HIGHLIGHTS
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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
It is with great anticipation that I look forward to the College Presentation Day being held at the Town Hall on Friday. These events are a celebration of the achievement of our students in academic, sporting, creative arts, leadership and humanitarian fields. It is one of the few occasions where we are able to come together as a college and acknowledge the depth of student talent across all campuses. The families and caregivers of the students receiving awards are no doubt deservedly proud of their child/ren. We look forward to seeing you there.

OPEN NIGHT
Another significant event in our calendar looms. On Wednesday 6th March we will be holding an Open Night for all the families and students in the community who may be interested in applying for enrolment at Leichhardt in 2014. Libby Campbell, our Head Teacher Centre for Excellence, has been busy organising visits to many of the local primary schools to advertise the event. It has been heartening to see the reactions of the primary students to these visits and in particular, the excitement caused by return visits of former students, now enrolled with us in year 7. If you already have a child enrolled with us and have another in year 5 or 6 we would love to see you again as well. A school tour, student presentations and a barbeque are just a few of the things we have planned for the night. It will commence at 5.00pm.

COLLEGE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
What a wonderful start to the year’s sporting events calendar! The college swimming carnival held last week was very well attended by competitors from Leichhardt. I would like to extend my thanks to Mrs Sally Bury, our event organiser. So much hard work goes on behind the scenes in the lead up to an event like this and we know how lucky we are to have such a wonderfully capable sports organiser. One of the outstanding performances of the day was by Andrew Balcombe in year 7 who set 4 new college records on the day. I congratulate all competitors for their efforts on the day. The zone swimming carnival will be held at Enfield pool on the 25th of February. Students in year 7 who qualified will be transported to camp in a special bus later in the afternoon.

YEAR 7 CAMP
Year 7 will spend an exciting three days at camp next week. The camp will be held at Toukley, an ideal venue for bonding and team building activities. The year 10 peer support leaders will also be in attendance to provide support to the year 7 students throughout the camp. Camps such as these play an invaluable role is assisting students to settle into high school and cement lifelong friendships. We look forward to hearing all about the Camp Toukley adventures upon their return.

NORTA NORTA PROGRAM
We are very pleased to announce the appointment of our new Norta Norta teacher Courtney Redman. Courtney is a product of the College and is already working at the Blackwattle Bay Campus in the same role. Courtney will work with our Aboriginal students two days a week providing learning assistance. The Norta Norta program runs out of the library and provides invaluable learning assistance to our Aboriginal students.

SCHOOL UNIFORM
In general, the standard of uniform worn by our students is more than satisfactory. A slightly milder temperature earlier this week resulted in the appearance of a few jumpers and ‘hoodies’ that are not part of our regulation uniform. We offer a number of different warmer layer options and urge those without a regulation jumper to purchase one at the uniform shop as soon as possible.

PREDATOR AWARENESS
On a more serious note it has come to our attention that there has been a recent event involving a high school boy and a sexual predator at Petersham Park. I urge you all to discuss awareness and safety practices with your children, in particular if you live in the Petersham area.

Melinda Bright
**Year 8 Drama Ensemble**

The year 8 drama ensemble is a great opportunity for students to continue developing the drama skills that they developed in year 7. The ensemble will meet at Wednesday lunch times where they will participate in exercises that will enhance their performance skills and give them a stronger understanding of stage craft. They will also work towards creating their own performance piece. If any students are interested in joining there will be a sign up sheet outside the drama room in the A Block (GA.06).

**Calling All Dancers!**

For any students interested in dance as either a form or expression or exercise, I encourage you to join one of our campus’ Dance Troupes. The groups will meet before school on Thursday or Friday. This year we will have two different troops;

*Blue Dance Troupe* will be for students who currently dance and have experience dancing in any style, and are confident in learning new choreography or different styles.

*Yellow Dance Troupe* will cater for students that are new to dance but are keen to learn. It will be a supportive environment to learn basic position, moves and combinations at a slower pace.

If any students are interested in joining either the Blue or Yellow Dance Troupes there will be a sign up sheet outside the drama room in the A Block (GA.06).

_Alexandra Gavel_

**College Swimming Results**

Congratulations and thank you to all the swimmers who came last Wednesday and swam at the college swimming carnival.

Results are on the sports noticeboard and on the campus website.

Special congratulations to age champions-
12 years  Andrew Balcomb
13 years  Fletcher May
14 years  Chiara Lam

Special mention to Andrew Balcomb year 7 who set 4 new records – congratulations Andrew!

Good luck to our zone swimming team who will be swimming at the Bligh zone carnival on Monday 25 February at Enfield Pool.

Students who place first or second will be selected in the Bligh zone team to compete at the Sydney East Swimming Championships at Homebush on March 11.

_Sally Bury – Sports Co-ordinator_
Sydney Secondary College
Leichhardt
OPEN NIGHT

Wednesday 6 March, 5pm–7pm
(Formal Presentation at 6.15pm)
Balmain Road, Leichhardt
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ENTRIES ARE NOW OPEN FOR THE 2013 IPAF ATOM AWARDS!

Australia’s leading film and media awards for the education and industry sectors are now calling for entries for an exciting 2013 program of events. This year’s awards span twenty-nine diverse categories, from feature-length documentaries and factual television programs to music videos, animation, games and multimedia. Over two nights in November we will celebrate the best screen content Australia and New Zealand have to offer.

There are eight categories specifically for primary and secondary students:

- Best Primary School Film Production
- Best Primary School Animation (claymation, drawing, cell, 2D & 3D)
- Best Middle School (7-10) Film Production
- Best Middle School (7-10) Animation (claymation, drawing, cell, 2D & 3D)
- Best Senior Secondary Animation (claymation, drawing, cell, 2D & 3D)
- Best Senior Secondary Documentary
- Best Senior Secondary Fiction
- Best Senior Secondary Music Video

There are also seventeen open categories. Students who feel their productions will be competitive at the highest level are welcome to enter these too.

ATOM encourages students and teachers to submit their productions now via our online entry system. Entries are open until 5pm on Friday 28 June.

We will host all of the student finalist films on the ATOM Awards website, and run audience choice competitions across selected categories as well as a screening program of finalist films across regional Australia throughout next year.

The Student Awards Evening – to be hosted in Melbourne this November – is a unique opportunity for students to see the winning films on the cinema screen. Last year, the event was hosted by comedian Kate McLennan and was enjoyed by hundreds of students from across the country.

Coinciding with the call for entries, the new 2013 IPAF ATOM Awards website is now live at www.atomawards.org. The site features all the 2012 finalists (many of which are available to stream online), video highlights from last year’s awards presentations, plus everything you need in order to enter this year’s awards.

Open to entertainment industry personnel and students at all levels, from our youngest primary school talents to the most established of screen media professionals, the ATOM Awards have been a crucial link between educators and the media industry for over thirty years. They are the second–longest running screen industry awards in Australia, after the AFI/AACTA Awards.

We are thrilled to have the Intellectual Property Awareness Foundation on board as naming sponsor for this year’s awards. IPAF’s work in promoting the value of creative endeavour is a great match for our annual celebration of media excellence at all levels.

To learn more about the 2013 IPAF ATOM Awards, please visit www.atomawards.org.

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ATOM would like to thank the generous sponsors of this year’s awards:
2013 INFORMATION & DATES

WHO CAN APPLY:
Students in Years 5, 6, 7 & 8 with emphasis on repertoire suited to more experienced players.

REQUIREMENTS:
Students will need to demonstrate good musicality and sight reading skills on their chosen instrument. Be able to attend all camp days, rehearsals and performances. Display exemplary behaviour at all times.

HOW TO APPLY: Teachers and Band Directors to provide information and dates to suitable students. Then apply online at www.sydneyregionarts.nsw.edu.au. Or click here to go straight to the online application form: Sydney Region Band 2012 Application Form. Audition times and preparation details will be emailed to you after the closing date.

AUDITIONS: Auditions to be held Wednesday 8 May at Sans Souci Public School & Thursday 9 May at Caringbah North Public School. You will be allocated a time and day with others from your school.

CAMP: Date of Camp: Tuesday 11 June, Wednesday 12 June, and Thursday 13 June.
Location of Camp: Deer Park Conference Centre, Youthworks Port Hacking.

FEES:
$350 - CAMP. Includes accommodation, tuition, food & all activities. Payable to your school if accepted. $25 - Sydney Region Band Shirt. Only required if you do not already have one. Due first rehearsal. $150 - Rehearsal Fees. Includes tuition, supervision & music. Due Term 3. This is $20 per day approx. (Due to rising costs occasional bus or concert entry fees may be required but will be kept minimal).

PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR 2013 REHEARSALS AND PERFORMANCES:
Based on previous years. This may change. To be confirmed by email communication.

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CLOSING DATE: TUESDAY 30 APRIL 2013

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