



LYNEHAM HIGH SCHOOL

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#10 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.*



What's on at Lyneham

WEEK 1, 22 July - 26 July

WEEK 2, 29 July - 2 August

Monday 31 July

⇒ Zohal Zee Khan Beat Poet

Thursday 1 August

⇒ Australian Mathematics Competition



From the Principal

It has been an incredibly busy semester and the last two weeks of this term have been no exception – they have been overflowing with wonderful and exciting events and activities. Staff and students are looking forward to a well-earned and well deserved break after such a busy first half of the year.

End of Semester Reports

Semester reports were emailed home on Wednesday this week. A small number of families who do not have an up to date email address should receive their reports by post during the break. In the past we have experienced a small number of instances where reports have not successfully arrived in a parent's email inbox.

If you have not received an emailed report, and believe that you do have an email address lodged with the school, then we encourage you to do the following things.

- Check your spam email to make sure that the report has not landed there.

Contact the school by email (Lynehamhs@ed.act.edu.au) if you have recently changed your email address so that we can update your details and resend your child's report.

Contact the school by phone (6142 1176) if you need further assistance.

I would remind you that during the school holiday period the front office is closed. This can result in some delay when responding to emails or phone calls about undelivered reports. I can assure you that all emails and calls will be followed up and I appreciate your patience during this time.

If you have any concerns about your son's or daughter's report, please do not hesitate to contact the school early next term. The first point of call should be the classroom teacher.

We Will Rock You

The musical production of *We Will Rock You* was an outstanding success! The extraordinary talent of our students, supported by our incredible staff, was once again on show to our community and the result was a toe-tapping, energetic and professional show. The musical is a massive team project and I would like to congratulate all students involved on their dedication and sustained efforts as cast members, chorus singers, dancers, lighting and sound crew, backstage crew, set design and construction, marketing team and our front of house crew who warmly greeted our audiences. Of course, our students were ably supported and guided by a talented staff team led by Brendan Magee including Franceska Nagy, Crystal Martin, Romana Cretnik, Galen Ashley, Mick O'Sullivan, Anthony Burgess, Michele Conynghan, Debbie Masling and Loretta Heskett. I am sure that I speak on behalf of our school community when I thank them for the time and effort they have invested into the our students and the production. Behind the scenes there were many other staff and community members assisting with costumes, sets (the statue of Freddie was amazing!), finances, catering and supervision. Thank you all for your contributions.

Road Ready

This week our year 10 students have completed the Road Ready course and as I write this article are sitting their test for their L plates. A big thank you to Manisha Sharma and the team of staff members who have organised and delivered this opportunity over the last four days.



Bike Compound / Security

Unfortunately during the semester there have been a number of incidents where student bicycles have been stolen or damaged. The school does provide a bicycle compound and we encourage all students to secure their bike there prior to the start of the school day. We ask that students do not lock their bike to the perimeter fencing in other parts of the school. It is important to know that bicycles are placed in the compound at the owner's personal risk. Usually the compound is locked at 9:00am and opened at 3:00pm. Despite being visible and adjacent to classrooms and outdoor common spaces, the compound is not theft proof and there may be times when it is unlocked for a variety of reasons. Parents are encouraged to supply a good quality chain or bar to secure any bicycles left at school. It is never advisable to leave bikes at school overnight. Incidents of theft are not common, but as in any community, theft does occur from time to time. Members of our community who recently witnessed a brazen act of theft were quick to report this to the police. We thank them for their support and I continue to encourage all members of our community to report any suspicious activity to staff or to police.

Farewell to Brendan Magee

Today we say farewell to Brendan Magee. Brendan has been a school leader at Lyneham High School since 2017 but was also on the teaching staff between 2003 and 2006. Recently Brendan has indicated that he will be taking leave to pursue other career opportunities and will most likely not be returning to Lyneham High School. Brendan has made outstanding contributions across our school including his leadership of the Arts faculty and to our special events and programs, most notably the amazing musical productions and his work to establish a boys' education program (RAD) that has developed and grown into DARE, one of our significant programs for young men in our school. Brendan is a dedicated educator and teacher – he builds strong caring relationships that engage all students and he always finds the right way to be inclusive and bring a sense of fun and enjoyment to learning. It seems fitting that the celebration of a very successful musical production will place the exclamation mark at the end of Brendan's current time at Lyneham High School. We will miss him and wish him all the best with his future endeavours.

Finally, I wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday and hope that you find time to re-energise before we all return on Monday 22 July (Pi Day).

Regards
Rob Emanuel



We Will Rock You

Congratulations to staff and students for their incredible performance of *We Will Rock You*. The audience were amazed by the singing, dancing and live performances of almost 20 of Queen's greatest songs. Thanks to the Musical Production team for making *We Will Rock You* a huge success.









Thank you to all the families that have supported our students and our program over the last semester, it has been a great start to the year. We would like to wish you all a safe and happy break and we look forward to the many exciting performances and tours next semester.

Extra-Curricular Groups

Extracurricular ensembles will start up again early in term 3 and will be happy to take on new members at this time. Please see the timetable below for when each group rehearses.

Activity	Rehearsal times	Teachers
Intermediate Jazz Band (years 7 & 8 who are already in a concert band)	Wednesday 8:00 – 8:45am	Jenny Tabur, Sophie Raudonikis, Jason Peters, Galen Ashley
Senior Jazz Band (years 9 & 10 who are already in a concert band)	Thursday 8:00 – 8:45am*	Tim Bowyer
Vocal Group (all years & do not have to be in a concert band)	Tuesday 8.00-8.45am	Debbie Masling, Jenny Tabur, Galen Ashley
Lyneham High Voices	Friday 8.00-8:45am	Tobias Cole

*There may be a change in time for Senior Jazz in Semester 2, we will keep you posted about this.

Return of Borrowed Band Uniforms

Over the semester we have loaned a significant number of band shirts and caps to students and not all of these have been returned. In order for us to continue to support students by having spare uniforms, we ask that the borrowed items be washed and returned as soon as possible. This will be even more important as we head into touring season next semester. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Year 9 Farewell Concert

The Year 9 Concert Band will head off on their Melbourne tour early next term. Before they depart they will perform their repertoire for their friends and family and the final tour information will be shared.

Students will need to arrive for the concert at 4:50pm, and doors will open for audience at 5:20pm. The concert should conclude around 6:15pm. We hope to see you there.





Year 9 Concert Band

REMINDER

Farewell Performance

Thursday August 8, 2019

Musicians arrive 4.50pm
 Doors open 5.20pm
 Concert starts 5.30pm
 Concert concludes 6.15pm approx.



Wear full band uniform
 Remember to invite your family and friends



Over the past semester the STAR students have been training hard both in class and early morning sessions to continue to develop their skills in the game of AFL. We were fortunate enough to have AFL Canberra's support once again where specialised coaches came in to run coaching workshops with our students.

On Monday the 17 June the girls versed ELEMENTS (Alfred Deakin's girls program) at Alan Ray Oval. This facility was kindly provided to us by Ainslie Football Club.

Each and every player had a great game and displayed a high level of talent and sportsmanship. It was a wonderful day both on and off the field. All students from STAR and ELEMENTS enjoyed a delicious lunch and spent the afternoon mixing with one another building new friendships.

We would like to thank Ainslie Football club for hosting our event, Chris Rourke (Head coach of Ainslie Football Club) for giving a motivational speech to the girls, AFL Canberra for all their support throughout the year and for providing officials for the day, Ms Heskett for cooking the delicious soup, and a big thank you to the STAR & ELEMENT programs for all your efforts and comradery both before and during the day.



STAR Musical Charity Bake Sale 2019

Students from the STAR Program ran a very successful bake sale at this year's musical 'We Will Rock You'. The students baked, sold and organised the stand which generated over \$1000 for two charities: The One Girl Foundation and the Luke Batty Foundation. They learned valuable lessons in event organisation, food preparation and money handling. Their teachers are very proud of their efforts as a student led and run activity. Between the STAR students in the musical and those helping on the bake sale most of the STAR girls in Year 9 and 10 were involved - it was a stellar effort.



SEEK

What is your connection to where you live? How do other people connect where they live? What do you contribute to your community? How can you influence those around you?

These questions, and many more, are some of the ideas that the Seek class have been grappling with in the past few months.

Seek is a pilot program at Lyneham High in 2019. The year 8 class combines their core subjects (English, HaSS, Maths and Science) to work on thematic units of work.

This week, the class visited the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate to present their ideas of how Canberrans can change their behaviour to live more sustainably.

The students talked about their work on active transport, sustainable energy, and maintaining biodiversity alongside urbanisation. The public servants were impressed with the students' work and gave them an overview of how urban planning is a fascinating field of work. Overall it was a fantastic experience that really demonstrated how real world workplaces are inherently interdisciplinary- just like the SEEK class.

-Halie McCaffrey and Luke Coleman

French at Collège Lyneham

It has been very busy during second term! Firstly, we extend a welcome (Bienvenue en Australie) to Sacha, Eloise, Anais, Karla, Bastien and Maud. They have come all the way from **Grenoble, France** and will be with us for the next five weeks. We thank their host families and exchange brothers and sisters in year 10 for their hospitality.



The arrival on 26 June



Jack Lane and Bastien Armstrong

Year 7 and 8 classes visited **Café Breizh** at the Ainslie Shops and were able to try some fabulous crêpes. A thank you to Bruno and Bronwyn Paressant once again for their cooking.



Lamin Hossain, Oliver Dunn, Matthew Beard-Browning, Mahir Nafe and Max Lindenmayer



Year 9 and 10 French students visited the **Alliance Française** in McCaughey Street, Turner to do conversation there. Séverine Quertier was impressed with their abilities and would like to do more activities with us. The **Alliance Française** runs after school classes which our students can attend and they can be contacted on 6257 2140.



Year 7-10 classes have been making **crêpes** after they finished their tests. Olina Mastuki, Jessica Li, Leo Brown, Evie Planten and Pavitra Seva in year 7 did a great job, miam miam!



Finally, a reminder that we still have a few places left for the trip to **Noumea** for eight days in September/October 2020. Please see your French teacher or pick up a note outside the Languages staffroom if you would like to join us. Notes are on the Google Classroom pages, which students all have access to.

Merci et bonnes vacances d'hiver (have a good winter holiday).

French teachers - Clare Douglass, Yolanda Hallam-Walsh, Sarah McLaughlan, Sophie Raudonikis

Noumea 2020



The good news for people interested in the eight day trip to Noumea in September/October 2020 is that we have secured enough deposits to go ahead. Please note that you have until the end of Week 1 on Friday, 26 July to secure a place on this overseas excursion. The payment of \$600 is to be made to the front office by this date to be sure of being able to participate in the adventure. Notes are available from French teachers, or in the corridor outside the Languages staffroom.



**DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS
AFTER SCHOOL
AT LYNEHAM HIGH**

D&D group has been operating at Lyneham High since Monday 19 February after school from 3.05pm until 4.45pm in the Youth Workers office, and will continue throughout the year. All students are welcome. Students play Dungeons and Dragons (D&D) but are also welcome to play other tabletop role playing games such as Call of Cthulhu, Legend of the Five Rings, Starfinder, Pathfinder, Monster of the Week, and many others.

The group is supervised by myself at all times and often another teacher; Mr Bright. Students are welcome to bring snacks.

Students are required to sign in and out so I have a record of who is here, and when they leave.

I endeavour for this to be a safe and inclusive space for everyone to have a good time.

For those who are completely unfamiliar with D&D, it is a tabletop game that involves roleplaying, storytelling, and imagination. Studies have shown participation in D&D and other roleplaying games to increase social skills, encourage teamwork and cooperation, and teach problem solving skills.

No materials are needed to attend, however it is easier for students if they have their own pencil, dice and players handbook. D&D products can be purchased at Games Capital in Civic, Jolt Games in Mitchell, and Zing stores.

To read more about the benefits of role playing games follow this link: <https://www.lifehacker.com.au/2015/02/the-surprising-benefits-of-role-playing-games-and-how-to-get-started/>

For more about what D&D is, follow this link: <https://hobbylark.com/tabletop-gaming/What-Do-You-Need-To-Start-Playing-Dungeons-and-Dragons>

If you have any questions please contact me via phone or email.

Trevor.preston@ed.act.edu.au

Muslim Community

Lyneham High is proud to have many Muslim students as valued members of our multicultural school and we have several supports available for Muslim students.

Muslim Girls Group: This group is run on Wednesdays at lunchtime in the Youth Worker's rooms (first corridor) and provides a social space and support when needed.

Prayer Room: A prayer room is available for Muslim students at lunch time with prayer mats provided (kindly donated by Canberra Islamic Centre). See Trevor in the Youth Worker's Room if you wish to know more about accessing the prayer room.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact our Youth Support Officer at trevor.preston@ed.act.edu.au, or for students, speak to Trevor in the Youth Worker's Office before or after school, or recess or lunch.

Youth Symposium 2019

Peace be upon you,

On behalf of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Youth of Canberra, it is my great pleasure to invite you to the Youth Symposium ACT & NSW 2019 (YS19).

In an increasingly globalized and connected world. Fundamental human relations intrinsic to a healthy social fabric are ironically ever decreasing. History has proven that it has always been the youth of society who drive progress towards a better future. The YS19 is a platform for all local groups, organizations and communities who either work with the youth or are run by them, to come together under one roof, share ideas, develop lasting relationships, showcase their potential and display the power of unity in diversity.

Hosted by Anna Vidot, Presenter at ABC Radio Canberra, including talks and panel discussions with Minister Chris Steel, Shadow Minister Elizabeth Kikkert, and the National Director of Muslim Youth Australia. Featuring: Rotary, St Vincent Di Paul, Anglicare, Treehouse, Muslims Down Under and many more. Please refer to the attached event poster & detailed program for further information.

Date:

Ø Sunday 7 July 2019

Time:

Ø Arrival & Registration: 12:00PM -12:30 PM

Ø Start: 12:30 PM

Ø Complimentary Lunch: 1:30 PM

Ø Finish: 3:00 PM

Where:

Ø Albert Hall Canberra

Please note that this is a free event but RSVP is essential. You can RSVP by sending a return email or by using the Eventbrite link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/ys19-youth-symposium-2019-act-nsw-tickets-63527620824>



We look forward to welcoming you at this event. Please contact myself for further questions.

Kind Regards

Ahmed Munir

We are always on the look-out for relevant resources and ideas. Here is a link to a very important topic for parents of students who are anxious or stressed. There is also information about an online course for parents and teachers which might be of interest. The seminar is on 30 July and will require enrolment soon.

<https://www.parentingideas.com.au/parent-resources/seminars/anxious-kids-seminar-tour>

Ellen Picard

Student Support and Wellbeing Teacher

6142 1187

FREE



Wearable Light Art and Lantern Making Workshop

Sunday 28th July

Come to **Lyneham Primary Hall**
to create lanterns for the
Light Up Lyneham Festival!
Access via Hall St

Secondary
School
Students

10am – 1pm

Primary
School
Students
2 – 4pm

Free Lunch and
Afternoon Tea
1 – 2pm

Text Mirjana at 0433156192
to reserve your place

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