

# Principal's Report

What a pleasure it was to join Year 5 and 6 on their camp to Narrabeen last week. I couldn't have asked for a more polite, cooperative, enthusiastic and fun loving group of students to go away with: they certainly brought credit to our school and their families should be very proud. Special thanks to Mr Terry Mildren for accompanying us on the trip. You can read more about the excursion later in this newsletter.

We are currently in the process of making decisions for 2013, in particular what subjects will be offered to Year 9 and 10 as electives and how all subjects will be timetabled throughout the day. We will continue to endeavour to provide a broad curriculum to our students. We are very appreciative of the support from the business community in Lockhart for providing Work Experience opportunities for our students and, on that note, thank Lockhart Council for accepting one of our students on a one day per week work program which is commencing tomorrow. With this support we are able to extend "education" beyond the classroom and provide skills for success in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Yesterday saw the start of the HSC exams and I know the entire school community joins with me to wish Amelia all the very best in her efforts over the next few weeks. This also heralds the start of the HSC year for our Year 11 students so hopefully they will be demonstrating to you a renewed vigour and enthusiasm towards homework and assessment tasks at home!

**Ruth Ernest**  
Principal

## COMING EVENTS

Term 4

21<sup>st</sup> October – This Sunday- Fashion 4 Cents

Week 4 – Sydney Excursion

17<sup>th</sup> December – Presentation Night

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## Secondary News

Welcome back to Term 4. This term is jammed packed with learning opportunities for our students. In week 4 students will be travelling to Sydney for the secondary excursion. Mr Barron has put a lot of work into fine tuning the detail of the excursion this week and it looks great. It's a fantastic opportunity for our students to experience the wider world.

As well as the excursion, work has started on organising Work Experience for year 10 students. This is planned for week 5 and 6; however, with negotiation with Mrs Ernest we may be able to be flexible on these dates. Students were asked during the week the industry that they would be interested in working in and Ms Madden is currently trying to match up industries that the students have selected with prospective employers. Work Experience is an excellent opportunity for students to 'try out' different employment and find their true interests.

With the introduction of ROSA (Record of School Achievement) this year instead of the traditional School Certificate, year 10 external exams do not exist anymore. However at LCS we feel that it is very important to develop study habits and exam techniques in younger students so that they are prepared for NAPLAN and HSC exams. For this reason year 10 students will be having an examination period in Week 4 before work

experience. Students in year 7-9 will be having their exams held in week 7. At this stage all students will be having a Maths, English, Science, History and Geography examination. More information will be sent out including exam timetables and other subjects that will be having exams. It is advised that students should develop a study timetable now to help revise their work for this year.

### **What's happening in the next few weeks?**

This week marks the start of the HSC examinations. We wish Amelia all the best in her exams and know that she will be rewarded for the effect that she has put into her work over the past 2 years.

On Friday 19th October a Cyber Bullying workshop will be running for all secondary students. It's a new world in cyber space and student needs to be aware of the many pitfalls that may occur and can have long running effects on their life and careers.

The Secondary Learning Strategy  
The 6 week mind challenge is coming!

### **Assessment tasks due this week:**

- **Year 10 English**
- **Year 10 Maths**

### **Assessment tasks due next week:**

- **Year 10 History**
- **Year 10 Geography**

### **Assessment tasks due in two weeks:**

- **Year 10 Textiles**
- **Year 10 Food Technology**
- **Year 10 Science**

**Jeanine Dunkley**  
Head Teacher Secondary Studies

## **Sexting and Cyber bullying forum**

On Friday, Secondary students will have the opportunity to participate in a project called *New*

*Voices / New Laws*. The project is a collaboration between the National Children's and Youth Law Centre and Children's Legal Service of Legal Aid NSW. It aims to educate young people about the criminal laws that can apply to 'sexting' and 'cyber bullying' behaviours, to gather their opinions on these laws and to amplify their voices in a report to law and policy makers in NSW.

Students will be presented with a series of age appropriate scenarios involving aspects of sexting and cyber bullying with discussions about the law followed by a written survey to gauge their knowledge and opinions of the law. There will also be a more in-depth discussion with a smaller subset of student-participants about what the laws get right and wrong from their perspective.

## **Primary Report**

Welcome back to school! We hope everyone enjoyed the lovely break from routine over the holidays! The kids certainly had many stories to share about their two weeks away! Our school community warmly welcomes two new students and their families to our school this term and trust our new Year 2 students, Joseph Hines and Janita Nickel will enjoy forming new friendships with the beautiful students at LCS in these first few weeks.

### **Uniform**

Thank you to our students for wearing correct school uniform. The summer uniform needs to be worn in Term 4 and black shoes are to be worn at all times except for Sport. The School Sports Uniform needs to be worn on Friday and at Sporting events. Beanies need to be packed away for next year, and bucket hats are required in the playground. Thank you to our students for taking pride in our school and for respecting our uniform expectations and to our parents for ensuring our students have the necessary requirements.

### **Kinder Orientation**

Last week, the bright and bubbly children enrolling for Kinder in 2013 enjoyed their first Orientation Session with Miss Preston! It sounds like our new LCS students had a wonderful time learning a little more about school routines (and our enthusiastic P1 students had a wonderful time learning more about our new enrolments!). Thank you to the gorgeous kids in P1 who were so helpful, guiding our kinders and making

them feel so welcome. Congratulations on a successful morning, Miss Preston and we look forward to seeing our new enrolments again on Thursday!

### **Camp Capers!**

Stage 3 enjoyed an extra week of holidays as they ventured to Narrabeen for the Sport and Recreation Camp, which was topped off by a sleepover at Taronga Zoo! I would like to congratulate Stage 3 for their positive behaviour, for supporting one another as we faced our fears on the high ropes, for taking care of each other and for making this camp and unforgettable experience that we will remember forever! You were an absolute delight to accompany on camp Stage 3 and thank you for making it such a fun-filled, positive experience! (I know Mrs Maher was incredibly disappointed she was unable to enjoy this experience with you! However, she will hopefully enjoy a literary treat when she reads your retells!)

We would like to thank Mrs Ernest and Mr Watt for joining us on camp and for making it such a valuable experience. (I think the students' introduction to Tabasco Sauce will be forever imprinted in our minds!). On behalf of the school community – kids and teachers alike – we would like to warmly thank Mr Terry Mildren for being, as the kids would chorus, "Awesome!! We appreciate how you had given up your time to be with us Terry (and we love the nicknames many of us are now brandishing!). Thank you to Ms Andrews who fundraised with the kids to make this camp possible and to our parents for providing our students with this incredible opportunity in the first place. A big thank you to Miss Preston and Mrs Maher for continuing to ensure learning continues with our students back at school. We hope you enjoy the student's retells of camp which will be published in the next edition of the newsletter!

### **Canteen**

This term, students will have the opportunity to purchase lunch from The Roadhouse on Fridays. The students will be provided with a Canteen list of food and drink available to order. Students will be required to write their order on a paper bag with money enclosed.

### **Term Calendar**

The Term 4 Calendar will be distributed to families in the next week. Please make allowances for activities that are yet to be finalised and that have not been included on the calendar. Wishing all a fantastic week!

**Suzie Creedon**

**Relieving Assistant Principal**

Bookclub is due to Front Office Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October. Cheques payable to "Scholastic Australia Pty Ltd".

### **Youth Mental Health**

Pleasant Hills Hall on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 10.15am - METTA Generation – supporting youth with high need mental health issues – Guest speaker, Karene Eggleton, Founder/President Cost \$5 Enquiries 60433301

### **Intereach**

Do you have a child who needs extra support? Come and have a chat, to discuss ideas with other parents/carers in similar situations. You are welcome to bring a cuppa. Young children welcome  
10am Walter Day Park, Lockhart near the BBQ  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2012. To register interest call Ros Beck 0429000237

**Lockhart & District  
Community Bank  
10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations  
19<sup>th</sup> October, 2012  
Green Street 4.00pm-9pm  
Free BBQ available & Music  
Announcements of Community  
Grants**

Jerilderie Country Gardens  
Open to the public  
20 & 21 October, 2012  
5 gardens open – Koorinal, Broome, The Yanko, One Oak, Old Coree  
\$20 for all 5 gardens or \$5 per garden  
Lunch and Morning /afternoon tea available at  
The Yanko and Old Coree  
Info – Heather Cameron 69561142

Mater Dei Catholic Primary School  
Town & Country Gardens  
Sat 3 & Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November  
\$10 for 5 gardens

Tickets & maps available at Mater Dei Primary,  
Gregadoo Road, Wagga  
Info 69262060

**Happy Halloween  
Blue Light Disco**

**Lockhart Hall**

**Entry \$5 - 13yrs and under  
2nd November, 6.30-9.30**

**Come dressed up in your Halloween  
costumes 8 prizes to give away  
Contact Yvonne 0419318777**

**Intereach NSW Inc.**

**FAMILY NIGHT OUT**

Come & join the Lockhart community  
for a

**FREE Movie night**

under the stars at

The Walter Day Park on  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2012

**FREE BBQ at 6.30pm**

Followed by the movie

BYO chairs, refreshments Neighbours,  
friends and family

**RSVP: Essential for catering**

Contact Leanne Hamilton 0434730761  
or Lockhart Shire Council 69205305