

# Central News

Lockhart Central School



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Term 4 – Week 8

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## Principal's Report

We may be coming to the end of the school year but that certainly doesn't mean things are slowing down!

I am very much looking forward to listening to the election speeches of our Year 5 students who are seeking leadership positions in 2013. It is not an easy thing to put one's self forward for such positions and I wish all candidates the best of luck in this venture.

Secondary students have just completed their yearly exams and teachers are in the midst of writing reports. All reports will go out to students toward the end of Week 10, prior to Presentation Night which is to be held in the School Gymnasium on Monday December 17<sup>th</sup>.

Year 10 have finished their Work Experience and are this week completing the Board of Studies compulsory unit "All My Own Work". Our Primary students are in the second week of Swimming School as well as preparing for the musical which will be held in the Memorial Hall on December 12<sup>th</sup>. The excitement continues with the celebrations for Year 6 as they graduate from Primary and prepare for their move into Secondary School. It will be lovely to see the majority back here in 2013 as Year 7 students.

With so much going on it is important to remain focused on the main task at hand which is education and learning and I ask parents to maintain the effort to ensure their children attend school every day and continue to strive to do their best in all endeavours.

**Ruth Ernest**  
**Principal**

### COMING EVENTS

#### Term 4

- 13-28<sup>th</sup> Nov - Primary Swimming Lessons
- 5<sup>th</sup> December – P&C Meeting – Ex-Servicemen's club
- 7<sup>th</sup> December – Primary Assembly C2 Room
- 10<sup>th</sup> December – Primary Captain's Speeches
- 12<sup>th</sup> December – Musical Performance
- 13<sup>th</sup> December – K-12 Lake Talbot Day - Narrandera
- 17<sup>th</sup> December – Presentation Night
- 19<sup>th</sup> December – Students last Day
- 20-21 December – Staff Development Day

#### 2013

- Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January – SDD – Pupil Free Day
- Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January – Kindergarten to Year 12

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Inspector John Baker, Aaron Finnen, (back) Wade Delphin, Alana Parks, Bernadette Smith, Mikala Shilo, Robert Farrall, Mrs Lorraine Driscoll, Zone Manager Mr Roger Orr.



## **Secondary News**

Six students and one teacher from Lockhart Central School have just successfully completed the Riverina's first School Cadet Program with NSW Rural Fire Service which took place over a ten week period. At the school's formal assembly recently cadets were presented with their certificates by NSW Rural Fire Service, Riverina Zone Manager, Mr Roger Orr and Learning and Development Officer, Inspector, Mr John Baker.

The Bush Fire-fighter Certificate is aligned with the following national public safety units of competency in the following ways:

- \*PUAFIR201A Prevent Injury
- \*PUAFIR204 Respond to Wildfire.
- \*PUAOPE002A Operate Communications Systems and Equipment.
- \* PUTEA001A Work in a Team.
- \*PUTEA004A Work Effectively in a Public Safety Organisation.
- \*PUAEQU001A Prepare, Maintain and Test Response Equipment.

## **Secondary Report**

What a night Friday night was! Amelia looked fantastic for the Lockhart Central School formal held at the Memorial Hall. It was a great night for family and friends to celebrate Amelia's achievements in her 13 years of school, and there has been many. Special thanks should go to Mrs Cunningham and Mrs Morley for their organisational and creative skills, the fantastic waitresses who served throughout the night and the people who cooked and provided food for the event. A fantastic effort, well done everyone.

Last week exams were held for years 7, 8 and 9. Congratulations should go to those students who were able to conduct themselves in accordance with the exam expectations. Over the next few days students should be receiving their results for these exams. I'm sure some students will be happy with their results and others may not be quiet so happy. It's important to remember that the amount of effort that students put into their learning is reflected in their results in each subject. If students wish to improve on their results in the New Year, speaking to teachers to gain a deeper knowledge of

the work and increased revision of work at home may prove to be the key.

Congratulations to the year 10 students who received positive feedback from their work experience employers. They are a credit to both their families and the school. It was a fantastic opportunity for students to 'try out' different jobs before they start working towards their HSC next year. Special thanks must go to Ms Madden and Miss Grant who organised work experience this year.

What's happening in the next few weeks?

Secondary students continue to be busy over the next few weeks. On Tuesday and Wednesday Mr Watt will be working with year 10 students on the 'All my own work' program. This program is compulsory for all NSW students to complete before they can receive acknowledgement for the work completed in senior school. By completing it this year students are better able to focus on their studies in year 11 and 12 next year.

On Wednesday students from the 7 RAP school will be travelling to Lockhart to participate in the last senior study day for 2013. These days have proven invaluable for students and teachers to 'catch up' face to face, as well as allowed our students to continue to develop friendships with students in our partner schools.

Over the next few weeks teachers will be busy working on reports, as well as starting to organise learning activities for students in their classes in 2013. Staff need to be acknowledged for the hard work that they do throughout the year. Well Done.

The Secondary Learning Strategy

Each week over the remainder of the term secondary classes will be focusing on a learning strategy. This week's strategy is Visualising.

Visualising is creating pictures, either on paper or in your head, to go with text. This strategy has been taught to students over the past few weeks and is a fantastic way to improve comprehension of text. If a student can 'picture it' then they often find it easier to understand what they have just read.

Assessment tasks due this week:

- Year 12 Standard English
- Year 12 Advanced English
- Year 12 PDHPE
- Year 12 Chemistry

Assessment tasks due next week:

- Year 12 Maths
- Year 12 Visual Design

Assessment tasks due in two weeks:

- No task due this week

**Jeanine Dunkley**

**Head Teacher Secondary Studies**

## **Primary Report**

With the high temperatures upon us, it has been perfect conditions to begin our Swimming Scheme! It has been wonderful to witness the enthusiasm and eagerness with which our students have been participating and striving to learn new skills in the water. Thank you to Fran Jones who has been supporting our students and guiding them in so many ways, from learning to enter the water, to practising and perfecting survival strokes. Swimming scheme for K – 5 will be completed this Wednesday, however for the next two Friday's, students in K – 6 will be participating in swimming for Friday Afternoon Sport.

### **Year 5 Captain Speeches**

In week 10, on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> of December at 10 am in the LCS Library, students in Year 5 will be giving their speeches for School Captain and Sports Captain respectively. Our Year 5 candidates have discussed the values and qualities of positive school leaders including respectfulness, honesty, integrity, an ability to listen, being a team player and being a positive role model for learning and behaviour (to name just a few!). Once again, the quality of our candidates this year, is going to make it an incredibly tough decision for our students and teachers alike. We wish Joshua Forbes, Lachlan Day, Adrian Ronnfeldt, Holly Murphy and Kirra Bennet the very best of luck in preparation and delivery of their speeches. We are so fortunate to have a group of young ladies and gentlemen who will represent our school proudly

and who will uphold, in all areas of school life, the values we deem important. We warmly invite all family and community members to join us on the 10<sup>th</sup>, for this special occasion in our student's lives.

### **Year 6 Farewell**

Just as our Year 5 students prepare themselves for the role as Year 6 leaders, we prepare to farewell the beautiful young people in Year 6 who have made LCS so proud. These mature students have been exceptional leaders and their guidance and support of all students in primary is to be commended. In Term 4, we begin to see our Year 6 students ready to spread their wings, eagerly looking forward to what lies beyond Primary school. Year 6 is ready to make the transition into the next exciting phase in their lives, and we look forward to celebrating their past years at LCS, as they look forward into the future. We would like to invite all parents, carers and family members to join K – 6 in celebrating this important rite of passage, on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December in the LCS Library.

### **Television Twisters!**

LCS students have just 2 weeks to prepare for our production "Television Twisters"! Time slips away so quickly, and with so much to do, even before the holidays are upon us, the dedicated young performers in K-6 are to be congratulated on the commitment they have shown towards learning their lines and songs! Week 10 is shaping up to be a busy week for Primary, with 'Captain Speeches' on Monday, 'Television Twisters' on Wednesday, Lake Talbot on Thursday and 'Year 6 Farewell' on Friday. This is followed by Presentation Night on the following Monday. Thank you to all our parents, family members and siblings who have helped our young performers along the way. We look forward to seeing you on the night!

**Suzette Creedon**

**Relieving Assistant Principal**

### **LOCKHART SWIMMING CLUB**

**Coach: Fran Jones**

**5.15pm every Tuesday & Thursday  
At**

**Lockhart Swimming Pool  
Commencing 27<sup>th</sup> Nov**

**5pm for information & registration  
Contact Kerrie 0427205567**

**For more information**





Our 2013 Captains, Charlotte and Chloe were very professional as M.C.'s at the Year 12 Formal Dinner.

Amelia, Guest of Honour, cuts the cake at her year 12 Formal dinner.



P1 were introduced to the Ag plot's Malay Bantam chicks – very cute!!



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### **CHANGE OF DAY – DR GORDON SAGGERS**

Dr Sagers wishes to advise that as from January 2013 the Lockhart surgery will be changing the opening day from Wednesday to Tuesday, commencing Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> January. The surgery will be open on alternate Tuesdays. Please phone 69205534 for appointments.

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### **P&C Meeting**

Meeting will be held at the Lockhart Ex-Servicemen's Club on 5<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. This will be our last meeting for 2012. Please come along have a meal and \$5 Kris Kringle to share.