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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, 14 October ~ 18 October

Friday 18 October

⇒ Dare Sydney Trip (return 21 October)

WEEK 2, 21 October ~ 25 October

Sunday 20 October

⇒ 10 Band QLD Tour (return 26 October)

Thursday 24 October

⇒ Tournament of Minds Tasmania (return 27 October)
⇒ Year 7 2020 Orientation Day (by invitation for confirmed enrolments)

Friday 25 October

⇒ Year 7 Luna Park



From the Principal

It has been another very busy school term and I think everyone is looking forward to the two-week break. The promise of warmer weather and some down time to recharge our energy levels has arrived at just the right time.

In the last few weeks Lyneham High School has provided many exciting opportunities for students. Our year 8 band went on a very successful tour to Sydney, our Senior Jazz Band performed at Floriade and our year 10 LEAP students enjoyed their camp. We also said 'Selamat Jalan' to a group of students and teachers who left on Tuesday on our overseas Indonesian excursion to Singapore and Malaysia. We wish them safe travels and know they will have a wonderful time as they put their language and cultural knowledge and skills into practice.

Tournament of the Minds

In our last newsletter, we reported that six LHS teams had participated in the local ACT rounds of the Tournament of the Minds and that three of our teams had progressed to the ACT Finals. I would like to commend all three teams on their performances that demonstrated their creativity, teamwork, spontaneity and spirit of fun. I was delighted to hear that our team competing in the Social Science category won their ACT Final and will now go on to represent our school and the ACT at the International Finals to be held in Hobart early next term. A big congratulations to all of our ToM teams and a very big thank you to Kirrilly McKenzie and Tamzin Pulsford for the significant time and effort they have put into guiding and supporting them.

Parent/Teacher Nights

I would like to thank the many parents who came along to our Parent Teacher nights this week. It was great to see the buzz in the hall and LPAC as parents took the opportunity to talk with teachers and learn more about the efforts, achievements and progress of their children. I would also like to thank our teachers for their care, preparation and professionalism – just three of the many qualities that parents appreciated and reported to me over the two nights. Unfortunately, it was not possible for some parents to obtain all of the interviews they wanted due to a number of teachers being fully booked on both nights and a number of teachers who were absent due to illness (which is common at this time of the year). I encourage any parent who still needs to follow up on concerns, to email the relevant teacher or to ring the front office if they need assistance.

I wish you all a safe, warm and relaxing spring break.

Regards

Rob Emanuel





| Term 4 | | | |
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| Week 12 | 20-26 October | 10CB | 10 Concert Band Queensland Performance Tour |
| | 21 October | Performance Music | Rock Band Assembly Performance; arrive 8:20am |
| | 24 September | 9CB | Orientation Day performance, time TBC (during class); full band uniform |
| Week 13 | 31 October | All Band Students | Massed Bands Faculty Concert; 5:00pm, further details below |
| | 1 November | All Band Students | Massed Bands Assembly Period 1 |

Year 8 Band Tour

Last Friday, the Year 8 Concert Band returned from their 3-day performance tour to Sydney. The group had a wonderful time, despite the rain and gloomy weather the first two days. The band performed twice at Darling Harbor and then again for the students of Moss Vale Primary school on their way home. Across the two days they also visited the zoo, Paddy's Market, went on a river cruise and were delighted to find out their mystery event was to see West Side Story at the Opera House.

Thank you to Jason Peters and Sophie Raudonikis for organising and leading the tour, and to the staff that attended.



Floriade Performance

On Monday the Senior Jazz Band performed at Floriade. Despite the rain that started the day, the sun came out as the band took to the stage and the students had a great time. Thank you to Franceska Nagy and Tim Bowyer for organising the excursion and leading the Senior Jazz Band this term. What a lovely way to celebrate the end of term!



Farewell Year 10 Concert Band

Have a wonderful time on your Queensland Tour early next term! We hope you enjoy these last few performances of your Lyneham High School Band careers.

This year the Massed Bands performance will be held on Thursday 31 October, and will be a ticketed event. The tickets can be reserved through TryBooking using the link below. The tickets are free of charge, however a gold coin donation at the door is always appreciated. Should the event sell out, there will be an option to stand. We are also looking into the possibility of live streaming to the school's hall, however we are still looking into the technology required for this to happen so this is not yet set in stone as an option for overflow audience members.

Link to reserve tickets:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BFTUF>

The timings for the concert are:

Students arrive 4:20pm

Doors open to the public 4:50pm

Concert commences 5:00pm

Concert concludes 6:15pm approx.

As there is very limited room available, we are asking that students bring few items to the concert:

- Band instrument - please leave the instrument case in the car as storage is incredibly limited. If leaving the case in the car is not an option, then the case should be left at the back of the school hall. Please note that there will not be supervision of items left in the hall and if the live streaming option goes ahead then it will be open to members of the public.
- Home copies of music, including your massed band music pack.
- Water bottle as it is likely to be hot in the auditorium.

Items such as backpacks are discouraged as they will have to be left unattended in the school hall. Should a student have items such as a wallet or phone then they should not leave them in their bag in the hall.



Visual and Performing Arts News

Year 10 Visual Art

Year 10 Visual Art students have continued to work through a series of printmaking techniques to perfect a layered stencil design consisting of up to 15 stencils in the one print. These stencils have been designed and hand-cut by the students, rolled with a different coloured ink, layered on a printing plate and rolled through a printing press onto paper. This is a time-consuming and messy process and the students have taken on this creative challenge brilliantly with some fantastic results.



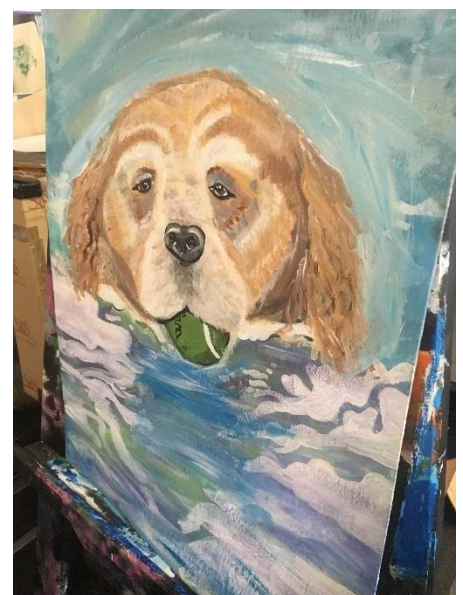
During week 8 of this term the school celebrated Five Ways to Wellbeing Week. As a part of this celebration, the Year 10 Art class took the opportunity to work on their observational skills and invited staff members to come down to be our models to pose for drawing sessions throughout the week. We would like to thank the brave teachers who volunteered their time to help us out with this activity. This was a fabulous experience for all involved and the level of concentration and creativity taking place in the art room was fabulous.

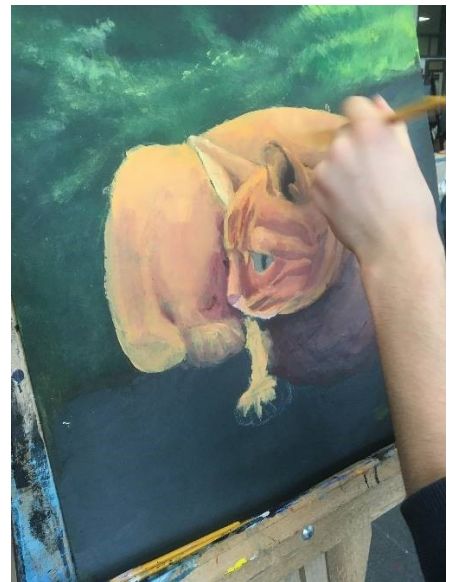
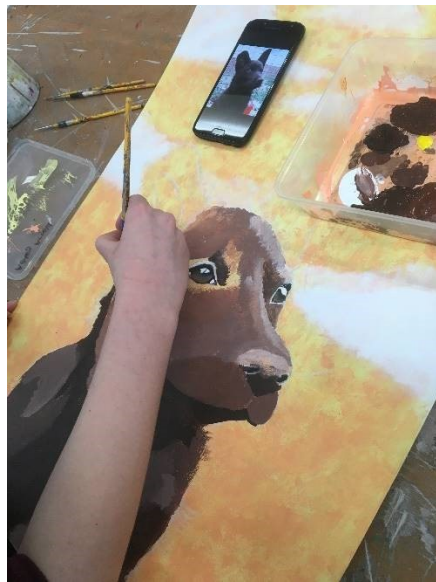




YEAR 9/10 VISUAL ART

The Year 9/10 classes have been busy developing their skills in paint mixing and application through the creation of a work with the main subject of cats and dogs. Many students chose to focus on a family pet and it has been fabulous to see all of the different painting styles starting to take shape in the works.





Lyneham Primary School French

The **year 9/10 French class** visited **Gina Meyers** and **year 5/6 French** at **Lyneham Primary** on Wednesday, 4 September. While there, we sat in groups and did introductions in French. A trivia quiz was also undertaken, with Lyneham Primary students doing an admirable job. Year 9/10 students were very confident in speaking French after all the recent practice with exchange students and native speakers.



Saul Thompson was very pleased to be back at the primary school he attended!

Annika Phillips was very capable of conversing with Mme Meyers after the time she spent in Grenoble in April this year.





During Week 8 of this term we took time to explore and celebrate the 5 Ways to Wellbeing – Connect, Be Active, Take Notice, Keep Learning, Give. This year we viewed the 5 Ways through the lens of the environment and encourage students to consider their consumption and waste, as well as learn more about the state of our environment and some of the impacts it is currently facing. In the week before 5 Ways our extended home group session offered students the chance to learn more about waste and the state of our environment.

Dougal Torrance, from our maths faculty, kindly flagged some extra resources which I will share with you here:

[http://education.abc.net.au/newsandarticles/blog/-/b/3053795/top-10-things-you-can-do-to-help-
conserve-australia-s-biodiversity](http://education.abc.net.au/newsandarticles/blog/-/b/3053795/top-10-things-you-can-do-to-help-conserve-australia-s-biodiversity)

[http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/publications/factsheet-green-kids-guide-
threatened-species-9-ways](http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/publications/factsheet-green-kids-guide-threatened-species-9-ways)

Monday saw us connecting with our Captain's Picnic. We headed to Mulligan's Flat where we had a great talk from the rangers and learned lots. We saw echidnas, wallabies, lots of birds: but not the elusive bettongs!





On Tuesday we took notice of the amazing talents of our students. The hall was filled with over 600 supportive fans. Amazing acts from all of our year groups took to the stage to entertain the enthusiastic audience.

A big thanks to Mr Ashley for all his time and the wonderful assistance of the Live Production crew. Also, a big thanks to Sam Maynard and Perrin Sedlmaier for the super pro screen saver for the show. Thanks to Mr Emanuel and Educat for judging

Judges choice prizes went to Pig Dog (Roy Prosser, Sol Kruger and Finn Lester) and Hannah Creighton
Peoples choice prize went to David Nguyen.



On Wednesday the challenge to be active was hosted by Iron Zuu who got everyone in touch with their inner beast and got our heart rates up. A big thank you to Sara Blakey, Ellen Vahey and An Vu for organising the instructors.

On Thursday, as is our business here, we kept learning, with a few extra sprinkles to tweak our brains. There was a meditation workshop with Ms Douglass which was so peaceful and so nice it just put you in a zen mood. We also had reusable bag making with Ms Dickson and a big crew of kids who made stacks of bags, some of which they donated to the market stalls. A big thank you to all of them for getting involved, giving up their time and giving.

Friday was our giving opportunity with our market day. What a success!! We raised \$1200 for the Australian Conservation Foundation.



Thanks go to:

- Our School Captains for their involvement and commitment throughout the week
- Trevor Preston for his help with the picnic and the stalls
- Alex Dashwood and Rachel Watkins for their assistance with the Forum.
- A HUGE thanks goes to Gemma Petersen for her enthusiasm and diligence in the role as Mayor of 5 Ways Week.
- And all our students who supported all the events.



Amanda Murtagh - Student Wellbeing

Lyneham High School Absences – Explain now via SMS

Lyneham High School has recently been able to accept SMS replies for absence notifications.

When your child is away, simply reply to the absence SMS with your child's name and the reason for their absence. We will use that information to directly update our records.

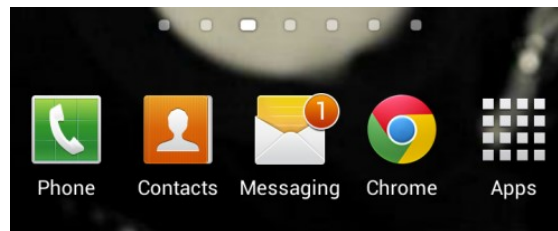
Any SMS reply is saved directly into our administration system and is visible on the student's attendance records. If you wish to ask questions or provide detailed information, DO NOT use the SMS reply: please do that via email or phone.

You may wish to phrase your reply one of the following ways:

(Student Name) was late to school this morning because (Parent/Carer Name)

(Student Name) was late to school on (date) because (Parent/Carer Name)

(Student Name) will be absent from school today because (Parent/Carer Name)



As has always been the case, if you do not advise the reason for an absence (whether by phone, email, in person or SMS), your child's absence will remain recorded as "unexplained".

Any absence emails or phone calls should be directed to LynehamHS.Absences@ed.act.edu.au or 6142 1174 respectively.

Mobile Dental Service

Unfortunately the Mobile Dental Service was oversubscribed and the dentist was unable to see all students who registered.

We are seeking additional days in term 4 for the students who were registered and missed out.



Electives 2020 subject selections – happening soon!

Recently students in Years 7-9 participated in our 2020 Electives Expression of Interest process where they informed the school of what electives they were most interested in studying. 91% of students participated in this process which gave us a very strong and clear indication of where students' interests are. We are using this data to construct our 2020 timetable ensuring the least amount of subject clashes as possible. During this process we consider electives and special program clashes, as well as aim for electives with strong EOI to be distributed across the timetable; sometimes with multiple classes offered to maximise student choice and enhance availability.

Before we undertake the next important step in the process we would like to thank the staff, students and families for their support of the Expression of Interest process. As we approach subject selections we would like to once again ask for your assistance in ensuring your student makes an informed choice.

In the past, the school has been very accommodating with providing elective change request periods. Whilst this has been our pleasure, it comes at an expense with interruption to teaching and learning for staff and students. With such strong EOI data we trust that students will find subject selections to match their interests and this will reduce the need to submit an elective change requests throughout the 2020 school year.

If you have not already done so, or perhaps if you feel your child would benefit, please take the time to review the Elective Handbook prior to making selections. These can be found on the school website as well as on Year Group Google Classroom pages.

Early next term you will receive an email from the Electives Team with instructions and a timeline for Term 4 Subject Selections. Correspondence will also feature in our newsletters.

HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

SCREEN ACTING INTENSIVE

GORMAN ARTS CENTRE
7 October – 11 October

10.00am – 4.00pm each day
For more information, visit
www.cytc.net

CANBERRA YOUTH THEATRE

The LHS P&C present the:

HALLOWEEN TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday 8 November @6.30 pm

\$20 per person - Max 10 people per table

This is a strictly over 18s event.

Tickets on sale now from the school
ph 6142 1176

BYO food and drink

Don't have a table? –

Don't worry, we can help organise one.

Prizes for best dressed table and individual

Donation of prizes

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