

# The Link

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## Subtext Art Project # 2



High School and IEC students with Artist Jeremy Donovan



# Crazy Hair Day



The Student Leaders and Ms Gunn organised a Crazy Hair Day. They sold cupcakes, sprayed students hair and face painting to raise money for the Children's Hospital. We had a lot of fun at lunch with a free sausage sizzle, students performing and dancing in the Quad

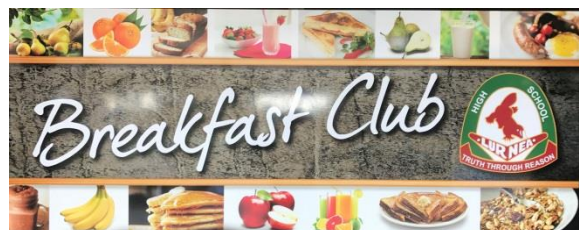
# Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is continuing to be a great success this term and the team has seen an increase number of students attending and enjoying the hot cheese toasties and milo. In addition to the continental breakfast, we hosted special BBQ themed breakfasts (sausage, egg, french toast and pancakes). Keep an eye out in term 3 for the next BBQ themed breakfast morning.

The breakfast club team encourages all students to stop by A Block from 8am every day of the week to have a free, nutritious and tasty breakfast. We look forward to serving you at our next breakfast club morning.



**Eggs and French toast BBQ**



Breakfast is the most important meal of the day and it is important that students eat a nutritious breakfast as it improves student's concentration, enhances academic performance and reduces behaviour difficulties in the school environment.





**Lurnea High School would like to acknowledge and thank all our Sponsors for their generous contributions to our Breakfast Club this year!**

**Abu Ali Meats Lurnea**

*Kellogg's*

*Bakers  
Delight*

Casula



**Staff members of Lurnea High School for volunteering their time and for their generous contributions**

Generous donors like you are the key to our success.

*Thank  
you*



Ms K. Chan - Breakfast Club Coordinator

# *REL Principals Message- Mrs Perkins*

As Term 2 draws to a close I am reflecting on all of the amazing things that have happened so far this year. Our students and staff have been working hard, half-yearly assessments have been completed and reports have been written to ensure parents and students are able to see the progress that has been made with learning this semester.

It was a pleasure to see so many families at our Year 7/8 Showcase that was held this week. This year as an executive team we made a decision to change the way we run Parent Teacher Night for students in Years 7 and 8. We decided that opening up the classrooms to display student work was the best option so that parents could see firsthand what their child had been learning.

I visited every classroom during the showcase and I have to say the student work samples were AMAZING!!!! I was able to speak to parents and ask students to show me their work and it was lovely to see so many proud students showing off their work. I am sure that the parents who attended the showcase will agree that it was a very positive experience that highlighted the amazing work of the staff and students at our school.

Parent teacher Night for the rest of the school (Years 9-12) will be held in Week 1 of next term. I encourage all parents to attend to collect reports and have a chat with your child's teachers about their progress.

I need to remind all students and parent that **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July is NOT A PUPIL FREE DAY** it will be a **NORMAL SCHOOL DAY FOR ALL STAFF AND STUDENTS**. Our alternate **School Development Day will be held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August** which will be **Monday of Week 6**. Please remember you will be required to supervise your children at home on this day. There will not be ANY supervision at school.

It has been a pleasure looking after the school as Relieving Principal. Ms Holland will return at the beginning of next term. I wish you all a safe and happy winter holiday and look forward to seeing you all back happy and fresh next term.



**Year 7 and Year 8 Showcase**

# *Pompeii Excursion- Ms El- Debál*

On the 11<sup>th</sup> May, Year 8 were mesmerised and wowed by the 'Escape from Pompeii' exhibition held at the Australian Maritime Museum. The excursion enabled students too visually and aurally experience recounts of the dramatic rescue attempt following one of history's most famous and devastating natural disasters-the eruption of Mt Vesuvius and the destruction of Pompeii in 79AD. The excursion included an educator-led tour of the exhibition with a discussion, observation, inquiry tasks and hands –on activities. It also included the dramatic film *A Day in the Life of Pompeii*, a history focused trail booklet for Year 8 and source-based activities. The focus on the excursion was for students to engage with and develop a deeper understanding of the eruption of Mt Vesuvius on 24<sup>th</sup> August 79AD. Students viewed everyday objects recovered from Pompeii thousands of years later, including beautiful jewellery, lamps, tableware, a mirror and even food items such as bread, wheat and figs, all remarkably preserved in the ash and debris. The excursion was a huge success and students effusively expressed their delight and much acquired knowledge.





# *Western Sydney University- Ms Walton*

10 Year 12 students were lucky enough to attend a Western Sydney Open Day- Parramatta Campus. They booked themselves into seminars of their choice, University students ran Q & A panels and tours of the campus. The day was very informative and fun for all. (Mr Jacobs and Mrs Walton)



# *Year 11 Legal Studies- Ms Mishra*

Early in term 2, 11 students from the year 11 Legal Studies class, along with Ms Mishra and Mr Tobiya went on an overnight excursion to Canberra.

The purpose of the excursion was to see the High Court in action, as well as getting a taste of political life by visiting the Aboriginal Tent Embassy and Federal Parliament.

Along the way to Canberra students visited Lake George to see it partially filled with water. The first stop in the nation's capital was at the Aboriginal Tent Embassy. Students learnt about the impact of colonisation, as well as learning about how indigenous people would like to change the constitution through a referendum.

We also did a bit of sightseeing by visiting Telstra Tower. Here we got a glamorous view of the sunset from the top of Canberra.

After a class sleep over we headed to the High Court the next day. Here the students got to experience a court case in action and were able to hear evidence being delivered by seasoned barristers. From there we went to Federal Parliament and were able to see parts of the Parliament that are instrumental in running the country. After a stopover at the Botanical Gardens for lunch, we headed back home, and we will hopefully be able to have another enjoyable and educational outing in 2018.





# *Student Leadership- Ms Bajic & Ms Gunn*

The Student Leadership Team (SLT) badging ceremony was a success, the students received their badges and there was a great turn out of parents/guardians who were proud to welcome them into the SLT. Following the badging ceremony, the SLT were involved in an orientation day. The students were made aware of the expectations and responsibilities of being in the SLT and engaging presentations by Ms Holland and school counsellor Hendy Kurniawan were made.

The students participated in a number of team building activities that allowed them to work with other students from a range of different years. They enjoyed themselves and were given time to get to know one another. This was followed by a planning session of our goals and plans for the year ahead.

The SLT are in the process of organising World Laughter Day which will take place in Term 3, 2017. As a team, they have come up with some great ideas which will showcase their skills of working as a team and including the entire Lurnea High School community. Leading up to World Laughter Day, they are also in the process of organising a Crazy Hair Day Fundraiser which will take place on Thursday in Week 10, Term 2. This day will consist of crazy hair spray and face painting at recess, with the selling of cupcakes and a sausage sizzle at lunch.

We are looking forward to a great year with fantastic leaders who are proud to represent Lurnea High School.



# *LHS Debating Teams—Ms Bajic & Ms Gunn*

This is the third sequential year in which Lurnea High School has participated in the Premier's Debating Challenge and it has been an invigorating year so far. Each year group from Years 7-10 contributed a strong, confident team to participate in the Premier's Debating Challenge.

The Year 7 Debating Team participated in a debating workshop run by Ms Gunn, with the help of the senior debaters. This workshop consisted of the basic knowledge and fundamentals of a debate, as well as the main terms and issues which follow. The Year 7 Debating Team consists of Ornella Khoshaba, Josiah Sadaka, Krystal Hamady, Nader Shaker and reserves Kyle Fuller, Ali Abou Chaker, Denique Burke and Zac Salem. The Year 8 Debating Teams consists of Honey Ratima, Ali Alwan, Thomas Hadson, Haydar Hussein and reserves Zac Ceissman and Mousa Raza. They are in the process of debating Macquarie Fields High School.

The debating teams in Years 9 and 10 have displayed outstanding growth and knowledge. The Year 9 Debating Team consists of Shaina Hassan, Danielle Townley, Abass Sammaka, Batul Dennaoui and the reserve Ahmad Al Salem. The Year 10 Debating Team consists of Amila Dilberovic, Allyssa-Jayne Robinson, Youhan Abas, Diana Diab and the reserve Mya Chaker. Each team debated against Miller High School twice and both teams were victorious on both accounts! This is a great accomplishment by our Year 9 and 10 debaters. Our Year 9 and 10 Debating Teams are now going up against each other in order to progress to the next round in the Premier's Debating Challenge – this outstanding achievement is a first for Lurnea High School! We wish both teams the best of luck.

We are looking forward to an exciting year in debating



**Year 9 Debating Team**



**Year 10 Debating Team**



# *Library Renovation- Ms Fyfe*

Our library has had a major transformation thanks to Ms Fyfe.

It goes without saying that we live in a time of rapid innovation and change where each and every day students and teachers discover new ways to use technology to collaborate, teach, and learn. School libraries can be at the heart of these changes by promoting and facilitating the learning of core and evolving 21st-century skills.



# Ultimo Dance Festival- Ms Stoakes

This has been a very busy semester for Dance at Lurnea.

During Term One a group of students were selected to audition for the Cross Network CAPA Project Dance Ensembles. The students enjoyed a half day of dance workshops as part of the audition process held at Holsworthy High School. The Project involves taking part in dance ensembles made up of students from different schools, culminating in a performance at the Term Three Gala Concert.

Lurnea High School's Dance Ensemble auditions were also held in Term One. The successful students selected to be a part of the Combined Ensemble have given up their recesses and Friday mornings before school to develop their dance technique and begin rehearsing the dance work that will be performed at MADD night in Term Three (Wednesday August 9<sup>th</sup>).

Rehearsals have also begun again for the Wakakirri Dance Competition during Sport and Recreation on a Wednesday afternoon. This year Lurnea will be competing on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August at NIDA in Kensington. There will also be a finals night held on the 7<sup>th</sup> September at NIDA, and we are hoping to once again be invited to perform at this exciting night. Ticketing information will be released soon, with the hope that we will have a large number of Lurnea supporters in the audience! We have a very large group of dedicated dancers and an exciting theme so it will be great to see a large show of support.

During Term One auditions also took place by the elective dance classes in Year 9 and 10 to take part in the Ultimo Dance Festival, held at the Seymour Centre in Sydney. The 9 dance class received a place at the festival and performed on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June their dance work *Night Visions* to a sold out audience. This was the first time on stage for many of the students and they did a fantastic job and represented Lurnea High School to a high standard. We are very proud of their efforts and also very grateful to Miss. Khammarath for assisting us on the night.

We are eager for the next semester of Dance at Lurnea High School and the exciting things that are planned....

Mrs. Stoakes and Mrs. Bellman.



**9 Dance Warming Up Backstage  
at the Ultimo Dance Festival**



**9 Dance and Mrs. Stoakes at the  
Ultimo Dance Festival**



# *Athletic Carnival – Ms Dennaoui*

This term, Lurnea High School had yet another successful Athletics Carnival at Dwyer Oval, Warwick Farm. Staff and students attended the day dressed proudly in their house colours ready to battle it off for the ultimate glory of 'House Group Winner' for 2017. There were many competitors at each event, making the overall points for each house group very close indeed. It was great to see teachers getting into the spirit of things and compete against students in our staff vs. student race. I must say that some teachers definitely gave students a run for their money, displaying amazing athletic skill. 😊

Overall it proved to be a fun day for all those who attended and special congratulations to **THORPE** who were the winning house group at the end of the day.



**Congratulations to the following students who represented Lurnea High School at the Hume Zone Athletics Carnival this year:**

Mary Al-Zahroon  
Toni Falepapalangi  
Josiah Sadaka  
Ethan Sauafea  
Torius Faimanu  
Thomas Winterbottom  
Zac Ceissman  
Joleah Taula  
Danielle Townley

Sia Aruna  
Paea Falepapalangi  
Steve Mauga  
Damien Tuliatsu  
Dat Nguyen  
Billal Sari  
Mavoni Tuifua  
Jacob Irving  
Junior Papalii

All students who participated at Zone level represented Lurnea High School with pride and demonstrated great sportsmanship on both days. Many students have been successful in placing first or second at their events and will compete at the Regional level, Week 3 of next term. We wish all these students the best of luck at their next stage of competition!

# *Science Faculty- Ms Chan*

The Science faculty has continued to have an exciting, fruitful and busy term 2 with numerous events taking place over the past 10 weeks. The highlights include:

- Year 7 students participated in refugee week by investigating scientists who have been identified as refugees and produced collectable cards on their scientists
- Year 8 students dissected sheep hearts and kidneys as part of the topic 'Partly Human'
- Year 9 and 10 classes completed their practical assessment task on electricity/waves and chemistry.
- Year 11 Biology attended a Field Study Excursion to Sydney Olympic Park. Students estimated the population of various plant species using sampling techniques studied in class and measured a number of abiotic (non-living) factors of the local ecosystem. These factors included: pH of the soil, wind speed, humidity, light and soil and air temperature.
- Year 12 chemistry visited WSU in Parramatta. Students conducted several practical tasks including Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy (AAS), Sulphate in fertiliser and electrophoresis
- Year 12 biology class made DNA models out of everyday materials as part of their assessment task for blueprint of life.
- 40 students competed in the Big Science competition where they were tested on their science understanding (Biological, Chemical, Earth and Space Science and Physical Sciences), inquiry skills and influence society has on science. Keep an eye out for your results in term 3.

We look forward to sharing more and more of our students' achievements throughout 2017, as well as keeping you up to date with all of the happenings from within the Science faculty.



**Year 11 Biology Field Trip to Sydney Olympic Park**





# *Community News- Mrs Ollerton*

We have had a busy term 2, with our ongoing Adult English Classes and a new program for parents/ carers, FoodRedi program run by the Red Cross that ran for 6 weeks.

The FoodRedi Program was run in one of Lurnea High Schools kitchen. The program highlighted ways to buy more food for your dollar, and shows how to get better value for money. Plus showing people that eating healthy doesn't need to cost a lot. In the program we cooked some delicious meals. Some of our ladies cooked and tasted new foods for the first time. Pumpkin soup and beetroot chocolate cake was some of their favourites.

Next term Miller Tafe is running a Basic Computer Course on Wednesdays from 9.30- 1pm at Lurnea High School. At the end of the course parents will receive a Certificate of Completion. Please ring the school after the holidays if you are interested.



**Our lovely ladies enjoying the  
FoodREDI Program**





*The first day for Term 3, Monday 17th July is a normal school day. A pupil free day is scheduled for Monday 21st August.*







**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

## **Gold coin donation**

Face painting \$1.00

Get your Hair Sprayed \$1.00

Cupcakes will be for sale



# DATES TO REMEMBER

## Term 3

### July

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July**

**Normal School Day**

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

Parent and Teacher night for Years 9, 10, 11 and 12

### August

**Wednesday 2nd August**

Year 10 to 11 Subject Selection Night

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August**

MADD Night

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

**School Development Day (no school for students)**

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August**

IEC Immunisation Program

### September

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September**

Year 7 and PASS students – Adidas Fun Run

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

Year 12 Graduation (period 1-3) and Year 12 Formal  
(Camden Lakeside)

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

IEC Presentation Day





Junior Summer



Junior Winter



Sports

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# Lurnea High School Presents...

COMING IN  
2017



# The Addams Family

A NEW MUSICAL COMEDY

Book by Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice, Music and Lyrics by Andrew Lipa, Based on Characters Created by Charles Addams

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