Principal’s Report

**Parent/Teacher Interviews**

Parent Teacher interview evenings will be held in the next couple of weeks. Year 7 is the first evening, scheduled on Wednesday 3 June 2015 in the school hall and drama room. Year 8 interviews will be held on 23 June.

Leichhardt Campus uses Edval interview scheduler, an online booking service for parent teacher interviews. On Tuesday 19 May students were issued with an individual letter containing a unique booking code. Please log into [www.edval.com.au/book](http://www.edval.com.au/book) & enter your unique code to request interview times. The system has been opened from Tuesday 19 May and will close at 3.00pm Tuesday 2 June.

You are then required to log in again after 4.00 pm on 2 June, with the same code, to check your allocated interview schedule. You may make adjustments at this time if alternate times are available. The system will be closed and no further adjustments or bookings permitted after 12.00 pm on Wednesday 3 June.

**IMP Camp**

Over 190 students from all 3 campuses attended the IMP camp at Stanwell Tops. The camp finished with a concert on Wednesday 27 May evening with performances by the Jazz Orchestra, String Ensemble, Wind Ensemble, Flute Choir, Percussion Posse, Single Reed Bendits, Jazz Ensemble, Year 7 Band, Training Band, Concert Band, Wind Orchestra and Symphony Orchestra.

Thanks to all the students, teachers (Barry Adamson & Marimar Salerno) and conductors, Simon Sweeney, Mark Stevens, Kinzey Alexander, Cameron Barnett, Gladd Reed and Carlo Antonioli for their hard work.

David Allen, Relieving Principal
EAST TIMOR

Leichhardt Campus is thrilled to be participating in the college trip to East Timor these July school holidays! Three very lucky year 10 students (Josh R, Anneliese H. and Quinton R.) will be joining six year 11 students from Black Wattle Bay in visiting our sister school ‘Malibaca High’ in Maliana, East Timor. The group will spend 10 days exploring the local area, culture and customs whilst helping teach English.

Two weeks ago the Social Justice Committee and SRC held a bake sale to fundraise for our sister school Malibaca High. The money will be used to buy much loved sports equipment for the students as well as helping the school in building and acquiring resources. Thank you to the LSSC community (both bakers and consumers) for their very generous support and donations, as we raised over $500 from the bake sale. We look forward to your continued support during our next fundraising opportunity!

Ms Sophia Gois

3D Printing at Leichhardt Campus

This year has seen a threefold increase in our 3D Printing capacity. We purchased a Robox 3D Printer last year, but were experiencing problems with reliability, which has now been corrected. This year we also secured two more 3D Printers, both FlashForge Dreamers. One is living in the manufacturing centre in the refurnished Technology spaces whilst the other will be given a home in the iCentre. The iCentre printer will allow students to pay to print, a small fee, and produce a range of items that they create themselves.

College Art Show

2015

College Art Show coming soon
Opening Night
Wednesday 28 July at the
Muse Gallery, Ultimo TAFE
Our Drama faculty have been in full swing this term with so much happening both in and out of the classroom. Year 7 has been having fun learning about and developing their skills in mime, Year 9 are having their first experience of play-building, whilst Year 10 have been learning about Political Theatre and the practitioners Brecht and Boal.

2015 DRAMA Production
Ms Ward started the term with a fantastic full cast rehearsal for this year’s play Peter/Wendy that really set the tone for what is going to be an amazing performance by our many talented students. Rehearsals have been taking place on Thursdays and the schedule is published on the Edmodo group.

Theatresports School Challenge Heats
Last Monday our Intermediate Team competed in the heats for the Theatresports School Challenge at Balmain Campus. Although we had to come face to face with our Balmain counterparts we kept our game face one and improvised the heck out of all the scenes given to us. Worthy of a particular mention was our final scene ‘Playbook’ where the team demonstrated their amazing ability to work as a team, create on the spot and perform with over the top theatrics. Overall we placed 2nd and have been invited to the semi-finals next Friday. Let the improvisation training montage begin!

Intermediate Team: Ari, Callan, Tobias & Felix

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**Schools Challenge Semi-Final**

Come and support our Intermediate Team: Ari Kwasner-Catsi, Callan Smith, Tobias Poutsma, Felix Faber and Taidhg Ryan!

- **Date:** Friday 5 June
- **Time:** 7pm - 9pm (approx)
- **Place:** Monte Sant' Angelo Mercy College
  128 Miller St, North Sydney NSW 2060
- **Cost:** Adult $10, Child $5
Welcome to another fortnightly report on the comings and goings within the world of HSIE. This edition will cover multiple events and learning programs, showing a busy and interesting last couple of weeks in the HSIE department. Several of our classes have finished interesting topics, with Year 10 Commerce finishing an exciting and engaging subject of E-commerce, where the students looked at the recent boom of online shopping and electronic retail. In year 10 International studies, the students are critically looking at gender issues in the world, using Saudi Arabia as a case study to access the information. In Year 10 elective history, the students have started to critically analyze the movie ‘Gladiator’ looking for historical accuracies and inaccuracies, a major skill in a historian’s arsenal.

Around this time, many assessment tasks have gone out to the students, testing their ability to synthesize information and practice report writing and geography skills. Year 9 has a Geography skills test coming up at the end of week 8, while Year 8 geography also have a semester skills test coming up in Week 8. Year 9 have just handed in their Australian communities’ report where they were asked to find a community of people in one suburb and study their identity and sense of culture. Finally, year 10 is in the process of completing their 2nd geography assessment task (a digital presentation on coastal management) which looks to be a fascinating and engaging insight into issues facing the Australian coastline. The assessments handed in so far from all levels have revealed many of the student’s growth and potential within the HSIE subject.

Year 10 Les Gordon History Debating Competition: A big congratulations to Jessica, Kristine, Richard and Alice for their outstanding work at the History Debating competition on Monday. They represented the school and the HSIE department fantastically at this debate and narrowly lost a nail biter on the subject ‘that we have made the world a better place’.

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**Upcoming Assessments/Events**

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**Historical quote of the week:** “The charm of history and its enigmatic lesson consist in the fact that, from age to age, nothing changes and yet everything is completely different” - Aldous Huxley
ART ABILITY

An exhibition of artworks by Sydney Secondary College Leichhardt Campus Support Unit Students (featuring works by both current and former students)

When: Friday 26 June 2015 until Sunday 28 June 2015
Where: The Balmain Watch House, 179 Darling Street, Balmain NSW 2041
Opening Night: Friday 26 June 2015 (last day of term 2) at 6.00pm
Guest Speaker: Ms Judy Kelly, Sydney Secondary College Principal
Refreshments: A light supper will be available
RSVP: School office on 9560 2355 by Wednesday 10 June 2015
We are half way through term two and it seems as though we are all so busy that time is just flying by! The Welfare Team have also been buzzing along with lots to do and show for the term so far.

**Mentoring**

**Linked In:** our mentoring program for year 8 and 9 girls that runs with Balmain Campus through Leichhardt Council has been off to a great start. Week one saw the participants learn how to make Stirfry and The Essential Ingredient, week 2 our students tried their hand at pizza making and came away with a goodie bag and some pizza to eat. Week 3 saw a change of pace as the girls participated in a meditation workshop, whilst weeks 4 and 5 the students were engaged in a film making workshop that saw them explore the Italian forum and create their own film. All the participants have been learning new skills, meeting interesting and inspiring members of the community and making new friendships.

**Project Boys:** our program for male students in year 7 and 8 has been off to a flying start with Tim Paterson, Boys Advisor, leading the charge. This term’s group of 5 students are learning about the Leichhardt Way whilst creating our White Ribbon Garden. They have done their research, planned, weeded and have mixed in the manure. Their next step will be putting the plants in the ground. A huge thankyou to our local Annandale Garden Centre for helping us out with the plants, soil and delivery.

**RAISE Youth Mentoring:** An external program that has provided 11 mentors for 11 students in years 8 and 9, has been running since the start of term and has become a great space for the students, and mentors, involved. This great program has seen the students get to know the group and their mentors and have been learning what they can get out of such a program. They are about to begin working on some school projects to assist with the Annual Drama production and I am certain they will continue to get a lot of this time.

**#LSSCforshe Girls Committee:** This group of inspiring and motivated students under the charge of Rachael Alonso, Girls Advisor, have been working hard on the positive body image campaign which we are hoping to launch this term. They have also been exploring workshops for year meetings, fundraising, camps and so many other possibilities.

_Ms Alexandra Boerma_

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**SPORTS REPORT**

_Sally Bury_

**Sports Coordinator**

**Zone Cross Country**

We had a lovely day at Sydney Park on Monday 18 May 2015 for the Bligh Zone cross country carnival. Twenty of our students finished in the top 12 and thus qualified for the Sydney East carnival at Miranda Park on Thursday 11 June.

Special congratulations to the following who were first in their age:

- Hannah Baker 12 girls
- Jessica Walker 15 girl
- Daniel Cavanagh 16 boys

**Swimming**

Congratulations to Andy Balcomb Yr 9 who has qualified for the Pan Pacific games in the 400m freestyle. We may have our own “Thorpie” amongst us.

**College Athletics carnival**

Again another great day of competition for our athletes out at Homebush on Wednesday 20 May. Some fierce competition as students competed for the two spots per age group per event that will represent us at the Bligh Zone carnival in week 9.

Congratulations to the following age champions:

- Max Heineke 12 boys
- Lucy Crawford 13 girls
- Hong Duncan & 13 boys (tied)
- Dylan Abdurahman
- Nicky Kohlrusch 14 boys
- Jas Cronin 15 boys
- Angela Priftis 15 girls

We will take a strong team to the zone carnival. Good luck to all these athletes in the upcoming regional cross country and zone athletics carnivals.

**Tuesday Sport**

Grade games are well underway. There is still a large amount of outstanding grade sport fees. Invoices have been sent home. Students were given information notes to take home to parents when they were selected in grade sport teams outlining the fees for grade sport. Please pay the required fees ASAP so that your child can maintain their place in these teams. Your prompt cooperation is appreciated.
Hello All,

Well here we are in the middle of Term 2. There is plenty going on at P&C. Our last meeting was on May 4 (Star Wars Day) and we had a great turn up of staff and parents. The school’s Head Teacher Mentor Pip Cleaves attended the meeting to talk about BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) options for parents and students. A regular topic at P&C has been the BYOD program, what device students should have and what can the school recommend. In response to this Pip and a representative from a company called Learning with Technologies gave a presentation on a new web portal which allows parents to select a compatible device (laptop or Ultrabook) and purchase it through the site. The portal would be made accessible via the school’s web site. The devices recommended are approved by the school and there are commonly 3 or 4 devices at different price points to consider. This company already has the portal in use at other NSW public high schools. If you are interested in further investigation you can have a look at their web site http://school.orderportal.com.au It is likely we will make a final decision at P&C on Monday.

We also granted funding to the TAS (Technology and Applied Studies) Faculty for equipment and improvements in the metalwork and woodwork rooms.

The date for the Trivia Night has been set so put it in your diary. This year it will be on 29th August in the school hall. We need volunteers to help out in the lead up and on the day. If you can spare some time or have something to donate please email sscltrivianight@gmail.com.

Our next meeting is on the 1st June in the Staff Room.

If you’d like to contact any of us about meetings or what we are doing use the P&C email address ssclpc@gmail.com

Cheers,
Nick Potter – President P&C
During Term 1, Mrs Yen started mini Project-based learning with her Year 10 maths class. The topic was Coordinate Geometry and the whole project was completed over 3 weeks. At the end of the project, each group of students presented their own maths lesson in front of class 9L and the Year 9 students used the marking criteria to give each group a mark. The aim of this activity was to provide students with an alternative assessment task instead of usual written test in maths. Mrs Yen asked her students to fill out a survey on how they found the project. Here are some responses from the students:

The maths faculty is currently planning to do an alternative assessment maths task for Years 7-10 in Term 3 with other faculties. Mrs Yen is experimenting with the ‘flipped classroom’ with her Years 9-10 students this term. It is all about making maths fun and teaching students to learn maths on their own by challenging them at the right level. TO BE CONTINUED....

(Question 5)
If you would like to have an alternative assessment task (like this one) in the future, please write why.

It was good because it helped us all to understand the topic better and it took away a lot of the stress from exams.

Because it was much easier to present than a pen and paper test because less pressure and you get to share your knowledge with younger grades.

Because it was a fun assessment and I was able to learn through the knowledge of my peers.

It was helpful to be able to talk to each other about the work but the time constraints were hard.

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