PRINCIPAL’S REPORT – by Melinda Bright

Numeracy – We have a new numeracy committee up and running. They are planning a really exciting numeracy relay for all year 7 as their first initiative. Safija Bristina, our Head Teacher Mathematics started the committee. Safija has been offered the position of Relieving Deputy Principal at Balmain Campus for the next couple of terms and has accepted the position. Rachael Alonso and Sophie Gois are taking over as joint chairs of the numeracy committee and a Relieving Head Teacher Mathematics at Leichhardt Campus will be announced next week.

In light of this focus on numeracy I thought I would share a few numbers with you:

- Number of students from local primary schools who attended open day – 343
- Number of total visitors for open day – in excess of 1000
- Number of SSC Leichhardt student volunteers involved in open day – in excess of 120
- Number of SSC Leichhardt staff involved in open day – 60
- Number of sausages cooked and consumed on open day – 700
- Number of laptop pods of 30 now around the school – 6
- Total page views of school website since January 2010 – 212 745
- Total number of visitors to our school website home page this week – 1068
- Number of followers of the school Twitter account – 318
- Number of interactive data projectors paid for by the P&C and installed last week – 4
- Number of students from SSC Leichhardt who met and were photographed with the Prime Minister this morning - 6
A BIG thank you to all student volunteers for making our Open Night one of the best. We had over 150 students and they all did a tremendous job and I am incredibly proud of all them.

Thank you, thank you, thank you, Ms Campbell

IF YOU MISSED OPEN NIGHT WE ARE CONDUCTING AN OPEN MORNING/SCHOOL TOUR ON MONDAY 18 MARCH AT 9.15AM FOR PROSPECTIVE YEAR 7, 2014 STUDENTS. PLEASE CALL SCHOOL TO REGISTER
WHO SHOULD I CONTACT ABOUT.....??? PARENT GUIDE

Usually the first port of call for parents who would like subject information, advice or who have a specific concern or query is the class teacher. Following that, the Head Teacher or Year Adviser can usually answer most questions that arise.

**PRINCIPAL:** Ms M Bright – whole school educational leadership, management and welfare.

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There are two Deputy Principals. Both have whole school responsibilities as well as specific responsibility for particular years. Both Deputies should be contacted about extremely serious welfare/discipline and teaching and learning issues related to these years as well as enrolments.
A STAR IN THE MAKING

Last year I was in the middle of performing “Medea” at the Belvoir St Theatre when I was offered a role in the STC production of the “The Secret River”. I was ecstatic at the chance and said yes nearly straight away.

The play is based on the bestselling book by Kate Grenville. It tells the story of an emancipated convict who has noticed a plot of land on the Hawkesbury River. He jumps at the chance of a new life not knowing about the indigenous people that were already there. The play tells the story of the uneasy relationship between adults. I played Dick Thornhill, the youngest son, who befriends the indigenous boys.

It was great working with such a massive cast and I met a lot of famous people like Hugo Weaving and he even spoke Elvish to me. I made a lot of new friends and I learned how to speak a bit of the Dharug language, the indigenous language of the Hawkesbury. I also learned that our history could have been different if men like Thornhill had stood up and not chosen violence.

Rory P 7E

2013 DER-NSW Parent Survey

We seek your views on the NSW one-to-one laptop program.

A formal evaluation of the program is being undertaken by the New South Wales Department of Education and Training in collaboration with the University of Wollongong. It is an effort to determine how the DER-NSW program may impact on learning and teaching education across the state. The evaluation has taken place over 4 years.

Please go to the link below and complete the 2013 survey. It won’t take you too long.

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DER-NSW-Pr2013?c=8507

To access the link please enter it into the long address bar at the top of the page of your internet browser (not into a search engine such as Google) and press enter or go – this will take you to the survey.

Individuals cannot be identified in the data.

Thank you.
Competitions in Science

All students at Leichhardt Campus are invited to participate in one or more science competitions. It is always an interesting and challenging experience to attempt questions not set by the students’ teachers and to be compared to other students in South East Asia. The competition papers are prepared in year or stage levels and marked by outsiders as indicated in the table below. They also cost varying amounts of money and contain differing numbers of questions. Each participating student receives a certificate indicating the level of performance.

If your son or daughter is interested in participating in any of those competitions, a permission slip can be obtained from your child’s teacher. Note the pay date or cut-off date for the competitions is late in term 1.

Voula Georgelos - Head Teacher Science

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Dear Campers!

Thank you for participating in such a successful camp. To our teachers, thank you for sacrificing 3 days away from your family and friends, we could not have done it without you.

To our Peer Support leaders, you were exceptional and the Year 7 students really appreciated your consistent care, support and encouragement.

Finally to our Year 7 campers, thank you for overall being very respectful and responsible throughout the entire camp. I hope you enjoyed yourself and the presentation at our assembly kindly put together by Hayley Robinson (Year 10 Peer Support Leader).

Ms Salerno asked her year 7 classes to reflect on camp the day after, here are a couple of responses to give you the idea of what the students thought...

28/2/13 “The morning after camp”
(Year 7 Music 9 & 10 classes)

“Camp was awesome because we got to do fun activities like Quad bikes, giant swing, beach activities-snorkelling and surfing. At night we played field games and we had a campfire to roast marshmallows followed by a fabulous disco. The kids got to make new friends and share good memories. We liked the jelly, the nachos, the chicken schnitzel and chicken burger and lovely salad rolls and fresh fruit. Our year 10 peer support leaders were great. They were funny, entertaining, very helpful and friendly. Most of all we had fun”

“Year 7 camp was an amazing experience because we got to meet new friends and learn new skills. We were able to try new activities like quad bikes, high ropes, abseiling, the flying fox, the giant swing, snorkelling and surfing. It was fun to stay up late and talk while eating lollies and partying. The night activities were fun at the campfire with toasted marshmallows. We enjoyed making friends with the year 36 peer support leaders. They were awesome in the way they helped us throughout the day. It was good to meet some teachers that haven’t taught us yet and see another side to their personalities. Most of all it was a great experience to connect with others.”

Thanks again to the Leichhardt campers, I enjoyed getting to know many of you and I’m proud of your efforts. It was an enjoyable experience!

Mr O’Donnell - Head Teacher Welfare
YEAR 7 CAMP
Last year the school voted for the Year 10 Leadership Team and SRC members and over the last couple of weeks elections have been held for year 8, year 9 and senior and junior support classes. Congratulations to everyone who made a nomination speech. The students were hard pressed to choose between the amazing leaders we have at our school and in all elections the results were very close. The SRC and Ms Hartemink are very pleased to welcome the following students into the SRC for 2013!

**Year 10 Leadership Team:**

- **School Captains**
  - Audrey Abbot
  - Joel Agius

- **Vice Captains**
  - Ryan Bondfield
  - Natasha Vlahos

- **Prefects**
  - Thomas Gavrielatos
  - Gemma McGuiness
  - Myles Houlbrook-Walk
  - Erin McKenna
  - Jacob McKenna
  - Connor Teevan

- **Year 10 SRC Members:**
  - Phaedra Brown
  - Joshua Clark
  - Louise Chen
  - Hayley Robinson
  - Hayley Mitchell
  - Sophie Cluterham
  - Henry Gan
  - Oscar Sweeney
  - John Law

**Year 9 SRC Members:**

- Anneliese Harrison
- Maya Bird
- Taymane Philalak
- Chiara Lam
- Jessie James
- Rocco Ianni
- Landon Simpson

**Year 8 SRC Members:**

- Karin Mizuno
- Sunny Adcock
- Angela Prifffits
- Jimi Rawlings
- Maxim Fawcett-Fieldsend
- Joshua Price
- Matilda Friend

**Junior Support Member:**

- Simon Wynne

**Senior Support Member:**

- Flynn Schultz

**Year 7 Members:**

Voting will take place for the year 7 SRC shortly. Camp was a great chance to get to know everyone and decide who will be good leaders. Each year 7 class will get to elect 1 SRC member. The only question is who will Year 7 choose?
TAP RECYCLING PROJECT

Last year the year 7, 8 and 9 SRC representatives were participating in the TAP Leadership program. Under the tuition of 4 talented and dedicated year 9 student leaders, they learnt about effective leadership and cooperation. They also pledged to donate their time to support TAP’s environmental project which will be commencing later this term.

The TAP team worked very hard at the end of last year and the beginning of this year. The four dedicated students have weekly meetings and organise new things to complete their school project. At school assemblies in the next few weeks there will be a presentation about TAP’s plan to create a student driven recycling program and to purchase and install new rubbish bins for the school. The newly elected 2013 SRC team continued to support the TAP team with their project. The SRC is pleased to announce that they will be holding a school bake sale to help raise funds for the TAP project. The bake sale will be held on the 8th of March during lunch. There will be lots of yummy foods including: cup cakes, fairy bread, toffies, cakes, slices and brownies. So bring lots of money on the 8th of March to help raise money for the TAP project. This project will bring new bins and a recycling program to the school.

Written by:

Natasha Vlahos - SRC Vice Captain
Hayley Robinson - SRC Year 10 and TAP President
Hayley Mitchel - TAP Treasurer

ZONE SWIMMING REPORT

Our team of swimmers competed at the zone carnival on Monday 25 February at Enfield Pool. Many students swam personal bests and all are to be congratulated on their efforts.

Special congratulations to Andrew Balcomb, Katarina Erdeijan-Djordjevic, Chiara Lam, Fletcher May and Naoki Varlamov who were successful in qualifying for individual events for the Sydney East Swimming carnival.

The 15 boys relay team consisting of Callan Smith, Mathew Soeliman, Harry Browell and Daniel Holman also qualified.

Outstanding achievements by Andrew Balcomb year 7 and Fletcher May year 8 who were age champions for the zone carnival.

We wish these swimmers good luck for the Sydney east swimming carnival on Monday 11 March at Homebush.

Sally Bury – Sports Co-ordinator

INTERIM REPORT EVENING

An interim report evening will be held for

Years 7 & 9
Wednesday 3 April from 5pm-7pm

Years 8 & 10
Tuesday 9 April from 5pm-7pm

in the School Hall and Drama Room

This evening will allow parents and students to have a brief conversation with their teachers to discuss early progress of their child. A one page report will be issued covering all their subjects.

A more detailed report evening will be held for years 7 & 9 on Tuesday 25 June 2013 and for Years 8 & 10 on Thursday 18 July.
TAKE A STAND TOGETHER
BULLYING. NO WAY!

National Day of Action against
Bullying and Violence

Friday 15 March 2013
www.bullyingnoway.gov.au
Our AGM was held last Monday, and I take great pleasure in introducing you to the new P&C executive team for 2013.

We had good attendance for the AGM, and there were many willing volunteers for the vacant positions, thankyou to all the new members who have put themselves forward for roles this year.

The NEW executive committee for 2013 is

President- Nick Potter
Vice President- Fiona Law
Treasurer- Patricia Ware
Secretary- Lyndell Webster

I would like to extend a huge thankyou to our outgoing Vice President, Suzana Sukovic, and Secretary, Peter Cox. Thanks to Suzana for her support of the P&C and the executive, and stepping up when I have been unavailable. Peter’s record keeping and email organization has been fantastic, it has been a pleasure to work with you. I am sure we will see you both back at the meetings for the rest of the year.

Congratulations to Nick, Fiona and Lyndell, and thankyou also to Trish Ware for continuing her role as treasurer.

Also thanks to the school, in particular Melinda Bright, James McMaster, David Allen and Judy Kelly, and all the teaching and support staff for making me so welcome in my role as president, and offering huge levels of support. I have thorougly enjoyed my experience as president of the Leichhardt campus P&C!

Regards
Vanessa Palfreeman

If you would like to contact any of the executive, the best way is through the P&C email, ssclpc@gmail.com. Use this email for more information about getting involved with the P&C and its activities.

The P&C at Leichhardt is a great way to meet other parents, meet the Principal and teachers, and become more engaged with the school. The meetings are a forum to gather information, ask questions and float ideas. Our Principal, Melinda Bright always attends, and we often have senior staff members address the meetings to update us on the happenings in their faculty and beyond. Judy Kelly, College Principal also attends meetings during the year.

Meeting dates for 2013
All meetings are held in the staff common room, from 7pm, on the first Monday of the month (except where that falls in the school or public holidays)
Our next meeting is planned as a library open night on 6th May. More info closer to the date.

No April meeting (Easter Monday)
Monday May 6
Monday June 3
No July meeting
Monday August 5
Monday September 2
No October meeting
Monday November 4
Monday December 2

Trivia Night
The school’s trivia night will be held this year on Saturday 17th August. This is our biggest fundraising night of the year. Please mark it in your calendar. Also we need a new coordinator for the Trivia Night. There are plenty of people available to help but we need someone to bring it all together. If you think you could fill this role please contact the P&C ssclpc@gmail.com We will be able to offer you help and guidance and help put a subcommittee together.

P&C donations
As parents we are proud of the educational and personal development opportunities that Leichhardt provides and we wish to support the teachers and students by enhancing the learning environment. Many parents are keen to help the school but their other commitments make participating in fundraisers difficult.
Each year we run a P&C family donations appeal, which is a way that all parents can contribute to the benefits the P&C provides to the school and students.
A request will appear on the invoice sent by the school at the beginning of the school year. We urge you to make this payment, as it allows us as parents collectively to consider how we can best help fund various events, programs and equipment for students at the school.

P&C email list
We had a lot of positive feedback from parents who have enjoyed reading the minutes and being kept up to date with our activities even though they weren’t able to attend meetings. If you would like to receive the P&C minutes and information about upcoming P&C events, please email the P&C on ssclpc@gmail.com.

P&C pages on the school website
Another way to keep up to date with P&C activities is to view our pages on the school’s website. The minutes of P&C meetings are regularly uploaded, along with information about Lostock. www.leichhardt-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/parents-citizens
Lostock
Sydney Secondary College maintains a modest riverfront camp at Lostock, 60km north of Maitland in the Upper Hunter Valley. Set among working farms and rolling hills right on the banks of the Patterson River, it was once a one-teacher country school that has been converted to provide a rural education camp for groups of 30 or so, but is also set up as a comfortable weekender for College families, staff and general public when not in use by the College. The camp is looked after by an intercampus subcommittee of parents and volunteers on behalf of the SSC community.

For more information, visit the website at http://lostock-school-camp.wikispaces.com/
Please direct booking requests by email to Lostock-School@hotmail.com

HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?

Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – have you?

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student and $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don’t have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children’s education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions.

Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Money and envelopes to be presented to photographer on the day

MONDAY 11 MARCH

Photos will be taken during:

- Period 1 Year 9
- Period 2 Year 7
- Period 3 Year 10
- Period 4 Year 8
Dear Parent/Guardian

RE: Increase in Fine and Demerit Points around School Zones

Leichhardt Council is committed to working with local schools to ensure the safety of school children. As you may be aware, young children are at greater risk in the traffic environment because of their:-

- small size – which can make them hard to see in traffic
- difficulty in judging speed and distance
- peripheral vision - which is a third narrower than that of an adult
- unpredictable behaviour.

For more information regarding these matters, please visit: www.rta.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/children/schoolroadsafety

In recognition of the above factors, Council is keen to work with schools to address driver behaviour that places children at risk of injury. For example, double parking is illegal and especially hazardous around schools. Double parked cars block the line of vision for all other drivers, pedestrians and cyclists, force children onto the road, obstruct the flow of traffic and increase the chance of a crash or injury.

Fine and demerit point offences in school zones include:

- Double parking – $298 fine and 2 demerit points
- Stopping on or near a children’s crossing – $397 fine and 2 demerit points
- Approach children’s crossing too quickly to stop safely – $496 fine and 4 demerit points
- Disobey no parking sign – $165 fine and 2 demerit points
- Use a hand-held mobile phone while driving – $397 fine and 4 demerit points

School zone penalties apply to offences committed in school zones during posted school hours.

In an effort to ensure a safer environment for children, Council Parking Officers will be distributing pamphlets to parents and guardians dropping and picking up children from our local schools. The distribution of these materials will be supported by signage around schools, crossing facilities, and enforcement action by Council Rangers and Police to ensure compliance.

Council seeks your assistance in being alert to the relevant road rules and the need to comply with them around schools. For further information, please contact Alison Williams, Environmental and Health Education Officer via email: leichhardt@lmc.nsw.gov.au or phone 9367 9222.

Yours faithfully,

Paul Vogt
Manager, Compliance