New School Leaders and Camp
It is with great pleasure that we announce our new school leaders for 2014. Our captains for 2014 are Chiara Lam and Shelton Wong whilst our vice captains are Cherish Tay and Jessie-James Caldwell. The other members of the leadership team are:

Arts Prefect: Nelson Morgan-August
Sport Prefect: Matthew Soeleiman
Social Justice Prefect: Maya Bird
Leichhardt Way Prefect: Taymane Philalack

Year 10 SRC Representatives: Harry Browell
Darcy Minton-Sparke
Saddha Fernando
Emily Benjamin

I personally look forward to working with these superb young leaders and would like to congratulate them. The year 9 Leadership Camp will take place this coming week. You may recall it was postponed due to the bushfires in the mountains. I thank all the staff members who are attending to assist our students build and refine their leadership skills. I would especially like to thank Ms Amanda Wolfe, our Relieving Head Teacher Welfare, for her organisation of the camp and all her wonderful work over the term. Ms Wolfe will be returning to Balmain Campus next year and we wish her well.

BYOD
There was some great discussion at last week’s P & C meeting about our new BYOD environment. Some of the major concerns raised were fears about equity and possible theft or damage to devices. These are important discussions to have and we value your feedback in addition to the joint problem solving approach at these meetings. We will do our best to address the equity issue at school by ensuring devices are available to any student who does not have their own. We encourage all students to use their locker as safe storage during the day when they are not using their device. Once again parents and carers are reminded that information on BYOD is available on the school website under the Our School tab.

Welcome to Mrs Ilhea Yen & Farewell Mr Thao Nguyen
I would like to announce the appointment of Mrs Ilhea Yen as Head Teacher Mathematics at Leichhardt Campus. We warmly welcome Ilhea and look forward to her joining us at the commencement of 2014. Mr Thao Nguyen has been relieving Head Teacher Mathematics for much of this year and we thank him for his leadership and hard work.

Thao will be leaving us to take up a classroom teacher position at our senior campus, Blackwattle Bay, in 2014. Thao has also been the leader of our Duke of Edinburgh program and organised the brilliant mid-year excursion to Vietnam. He will be missed by all of us and we wish him well at his new campus.

Recognition Ceremony
On Monday December 16 our Annual Recognition Assembly for high achievers will be held in the school hall at 9am. For some of our year 10 students it will be the last time their efforts are acknowledged at Leichhardt Campus. We will officially devote time to saying farewell to year 10 at the school assembly the week before on Thursday December 12.

Good luck to year 10
I would like to wish all our year 10 students well as the time approaches for them to leave us and transition to Blackwattle Bay Campus. On the whole I have found the students in this year to be a delightful bunch and I will miss seeing their faces around the school. We have had the good fortune to have some wonderful leaders, creative performers, thoughtful volunteers, adventurous walkers, outstanding sportsmen and women, humanitarians and all round nice people in this year.
Thank You and Farewell
The following staff will not be returning next year in a full time temporary or permanent capacity and we would like to wish them well:

Emma Brown (HSIE)
Russell Darnley (HSIE, Librarian, Computer Co-ordinator)
Cassie Dyson (TAS)
Carolyn Edwards - retiring (Counsellor)
James Lu - returning to Balmain Campus (TAS)
Glenn McClymont (Counsellor)
Carolyn Pye - retiring (Librarian)
Gabby Sentelecky who is going to Blackwattle Bay Campus (English)
Luke Simmons (PDHPE)

Each of these members of staff have been an integral part of the Leichhardt family and will be missed.

Moonlight for the Mountains
The fundraiser for the bushfire victims is on tonight at 7.30pm on the oval. We hope to see you all there.

I wish you all a happy and safe holiday period.

Melinda Bright

On Wednesday, 11 December, all Year 10 students will be able to view and download their personal eRecord via Students Online. The eRecord will show their grades and, if they sat the Literacy and Numeracy tests, their test results.

I will be sending all Year 10 students an email advising them of this process and I seek your support in encouraging your Year 10 students to activate their Students Online account.

Students Online provides students with regular and up-to-date information on their senior secondary study. As the current Year 10 cohort progresses through Years 11 and 12, it is important that they regularly engage with Students Online, and keep their email address updated.

For your reference a copy of the email being sent to Year 10 students is attached below. Please forward this to staff members who may be assisting Year 10 students as they access their Students Online account.

Schools can access their Year 10 student result reports on Wednesday, 11 December from Schools Online > Downloads > My Reports. They can be downloaded from the Year 10 eRecords School Package at School Online >Downloads > My Reports > Principals Results should you wish to print and distribute results to your students.

Thank you for your support.

Carol Taylor—Chief Executive

NSW PREMIER'S STUDENT VOLUNTEERING AWARDS 2013 LEICHHARDT CAMPUS SYDNEY SECONDARY COLLEGE

Our Year 9 and Year 10 students have once again successfully participated in the NSW Premier’s Student Volunteering Awards this year. This program, developed by the NSW Department of Education & Communities, allows students to explore issues of concern and make a difference.

Students have participated 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. They have also been involved in activities in the wider community including: visits to local primary schools and nursing homes; working with church groups and local councils and coaching sport.

By participating in volunteering activities, students have the 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 must complete a minimum of 20 hours of volunteering to be eligible for the Premier’s Certificate. This award is a useful inclusion in any young person’s resume. Congratulations to all our students who have achieved Bronze, Silver, Gold, Diamond and Black Opal Awards for up to 150 hours of volunteering. Special mention must be made of a number of our Year 10 students who have dedicated an extraordinary amount of time to volunteering this year. They are Erin McKenna, Amanda Vlahos and Lorrie Jacob who have been awarded the Black Opal award for 150 hours of service and Raylene Zhang who has achieved a diamond award for 80 hours of service. I hope that their outstanding effort is an inspiration to many more of our students to become volunteers.

I encourage our current Year 8 students to become involved in this program next year.

Roula Sfeir Volunteering Co-ordinator
Thank you to the Balmain/Rozelle branch of the Bendigo Bank for their sponsorship of the year 10 driver awareness program, RYDA

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I have been living in the Leichhardt area for quite a short time, but I am a casual Norton Plaza shopper. As I am in my late 50’s I have a difficulty in carrying my heavy shopping. On Wednesday, I had just left the plaza and I started struggling with my shopping bags on the way to my car and one of my bags fell onto the ground. Then I saw a young girl running down to me, she politely offered to carry my bags to my car, she also helped me get into my car. The kindness meant a lot to me and I really wanted the school to know how wonderfully their students behave. So I asked the girl what school she goes to, what her name and what year she is in. She replied that, she goes to school at Leichhardt, Her name is Angela and she’s in year 8. I am so proud that students at Leichhardt have been taught the way they are.

Thank You, Jean.
SPORTS REPORT

As the year comes to a close students have been competing in grade sport finals. We had 9 teams compete in grade sport finals and of those 4 were successful in winning their respective competitions. Congratulations to the U14 boys cricket team Ms Jones coach, U14 girls softball-Ms Dyson, U14 girls basketball -Ms Haidar, U14 boys OzTag-Ms Alonso. Well done to all students in all grade teams who played their sport in true spirit and displayed fine sportsmanship every week.

2014 sports have been posted on the sports noticeboard and most students have selected 3 preferences for Term 1 and 4 2014. A list of sports is attached. Please note the costs associated with all sports. If your child plays grade sport the cost of bussing students to and from sport is added to each student’s school fees(invoicing occurs during the term). Students in Open and U15 grade sport are invoiced towards the end of each term once bus travel times are calculated according to the home and away nature of Open and U15 grade sport. Students in U14 grade sport are charged a term fee as they play sport at the same venue each week and are bussed every week to and from sport.

Your help and prompt paying of term fees is greatly appreciated and enables us to continue to enter all our teams.

Congratulations to Keiko Grantham of year 7 who has been selected in the Sydney East Region girls cricket team to play at the CHS girls cricket championships in 2014. An outstanding achievement for a year 7 student to be selected in an Open age team-well done.

May I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and enjoy the smorgasbord of sport over the summer-tennis, cricket, golf, soccer.

Sally Bury—Sports Co-ordinator
News from the P&C

Hi All
Don’t forget our ongoing Tramsheds campaign. Sign the petition and send it to your friends on line


Cheers,
Nick Potter – President P&C

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.

Meeting dates for 2014
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)

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 subcommitteee 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

SCHOOL
RESUMES

YEARS 7 & 10
29 01.14
Wishing everyone the best for the festive season and a happy and safe new year

YEARS 8 & 9
30.01.14
28 November 2013

Dear Parent/Guardian

RE: Child Safety in 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) and their unpredictable behaviour.

In recognition of the above factors, Council is keen to work with schools to address driver behaviour that places children at risk of injury. Our work with the community aims to reduce the hazardous practice of illegal parking around schools.

Some of the problems illegally parked cars cause, include:

- blocking the line of vision for all other drivers, pedestrians and cyclists
- force children onto the road
- obstruct the flow of traffic
- increase the chance of a crash or injury.

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

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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 local schools. The distribution of these materials will be supported by signage around schools, crossing facilities, and enforcement action by Council Officers and the Police.

Council seeks your assistance in being alert to the relevant road rules and the need to comply with them around schools.

For further information on children and road safety please visit: http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/children/index.html or contact Alison Williams, Environmental and Public Health Education Officer via email: leichhardt@lmc.nsw.gov.au or phone 9367 9222.

Yours faithfully,

Ryan Cole
Manager, Compliance and Enforcement