



# The Link

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## Lurnea High School's Athletics Carnival





# Reconciliation Week



Reconciliation Week had lots of fun activities for students at Lurnea High School. Students were able to throw a Boomerang and eat Kangaroo Skewers.

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Principal Absence:**

Just a brief note to inform our community of my absence. I was unexpectedly scheduled for an operation which has resulted in my having to take a couple of weeks off school. I expect to return in week 9 or 10 and am recovering at home very well.

I thank my staff who have been wonderful and sent me some beautiful gifts, your heartfelt support and well wishes have really made an incredible difference to my recovery.

While I am absent, Mark James will Relieve as Principal and Julie Perkins will look after Years 7 & 9. Rene Cahill will step up as PSP DP.

I hope things will be back to normal soon. I have an experienced staff who are able to fill any gaps so well.

Thankyou to my community for the best wishes and support.

Domonique Splatt

### **Building Updates**

I am pleased to announce our D Block student toilets are looking good and students are taking good care of the new facilities. I am installing hand dryers for students and have acted on some student suggestions such as adding smoke detectors, air fresheners etc. The Science labs in E block are being used by students now and both staff and students really enjoy these upgraded facilities.

### **Quad Shade Area**

I have had quotes to update our quad with a small shade structure and new seating. As we lost our trees, this has become a very hot space for students and I am keen to rectify the problem. We will ask students to try to raise some money, through a walk-a-thon soon, but I will proceed with some work in this area to benefit all students.

### **HSC Students**

I ask our small but special group of Year 12 to stay focussed and be working hard in the lead up to the HSC. It is an important time for them. Make use of the Learning Centre and Library for study and revision. I remind parents we have a HSC Coaching program underway for our students and encourage them to take advantage of this great and free resource!!

### **Senior Uniform Revamp**

The school is looking at updating our senior uniform and have formed a committee of students and teachers to look at this. Proposed changes will be presented at our next Community Information Meeting in Week 10.

Thankyou

Domonique Splatt  
Principal



# Year 7 and 9 Deputy Report

Lurnea High is a very happy and safe school where the students are very supportive of each other and recognize and respect individual difference. These differences are what make Lurnea High an exciting place to work and learn. We have many students of varying academic and physical abilities from a range of cultural and social backgrounds. Considering our large student population there is only a very small percentage of students who have difficulty in accepting and appreciating other students who they may perceive as being slightly different to the 'norm'.

Recently there has been a lot of publicity about bullying in the press and the repercussions it can have for student victims. Apart from immediate emotional trauma, there can be long term psychological effects on students resulting from chronic bullying. At Lurnea High every student has the right to feel safe and respected and free from bullying and harassment. Bullying is not tolerated at the school and there are procedures in place to address bullying behaviour from students when it arises.

To stop bullying and harassment, the most important thing for students to do is to say to the person doing the bullying that you want their behaviour to stop. Once you have made this clear to the person, if the bullying and harassment continues it should be reported immediately to a teacher. This can be the class teacher, Year Adviser or Deputy Principal. The school cannot stop this type of behaviour unless it is reported.

Our policy at school includes a three step procedure.

1. First offence. Bully/ies warned by teacher. Incident reported to Head Teacher and or Deputy Principal.
2. Second offence. Bully/ies – victim/s interviewed by Deputy Principal or nominated member of staff. Parent interview held.
3. Third offence. Bully/ies suspended by Principal or Deputy Principal.

Please feel assured that the school will continue to work tirelessly to eradicate bullying and harassment and, where it does occur, assist and support the victims.

**Mr. Mark James**  
**Year 7 and 9 Deputy**

# Literacy / Numeracy Deputy Principal

Students have now completed the NAPLAN test that was held in the beginning of May. I would like to congratulate the students in Year 7 and Year 9 for working very well and trying their best in these tests. The behaviour of the students in both year groups was outstanding and I am hoping that the results of these tests show how much improvement the students have made in Literacy and Numeracy.

I would like to remind students that calculators are required for every Mathematics lesson from Year 7 to Year 12. Students who do not have a calculator for these lessons are disadvantaged and fall behind their peers. Calculators are not used for every aspect of the lesson but are a valuable tool that all students need to know how to use competently for their senior studies.

We are currently looking at making some changes to the senior school uniform. A uniform committee will meet in the next few days to discuss the options available for students. Once an appropriate option is decided upon, it will be presented to the community at the next community meeting.

I would also like to congratulate the support unit students who have been on work placement in the last couple of weeks. The reports received by the school from the workplaces have been outstanding. We are hoping that some of students secure part-time work as a result of such positive experiences.

As the term comes to an end, I would like to congratulate all students across the school for their hard work in the lead up to the half-yearly reports. Parent Teacher Night will be held at the end of the term and I am looking forward to meeting with as many parents as possible to discuss the progress that the students are making at school.

Ms Julie Perkins  
Deputy Principal Literacy and Numeracy



# **A MESSAGE FROM YOUR HEAD TEACHER PBL/WELFARE MS D. YOUNG**

## **What's On in Term 2 .....**

1. Year 7 & Year 10 are getting their Vaccinations. **OUCH!!!**
2. Year 9 Drumming Group Launched the **School Link Conference** at Liverpool Hospital for the **Anti- Bullying Conference**.
3. Years 7-10 are participating in the "Courage To Care" Excursion aimed at raising awareness of those less fortunate than others.
4. Years 11 & 12 were involved in an Incursion about "Getting their Head Right for Senior Success"
5. Year 11 will have the opportunity to be involved in an Incursion about 'Financial Planning'
6. Year 8 selected students are part of a Drumbeat In school program

## **ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS OFFERED TO STUDENTS IN TERM 2**

- MOTHERS DAY CLASSIC
- RED CROSS DOOR KNOCK APPEAL
- DOROTHEA MACKELLAR POETRY AWARD'
- 'SHORT FILM AWARD'
- 'MS READ-A-THON'
- 'BUSHCARE PARTICIPANTS'
- NSW GIFTED & TALENTED COURSE
- NATIONAL YOUTH AMBASSADOR HEALTH RESEARCH QUEST  
ESSAY COMPETITION
- SUNSMART COMPETITION
- BUSHCARE WEEK- KURNELL PENISHULA
- 'NATIONAL TREE DAY'
- RACISM. NO WAY COMPETITION
- JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Students were reminded about how to be a:

**SAFE  
RESPECTFUL  
LEARNER**

## Safe Respectful Learner Fortnightly Focus

	WEEKS 1 - 2	WEEKS 3 - 4	WEEKS 5 - 6	WEEKS 7 - 8	WEEKS 9 - 10	WEEK 11
<b>TERM 1</b>	CLASSROOM/ LIBRARY	CORRIDOORS / STAIRWELLS	FRONT OFFICE	EXCURSIONS / OUT OF SCHOOL GROUNDS	TOILETS	
<b>TERM 2</b>	PLAYGROUND / CANTEEN	ASSEMBLY	CLASSROOM / LIBRARY	CORRIDOORS / STAIRWELLS	FRONT OFFICE	EXCURSIONS / OUT OF SCHOOL GROUNDS
<b>TERM 3</b>	TOILETS	PLAYGROUND / CANTEEN	ASSEMBLY	CLASSROOM/ LIBRARY	CORRIDOORS / STAIRWELLS	
<b>TERM 4</b>	FRONT OFFICE	EXCURSIONS / OUT OF SCHOOL GROUNDS	TOILETS	PLAYGROUND / CANTEEN	ASSEMBLY	

At Lurnea HS We are:	ALL SETTINGS	CLASSROOM/ LIBRARY	CORRIDORS / STAIRWELL	FRONT OFFICE	EXCURSION S/ OUT OF SCHOOL GROUNDS	TOILETS	PLAYGROUND /CANTEEN	ASSEMBLY
<b>SAFE</b>	~ Follow school rules and obey staff instructions .	~ Line up calmly and wait for teacher instructions	~ Walk ~ Keep to the left	~ Enter and leave the school only with permission.	~ Stay with the group.	~ Use toilets at appropriate times.	~ Stay inbounds. ~ Report any intruder to teacher on duty. quad.	~ Sit in appropriate lines in appropriate order.
<b>RESPECTFUL</b>	~ Care for the school environment.	~ Hats off inside	~ Lunch and recess should be spent away from the blocks.	~ Speak politely and use good manners.	~ Show consideration for members of the public	~ Respect the privacy of others.	~ Use only your own money.	~ Hats off. ~ Sing the national anthem with pride.
<b>LEARNERS</b>	~ Follow school rules and obey teacher instructions .	~ Arrive on time.	~ Always get to class on time.	~ Be in the right place at the right time.	~ Participate fully in activities.	~ Follow correct procedures when using toilets in class times.	~ Be a positive role model.	~ Be quiet and listen to all speakers attentively.

... and by being a Safe Respectful Learner, your child may be nominated into Lurnea High School's

## POSITIVE POWER DRAW

### Language excursion

24 students of year 7 studying Language and 12 students of year 8 studying Italian were taken on an excursion to Leichhardt. The visiting area was 'Little Italy' as the Italians like to call this suburb. Leichhardt is called 'Little Italy' as it has been, for a long time, heavily populated by people who are Italian or have an Italian background.



The purpose of this excursion, organised by Mrs. Bocian and Mr. Piccinin, was to allow students studying Language to further experience the Italian Language, the Italian lifestyle, history and gastronomy (food) by indulging in Italian culture for a day.

It was a lovely and beautiful sunny day and the students' behaviour was outstanding and commendable. This has made the excursion a success and a most enjoyable and relaxing day for both teachers and students!

These students have certainly made their teachers, their school and themselves very proud! Their teacher's couldn't have picked a better bunch of kids! Bravo!

Below are some of the students' recounts of the day. Hope you enjoy reading them!

"...we walked around the Italian Forum for about an hour and had a chance to buy some souvenirs...we ate Italian pasta and we had a chance to make our own pizza...After the lady finished talking about Italian history, she gave us some gelato and then we went back to school on time for home time. We would like to go there again because there are nice views there and nice shops to buy some things." By Nour Jabouri (7 Sapphire)& Abba El-Fayoumi (7 Diamond)

"...We left school at 8:30am and got there at about 9:30am. We had a look around the town until we got to the forum. From 10:00- 11:00am we were allowed to go to the shops in the forum. After that we went to a restaurant and the lady told us about the history of the forum. Then we had lunch. There were different kinds of pastas, pizzas and cans of drinks. After lunch we had gelato. There were different kinds of flavors. When it was about 2:00pm we went back on the bus to go back to school. We got to school at exactly 3:10pm. Mrs. Bocian took lots of photos and everyone enjoyed the excursion to the Italy forum." By Adrian Kumar (7 Gold)

Grazie mille a tutti,

By Signora Bocian

(LHS Language Teacher)





**YEAR 11 BIOLOGY**  
**FIELD TRIP TO WOOGLEMAI ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE**

On 10/5/10 the Year 11 Biology class set out on a field trip to Wooglemai at The Oaks to study the local terrestrial ecosystem. Ecosystem is the basic unit of study in ecology for the Preliminary Biology Course. The students observed and measured some of the abiotic parameters to which the main plants and animal species are adapted and studied some of the trophic, competitive and symbiotic interactions between organisms in that ecosystem. This first hand experience in such a beautiful bushland environment was highly beneficial in broadening their understanding of the topic.



Team effort:

Lubna, Roda, Tracey  
Fatima and Milena  
measuring humidity

**WHAT THE STUDENT BIOLOGISTS HAD TO SAY.....**

"I found it very interesting" – Natasha

"It was a great way to fully experience a different type of ecosystem than Lurnea's" – Sophie

"It was awesome!" – Rama

"I loved it :-P" – Mohamad

"It was a great and interesting trip" – Sahar

"It's such a great and significant trip to me according to how it related to what I want to know" – Joana

"The location was beautiful!" – Jade

"It was a fun trip" – Lauren

"I liked it a lot! It was a good experience :-)" – Casey

"Very enjoyable and educational" - Yosif





Ahmed measuring light intensity

Sophie and Natasha making observations of their

Manu , Rayan and group hard at work  
Casey and Yosif



The biologists at rest after a day of hard work



# Soccer Fever



Ian Johnson



Ahmad Thafer



Ahmad Thafer has been selected for the Football United Selection Team for the Football for Hope Festival, at the World Cup 2010 in South Africa. Ahmed leaves for South Africa at the end of June.

Ian Johnson has been selected to try out for some soccer teams in England. Ian will leave in September and trying out for Liverpool, Derby, Everton, Manchester United and Manchester City.

Gook luck to both of you from the Lurnea High School Community.



# A little note from the CLO

The year is moving very fast, already we are nearly at the end of Term 2.

Don't forget that the school is selling school shoes. These shoes are all leather, your child can wear the shoes all day no need to change them for PE. The cost of these shoes are, small sizes \$29.95 and size 7 and upwards \$39.95. If you would like your child to try on these shoes, please contact me on the schools number.

Parent and Teacher Night for Years 7 to 10, will be on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 3.30pm to 6.30pm.

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June will be our next Community Information Meeting. The meeting will start at 9.30am and the meetings normally finish around 10.30am. Come and join us for a light morning tea.

Until next time

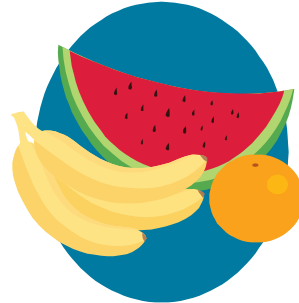
Annette Ollerton  
Community Liaison Officer



# Canteen Specials

## MONDAY

- WEDGES
- PIZZA



## TUESDAY

- HOT DOGS
- POTATOES GEMS

## WEDNESDAY- PASTA DAY

- BOSCAIOLA
- LASAGNE
- BOLOGNAISE



## THURSDAY

- RISSOLE ROLLS
- CHICKEN AND GRAVY ROLL

## FRIDAY

- POT LUCK

## EVERYDAY STUDENTS CAN ORDER

SALADS

WRAPS

SANDWICHES

FRUIT

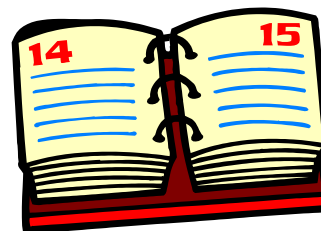


## Week 9



*Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June*

*Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June*



*Queens Birthday*

*No School*

*Year 6 and 7 Fun Day*

## Week 10

*Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June*

*Refugee Week*

*Important  
DATE!*

## Week 11

*Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June*

*GOALS Year 9*

*Excursion*

*Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June*

*Hume Zone*

*Athletics*

*Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June*

*Hume Zone*

*Athletics*

*Parent/Teacher  
Night*

*Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July*

*IEC Presentation*

*Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July*

*Last day of Term*

## Term 3



*Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July*

*Staff Development  
Day (No School)*

*Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July*

*Students Resume*



# Lurnea High School

Years 7, 8,9,and 10

Parent/Teacher Afternoon

Wednesday 30th June 2010

in the MPC

3.30pm- 6.30pm





# Peer Support 2010



This term in Peer Support students have been learning about perseverance and resilience. In their groups, students have developed a range of coping strategies that they could use to bounce back when things don't go as planned.



# Peer Support 2010



Students have also been working towards their talent performance which will be performed to the special judges during Week 10 of this term.  
Good Luck ☺