

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The end of the year is approaching fast

With only 6 weeks to go till the end of the year it's getting quite busy already. On Wednesday of Week 4 it was great to welcome our prospective year 6 students to the school for **Year 6 transition day**. Around 90 students visited from various primary schools. They got to experience a variety of short lessons in the high school, like food technology, art and science. Thanks to Ms Cusick, Ms Taylor and Mr Rasmussen for organising such an excellent day.



Book Week activities in week 3 were a lot of fun. Many teachers managed to stay in character and teach their lessons in costume throughout the day. The students also put in a lot of effort for their costumes, with prizes going to the best dressed at recess.



School Values: Respectful Relationship

The first of our school values is Respectful Relationships and I expect that when parents/carers are interacting with staff they show staff respect, even if they are upset or angry. This year has been a very difficult one and I understand that people are stressed. As a school we work cooperatively with our students to help them regulate the emotions, even when someone else has made a mistake or treated them poorly. I expect parents/carers to be respectful in their interactions with all school staff at all times. If you cannot do that over the phone then I ask that parent send an email instead. For more information here is a link to an Education Directorate publication: [Working together with your school](#)

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Coming Events

1 December: Year 10 Formal

18 December: Last day of Term 4

For more details about community events and services please see http://www.lanyonhs.act.edu.au/news_and_events

Please note: services and events advertised on the Lanyon High School website are not endorsed or associated with Lanyon High School.

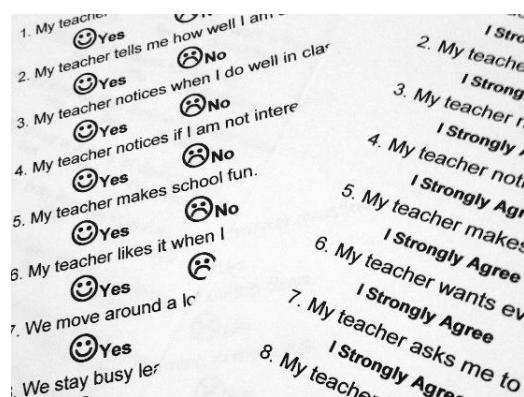
- Dwarfism Awareness
- Smith Family help with school costs
- Parentline ACT and Kids Helpline
- Headspace Canberra Youth Ambassadors
- Tutoring before/after school



Lanyon High School acknowledges the Ngunnawal people, the traditional custodians of this land. We would also like to pay respects to the United Ngunnawal Elders Council and to the Elders, both past and present of the Ngunnawal nation. We would also like to extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in our community.

LHS Strategic Plan: Priority 1 - Ensuring students have Pathways to Success

Throughout 2020 the school staff have continued to work on achieving the goals of the school's strategic plan. One of the strategies we are using to ensure all students have pathways to success is to increase student voice and input across the school. Three teachers are working with me to trial a classroom survey in order to provide teachers with feedback to help create a positive classroom environment and to continuously improve teaching techniques to maximise the success of students as learners. Mr Manuel, Ms Farrelly and Ms Guillen are trialling three different types of surveys in their classes. They will share the results with the class and get their input on whether they think the survey is easy to use and provides useful feedback for the teacher. I look forward to sharing the findings with you early next year.



COVID safe events – Presentation Night Awards Ceremony and Year 10 Graduation

Due to COVID restrictions we need to make some changes to the structure and procedures of both Presentation Night (which will be replaced with a day-time event) and Year 10 Graduation, as follows;

- Attendance at both events be limited to 2 invitations for each student. **Guest will need to RSVP beforehand and register as they arrive.** There will be a strict limit on the numbers of people in the hall at the time, and there will be marking on the seats for where guests are able to sit in order to maintain physical distancing.
- **Year 10 Graduation. 10am Friday 11th December** – Awards that have usually been given out at Presentation Night, such as faculty awards and major awards, will be presented to students as part of the graduation ceremony. At the end of the event, students and guests will each be presented with an individual cupcake, but no morning tea will be held. Students and their guest will be asked to leave immediately after the ceremony.
- **Presentation Awards Ceremony. Thursday 10th December** – the usual evening event will be replaced with two, day-time ceremonies for the presentation of faculty and major year level awards. The families of students receiving awards will be emailed an invitation and required to RSVP. All students will attend the relevant ceremony. The year 7 and 8 awards ceremony will take place at **9am** and the year 9 ceremony at **11.30am**. Once each ceremony has concluded, students will return to classes and guests will be asked to leave immediately.



We hope and trust that you understand the need for these changes and appreciate your cooperation.

Barbara Monsma
Principal



YEAR 7 ZOO EXCURSION

Last term students explored the National Zoo and Aquarium which included a zookeeper tour, a photo challenge, and many many animal sightings. Students were polite, respectful and lovely to spend time with at the zoo. Along with seeing and learning about a lot of different animals students got to hand feed alpacas, deer and an emu – with a piece of apple on their heads. They even got to hold a corn snake on the day. We are very proud of our cohort for positively representing Lanyon High School and displaying the values of safe, respectful learners. Students and staff had a wonderful day and really enjoyed exploring the zoo, the animals and being out and about together.

Louise Farrelly
Year 7 Pastoral Care Advisor







DRAFT MOBILE PHONE POLICY FOR PARENT/CARER FEEDBACK

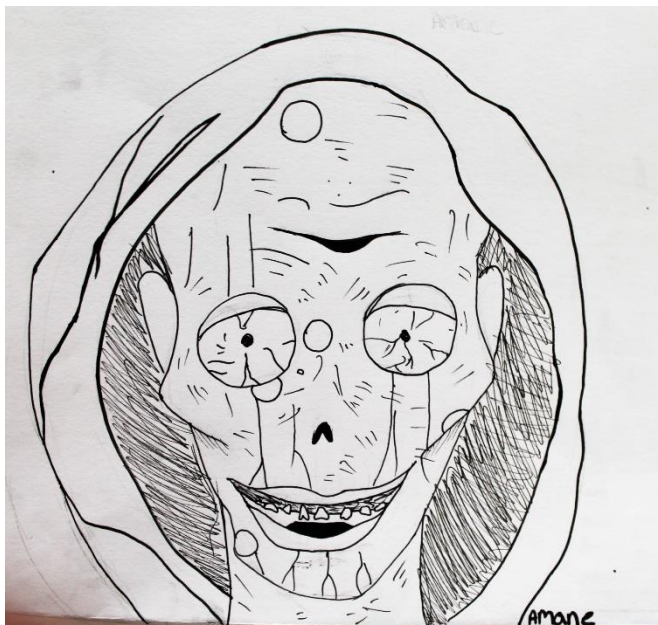
School staff have been working on drafting a mobile phone policy for implementation in 2021. We have held student feedback sessions and are now seeking feedback from parents/carers within our school community. Once we have received and reviewed parent feedback, we will be taking the policy to the school board for endorsement.

Please read the attached policy in draft form. If you would like to provide feedback, please respond to the following questions and email lanyonHSinfo@ed.act.edu.au by Friday 20th November.

1. What do you like and support about the mobile phone policy?
2. What changes would you make to the mobile phone policy?

ENRICHMENT – STREET ART

Street Art Enrichment students have been sketching creepy designs ready to be pasted up on our art room corridor walls. Some have already been blown up and pasted up, they are looking amazing!





Gordon Community Centre

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NEW SOUTH WALES

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

THE
**GREAT GORDON
MARKET
DAY**

7th November 2020

10am - 1pm

@ Gordon Community Centre,
110 Lewis Luxton Avenue, Gordon

Little Luxton Coffee, Pop-Up op Shop, Books, Jams
and Pickles, Sausage Sizzle, Kids Activities
(Bring your Bottles and Cans for Recycling)

This event will help raise funds for our Centre which has new opening hours!
Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 10am-3pm

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