



Lanyon High School

Newsletter February 2018

Dates to Remember

Monday 5 February	Year 7 Meet in the Gym at 8:55am - need to be ready with uniform etc BBQ Lunch Provided To be picked up at 3pm
	Years 8-10 (New Students only) Arrive at 9am - only stay for approx 1 hour
	Breaky Bar Open from 8am Coffees for parents - Gold coin donation
Tuesday 6 February	All students return 9am
Monday 19 February	Swimming Carnival
Thursday 1 to Friday 2 March	Year 7 Camp
Wednesday 7 March	Welcome evening for all families new to Lanyon High School
Wednesday 11 April	Parent/Teacher Evening
Thursday 3 May	Open Night

Welcome back to the 2018 school year! In particular I would like to welcome the year 7 students, and all other new students and their families to the Lanyon High School community.

A reminder that all **year 7 students start back at school on Monday 5th February**. Please ensure your child is at school by 8.55am, ready for a prompt start in the gym by 9.00am. **All other students return to school on Tuesday 6th February at 8.55am**. All students are expected to be in correct Lanyon High School uniform for that first day.

The committed staff at Lanyon High have been hard at work since January 30th to ensure a smooth start to the year for all students. There are several new members of staff in each curriculum bank, and we warmly welcome them to our school.

Last minute preparations are underway for the year 7 camp to Long Beach on 1st and 2nd March. We encourage all year 7 students to attend this valuable learning experience. Please make contact with Mr Halbauer if there are concerns regarding your child's attendance at this camp.

We have a policy of open communication at Lanyon so if you ever have a concern, don't hesitate to contact your child's teachers or their Pastoral Care advisor.

Kurt Halbauer	Year 7	Jennifer Nott	Year 8
Matthew Sandeman	Year 9	Teegan Williamson	Year 10

A new electronic roll marking system will be launched on Day 1 and as a result the **usual absence text message and/or email will not be sent until around week 3**. This will give all staff the time needed to ensure they are correctly using the system and ensure that parent and carers received accurate information about their child's attendance. Thank you for your patience and understanding during these first few weeks of implementation.

Please note that over the holiday period the school had new phones installed. Consequently, all school phone numbers have now changed. **The front office can be reached on: 6142 1800 & absences on 6142 1815.**

I look forward to meeting many of you at our LHS Welcome Evening on 7th March.

Kind regards
Barbara Monsma
Principal

Free vaccine for adolescents to protect against meningococcal disease

A free vaccine to protect against meningococcal disease will be available to all year 10 students through a school-based vaccination program. During 2018, people aged 16 to 19 years can access the free vaccine through their GP. The vaccine provides protection against the meningococcal A, C, W and Y strains and is given as a single dose.

Year 10 students

For all year 10 high school students, the vaccine will be available when the School Health Immunisation Team visits the school during semester 1.

Year 11 and 12 students

The free catch-up program is available in 2018 to all people aged between 16 and 19 years through their GP. While the vaccine is provided free by the ACT Government, the doctor may charge a consultation fee. Meningococcal disease is an uncommon but serious disease and adolescents are at increased risk. In recent years, cases of meningococcal W and meningococcal Y disease have increased across Australia.

Help us to protect adolescents and the community from meningococcal disease by encouraging students to be vaccinated against meningococcal A, C, W and Y strains.

To learn more about meningococcal disease, the meningococcal ACWY vaccine and how you can prepare your child for vaccination, visit

<http://www.health.act.gov.au/our-services/immunisation/high-school-immunisation-program>.



The Smith Family *Learning for Life* Program

To be considered eligible for *Learning for Life* families must:

- ☞ Possess a Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card
- ☞ Demonstrate a commitment to education with regular school attendance and arriving at school on time

Learning for Life provides families with:

- ✓ **Financial Support**
A scholarship to help pay for school uniforms, shoes, text books, excursions etc.
- ✓ **Education Support**
Access to programs to help improve reading, numeracy, computer and finance skills. As well as mentor programs providing older students with guidance around study options and post-school career paths.
- ✓ **Other Support**
A local Family Partnerships Coordinator to link families into other learning opportunities in their community.

Speak to Mrs Davies in Student Services for more information|

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