Edmodo
At the most recent P&C meeting, many parents were interested in learning a little more about Edmodo, a social learning platform for students, teachers and parents. At the next P&C meeting in April, one of our librarians, Russell Darnley will show parents how it is used here at Leichhardt to support the learning and organisation of our students. In the meantime, please have a look at the video on the following page which explains a little about how it works:
http://www.edmodo.com/
Whilst many of the teachers here at Leichhardt do use Edmodo, (75% according to a recent survey), they do not all use Edmodo with all their classes, nor do they always issue parent codes (only 34% do). At one of our upcoming School Development Days at the start of next term, Edmodo will again be showcased in one of the Technology Bytes’ sessions. We are hoping that by assisting more staff to feel confident and able to use Edmodo, we can give greater access to this social learning platform to our students and parents. At the upcoming interim report sessions many teachers are planning to hand out parent codes for their class groups.

Laptop Allocation
The final rollout of the Digital Education Laptops has arrived. We have decided to roll them out in sets to various areas of the school as follows:

- English: 30
- HSIE: 30
- Science: 30
- Maths: 30
- Food Technology: 22
- Visual Arts: 24
- Support Unit: 13
- Norta Norta Program: 3

Our Digital Literacy working party will be looking to support a common approach to the use of these banks of laptops to improve access to technology for learning.

Harmony Day
At Sydney Secondary College, traditional celebrations of this event take place on Diversity Day at Blackwattle Campus. On Wednesday this week, our year 10 students undertook their first formal transition activity at the Blackwattle Bay Campus.
There were an array of activities for the students in the morning and a talent quest in the afternoon. I believe the Leichhardt entry in the Talent Quest came a very creditable second. Thank you to Erin M for her tweets from the event including the following photo: Candle Dipping at Diversity Day.

Melinda Bright

Congratulations to all SSC students who have been accepted into The Arts Unit in 2013. The following SSC students will be representing our school at the state level in music. This is an exceptional accomplishment for these musicians- well done!

Joel Agius
Aidan Bondfield
Ryan Bondfield
Rebekah Chew
Joshua Clark
Finn Crowle
Alice Heng
Erin McKenna
Jacob McKenna
Hayley Mitchell
Lucy Ponzio
Oscar Sweeney
Eoin Varley
Raylene Zhang
Aidan Woods-Thomson

Instrumental Music Program Report

Congratulations to all students who auditioned for the IMP in 2013. There are now over 200 students involved in the IMP and rehearsals are sounding great. Everyone is invited to our “One Concert” held at Balmain Campus on Wednesday 27 March at Balmain Campus, beginning at 7pm. This is a great opportunity to hear a piece from all seven ensembles in the IMP.

The Jazz Orchestra will also be performing at the sunset series concert “Classics in the Park” on Sunday 24 March at Callan Park at 4pm. This free concert will also feature the Metropolitan Chamber Orchestra and Leichhardt Espresso Chorus, all performing classic music. They would love to see some familiar faces in the audience.

The String Ensemble will make an appearance at the Kegworth FARE on Sunday 7th April at Kegworth Public School. They will be performing on stage at 1pm and would love your support.

Rochelle Bolitho- IMP Music Director

Our wonderful aboriginal students representing Leichhardt and their culture at Auburn Girls last Friday.

Jessie James, Minaji, Emma and James lead the parade of flags, and looked wonderful!
**WHAT’S ON**

**EXCURSIONS**
23-26.07.13
YR 10 PE/PASS

**COMPETITIONS**
21.05.13
EAA COMPUTER SKILLS

22.05.13
THE RIO TINTO BIG SCIENCE

05.06.13
INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCIENCE

25.07.13
THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHEMISTRY QUIZ

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**GENERAL USE OF ADRENALINE AUTOINJECTORS**

The Department of Education and Communities has recently announced that all government schools will receive a general use adrenaline autoinjector (an EpiPen) for their first aid kit. This does not replace the need for parents to continue to provide the school with an adrenaline autoinjector and ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis. Instead the general use adrenaline autoinjector is intended to be used if:

- An undiagnosed student has an anaphylactic reaction at school
- There is a misfire of the adrenaline autoinjector that has been prescribed for a student.

A student requires further adrenaline autoinjector to be administered after his or her own adrenaline autoinjector has been administered.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you would like further information in relation to this matter.

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**NSW PREMIER’S STUDENT VOLUNTEERING AWARDS**

For the last three years, our Year 9 and Year 10 students have participated in the NSW Premier’s Student Volunteering Awards. This program, developed by the NSW DET, allows students to explore issues of concern and make a difference.

Students may participate in school based activities such as: peer reading; assisting with sports carnivals and open nights; band performances; the Duke of Edinburgh program and fundraising for charities. Students may also involve themselves in activities in the wider community including: visits to local primary schools and nursing homes; working with church groups and local councils; coaching sport and YATZ (Youth at the Zoo).

By participating in volunteering activities, students have an opportunity to learn and demonstrate care, respect and responsibility. Volunteering enables students to participate and interact in their community in a positive and meaningful way and to develop skills and confidence in communication and teamwork.

Students are encouraged to complete a minimum of 20 hours of volunteering activity to be eligible to receive a Premier’s Certificate. This award is a useful inclusion in a young person’s resume. It has been wonderful to see so many of our students achieve Bronze, Silver, Gold and Diamond Awards for up to 80 hours of volunteering. Congratulations!

Roula Sfeir—Volunteering Co-ordinator
When Stan and Gus came they were lonely and sad. When they got to school everyone was excited to see them. Stan is the kitten that has spots and Gus is the one without spots. Gus and Stan are so cute and cuddly that everyone wanted to carry them and play with them. Some of the kids took pictures of them.

I love cats so much especially Stan and Gus. When Stan and Gus were lonely they didn’t have a family but luckily we found them. Cats can also pounce and can see in the dark but we all know that cats and humans will become great friends just like Stan and Gus.

Alex Ioannides-Lee Year 7

This morning we had Stan and Gus visit our class. They are very cute. Gus is small and Stan is small too. Gus and Stan are very funny and lovely. Gus is very clumsy. Stan and Gus are soft. Stan and Gus have blue eyes.

Lorenzo
De

Justin Pagura Year 7

This morning we had Stan and Gus visit our class. It was lovely that we had them in our classroom. Stan and Gus were playful, cuddly and cute. They were so small and I held Stan and Gus. It was so fun I wish we could see them again.

Stan and Gus

Recounts written by junior Support Class assisted by Ms Robinson

Last week we saw two little kittens called Stan & Gus. They were very cute and cuddly. We got to pat them and hold them. Then we let them walk around the floor. We took photos of them. They were abandoned on the school grounds by someone. The kittens were white & brown. We saw how they were handfed. If the kittens were not found they would be dead from starvation and thirst.

Soon the kittens will turn into cats. When they turn into cats they will be stronger.

By Harry Manos Year 7
This morning we had lady in the front office got Stan and Gus. They were playful and small, cute and lovely. Someone and cuddly. Now the kittens are 3-4 weeks old. I wish I could hold them again. About the school abandoned because they didn’t have a home or a mum cat. One student took two of the kittens. A

Gabrielle Trudgett Year 8

Simon Wynne Year 8
Leichhardt Council & Sydney College of the Arts present

Classics at
CALLAN PARK

Sydney College of the Arts,
Callan Park Rozelle

Sunday 24 March
4PM – 7PM

FREE EVENT

Featuring
The Metropolitan Orchestra (TMO)
performing
Vivaldi’s Four Seasons

4pm–4:40pm  Sydney Secondary College Jazz Orchestra

5pm–5:30pm  Leichhardt Espresso Chorus – Ristretto
performing excerpts from Messiah

5:45pm–7pm  The Metropolitan Orchestra (TMO)
performing Vivaldi’s Four Seasons

For all event details, times and transport information visit:
www.sunsetseries.com.au

This is a Leichhardt Council free event

Fundraising organisation:

THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

WASTEWISE EVENTS

Leichhardt Council presents

The Sunset Series
Like other 21st century libraries, ours is not merely a collection of books or a place where we provide reader education and foster an enjoyment of reading. Our library aims to be a centre of guided inquiry and learning where students are encouraged to ask questions and seek help where needed. It is a place for developing higher order thinking skills in problem solving, communication and collaboration. Both a physical place and a virtual space it is where we use technology based skills to foster engagement in digital information and guide students through the vast library-in-the-cloud.

Transforming our library into a comprehensive resource centre for digital information literacy is an ongoing process effectively supported by desk top computers, sets of laptops and iPads. Integral to this process in 2013 is the launch of our Virtual Library supported by SSC Leichhardt’s Library Blog. Another key initiative is the Year 7 digital literacy course. This takes our new students through the basics of web technology, effective searching and evaluation of websites, web etiquette and citizenship. It leads on to the increasingly important task of learning to manage digital identities.

With the development and launch of a QR Server, SSC Leichhardt library is now an Augmented Reality (AR) hotspot. QR codes are the gateway to new and creative opportunities for teaching and learning. This initiative permits the creation of a learning space in which students can engage in quizzes and quests, or present examples of their own work in the form of book reviews, art works, video or audio productions, through a secure library based Intranet service.

With the opening of The Cave, a new multi-purpose library space, we can provide an additional flexible teaching and learning environment. The cave is ideal for groups of various sizes.
SPORTS REPORT

by Sally Bury

Congratulations to all our swimmers who competed at the regional swimming carnival on Monday 11 March 2013. We had one swimmer Andrew Balcomb of year 7 who was successful in qualifying for the CHS swimming in three events. Well done Andrew and good luck.

Sport choices for Winter term 2 and 3 will be made in week 9. A list of options are up on the sports notice board at school and we have included a list. Grade sport teams are charged a bus hire fee an invoiced for this fee during the term.

Our U14 rugby league team played a knockout match against Kirrawee High last week and although competitive ran out of puff, after leading early in the match. Well done to all players and we look forward to the upcoming Robbie Farah 7 a side tournament coming up in week 10. This year a girls division is included and after strong interest we will be fielding 2 girls teams- yr7/8 and 9/10 girls team as well as our usual year7,8 and 9 boys teams.

Cross Country—the annual school country will be held in week 11-Wednesday 10 April. As per last year it will be a competitors only event. Students have to sign up to run on the day around the circuit we designed last year. This involves 2 laps of the oval and Pioneer Park. The top 10 runners from each age group will be selected to compete at the College cross country carnival week 1 Term 2 around Hawthorne Canal and the Bay. From the college carnival our zone team will be selected to compete at the zone cross country carnival.

School Athletics Carnival—this is our only whole school carnival and will be held at Homebush warm up arena on May 8-week 2 Term 2. More information will come towards the end of the term.
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### GRADE SPORT TERMS 2 & 3

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#### Years 8, 9 & 10 - Open and U15

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*STUDENTS WHO HAVE NOT PAID THEIR BUS FARE FOR GRADE SPORT IN TERM 1 WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PLAY GRADE SPORT IN TERM 2 & 3*
AND WE LEAVE YOU WITH SOME THOUGHTS FROM OUR YEAR 7 STUDENTS

“It’s been fun making new friends. I’ve met lots of nice people from different schools. I still have friends from my primary school but I have many more friends now.”

Abbey
Year 7, 2013

“My favourite thing about high school is that you get put in a new environment. It might be scary at first but it can be the most fun thing in your life.”

Kale
Year 7, 2013

“I love science because we get to do experiments & my teacher is nice.”

Sasi
Year 7, 2013

“I really like all the different classes & different teachers. Visual Art & Science are my favourite subjects. I’m also really excited to be in the wind orchestra!”

Zofia
Year 7, 2013

“My favourite subjects are Science, English, Music, Sport & Languages.”

Paingthor
Year 7, 2013