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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.



Malaysia Trip 2014



Batik painting lesson in Kuala Lumpur (left); on the beach at Bako National Park (top); students waiting to perform at assembly at St Francis, Melaka (right).

From the Principal

Welcome to second semester, I hope everyone enjoyed the winter school break. At the end of last term students received a comprehensive report on their achievements for the first half of the year. Students are asked to read their reports carefully, not just look at the grade. Many students would be proud of their achievements while some may not be so proud. At assembly I spoke to all students about reflecting on their reports and the importance of working out how and why they achieved these results. For high achievement was it because of hard work, consistent effort and continual practice? All too often I hear comments like “I just can’t do Maths” or “I didn’t do well because my teacher doesn’t like me”. To me these are often excuses and they belong to a fixed mindset. I asked students to be honest with themselves; maybe their poor grades were a result of a lack of effort or a lack of involvement; perhaps they did little practice or did not devote much time to learning.

“They are really smart that’s why they did well in science”. Comments like this one are also often heard. It is true that some individuals find certain subjects easier than others, but as time progresses all people have to work at learning, work at understanding, work at problem solving and work at accomplishing a task. So rather than just saying “they are smarter than me” consider the idea that they may have practiced harder, used better problem solving strategies or just methodically worked their way through obstacles. Working harder can make you smarter. Dr Carol Dweck suggests a simple step to move from a fixed mindset to a growth mindset is to have conversations with your children with questions like ‘what did you learn today?’, “what mistake did you make that taught you something?”, “what did you try hard at today?”

I encourage any parents or carers who have concerns about their child’s performance to contact the appropriate year coordinator or teacher. It is important that we keep communication open and that we work together in the best interests of our students.

Staffing News

There are a few changes in staffing this Semester. Colleen Matheson is currently working in the Directorate for four weeks. She will return in Week 6 and until then I, Robin Morrell, will be in the position of Principal. Simon Spinetti will be taking on the role of Deputy Principal. Brad Lynch will be the Executive Teacher for Technology.

Janet Richardson will move to Executive Teacher for Science and Special Needs, and Ashlee Wilson will continue with Literacy and Numeracy and will take on MAZE and Reporting and Assessment.

Last week Premila Chand retired. Premila has been teaching Mathematics at Lyneham High for over 18 years. Her enthusiasm and passion for teaching never waned, as evidenced by her commitment to running an after school homework club each week where she regularly had large crowds of students seeking extra assistance with homework and assignments. Premila is highly respected by students and staff at Lyneham High and she will be missed enormously. Sara Cutler has returned from maternity leave and we welcome Mark Body into the Arts Faculty. Janeen Andersen returns to the Mathematics Faculty after a term at Dickson College. With the sudden departure of Jackie Livingstone to Germany we welcome Kate Broadhurst to the SoSE Faculty. Congratulations to Luke Coleman who gained permanency this semester and will continue to work in Science. Ranjeeta Sewak has moved from Mathematics to Science to fill the vacancy left with Phil Dunne’s move last term. We also welcome Jennifer Taylor to the administrative staff.

Six staff members received Certificates of Appreciation in recognition of service to Public Education in the ACT. Congratulations to Debbie Masling, Prue Davies, Anne Flynn, Courtney Guy, David Mahon and Ian Ross .

Congratulations

- Tommy Muir who has made it to the ACT Schools 12 and Under Boys Basketball team travelling to Townsville in August for the Australian School Sport Basketball Competition. He has also been selected for the ACT U14 Boys Basketball team to play at the Australian U14 Club Basketball Championships in Albury in late September.
- Taylor Mamukic who is representing ACT in the Volleyball Championships in Adelaide at the end of August.
- Long Vu who is also going to Adelaide representing ACT in the Volleyball Championships.
- Tristan Miller who is travelling to Perth as part of the ACT Team in the Australian Orienteering Championships.
- Lucy Barton who is also part of the ACT team going to Perth for the Australian Orienteering Championships.
- Kylie Aylott who will be part of the ACT Touch Football team playing in Victoria in October.

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

Regards
Robin Morrell



Lyn Dickson has worked in the public education system for over 25 years in schools all across Australia, with both her first year of teaching and the previous 12 months as part of the staff here at Lyneham High School. She is currently a classroom teacher in the Technology Faculty teaching Café and Food Technology. In the short time she has been here Lyn has energised the Café course and been a font of knowledge and ideas about all things related to coffee and cooking.

When not at school Lyn loves being mum to 2 adult children, sharing movies, food and coffee with friends and family, doing patchwork and seeing the world, both near and far.

Lyn is a passionate and dedicated teacher who constantly strives to get the best out of her students and is keen to see the skills and hospitality experiences that students get here at school grow in the future.

In the 12 months she has been here, Lyn has become a real asset to the Technology Faculty and the whole school.

P&C

Dear Parents,

Update your diaries! More P&C forums have been locked in. On **Tuesday 5 August at 6.30pm** we will hold a **“Teenage brains, what’s going on? Tips for parents”** forum. We figured parents could do with all the insight and advice they can get on keeping their young people happy and safe. The school’s student welfare team are keen to pass on their knowledge and skills, and parents will be welcome to ask questions. The P&C forums are a great chance to meet and catch up with other parents at the school too. A **P&C meeting will follow at 7.30pm** and all are welcome to stay on.

Later in the year, we will hold a special forum presented by Melissa Tankard Reiss on the internet’s sexualisation of children that is bound to create some healthy debate. Melissa delivered a similar presentation to our STAR girls last year that was very well received. We are pursuing a date for a cybersmart/bullying forum presented by the Australian Media and Communications Authority, and we have ideas for more forums. Let us know yours.

ACT P&C Council

As Canberra’s largest public high school, the LHS P&C is the biggest contributor to the ACT P&C Council. As such, P&C secretary Cindy Trewin and I braved the sleet and headed to our first Council ‘hot topics’ meeting last week. It was great to hear from other schools about common concerns, eg traffic issues and canteen food. Religious teaching in public schools/chaplains are ongoing issues for P&Cs across Canberra. The Council is considering a campaign opposing government funding for chaplains once the policy direction is clearer. You can sign up for the Council’s online newsletter via its website: www.actparents.org.au and follow it on twitter: @ParentVoiceACT.

Spending P&C funds

Next P&C meeting we’ll make some final decisions on spending the funds we have raised over the past couple of years – not a lot but we reckon we can contribute some new water fountains to LHS. I am hoping to meet with the Student Forum to seek ideas on P&C contributions to the school, and have asked the school Board also. If you have ideas let us know.

We are keen for people to take up, and take the lead on, school issues they are concerned about through the P&C, so come along to our meetings or contact us via our **new P&C gmail address!** lynehamhighpc@gmail.com

Cheers, Deb Nesbitt
LHS P&C President

Important dates:

Student welfare forum: 5 August at 6.30pm in the library.

Next P&C meeting: 5 August at 7.30pm in the library.

Trivia Night: 7 November - details soon.

Internet’s sexualisation of kids forum: 24 November. Time & venue tbc.

Lyneham Enriched Academic Program (LEAP) – Update

A quick note to all Year 9 and 10 LEAP students and their families. Lyneham High School is running an after school mentoring program for LEAP students on Wednesdays this term. All six mentors (3 males and 3 females) currently attend the ANU and have been specifically trained to work with high school students in building strengths, skills, abilities and interests to guide them as they make plans for their future education and employment. This term three of the mentors are actually LEAP alumni!

We start on 6 August and the last session will be on 3 September in the school library from 3.10pm-4.10pm. If you are interested in participating in this great opportunity, please email me for a permission note and additional details.

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Agriculture News

The Agriculture plot is the proud owner of three roosters. Unfortunately they eat a lot and love to sing. So we are looking for new homes for them. If you are able to give our Roosters a home please contact Luke Coleman or Janet Richardson in the Science Faculty.



Year 9 2014 (Year 10 2015) Hoodies

In order for the Year 10 jumpers to be ready for the start of the 2015 school year, we need to order and purchase the clothing **by Wednesday 24 September**. We are using the same company as in previous years.

Students have been able to try on sample sizes and have been given notes with more detailed information regarding ordering and payment. A sizing chart is included.

The Year 10 jumper is not compulsory. For students wishing to make a purchase, they must make their online order and **payment of \$70.00** to the front office by **Wednesday 24 September**. ***Please note that a jumper order will only be successful if the online order and payment have both been made by the deadline.*** There will be no other jumpers for sale after this period. Students who miss out this term will not be given another opportunity.

Instructions for ordering:

Go to **orders.reformclothing.com**

Enter the shopping cart code: **L75522**

Follow the steps on the website to make your individual order.

Submit your payment of **\$70.00** along with the note over the page to the **front office** by **Wednesday 24 September**.

French and Indonesian News

The **Language Perfect World Championships** were held in May and during this time French and Indonesian students from Lyneham High answered over half a million questions. We came 3rd in the ACT and 72nd overall out of 1152 schools in the world!

Thank you to Mrs Towner for coordinating this and congratulations to 110 students who received awards. The following were awarded Gold Awards (over 3000 points) or Elite Awards (over 10,000 points).

Gold: Caleb Campbell, Shruti Christian, Jamie Gumbrell, Madison McClure, Vivien Zhu, Ella Ragless, Rachel Towson, Natsuko Yonezawa, Ziqi Yuan, Zainullah Rafee.

Elite: Brydie Parton.

World EXPO will be held in the school hall for Year 8 continuing students of French and Indonesian on **Wednesday 13 August** during Lines 7, 1 and 2. Each group will run a stall representing a Francophone or Indonesian speaking place and we are already anticipating very interesting experiences. Visitors are welcome to come and visit to increase intercultural knowledge.



Year 10 End of Year Events

We would like to formally acknowledge Jackie Livingstone's hard work over the last semester and welcome Jason Peters to the Year 10 team as a Year 10 coordinator.

Parents/carers of Year 10 students, please take note of the following end of year timetable for various Year 10 events.

The Timeline for Semester Two

Dates are accurate at time of printing. Further information will be given to students if changes are necessary.

<u>Week 1</u> Tues 22 July	College information sessions during English (line 1)
Wed 23 July	College information sessions during English (line 4)
<u>Week 2</u> Thurs 31 July	Careers Day
<u>Week 5</u> Mon 18 August and Wed 21 August	Careers advice available for students going to Dickson College
<u>Week 7</u> Tues 2 September	Dickson College Enrolments at Lyneham High
<u>Week 18</u> Wed 3 December	Last Day for Year 10 9.00am – 10:05pm Year 10 Farewell Assembly 10:30pm – 2.30pm Pool afternoon at Dickson pool with barbecue lunch
Thurs 4 December	Year 10 Formal at The National Arboretum - 7.00pm (arrivals from 6.00pm) finishing at 11.00pm
<u>Week 20</u> Mon 15 December	Graduation Ceremony - Approximately 1:00pm Presentation Night 7.00pm - by invitation – major awards presented for 2014 in LPAC

Please contact the Year 10 team if you have any questions or concerns.

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Malaysia Trip 2014

During the school holidays, 20 Indonesian students and three teachers travelled to Malaysia for a language enrichment tour. Despite a 20 hour flight to Sarawak via Kuala Lumpur, we were perky and in high spirits, practicing our language skills on the customs officers and Malaysian Airlines staff. The first five days of the tour were in Sarawak where the students had the opportunity to stay at Bako National Park and see the exotic proboscis monkeys, wild hogs, vipers and local squirrels. We even spent the night telling Malaysian ghost stories under the cover of darkness, surrounded by fireflies. It was such an amazing adventure for us to be away from the concrete jungle of Kuching, a Sarawak City, and embrace the beauty of the natural landscape, flora and fauna. The highlight of our trip was definitely the *Iban* Longhouse visit. The *Ibans* are the native head hunters in Borneo who in the past would capture the heads of their enemies to attain higher status in their community. After converting to Christianity, this practice has been long abandoned but they retain much of their language and culture. We were welcomed warmly by the Head Chief and treated to a traditional local dinner. The students bonded quickly with the children through soccer, a much loved sport in Malaysia. The *Ibans* taught us the eagle and warrior dances, an essential component of their heritage for welcoming new friends.

Subsequently, we flew to Kuala Lumpur where we proceeded to visit the Menara KL Tower, the second tallest building in Malaysia. Standing at 335 metres, this tower provides a bird's eye view of the surrounding CBD of Kuala Lumpur. Students received a lesson in batik painting at the Sentral Market, an Arts Market in the heartland of KL and spent time bargaining for artefacts such as *sepak thraw* balls, *batik* paintings, *wayang kulit* puppets and local delicacies such as *luwak* coffee and pineapple kisses. Our Malaysia adventure ended in Melaka, a rich Dutch-Portuguese fort city where we visited St Francis High School. Our students sang *Rasa Sayang*, *Bengawan Solo* and *Home Among the Gum Trees* at the assembly before we continued on with an hour long Indonesian lesson with a class. It was a rewarding experience as students had to work collaboratively in a game of charades in Indonesian. Due to the warm feedback and positive experiences, we look forward to offering another overseas trip for all elective Indonesian students in 2016.

Ibu Idris



Practising the blow pipe at the longhouse

Health and Physical Education News

Orienteering ACT

On Saturday 24 May, students from Lyneham High School competed in the ACT Secondary Schools Orienteering Championships. There were some outstanding achievements on both individual and team levels.

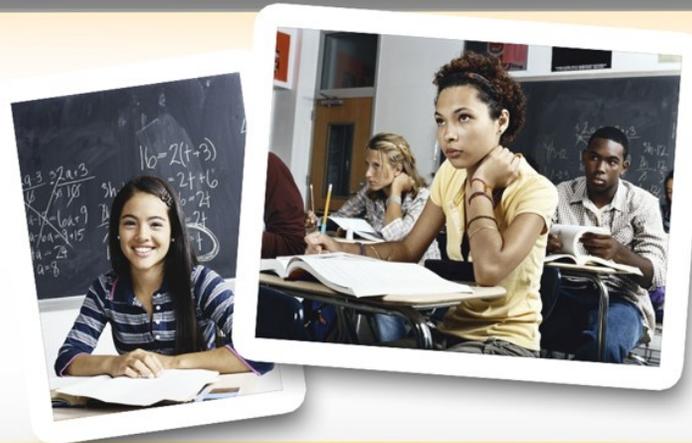
Tristan Miller won the Men's 14 years category, Annabelle Mill won the Women's 14 years category and Lucinda Antcliff won the Women's 16 years category. The breadth and depth of the women competitors from our school resulted in Lyneham High School being the ACT Women's Champion High School.

Some of our students will be travelling to Western Australia in October as part of the ACT Schools Orienteering team competing nationally. These students are Lucy Barton, Tristan Miller and Caitlin Young. Congratulations to these students.

Full results can be viewed via the Orienteering ACT website <http://www.act.orienteeing.asn.au>



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William Shakespeare

To celebrate 450 years since the Bard's birth, Lyneham High School is offering three different events to our students.

On Thursday **11 September**, there is an opportunity for a very limited group of students to attend *Dream* performed by the Bell Shakespeare Company at the **Canberra Theatre**. This adaptation of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* will be followed by a question and answer session. The sets developed for Bell Shakespeare are always spectacular and enjoying the stagecraft of the full cast is a marvellous learning experience.



Twelve days later, on Tuesday **23 September**, Lyneham High School will be visited by Actors-at-Play, which is also part of the Bell Shakespeare Company. The Players will perform an adaptation of *Romeo and Juliet* for the **Year 7 and 8 students** called '**Such Sweet Sorrow**'. The play is made accessible in its well explained adaption to the students by this smaller cast, and the performance is followed by a question and answer session.

This will be followed by an adaptation of *Hamlet* called '**Hamlet Out of Joint**'. This play is aimed at **Year 9 and 10 students** and will also be followed by a question and answer session. The Actors-at-Play tour Australia and use ingenious props to set the stage. Their performances last year were enormously successful and we are very happy to have them back.

Notes for the plays will be distributed during English classes. Please be aware that the number of students who can attend is limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first- served basis. Students will only be able to attend the performance aimed at their year group.

If you have any questions, please contact organising teacher Mrs Lena Britton by email lena.britton@ed.act.edu.au or by phone 6205 6413.

Year 7 and 8

Come and see



Such Sweet Sorrow

an adaptation of *Romeo and Juliet*,
performed by Actors at Play-Bell
Shakespeare Co.

on **Tuesday 23 September**,
between **9:10 and 11:00**
Cost: **\$10.00 paid by 16 Sept.**

Note! Places are limited, and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Year 9 and 10

**To be or not to be...
... is not the question.**

Come and see

Hamlet: Out of Joint



performed by Actors at Play-Bell
Shakespeare Co.

on **Tuesday 23 September**,
between **11:30 and 13:10**
Cost: **\$10.00 paid by 16 Sept.**

Note! Places are limited, and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

\$190 million extra for our schools?

Last year the ACT and Australian Governments signed a \$190 million joint agreement for six years of extra funding for ACT schools following the recommendations of the Gonski review. This extra funding is now making a difference in our schools. It means more teachers and more resources.

However, the Federal Government has now announced that it will not fund the final two years of this agreement, the crucial years where two-thirds of the funds are to be delivered. Not having this funding will make it harder for ACT schools to implement their plans for improving our schools. Those plans include:

- reducing class sizes;
- expanding literacy and numeracy programs;
- increasing the individual attention and support for students at risk; and
- providing greater assistance to students with disabilities or special needs.

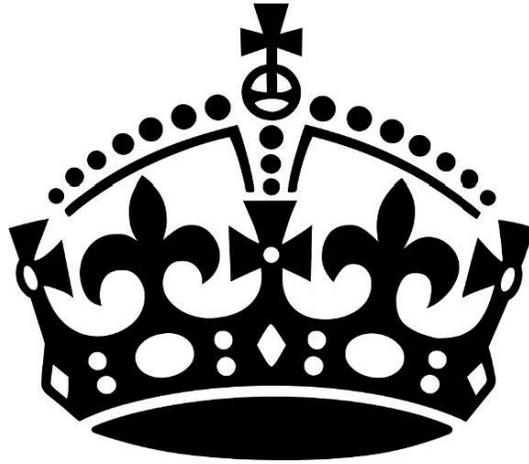
Please help us tell the Australian Government that we want our children to have all the resources they need for a high quality education. Visit www.igiveagonski.com.au to find out more about the issue and to add your voice to the call for needs-based funding across Australia.

Endorsed by LHS P&C Association and ACT Council of P&C Associations.

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AND
DO YOUR
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AFTER SCHOOL UNTIL 4:15**

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