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COLLEEN MATHESON**

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#5 Newsletter



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*Lyneham High School is built on the traditional lands of the Ngunnawal people.
We acknowledge the traditional owners of this land and pay our respects
to their elders, past, present and future.*



**WISHING YOU ALL
A SAFE AND HAPPY
EASTER BREAK**



From the Principal

Parent Teacher Nights

It was great to see so many parents and carers attending our parent teacher nights this week. I think the Monday session was the busiest ever and there was a great, positive feel to the night – at least from where I was sitting. Despite phone calls, emails, hard copies, newsletter articles and website reminders, we still had a number of Parent-Teacher Online Forms to chase up on both night. For those who had to wait, thank you for your patience. The form (a new privacy requirement) only has to be signed once during your child's time at LHS, so our next PT night in September should be easier for everyone. Thank you, especially, to Janet Richardson for all the work she did in chasing up the forms. Thank you to all those parents who attended, particularly the P&C parents who kept that sausage sizzle going. A very big thank you to all the staff who had two very long days and were still smiling at the end!

It is hard to believe that this is the last week of term 1. The year has gone very quickly. This is probably a measure of how busy we all are. Since the last newsletter, we had very well attended year 10 Information Night. Students and staff have returned from the Musical Production Camp with great energy and enthusiasm for this year's production of *Moonflower*. I am certainly looking forward to it. Our Outdoor Education students have been canoeing, scuba diving and snorkelling. As I write we are all looking forward to lunchtime activities to celebrate Youth Week.

Farewell Sandra Parker

At the end of last week staff officially said goodbye to Sandra Parker, our Deputy Principal, who has retired after more than 10 years at the school. Sandra came here as head of the Mathematics Faculty and later became Deputy Principal (Students). Many students, parents and staff will have appreciated Sandra's support and dedication over the years. She has always shown incredible commitment to our school and her role in our school's history has been significant. The esteem in which she is held by staff was demonstrated when Steve Bardwell and the Music Faculty treated Sandra and the rest of the staff to a very special rendition of "Sandy" (from *Grease*). We will really miss Sandra's great sense of fun and her unerring pride in Lyneham High School. We all wish Sandra well in her retirement. We know that she will have more time to do the things she really loves doing. We will not forget her and hope to keep in touch. We thank her for everything she has contributed to our school during her time at Lyneham.



Congratulations to

- Adrian Farquhar who has just been made Captain of the ACT boxing team, competing in the Australian Championships – the youngest captain ever selected.
- All our students who performed in the ACT Senior Concert band at the annual RSL ANZAC Service for Schools this week.

Finally, I would also like to wish parents, carers and students a great autumn break. I feel that we have had a very successful term one. I thank you all for your continuing support. If staff members are busy, I know that parents and carers are busy too. If you are going away over the school break, I wish you an enjoyable time and please travel safely.

Regards
Colleen



Year 9 Outdoor Education Canoe Camp



Year 9's travelled to Kangaroo Valley for canoe camp from 2 April to 4 April. Timing could not have been better, we escaped the rain in Canberra and had 30 degrees and sunshine! Over the 3 days we paddled 36km which was a great effort. Students still found the energy when we returned to our campsite in the afternoons to play and practice capsizing and rescuing drills. Unfortunately, we had no luck this year with our fishing. There were some good cooks amongst the group creating a feast using Trangia stoves. Overall, students had a fun camp and have lots of stories to tell. A big thank you to Mr Roe and our guide, Les, for their time and help over the three days.



Staff in the Spotlight



“I am very passionate about teaching. I am passionate about English - the language and the way we use it to express every possible communication need, from the prosaic to the beautiful. I’m also passionate about information and how we use it.” These are the words of Peta Wilson, our Teacher Librarian.

Peta has had an interesting and varied life. She started her teaching career as an English and Drama teacher in Victoria and then picked up SoSE. After teaching for a while she took family leave to raise her children and after many Army postings, the family ended up in Canberra for a while. Peta worked as a relief English and SoSE teacher to see if she still loved teaching and found that she most definitely did. During the family’s next posting she completed a Master of Education in Teacher Librarianship and in 2000 her family decided it was time to leave the Army life. Of all the places they had lived, they chose to make Canberra their permanent home. Peta arrived at Lyneham High School eight years ago where she took up the position of Teacher Librarian and a teacher of English.

During the Army years Peta spent two years in Germany which allowed her to travel around Europe. Although she had quite a length of time away from teaching she continued to be involved in the communities in which she lived. In Australia she had the opportunity to be a member of the Northern Territory’s Women’s Advisory Council and represented NT families as part of a national Defence families consultative group. Peta has had many non-teaching opportunities however she describes the best being the 10 years raising her lovely children.

Having a love of learning, she wants to share this with students. She spends a lot of time at home researching and preparing class work and library related activities. This she really enjoys as she is acutely aware that there are lots of different teaching and learning strategies and Peta always work hard to try and find the best ones to suit her students’ needs. When asked what else she does outside of school Peta reveals that she is a bit of a fan of the computer card game Freecell and she is currently up to 8572 games with a 100% score rate.

Peta is a very creative person. This is evident in her classwork and the many wonderful library displays and activities. Peta describes one of the greatest joys of her job as being in the classroom, laughing and learning with her students. She also loves being able to create a friendly and welcoming library space to encourage reading and learning. As anyone who has visited the library will testify this is certainly the case.

I asked Peta what she would you like to see happen at Lyneham. Her response was “Lyneham High is a school that encourages innovation and initiative and encourages us all to be at the forefront of best practice in education. It has high expectations of students and staff and supports them to achieve their best and beyond, and I hope this continues into the future”.

Year 10 LEAP – Science Symposium at Dickson College

On Thursday 13th March, some of the Year 10 LEAP Science classes went on an excursion to Dickson College to a Science Symposium. We got to see two presentations, one from Professor Christopher Goodnow, from the ANU John Curtin School of Medical Research and one from Associated Professor Catherin Morgan from Oregon Health & Science University, USA.

Professor Goodnow gave a basic presentation on immunology and some reasons to go into a career in science. We got to be part of a fun demonstration of how the immune system works via balloons. We also learnt about the joys of working as a researcher.

The other presentation was done by Associate Professor Morgans. We learnt about how she went from studying how the retina works to researching melanoma. We learned a lot about the structure of the eye and got to see some impressive fluorescent microscopy images of the eye.

Overall it was a good excursion and we learned heaps.

Zoe Hills – Year 10 LEAP



Northside Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday 25 March, a group of students represented Lyneham High School in the Northside Swimming Carnival. Those in the role of honour were Ivy Prosser, Serena Wallner, Kirra Wallner, Sian Dyer, Catherine Ouyang, Tara Gilfillian, Sarah Kearny, Veronika Kosmider, Rahia Fairhead, Oscar Rogers, Chuong Tran, Jonathan Adams, Andrew Xu, Man Luc, Michael Connolly, Quang Le and Meagan Wigney.

They performed excellently and upheld the swimming status of Lyneham. Many will move on to the ACT Carnival and represent the Northside. Congratulations to all those who participated on the day.

Ribbons were awarded to the following:

Michael Connolly	Boys 15-16yrs 50m Breaststroke – 2 nd Place
Sian Dyer	Girls 13-14yrs 400m Freestyle – 3 rd Place Girls 14yrs 200m IM – 2 nd Place
Catherine Ouyang	Girls 13-14yrs 100m Breaststroke – 2 nd Place
Emilie Marceau	Girls 13 200m IM – 2 nd Place Girls 13 50m Freestyle – 3 rd Place
Meagan Wigney	Girls 15 100m Freestyle – 3 rd Place Girls 15-16 100m Backstroke – 2 nd Place Girls 13-19 400m Freestyle – 2 nd Place
Man Luc	Boys 15-16 50m Butterfly - 3 rd Place Boys 15-16 50m Breaststroke – 3 rd Place Boys 15 100m Freestyle – 1 st Place Boys 15 50m Freestyle – 1 st Place
Chuong Tran	Boys 13-14 50m Butterfly – 2 nd Place Boys 13-14 50m Breaststroke – 2 nd Place Boys 13-14 100m Breaststroke – 2 nd Place Boys 13 100m Freestyle – 1 st Place Boys 13 50m Freestyle – 1 st Place
Quang Le	Boys 15-16 50m Butterfly – 1 st Place Boys 16 50m Freestyle – 1 st Place Boys 16 100m Freestyle – 1 st Place Boys 15-16 50m Backstroke – 1 st Place Boys 15-16 50m Breaststroke – 1 st Place



Quang Le, Jackie Bryant and Lisa Price.

Une Chasse aux œufs

The Line 1 Year 7 French classes were treated to 'une chasse aux œufs' by Mrs. Britton's Year 9 class. There were questions to be answered about famous French people, spelling, counting, matching of objects and colours as well as asking about people's health at different stations, followed by an egg and spoon race. In France, the Easter chocolates are delivered by the church bells as they fly back from Rome on Easter Sunday, but at Lyneham High School, they were given out by Mrs Towner, Ms McLoughlin and Mrs Britton in the Hall.

Joyeuses Paques et bonnes vacances!



Don't forget to use your Language Perfect during the holidays!

Mi Goreng Fundraiser



Indonesian students hard at work!

Continuing students from Year 8 to 10 set up a stall in the front foyer last Wednesday to raise money for our upcoming trip to Malaysia in Term 2. Students were given individual roles to play in running the stall from the water boys (collecting water for cooking and making iced tea), spice boys (giving out packets of spices), serving ladies (dishing out noodles on bowls and serving iced tea), chefs (cooking the noodles) to bouncers (ensuring that the transition was kept smooth). Despite many unexpected obstacles from power trips to lack of bowls, the students were resilient, demonstrated excellent problem solving skills and were very independent. All in all, students raised \$360 during lunch time. Thank you to all families and Indonesian students who have generously donated packets of mi goreng for this fundraiser. All proceeds will go to the Malaysian ledger. We are looking forward to hosting two other fundraisers next term. Please stay tuned for more information.

Salam,

Ibu Battaglini & Ibu Idris



Terima kasih kepada semua dari Kelas 8, 9 KENTANG, 10 HEBAT! Kamu semua BAGUS SEKALI!



Music Matters

We have a busy term ahead. Please look carefully at the following information and add the dates to your calendar. At this busy time of year it is vital that we have up to date contact details for our band parents, including email addresses and phone numbers. Please contact your child's teacher if your details have changed. Additionally, the band newsletter will be emailed to families by the end of Week 1 next term. If you don't receive it then please email your child's band teacher.

Week 1- 1 May: Year 10 Concert Band performance for our feeder primary school Year 6 students. Parents of our band students are most welcome to attend. The concert commences at 10.15am in LPAC.

Week 1 - 2 May: Band and music photos – full band uniform and instrument. Please see the information on Page 11.

Week 2 - May 6: Open Night.

Vocal Group arrive 5.30pm – full band uniform – depart 6.10pm

Acoustic musicians arrive 5.50pm – school uniform tops and black trousers – depart 7.30pm

Year 10 Concert Band arrive 7.00pm – full band uniform - depart 7.50pm

Week 3: Band moderation videos are due this week. Students without access to a suitable recording device are encouraged to speak with their teacher in at least Week 1 to plan when they will use the music faculty resources.

Week 3 -12 May: All Bands Faculty Concert - the concert commences at 5.30pm, musicians arrive at 5.00pm, full band uniform. A specific timetable for this concert will be issued next term.

Week 3 - 22 May: Vocal Group – Belconnen Mall – times TBC.

Week 4 & 5 - 23-29 May: Australian National Eisteddfod– all bands and rock groups. Please see your band newsletter for details. A timetable will be issued once we receive it from the society.

Weeks 8 & 9: The focus will be on our musical production of 'Moonflower'.

Thank you **to the Year 7 band students** for your hard work and dedication throughout the your first term of band at Lyneham High School. The teaching team is very impressed with your progress and we look forward to all the performances that are coming up in term two and beyond. The following pictures have been taken from a video documenting the first note that the Year 7 Beginner Band and the Year 7 Concert Band played at the beginning of this term.



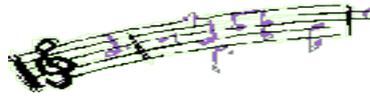
The first note of the Beginner Concert Band!



The first note of the Year 7 Concert Band!

BAND PHOTOS

Friday 2 May 2014



- Wear full band uniform (blue band polo shirts, black trousers, black shoes and black socks – no skirts, shorts, stripes, emblems etc.)
- Arrive in band uniform as there will not be time to change
- You will need your band instrument for the photo
- Please keep make-up, jewellery and hair accessories to a minimum

Lesson	Time to depart class	Band
Period 1	Come straight to hall after roll call	Year 8 Concert Band
Period 1	9.15am	Year 10 Concert Band
Period 1	9.30am	Year 9 Concert Band
Period 1	9.40am	Senior Jazz
Period 1	9.50am	Intermediate Jazz Band
Period 1/2	10.00am	Y7 Concert Band
Period 2	10.15am	Beginner Concert Band
Period 2	10.30am	Musical Stage Band
Period 2	10.45am	Vocal Group

NAPAN 2014 at Lyneham High School

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will take place at Lyneham High School from Tuesday 13 May to Thursday 15 May, with Friday 16 May being a catch up day.

In the coming weeks further information will be provided to parents and students regarding the testing schedule.

Students are asked to bring a pencil, eraser and sharpener to each test. They are also asked to bring a calculator on Thursday for one of the Numeracy tests.

If parents require further information they are encourage to read the *Information for Parents* booklet found here:

http://www.nap.edu.au/verve/resources/NAPLAN_2014_Information_for_parents_brochure_web.pdf

(Hard copies can be provided upon request to the Front Office)

If parents/carers have any questions they should contact Ms Ashlee Wilson (Acting Executive Teacher of MAZE and Literacy & Numeracy).

Enrolling in an ACT public school

New arrangements for 2014 and 2015

The ACT Education and Training Directorate has updated the enrolment and transfer arrangements for all ACT public schools.

All new student enrolment applications **for 2015** open from 28 April 2014 (day 1 term 2).

If you are enrolling your child to start school **in 2014** or if your child is transferring to an ACT public school at any stage you will need to use the same online form.

To make this process easier for those wishing to enrol or transfer, please use the **online enrolment/transfer form** and **Parent/carer guide to enrolment/transfer for ACT public schools** located on the 'Enrolling in an ACT Public School' section of the Education and Training Directorate website www.det.act.gov.au

If you have difficulty accessing a computer to complete the online enrolment form, please come to the school for assistance. A translator can be arranged should you require one. Please make an appointment on 62056399.

To make the process more equitable, there is no longer any need to queue at the school on 28 April to enrol your child. All enrolment requests are stored electronically and sent to the first choice school after 30 May. Decisions regarding offers of enrolment/transfer are made after the closing date.

Applications for 2015 close on 30 May 2014.

Letter from the LHS P&C President – *parent's voice*

Parent engagement with the school began on a high note this year with a great turn out for the first P&C sponsored homework forum and AGM on 17 March. Thanks Colleen and Barbara for updating us on the latest research on homework and the move towards its phase out. Many parents found the forum a reassuring chance to discover that what's going on in their home is a shared experience.

The P&C meeting that followed discussed holding further parent forums around cyber bullying and the media sexualisation of children later in the year. Short forums on topics like the national curriculum's roll out and new assessment processes at LHS will likely be held before coming P&C meetings.

New P&C Committee

P&C members, new and old, were really pleased to see how many parents stayed on for the AGM to elect a new Association Committee and set some direction for 2014.

I've put my hand up to be president this year, Richard Niven has kindly rejoined the Committee as Deputy President, James Cameron has taken on Treasurer and Cindy Trewin the job of Secretary. We're very grateful for Chris Barnard's ongoing commitment to the Committee, and especially for his heroic and indispensable help on the P&C barbeques! Welcome back to Heather Fitt and to new Committee members Fiona Lyn, Annette Graagaard and Damien McGrath, who's also a parent representative on the LHS Board.

As President 2014 I've pledged to include a P&C letter (likely much shorter than this!) in school newsletters after each P&C meeting to keep you across the issues we're discussing, and to ensure everyone knows well ahead of time meeting, forum and fundraising dates. We hope to set the 2014 LHS Trivia Night date at our next meeting on 6 May. And, as a new LHS Board member I hope to help strengthen the bridge between the P&C and the Board by keeping it in the loop on relevant board discussions, and vice versa.

We'll let you know more about the P&C forums for parents in future newsletters and look forward to seeing you there.

Deb Nesbitt

IMPORTANT P&C DATES

P&C meetings are held on Tuesday's of week 3 and 8 every term in the library at 6.30pm.

Our next meeting is on 13 May at 6.30pm.

Invitation to participate in Master planning process at Dickson College



Dear Families and Students,

Please contribute to the future of education in the Inner-North!

At Dickson College we are developing a master plan to inform the future of the building, facilities and grounds over the coming five years. We also hope to develop some concept drawings to reflect the hopes and dreams of our community for the future beyond.

We want to invite you to contribute to the ideas for the Dickson College master plan design and tell us more about what you see as the key priorities for future learning so we can work to shape our local college together. This process will include opportunities for community consultation starting with an invitation to contribute your thoughts initially via a survey. Please access the survey via the appropriate link. The students survey is best suited to senior primary students (some support may be needed), high school and college students.

For Students <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Masterplanning2>
For Parents/Carers <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Masterplanning1>

These surveys will close on Thursday 22 May.

Younger students are asked to contribute through participating in a concept drawing/design competition. A community information session will also be held at Dickson College on Monday 12 May 6-7pm. Please RSVP your intention to attend on 6205 6455 by Friday 9 May.

DESIGN COMPETITION AT DICKSON COLLEGE

Looking for a fun project to work on over the Easter Holidays?

Dickson College is holding a competition for students across our school and our feeder primary and high schools to design a future plan for the college. As part of our Master Planning process we want to gather up as many ideas as we can and we think that students are the people who know what they want in a school. We invite you to draw, paint, build....CREATE... a concept drawing or a model which shows **what you think a future Dickson College could look like.**

Entries close on Thursday 8 May. They need to be brought to the front office at Dickson College or posted to Dickson College, Phillip Avenue, Dickson, 2602.

Categories are:

P-Year 1 Year 2-4 Year 5-6 Year 7-8 Year 9-10 Years 11-12

Please mark your NAME, YEAR, SCHOOL and CONTACT NUMBER on your work.

Winners will be contacted on Saturday 10 or Sunday 11 May and formally announced on Monday 12 May at the Master planning Community Information Session at Dickson College where all entries will be displayed. They will receive a certificate and gift voucher. All participants will receive a certificate.

I truly hope you are able to be part of this exciting process and cannot wait to see the designs from our students!

Best wishes

Kerrie Heath
Principal

184 Phillip Avenue, Dickson,

ACT 2602, (02) 62056455



STS Student Exchange is seeking volunteer host families for July 2014!

STS Student Exchange is a registered not-for-profit exchange organisation welcoming students from Europe and Canada. We are currently seeking *volunteer* host families to host students inbound in July 2014. We offer year long and semester long programs for students to come and be a part of a family, attend school and join in on the Australian lifestyle. Students are aged between 15 and 18 years old and keen to learn more about our culture. A great opportunity to welcome in a new family member and learn about another culture! For more information please contact your local coordinator Emily Gall.

Phone: 0423959336

Email: e.gall@hotmail.com





S.E.A.L.

Sporting Excellence @ Lyneham



SEAL Athlete Profile

Name: Meagan Connor

SEAL Sport: Netball Captain

Playing Experience: I've been playing Netball for 9 years., I have played for Canberra Netball Association, South Gungahlin, S.E.A.L, Lyneham High School, The North Side of Canberra, Rosary Primary School and Glossodia.

Greatest Life Achievement: Is yet to be achieved but I'm sure it's going to be great. Hopefully playing for the Australian Diamonds!!

Something People Don't Know About Me: I'm addicted to orange juice and it's a mystery why I'm not orange yet.





Convoy for Cancer Families Support 'a' Truck



Want your name on a B Double Truck for 12 months?

The [Cancer Support Group](http://cancersupportgroup.org.au) and TJS Country Express is giving you the opportunity to uniquely be a part of Convoy for Cancer Families 2015. The B Double pictured above will be the **Convoy Support'a' Truck**. It will host the names, logos and websites of the Convoy Supporta's in the Lead Truck Pack of the Convoy for Cancer Families and will be displayed on the curtains in 2015.

You can be a Convoy Support'a
from just \$20!

For more information visit:

<http://convoy支持atruck.webs.com/>

Email: csg2@bigpond.com

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