Principal’s Report

Years 7, 8 and 9 and the Recognition Assembly 2015

It was a great pleasure to sit on stage in our hall this morning to see our high achieving students in years 7 to 9 receive their recognition certificates and trophies. I would also like to acknowledge all the parents, carers, friends and/or family members who attended to support their child. It was an exceptionally well organised event for which we owe thanks to Ms Voula Georgelos and her team.

Whilst not all students in these years had their name read out I would like to commend ALL students in these years. Collectively you have had a great year. Whether you recognise it or not, you have grown and matured. You have learned things you did not know this time last year. You have made new friends and discovered new interests and talents. Maybe you just enjoyed coming to school every day to see your friends. Each of these are significant reasons to say well done to you. I believe it has been a successful year and I thank all our students and their families for the contribution you make to life here at Leichhardt Campus.

Year 10 Recognition Assembly

Tomorrow night we recognise the achievements of students in year 10 and also celebrate the last four years. Students in year 10 will also receive their reports for 2015. The event will be held in the school hall and commence at 6pm. All parents, carers and family members of year 10 students are invited to attend. All students in year 10 should also attend. We look forward to wishing you well and saying farewell.

Best Wishes for a safe and happy holiday to all!

From the staff here at Leichhardt Campus I would like to wish all our families a safe and happy holiday period. May the sun shine, the sea sparkle, the sleeps-ins follow one behind the other and the next 5 weeks go as slowly as possible! We look forward to seeing you all again in in 2016 refreshed and ready to rock and roll.

Melinda Bright
OUR CLOTHING POOL
WOULD LOVE TO HAVE ANY
PRE-LOVED
LEICHHARDT CAMPUS
UNIFORMS THAT ARE NO
LONGER REQUIRED
Please hand in to school office
Thank you

SCHOOL
RESUMES
YEARS 7 & 10
28.01.16
&
YEARS 8 & 9
29.01.16
Wishing everyone the best for
the festive season and a
happy and safe new year

Orientation Day
Year 7 2016 students
HSIE NEWS

Historical fun fact: The Eisenhower road interstate system requires that one-mile in every five must be straight. These straight sections are usable as airstrips in times of war or other emergencies.

Good day comrades

Welcome to the last edition of the world of HSIE for the year. Classes have almost finished up with most of the subjects starting to wind down from the hectic exam and test schedule. On behalf of the HSIE department, I would like to take the opportunity to say congratulations to all years on a fantastic year, but in particular to the year 10s who are leaving us for the last time. You guys are an awesome year group and a lot of fun to get to know and teach. Good luck with your future endeavours!

To years 7, 8 and 9, have a wonderful holiday full of relaxing and fun. Use this time to completely recharge and ready yourself for a jam-packed year of engaging content and new classes. Be safe and enjoy yourselves.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The HSIE team

History quote of the week: “Christmas is a day of meaning and traditions, a special day spent in the warm circle of family and friends.”
Margaret Thatcher
GOOD-BYE from MR KING

LAST message

At the moment I have one week left of my career as a maths teacher. I started teaching when I was thirty one. When I was twenty eight I began my teaching degree after becoming disillusioned with working in distribution. I started out applying to do a straight maths degree at London University, when a friend showed me an ad inviting prospective maths students to consider a teaching degree, with a guaranteed job at the end. So I did my Bachelor of Education at North London Polytechnic, which was about two kilometres away and with free parking.

I loved the maths classes. I hadn't done any maths for ten years, since I was at school, so I had a bit of revision to do to get me up to speed. But within one term everything I had learned at school, for the first time, now made sense. Like most high school mathematics students I stumbled through the syllabus, learning skills and techniques, but now I began to get the overall picture of how the various components fitted together. This was a liberating and satisfying experience.

Throughout my teaching career, spanning thirty six years, I have tried to infect as many students as possible with a love of mathematics - or, at least, a simple appreciation of the benefits possible through understanding of the subject.

I sometimes wonder, if I was starting out now, if I would choose teaching over some other career involving maths, as there are many, many more opportunities now. I would encourage every student to try to gain as much out of their school days as possible, building up a bank of knowledge and skills for the future.

Occasionally, usually when we're doing algebra in class, a student will ask, "When will I ever use this in real life?" Hearing this makes me question whether there really is a supreme being, because my first reaction is, 'God save me from such a stupid question.' A better question in such circumstance is, "How can I find an opportunity to use these skills?" In all the jobs I have had outside of teaching, I have used some maths to good effect.

I have been here at Leichhardt for eleven enjoyable years. There have been many changes in the school staff, but the dedication of the teachers and ancillary staff has always been terrific. I have met so many fabulous students and supportive parents. There's a lot I will miss, but I'm so excited about retiring and looking forward to my next adventure in life. My best wishes to everyone connected with Leichhardt.

Rob King
Hello All,

Well here it is the end of another school year. Last week I spoke at the 2016 Year 7 Orientation Day. There’s another great group of kids and parents on the way and we hope we’ll see a lot of them at P&C in 2016.

At our last meeting for the year we had a presentation from the HSIE department with an exciting new idea we are keen to fund for 2016. Thanks to Mr Higgins, Mr Adcock and Mr Patterson for putting together the PowerPoint presentation. Stay tuned for more details in 2016.

It’s been a busy and enjoyable year for the P&C. We’ve funded many different projects big and small. It’s been great to have so many committed teachers come to our meetings and putting proposals for things they’d like to improve. From lighting in the hall, TAS room improvements, helping to buy a piano for the school to a new set of AFL jerseys for the college team.

As the year finishes I’d like to thank my hard working executive VP Siranda Torvaldsen, Secretary Lyndell Webster, Treasurers Rachel Wang and Jason Zhu and Lostock Coordinator Belinda Fraser. Their support and hard work is greatly appreciated. Thanks also to Cath Sefton and Adrienne Comer who organised our fantastic Trivia Night and all the people who came along and attended the meetings, offered advice or help and contributed.

And of course thanks to Ms Bright, Ms Kelly and the staff of SSC Leichhardt who have been so supportive of the P&C all year. Their dedication to our school and kids is outstanding and we are very grateful.

Don’t forget to consider Lostock for a tree-change holiday over the Summer. There’s water in the creek and plenty up there to do at this time of year. Details below.

Our first meeting of 2016 will be the Year 7 Welcome. This is scheduled for Monday 8th February 2016. It’s a chance for parents to meet other parents and some of the senior staff. Our first meeting of the year is held afterwards in the staff room.

Cheers,
Nick Potter – President P&C

P&C email list

We have tried to capture everyone’s details on our P&C mailing list. We use this list to distribute P&C minutes and important information to parents. If you don’t receive emails from us and you think you may not be on the list drop us an email at ssclpc@gmail.com and we will update your details. This year’s new year 7 is the biggest yet so we may be a bit slow getting all your details in.

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
Farewell from Year 10

35 years ago a young, nervous Mr King began the great quest that was teaching maths. I’m sure he didn’t think he’d end up here, at the holy grail of schools, Leichhardt. For all the 11 years you’ve been a knight of the round table of this school you have inspired the minds and futures of many a student. Mr King has been a key part of the community of Leichhardt, those that had him as a teacher will remember not only the strong passion he had for maths and teaching, but also the dedication to each and every student who he taught. He brought an energy (and an accent!) to the classroom that lit up the room each and every day. We never wanted to find the value of x more than when we were in Mr King’s classroom. Those of us who didn’t have the opportunity to have him as a teacher will still remember the hellos in the hallways, and his luscious locks.

Mr King, thank you for everything. The Man. The Maths. The Legend.

MATHEMATICS COMES ALIVE! - by Greg Wozniak

During Term 3 of this year, all Year 7 students studied the topic of Area and Volume in their mathematics classes. As part of their unit of work, the class of 7L undertook a mini project of physically measuring and then pricing up, via the internet, chain-wire fencing around the school’s basketball courts that was in dire need of repair.

As a consequence of these mathematical mini projects by 7L, and the generous financial contribution from the school’s P&C body, the school finally completed the installation of new fencing around the basketball courts last week.

Thanks to the efforts of the students of 7L and the kind support of the school’s P&C, it can truly acknowledged that mathematics demonstrably came to life at Leichhardt in 2015.
# ST GEORGE DISTRICT- ALL SCHOOLS, SGFA CLUBS & COMMUNITY

## SPECIAL NEEDS FOOTBALL (Soccer) SURVEY FOR CONTINUATION IN 2016

In acknowledgement to the passing in 2014 of Carss Park FC President and St George FC Director – Darryl Hancock, a Special Needs Football Fund was established to realise his vision to establish a St George Club/Organisation for interested players aged 5-adult years with Special Needs, similar in concept to The Sutherland Titans set up in 2006 for a similar purpose. This organisation/club, The St George Warriors now caters for boys and girls, youth/young adults with developmental disabilities and plays together in a modified team environment.

Darryl was a much loved, respected Sports Administrator, Special Education Teacher DET, Program Director, Club President and community member. See background media story link below, including attached media debut & end of season articles. If you would like to be involved as a volunteer, please also email your interest. Please see the fantastic media reports attached or visit www.carssparkfootballclub.com.au


We are seeking both the needs and interest level of families, potential players across SGFA Football Clubs, DET, Catholic & SSP schools etc. for this fantastic initiative. If you are interested in hearing more, or have a child/family member/friend who may like to be part of this fantastic team concept in its second year, please complete/email the following short interactive survey OR return by: **Dec 11th 2015** or asap to: specialneedsfootball@carssparkfootballclub.com.au

Enq: Penny 0425 296 917, Michelle 0424 139 140

Fortnightly training/social interaction to recommence from Friday Nov 27 at Parkside Drive Carss Park, likely to then be **Friday Dec 11 & Friday Dec 18** 6pm arrival for a 6:15pm start-7pm (rec. Jan/early Feb 2016)

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## 2016 School Bell Times

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