for students to get this qualification at nearly half the normal cost. Not many students took this opportunity, however, the instructor commented on the maturity, common sense and abilities of those that did the course.

What's coming up in Secondary?

The next few weeks look to be just a busy as always. This week we are having Year 10 interviews. This is an opportunity for students, parents and teachers to sit down and discuss what the student's goals are and how we as a school can best support them achieving these goals. With so many choices available to our students ranging from TAFE to School Based Apprenticeships to University entry to employment to different subjects available in Year 11 and 12, it's important that all groups are working together and aiming for the same goal. Letters have been sent home, if you

are unable to come at that time please contact the school to make alternate arrangements.

Students in Year 8 and 9 received their elective book last week. Again we are offering a range of subjects that we feel cater for the needs of our students. Students need to select subjects that they are interested in, not subjects that their friends are doing or subjects where they may or may not have a particular teacher. If parents or students need more information on what is involved in any of the subject please contact the school. The return date for subject selection is Wednesday 16th November. Since some classes have limited space students currently doing the subject will remain in the class and the first students to have their forms in will be the ones joining the class until the spaces available are filled.

This Friday night we will be holding our Year 12 Formal at the Lockhart Memorial Hall. Our Year 12 students will have all finished their HSC examinations and will be celebrating their achievements. I would like to thank the people behind the scene who have been invaluable in helping to organise this event and look forward to a great night.

That is just a few of the things happening in the next few weeks. We continue to plan end of year activities including end of year excursions, Year 7 students are practising their song for presentation night and preparation for interest electives have started. Teachers are busy write reports and finalising marks for the year. More information about these events will be in future newsletters.

With the warmer weather students have started wearing the summer school uniform, however, it has been noticed that the length of some shorts are inappropriate for the school setting. A number of girls are wearing short shorts and although they may be fashionable at the moment they are not part of the school uniform or appropriate for the school setting. Students wearing short shorts will be given the opportunity a) wear something from the clothing pool for the day or b) get more appropriate clothes from home. This may be easier for students who live in town as they can walk home and get changed, for those students out of town parents

will be contacted and asked to bring in more appropriate clothing for their child.

The state of students' footwear has also recently declined. I would like to remind both parents and students that BLACK enclosed leather, or imitate leather shoes are required at school for safety reasons. Students not wearing the correct footwear will be unable to participate in practical lessons. We understand that some shoes purchased at the beginning of the year may no longer fit or have fallen apart, we encourage parents to purchase the required footwear next time they buy their children's school shoes.

Jeanine Dunkley

SRC News

Currently the students of Lockhart Central School (LCS) are trying to co-ordinate a charity day to raise funds and awareness for local and district volunteer and welfare support agencies.

Our leadership team has identified the need to educate and involve our student body within organisations that provide charitable support to people in need.

The charity day aims to engage students and community member in a range of fun activities such as; fashion parade, trivia competition and movie afternoon. We will also be providing a BBD lunch and conduct a cake stall with the items we produce at school and families donate from home. We hope to raise money and awareness for the following charitable organisations:

- * St Vincent De Paul
- * Red Cross
- * Youth Beyond Blue

If you are able to help support our school based charity in anyway, we would be extremely appreciative and grateful. We are looking to celebrate and recognise these organisations that support our cause in the local and wider media.

You are invited to attend the day if you please. You are also invited to make donations. We would also ask if parents could donate cake/slice/muffins for the cake stall. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

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Any donation you are able to make would go a long way to making our charity day a great success.

If you need any further information or would like to speak directly with the Student Representatives you are able to contact us on 69205209.

We thank you for taking the time to consider our letter and we hope you are able to support our cause in any way you see fit.

Yours Sincerely,

Chloe Sheather and Amelia Farrall

Lockhart Central School Student Representative Council.

Book Club

Book Club orders are due back at school to the Front Office by 23rd November. This is the last Book Club for 2011. Thank you to everyone who has supported Book Club.

Primary News

P1 had a lovely time last Friday at Darlington Point Zoo. The boys and girls enjoyed interacting with the other K-2 students from Collingullie and Uranquinty. Miss Preston and her class are busy compiling antidotes of their adventures for the next newsletter. I want to thank Miss Preston and Mrs Peel for organising such a wonderful opportunity for our younger students and Mrs Trethowan for helping in supervising all our eager zoologists.

Students are busy learning their lines for Shrek. I hope students are also practising their lines at home too. It is expected that as of now, you know all your lines as this will allow you to focus on the drama aspect of the production. Thank you to all the families who have brought costumes into Miss Creedon.

Next year, Lockhart Central primary department will be part of the Greater Kengal Association. This is a network of other small DEC schools in

our area. It comprises of Milbrulong, Boree Creek, Pleasant Hills and Yerong Creek. We are very excited to be a part of this network. It will mean that all of our students (K-6) will compete at the Greater Kengal swimming, cross country and athletics carnivals. To gain representation at Southern Riverina level for students aged 8-13 years old, our Lockhart students will need to place at the Greater Kengal Carnivals. Our students will then represent Greater Kengal. Our school is still eligible to enter NSWPSA small schools knockout (soccer), small schools swimming and running relays and AWD events.

With the assistance of students, staff, parents, the P and C and local business, many of our students have had a plethora of opportunities to participate in a diverse range of learning activities. Many active fundraising activities have taken place and I greatly thank all involved. I am also appreciative of all the extra funding Mr Schell has given us to subsidise excursions and expenses. Next year we are going to have to think through our level of involvement in sporting activities, debating, RDA, public speaking, recorder, excursions and our Stage 3 excursion. All these opportunities are highly valued but do require financial assistance.

The massive expense of bus hire (approx \$550) is too expensive to use frequently. So I have asked P & C to help fund the events plus use school funds and families contributions to pay for a bus for a once a term K-6 Greater Kengal activity (i.e Maths Day, Science Day etc) All sport and other activities will need to be user pay systems. This includes transporting K-6 Students to the three carnivals, swimming (Henty), cross country (Wagga) and athletics (Lockhart) via public transport. Next newsletter I will aim to provide you with dates i.e Swimming Friday 3rd Feb (Week 1). I would greatly appreciate your understanding and ask you trying to assist with the transportation so that we are not using the same parents for all events. For large expenses, we will endeavour to organise fundraising.

Ms Andrews

P&C News

Just a quick reminder to all parents.

Our Year 12 Formal is this Friday night. Please if all donations could be in by Friday that would be much appreciated. REMEMBER MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK.

Our Photo Day last Sunday was a great success. We have received many complements on the day. Thank you to all that attended on the day.

Pony Gala Day Catering

Help Wanted- We have been given the opportunity to cater for the Pony Gala Day being held on Sunday 20th November at the Showgrounds. We have been asked to provide lunch items and homemade cakes and biscuits, as well as man the canteen. This is a great opportunity for the school to raise some money and for students to be involved in community service. Any money raised will be going back into the school to help buy resources that ALL students, from Kindergarten to Year 12, will have the opportunity to use. If you are able to help in any way can you please fill in the form at the end of the newsletter and return to Miss Dunkley. Thank you for your assistance.

I _____ am able to help cater for the Pony Gala Day on Sunday 20th November from

- 8am – 10am
- 10am – 12pm
- 12pm – 2 pm
- 2pm – 4pm

I _____ can provide the following food items to school on Friday 18th November for the Pony Gala Day

- Cakes
- Home made biscuits
- Sandwich ingredients.
 - Boiled Eggs
 - Ham or chicken
 - Lettuce
 - Tomato
 - Cheese
 - Carrot
 - Other _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

