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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.*



Lyneham High School students at the da Vinci Decathlon

From the Principal

End of Semester Reports

Well, we have reached the end of Semester! Hard copies of reports were sent home with students yesterday, Thursday 3 July, and will then be available from the front office. As we did last year, we will also email reports home. This is quite a complex process. If you do not receive an emailed report by close of business this Friday, please contact the school by emailing info@lynehamhs.act.edu.au. It would also be very helpful if you could check your spam email to make sure that the report has not landed there. If you have recently changed your email address, please let us know your new address as soon as possible.

If you have any concerns about your son's or daughter's report, please do not hesitate to contact the school. There should be no surprises. The first point of call should be the classroom teacher.

As usual, life is very busy here at Lyneham High School. It has been an exciting couple of weeks since the last newsletter.

School Musical – *Moonflower*

What an amazing achievement this year's musical was! I attended two performances and was once again amazed by what high school students can achieve. It was wonderful to see the incredible focus of all the students and to see how much energy and fun they brought to the performance! All those students who were involved – the cast and chorus, orchestra, the stage manager, dancers, backstage crew and choreographers– are to be congratulated on their efforts. A very special thank you to John Batterham for trusting our students with the world premiere of his work. To Jason Peters, Damien Foley, Margie McMahan, David Mahon and all the many staff and parents involved, a very big and heartfelt thank you. It is only when our school community is prepared to put in so much time and effort that such an outstanding achievement is possible. This is something that all those involved will remember with great pride.

Most of our Year 10 students completed the Road Ready course this week and are currently being tested for their L plates. On Wednesday a number of our staff and students were involved in a special assembly to recognise NAIDOC week which is coming up over the holidays. Today our girls attended a very successful Year 10 Health Day organised by our STAR girls at Dickson College and a number of our male staff provided a very worthwhile boys' health day for our Year 10 boys at school. I am very proud of the enthusiasm shown by our students and by how well they have represented the school at these events. A large number of our Year 8 students attended an Empower U presentation on Tuesday this week – and I have already heard that our overseas travellers have landed safely in Malaysia. One suitcase was missing but has now safely arrived!

Many, many thanks to all those staff who have been involved in making such rich experiences available, particularly at a very busy time of the year when end of Semester reports are being completed and collated.

Staffing News

Congratulations to Barbara Monsma who recently won the position of Deputy Principal, Students, a position she has been acting in for some time. Barbara certainly deserves this success and I know that all those parents who have worked closely with her and been supported by her will be delighted.

At the end of this Semester we are saying goodbye to Thiona Moss who has worked for many years at the school, most recently as Executive Teacher in charge of Science and Special Needs. I know that Thiona will be missed enormously, particularly by the executive team and by all the members of her faculty. Thiona has been so committed to Lyneham High School and has dedicated a lot of time over the years to the LEAP program as well as to the students of the LSU and LSC. I am sure she will enjoy her “retirement” and will find herself busier than ever with all sorts of adventures and projects.

We are also losing two other teachers at the end of the term. Phil Dunne (Science) has won a position at Lake Ginninderra College. Phil has been at the school for a number of years and is looking forward to experiencing work in a different sector. Jackie Livingstone (SoSE) is moving to Munich, where his wife has won a position, and is looking forward to spending a year with his young daughter and, perhaps, learning German. We wish both these teachers well in their new adventures.

Congratulations

- Tim Dutton who has been selected to represent Australia in the U15 Baseball World Cup in Mexico next month.
- Rhiannon and Callum Burden who will be competing in the national springboard and platform diving championships in August.
- Pyper Thornberry who is representing ACT in Basketball in Townsville early next term.
- Caitlin Young who has been chosen to compete in the National Orienteering Championships in Perth in September.
- Mitchell Braithwaite who, in August, will be representing the ACT in the National Cross Country Championships.
- Guy Richardson who has been selected to in an ACT AFL team to compete in Sydney later this month.

I am sure that a lot of hard work and discipline have made these successes possible.

As this is the last newsletter before the school holidays, I wish you all a safe and enjoyable winter break.

Regards
Colleen Matheson

A Message from the Minister

Parental Engagement A Priority

During Public Education Week at the end of May, it was very good to see the achievements of our students, schools, teachers, and staff showcased and celebrated. On show were so many examples of where you and your communities are actively involved with your children's schools; through different activities and programs.

I will continue to focus on putting children, parents, carers and communities at the centre of our education system and will be looking at further ways of communicating the values of the public education system.

For example, the online enrolment system has simplified processes for parents and carers, and we have also launched the 'Parents and Students At The Centre' page on our website, which features stories of parent-school engagement, including one about how ACT public schools are increasingly using Facebook and Twitter to enable parents and the community engage and stay up to date on their activities and achievements.

Other initiatives include the 'Fresh Tastes' program which encourages learning about nutrition and healthy food and drink choices in schools and we have also launched a series of fact sheets for parents and carers of gifted and talented students.

I also recently launched the '*100 Stories: Celebrating public education in Canberra*' book which features fascinating stories of people who have influenced, or have been influenced by our public education system.

Have a great run-up to the end of term and stay warm!

'*100 Stories: Celebrating public education in Canberra*' can be viewed online at www.det.act.gov.au.

Joy Burch MLA
Minister for Education and Training



Staff in the Spotlight

When describing Thiona Moss words like passionate, supportive, calm, cheerful, positive and organised all spring to mind. Sadly for us at Lyneham High Thiona is retiring. She has been at Lyneham for 14 ½ years teaching science, a subject which she loves. Thiona started her working life as a technician at CSIRO Division of Plant industry. After three years she completed her Diploma of Education and went into teaching which she claims is the best job in the world.

Thiona has a strong belief that teachers make a difference. She also believes that all students have the right to learn and this led to her involvement with gifted students and students with disabilities. Thiona sees the best in each student and works tirelessly to draw on their strengths so they can realise their potential. Her love of learning is ever present in her classes. Her enthusiasm, commitment and passion for science have influenced so many students. She takes great joy in seeing students follow a career path in science knowing that she has helped them make that decision.

Outside of school Thiona is an energetic, family focussed mother of two adult children. As a family they all love the outdoors taking every opportunity to go camping, bushwalking and kayaking. Going beyond the Australian shores to experience new cultures and fantastic landscapes is another important part of Thiona's life. For some retirement means slowing down, but most agree that this won't be the case for Thiona. Retirement is just a new phase of Thiona's life, one that is sure to be filled with fun and excitement.



LEAP Update – Term 2

There were a number of wonderful opportunities for students in LEAP this term. The annual da Vinci Decathlon was held in early June and featured a large number of students from across the ACT and regional NSW. Students, in groups of eight, had to compete in ten academic fields and display ingenuity, group skills and higher order thinking. The great news is that our Year 7s came second and the Year 8s were equal third in their respective divisions.

	Year 7	Year 8
Engineering	13 th	4 th
Art & Poetry	4 th	6 th
Science	5 th	12 th
English	1 st	11 th
Creative Producers	12 th	11 th
Philosophy	1 st	2 nd
Cartography	2 nd	1 st
Maths	9 th	5 th
General Knowledge	1 st	7 th
Code Breaking	3 rd	6 th
OVERALL	2nd	3rd

Year 7 Team

Harrie Cobcroft
David Ji
Lachlan McLellan
Tristan Miller
Conall Minchin
Esther Olalere
Wallace Tan
Simon Yung

Year 8 Team

Ryu Callaway
Antonio Donald
Rebecca Gibson
Alyssa Green
Laura Mobini-Kesheh
Ella Ragless
Prasanth Senthivel
Rachel Towson

A big congratulations to both teams!

Our Year 9s and 10s have been involved after school this term in a special LEAP Mentoring Program with the Raising Hope Foundation to build on their strengths, skills, abilities and interests and to guide them as they make plans for their future education, employment and training. Nine students participated on Tuesday afternoons for the second half of the term with students from our local universities. It was a big success and I'm hoping that we may be able to continue with it in second semester with a larger range of students. Interested students should pay attention to the daily notices or, alternatively, families can contact me in the new semester to book a place.

Luke Williams
LEAP Coordinator
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Bill Turner Cup

It was a **Marco Izurieta** second half goal that was the difference between Lyneham High and Eden High in the final of the Southern NSW/ACT area of the Bill Turner Cup.

While Lyneham were playing with 6 changes to our previous match winning team against Mulwaree High, we started with purpose and looked to apply the pressure early with ball possession and quick passes our main goal.

The conditions were cold, with blustery winds and **Marco, Dylan Aitolu** and **Harry Subasic** controlled our passing from the centre of the midfield exceptionally well. This created early opportunities for **Isaac Hunter** who was unlucky not to put us ahead early. It seemed only a matter of time before our slick passing and the number of chances we created would result in a goal but unfortunately we went into the break locked at nil-all.

At half time we spoke about not isolating our striker as much, which meant we would create another option up front when we were in attack searching for that elusive goal. This saw us continue our pressure and we were rewarded with a fine goal by **Marco** after some great lead up play which resulted in a free kick just outside the area.

Eden High made some changes to look at levelling the score line before full time but our defence stayed strong and cut out their attacking options. **Tom Cochrane** and **Ameer Karim** were solid at the back and played us into attacking opportunities, while our wide players, **Zedan Mutlu, Gabriel Cole, Isaac Hunter** and **Aidan McGarty**, all played very strong and attacking games.

Jamie-Lee Guo was kept mostly quiet throughout the match, only to be tested a couple of times by the Eden High attack.

Badreldin Abbas, Johnny Hajdu, Mitchell Braithwaite and **Shae Thornton** all produced excellent games in their roles and produced some excellent play both in attack and defence.

Our next match will be in Albury/Wodonga on 31 July (Week 3, Term 3) against either Maribyrnong College or St Albans College, both from Victoria. Should we win this match, we will then play the following day.

We are now in the final 32 teams out of around 400 teams who compete in this prestigious tournament throughout the Eastern states of Australia. We have a strong chance of claiming some excellent results against the other top schools in the competition.

All the best of luck to our Bill Turner Cup boys.

Mr Morris



Lyneham High School Southern NSW/ACT champions.

BROS PROGRAM AT THE PHOENIX COMBAT SPORTS CLUB

During semester one, a select group of eight male students participated in the 'BROS (Building Relationships of Strength) Program' facilitated by Anglicare Youth Connections and Menslink. The aim of this program was for group members to develop self-esteem, resilience, assertiveness and opportunities to increase their general health and wellbeing.

In Term 1, BROS students were involved in weekly discussion groups held in the school youth worker's drop in space, covering a range of topics from bullying, cyberbullying, positive communication, self-esteem and identifying personal strengths.

This Term, some students from BROS attended weekly sessions at the Phoenix Combat Sports Club, facilitated by nationally acclaimed coach and martial artist Anthony Manning. Anthony delivered a focused, no nonsense approach to teaching our students basic boxing training based on 'Muay Thai' kickboxing techniques. Students utilised punching bags, the boxing ring, general gym equipment and 'grunt' (pulling weights from sleighs).

Anthony taught our students some valuable lessons in resilience, even from improving one's posture and 'standing tall' to project a more confident, individual presence. A big thank you to the following.

Anthony – Founder and Coordinator of Phoenix Combat Sports Club,
Mackenzie Clare - Counselling Program Manager of Menslink,
Ruth Simpson – Youth Worker of Anglicare Youth Connections.



Dylan Forbes (Year 8) learns boxing techniques from coach Anthony Manning



BROS participant William Lawton-Weir (Year 7) at the Phoenix Combat Sports Club



Workshop in Community Services

Nikita Puschak (Year 10) attended a 'Workshop in Community Services' weekly course at Anglicare, Youth in the City, throughout this term. This is a free program subsidised by the ACT Education and Training Directorate. Workshop participants gain general knowledge about the community services industry, including aged care, disability and the youth sector. Upon completing this course, participants achieve a Certificate of Participation and Statements of Attainment with competencies in First Aid, Food Safety, OH&S and Work in the Community Sector. These competencies are credited towards a future qualification (Certificate III in Community Services or related field). Congratulations Nikita on your achievement!

By Anne Flynn
Youth Support Worker



Nikita Puschak (Year 10) proudly holds her Certificate of Participation at Anglicare Youth in the City

LHS P&C Association Parent's Forum

Teenage brains – what's going on?

Coping tips for parents

It's a joyful and scary ride caring for a young person heading into adulthood.

Welcome to a special LHS forum presented by our school specialists on student wellbeing.

**Tuesday August 5 at 6.30pm in the library
(south side car park entrance)**

Please stay on the for the P&C meeting at 7.30pm

For more information contact: Deb Nesbitt 0409 030128

Careers Expo 2014

A friendly reminder that ALL Year 10 students are expected to attend the 2014 Canberra Careers Expo on Thursday 31 July (**see attached Excursion note**). Students will be travelling by Action buses to and from the venue. There is a cost for transport of \$2.50. The excursion note and payment must be returned to the front office by close of business, Wednesday 28 July. Without a note/consent they cannot attend.

White Card Training

Early in Term 3, I am proposing a two day program for students to undertake the White Card and Asbestos Training Course. There is a cost for the course which will be advised. If your child is interested in participating in this course, please email melissa.moir@ed.act.edu.au to confirm a spot.

Brick and Block Program

This program will be undertaken from Tuesday 12 August to Friday 15 August. Twelve eligible students will be asked to participate in this Bricklaying course. There is a requirement that any student undertaking this course must hold a current White Card. If your child is interested in this program, please email Melissa.moir@ed.act.edu.au to confirm a place. This program is open to Year 9 and 10 students only.

French News

'Aladdin and the Magic Lamp,' is going to be performed at Lyneham High by Carrousel Theatre on 31 July. Notes will be sent home and payments can be made at the front office from the start of Term 3.



On Wednesday, 25 June, Year 7, Line 1 French classes displayed their wonderful **petits modèles in the main staffroom**. Thank you to the parents and students who were able to come along and see them.

Year 9 students were given the opportunity on Monday 23 June to visit the **National Gallery and view artworks by French painters**. Congratulations to Ms Britton for braving the wet weather and running this excursion.

Best wishes for a safe and enjoyable holiday and don't forget to follow the **Tour de France!**

French teachers

Clare Douglass, Lena Britton, Sharon Towner and Sarah McLaughlan

Band Bulletin

Thank you to all students and parents for all the hard work that you have put in to this semester. There have been so many great performances and experiences for us all, far too many to list here. Some of the highlights this semester have been the excellent production of 'Moonflower' and all of the performances from our concert, jazz and rock bands at the Australian National Eisteddfod.

Next semester is full of more exciting events and performances. All the students are eagerly awaiting the band tours and, if your child is coming on one of the tours, please ensure their deposit is paid to assist us to be able to confirm tour bookings.

This semester will be our current Year 10 Band students' last semester here at Lyneham High School. If your child has any unwanted band uniform items (blue band tops, black pants) we would appreciate any donations as we always need back up supplies for when students forget to bring the correct uniform. Also, if your child has accidentally taken home a pair of our black socks, could they return these as soon as possible please.

We have three more concert reviews from students to publish. The students are all from Year 10 and their reviews are for the Year 10 Concert Band and the Senior Jazz Band performances at the Australian National Eisteddfod.

Fourth year in the making, all our eisteddfods and performances have retrospectively led to this moment. The intense quality of leaders we have had over the years (such as Mr Bowyer, Mr Mahon and Mr Peters) equipped us for our moment of fame, our Year 10 band experience. This was to be our last performance as a band in the spectacular setting of Llewellyn Hall. Of all our eisteddfods we all knew what was there for the taking; the chance to prove ourselves as more than a band, but a synchronized spectacle of robust and amazing sound. This was our time. So when the day came, all of us took up our instruments and music, sported our black socks and shoes and represented our school with pride in our blazoned blue t-shirts. The warm up is always the calm before the storm and as we sat backstage ready for that call to arms, anticipation and excitement was very prevalent. At curtain call, the last touches to instruments, tuning and top buttons were done. This was the time, this was our time. As the bell rung and we began to play, Mrs Masling, our fearless leader who had believed in us from the get go, provided us with the unwavering tempo and willingness to perform. Here it was that we played... and man did we play. From the melodious sequences to the boldness of the piece, we performed Zeus: King of the Gods to such a calibre in a grade above our own that we left many, including our own conductor in a state of pride and astonishment. Like I previously mentioned, this was our last time playing at The National Eisteddfod at Llewellyn Hall and although there was much sadness, the prize that we all found was in our music itself. I will never forget that day we played the best that we have ever played. We took out Gold and Platinum awards and established ourselves not only as musically able individuals, but as a fortified group and a diligent, proud bunch of kids, who are proud and will be proud that we were able to call ourselves a Lyneham High School, Year 10 Concert Band.

By Nick Chenery, Year 10 Concert Band



Performing at the National Eisteddfod for the last time in blue will always be a memorable experience. Walking onto the stage of Llewelyn Hall for the fifth was just as amazing as the previous years, but somehow there was a different aura to the band this year: this was it. The last time we can succeed for Lyneham forever. And we sure did, but winning gold and platinum is nothing like the feeling of playing that last note in that piece that we all worked so hard for a term and a half, and looking up to see tears streaming down your conductor's face. I was one of the people to walk back onto that stage and receive the award, and it felt wonderful to hold those trophies feeling the Lyneham High School pride coursing through our band. I believe we surely did end our Lyneham High band career with a glorious bang. Of course, this is not everyone's last time walking through those warm up rooms and back stage to Llewelyn Hall, some of our band will continue to rock the stage in other orchestras, an example being Ginninderra Wind Orchestra, but it would take a lot to top those feelings I felt cheering with my fellow Year 10 students for the last time. Year 10 Band truly is and will be one of the best experiences in Lyneham High School.

By Mikayla Radojkovic Year Ten Concert Band

On 22 May, Lyneham High School Senior Jazz Band competed in the National Jazz Eisteddfod. They had been practising for this since the formation of this year's Senior Jazz Band and it was a great achievement to win the gold at the event. They performed two pieces, "It Don't Mean a Thing (if it ain't got that swing)" and "The Chicken". It Don't Mean a Thing featured Kayte Flanagan on lead vocals, a first for Lyneham High Senior Jazz Band. The Chicken, being a more big band brass piece, really suited the band's nature and size. The whole band was happy with the result and had a good evening watching other schools perform their pieces. In full it was a great competition and a good performance by Lyneham High's Senior Jazz Band.

By Liam Unwin, Year 10 Senior Jazz Band



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**SERVING COUNTRY –
CENTENARY & BEYOND**

Celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. This year's NAIDOC theme honours all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women who have fought in defence of country.

Year 9 2014 (Year 10 2015) Tops

We are beginning the process of organising and ordering the Year 10 tops for 2015.

Students have voted and decided on the design. The design appears below. The sleeves and hood are maroon with the body being blue. Please note that the cuffs and waist will be solid maroon.

The cost for the tops will be approximately \$70.00. This can be paid in full or via instalments as long as full payment is received prior to the due date. Please note that payment must be made in full before the order is sent. This will ensure that tops are available from the start of the 2015 school year. We are working to strict deadlines.

The next stage in the process is for students to get their size, think about their nickname and make payment. There will be sample sizes available at the beginning of Term 3 for students to try on. The time and location for trying on tops will be advertised through the Daily Notices in home group.

Ordering (size and nickname) is completed online by students and payment can be made at the front office from the start of Term 3.

Full payment is due by **Wednesday 24 September (Week 10, Term 3)**.

If you have any questions please contact Ross Macdonald (Year Coordinator).
ross.macdonald@ed.act.edu.au.



Creative ARTS CAMP

Arts Camp 2014 Thursday 18-Friday 19 September

All students are invited to attend the Annual Arts camp at Warrambui. The Arts faculty are running an overnight camp offering a range of Visual Arts based activities indoors and outdoors. We have limited places so make sure you reserve yourself a place for this exciting camp. The cost is \$140.00. Notes are available from the Arts staffroom (see Mrs Norton or Mrs Widdup).



PARENTS, DO YOU HAVE YOUR WORKING WITH VULNERABLE PEOPLE CARD?

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER AT LYNEHAM HIGH SCHOOL?
THEN BREAKFAST CLUB IS FOR YOU!**



PARENT VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR BREAKFAST PROGRAM (FOR A ONCE A TERM COMMITMENT)

The Youth Support Worker and P&C of Lyneham High host a free breakfast program on Friday mornings during the school term.

We are looking for parents who would like to assist us with setting up, food preparation and cleaning before and after breakfast. The P&C breakfast is from 8.00am–8.45am in the foyer outside the canteen. Our current parent volunteers provide a once a term commitment based on a rostered system.

If you would like to participate, please email info@lynehamhs.act.edu.au.

Thank you and hope to see you soon.

**Anne Flynn
Youth Support Worker**

“I started doing breakfast club a couple of years ago and still look forward to my rostered day on each term. It is not a big commitment in terms of time or effort, but it is a great opportunity to meet some teachers and students in a really informal way. I even manage to get to work in time after the clean up!! As we all know, opportunities to participate in activities in high school are not as frequent as in primary school. For me it is a great way to get a 'feel' for the atmosphere within the school - and the kids seem to really appreciate the fact that the breakfast club exists”.

- Parent volunteer

LYNEHAM HIGH SCHOOL SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP



Short sleeved tops, hooded jumpers, SEAL and Band t-shirts are available for sale
Prices from \$5.00 to \$15.00

For all orders, please email anne.flynn@ed.act.edu.au

Proposed Changes by ACTION to 2014 School Bus Services and Timetables

For Information

Joanne Garrisson, Director, Governance and Assurance

ACTION has advised that the proposed 2014 school service changes will NOT be implemented at the beginning of Term 3 and schools will be given at least four weeks' notice of the changes, exclusive of any school holiday periods, prior to the commencement of the new network.

This will allow school staff, students and parents time to familiarise themselves with the new routes and times.

Contact: [Stephen Gilfedder](#)

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