PRINCIPAL’S REPORT - James McMaster

Welcome back to term 3. I trust everyone had a restful holiday break. Apparently Ms Bright did not have a long enough break so she has taken some more leave. She has sent a photograph of her foot resting on a sunny beach in Broome WA. Ms Bright will return to school on Monday 4 August.

LEICHHARDT TV
Leichhardt TV is a recent addition to the life of the school. A small group of enthusiastic students assisted by Mr Andy Calvert are writing, filming, editing and presenting life at Leichhardt Campus in a fun and informative way. There presentations appear regularly at our assemblies. We are looking to expand our Leichhardt TV crew. Interested students should see Mr Calvert.

SCHOOL LIFE
As ever Leichhardt is a very busy hive of activity. In the two weeks since the long forgotten holidays we have had a very full assembly, the highlight being the relieving Principal’s story about eels, years 8 and 10 parent teacher interviews, semester one performance night, the four day year 10 ski camp and the wonderful year 9 conference. None of this is possible without a dedicated and hard working staff. Thank you to the many staff who have given their time to make these wonderful opportunities possible for our great students. Thank you to the students who have participated.

REPORTS
Semester 1 reports have been handed out at Parent Teacher evenings or to students to take home. If you did not receive your child’s report contact the year advisor for a copy.

Our year advisors are:
Year 7 Mr Lawrence Furlong
Year 8 Mr James McCue
Year 9 Ms Alex Beorma
Year 10 Mr Brendon Bearman

POLICE MESSAGE
The local police traffic manager has contacted the school to tell us that from next week and ongoing for the term police will be targeting traffic infringements around the school. Please be aware of 40 Kph zones, parking restrictions etc. In part his email read:

"I have been given specific instructions from my supervisors that I am to conduct a 'blitz' on all traffic related offences in and around your school anytime from week three of term 3 onwards. I do not wish to simply turn up and issue tickets out to the offending drivers (Most likely parents), but would rather notify people of the upcoming 'blitz' so that they have the opportunity to correct their driving behaviour."

Don’t forget to pick up the latest edition of “Roar” our gifted writer magazine. Or check it out on their blog at http://giftedwriters.edublogs.org

James McMaster—Relieving Principal
YEAR 9 SUBJECT SELECTION FOR 2015

The school will hold its Subject Selection evening for all Year 8 students on Monday 28 July at 6.30pm in the School Hall.

This is an important evening as it provides the opportunity to receive needed information about:

- Elective choice subjects on offer
- The Record of School Achievement and the requirements for its award

Head Teachers will be available to discuss, with students and parents, information about the various subjects on offer.

All Year 8 students and at least one parent/guardian need to attend.

ELECTIVE SUBJECTS ON OFFER FOR YEAR 9 STUDENTS 2015

Accord
Aboriginal Studies
Child Studies
Chinese
Commerce
Drama
Food Technology
French
Graphics Technology
History (Elective)
Industrial Technology - Engineering
Industrial Technology – Metal (Jewelry)
Industrial Technology – Timber
Information and Software Technology
Italian
International Studies
Music
Photographic and Digital Media
Physical Activity and Sports Studies
Textiles Technology
Visual Arts

MATHS CORNER - by Mrs Yen

Pi-Rate Time:
Pi-Rate time is a Maths peer-tutoring time at SSCL and it will be on every Wednesday lunch time at 1B.31 (Mrs Yen’s classroom) from week 5 this term.

The session will be supervised by Maths teachers and Year 10 students who will be volunteering their time to help students from Years 7 to 10.

So please come along with your lunch and Maths questions!

Electronic textbook:
If you would like to get the PDF of your Maths textbook (Years 7 and 9 only), now you can from week 5 this term!

If you bring your USB with your name on it and ask your Maths teacher during recess and lunch time, we can download your textbook onto your USB. Please don’t forget to collect your USB.

Girls Do The Maths workshop at UNSW:
This workshop has been run by the University of NSW for Years 11 and 12 female students for a long time but Mrs Yen thought it would be a great learning opportunity for our Year 10 female students to participate in the workshop. With the invitation from the university, during last term, 8 of our talented Year 10 girls from SSCL participated in the workshop.

The students enjoyed interacting with students from other schools even though they were Years 11 and 12. The workshop was filled with interesting female guest speakers who were all highly successful professionals who used their maths talents and interests in various significant areas.

The students’ favourite part was the tour of the university which was very helpful as it was very different to high schools. Overall, the students enjoyed the workshop and we all agreed that it would be a useful experience for Year 10 students to participate in the workshop in the future.

General reminder to all Year 7 & 9 students who have borrowed a brand new maths textbook this year.

Please take care of your Maths textbook as if they are lost a $50 replacement fee will be charged and $25 for damaged books to enable the school to purchase a replacement at a retail price of $53.

Students are required to be responsible for the textbook at all times and they are not to be left in the classroom.

Thank you, Mrs Yen—Head Teacher, Maths
Semester two is a very very busy time for the Drama faculty, but it is also a very very exciting time!

This week we hosted the Semester One Performance Night to Showcase some of the amazing talent that we have in our classes. The evening displayed 16 Acts in total; two dance ensembles, two music elective performances, three year 9 drama elective performances and nine year 10 drama elective group performances.

Traditionally this showcase has been a part of the year 10 drama elective assessment program and this year was no different. Year 10 drama elective completed a Playbuilding unit in term 2 where they had to work collaboratively to create a polished and engaging performance built up from a stimulus they were given. Technically speaking, this was a challenging task where they needed to have a clear concept, smooth and creative transitions and engaging characters, to name a few things... Their final performance assessment happened on the stage in front of a real audience. An audience that were so supportive and uplifting that, as a teacher, I saw the students transform into true confident performers.

This week Year 10 did a fantastic job showing the school community just how talented and hard-working they truly are. However, although the evening was filled predominately with year 10 students, I cannot overlook the fabulous performances from the beautiful year 8 lyrical dance ensemble, the edgy Hip Troupe; choreographed by Taymane Philalack, the engaging musical sounds of the music elective students and the strong performances of the year 9 drama students.

I would also like to extend a special thanks to the following students who were crucial in allowing the evening to run smoothly; Taidhg Ryan, Ari Kwasner-Catsi, Matthew Soleiman, Marcel Mellor-Hutchings and Felix Faber. Also thank you to Ms Ward for helping with the organisation.

Don’t forget to keep your eye out for details on the School Play happening at the end of this term and the semester two performance night happening in term 4.

A very proud Drama Coordinator—Mrs Boerma

**MUSICIANS AWARDED SILVER AT THE 2014 NSW BAND FESTIVAL**

Students from the college Instrumental Music Program received three silver awards and one bronze award at this year’s NSW Band Festival, held at UNSW. Students worked hard to achieve these results and had a great day both performing and listening to fellow musicians from other schools. Additionally, our hard working musicians from Training Band also were awarded the band development grant: professional workshop for their stellar performance. This will take place later in the term and involves a guest music educator to provide a one hour clinic, working directly with the band.

**Results, NSW Band Festival 2014**

Wind Orchestra (Conductor John Benson) Silver Award

Wind Ensemble (Conductor Simon Sweeney) Silver Award

Concert Band (Conductor Carlo Antonioli) Silver Award

Training Band (Conductor Glad Reed) Bronze Award and Band Development Grant

Congratulations to all the bands, students and their conductors. Stay tuned for the results of divisions featuring Jazz Orchestra (24 August), String Ensemble and Symphony Orchestra (2 November)
The trivia night is fast approaching and we need your help.

Do you have a weekender or holiday house you could donate for a weekend?

Are you able to donate goods or services to be used in the live or silent auctions or for other prizes?

Are you able to help out on the night?

Don't forget to book your table or contact us if you would like to come but don't have enough for a table.

Donations can be left at the school office or contact Cath for alternative arrangements.

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