



Lanyon High School

Newsletter November 2017

Dates to Remember

Thursday 28 November	Year 10 Formal 6.30pm The Deck at Regatta Point
Friday 1 December	Year 10 Farewell Assembly
Friday 1 December	Year 10 last day
Wednesday 6 December	Year 7 Immunisations round 3
Wednesday 6 December	Presentation Night 6.30-8.30pm
Thursday 7 December	Year 10 Graduation 10-11am
Friday 8 December	Big Splash
Friday 8 December	Year 7 2018 Transition Day 9am-3pm
Monday 11 December	Jamberoo JET excursion
Friday 15 December	Last day of school
Monday 29 January to Friday 2 February	Front Office open 9am-3pm
Monday 5 February	New students start 9am
Tuesday 6 February	All students return 9am

Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm excited to be appointed as Principal of Lanyon High School and I look forward to working with you, our students, staff and the broader community over the coming years. Already I have been impressed by the commitment of our staff to the wellbeing and learning of our students. I've also been warmly welcomed by students as I've met them in classes, assemblies and on the playground. The students have been open and friendly, willing to chat with me about their school and their learning. I'm already very proud of them.

I'd like to congratulate all the staff and parents who contributed to Lanfest last week. It was a fantastic event with a very positive vibe. Well done to Ms Kim Rice, executive teacher of arts and technologies, for her hard work and organisation. I'd also like to thank the P&C for their support and contributions. I was particularly impressed by the combined concert band and all the other student performers – it was a great success!!

I've been working closely with the executive teachers to fully understand the nature of our school priorities for the current strategic plan;

- Build student ethos to have high expectations and a commitment to academic excellence
- Increase active involvement of parents and carers in their child's learning

As the first year of this plan comes to a close I've been analysing what we have achieved so far. I'm investigating if these goals, and the associated strategies, need adjusting in order to enable us to successfully meet the learning needs of our students. I'd like to invite you to send me an email (Barbara.Monsma@ed.act.edu.au) to let me know about your thoughts on how we can achieve those goals, particularly about increasing your engagement with the school and your child's learning.

Barbara Monsma
Principal

Year 7 Report - Term 4 Week 5

Welcome to term 4. I cannot believe how fast the end of the year and your child's first year of high school is approaching.

Year 7 have been involved in some amazing learning experiences. They have been making solar powered ovens and recording the temperatures that they can get up to, they have been learning about force, creating some amazing art works and performance pieces and cooking up a storm - 7A had the opportunity to put the skills to the test and make some Chocolate Yum-Yums for LanFest. I can tell you first hand that these were delicious!



Uniform

Just a reminder about school uniform. Students are to be in school shorts or track pants and their white tops. Blue tops are to be changed into for PE and then changed out of at the end of the lesson. Students can wear their PE shirts if they have PE in the first lesson.

JET Excursion

As you would be aware, Year 7 students have the opportunity to receive JET (Junior Engagement Tally) Points for a variety of activities offered throughout the semester. The system has been designed to reward students who make an effort to get involved in the school community. Students who have received 8 points or more have been invited on the end of semester excursion. This term we will be going to Jamberoo Waterpark in Jamberoo NSW. Notes and payment for the excursion is due to the front office by Friday 24th of November.

Kelly-Anne Guy

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Year 8 Report - Term 4 Week 5

Year 8 have come back into Term 4 with a very positive attitude and have been hard at work both in the classroom and outside it. It was great to see so many of our Year 8 students and their friends and family attend Lanfest, with a significant number of Year 8 students participating in dance, music, and band performances. I look forward to seeing more of these as they continue to grow and improve and hope they perform again at next year's event.

In our most recent Year 8 Assembly I've reminded students that now is the time of year when we encourage them to try their best in all aspects of being a member of the Lanyon community. As students work diligently to finish off their last assignments their teachers are looking out for how far their students have come and grown since the start of Year 8, so students should be doing their best to show us that

growth and improvement. We gave out many awards at this assembly, which was great to see, and another series of invitations to our JET excursion have gone out. As we approach the end of the school year I would ask and appreciate if parents can continue explaining absences as they occur. Big Splash notes have been sent out and we are encouraging students to return these as soon as possible so we can confirm numbers.

Year 8 have done the initial selections of their subject preferences for Year 9. We will now be able to start building initial timetables and staffing options. Students can still make adjustments to their subjects, but please remind them that if they do not get the selections they hoped for in Semester 1 they will have other opportunities over the two years to do these. As always feel free to contact me if you have any concerns or questions.

Matthew Sandeman

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Year 10 Report - Term 4 Week 5

The final countdown is on! It is hard to believe that in just a few short weeks the year 10 students will have graduated from Lanyon High School and begin the next adventure in their lives. The next couple of weeks are filled with exciting events for year 10 students, and I am very much looking forward to celebrating with them. If your child is attending Lake Tuggeranong College there is a transition day on the 27th November, more information regarding this will be coming up in the next week. Students will also soon be receiving their invitations for the Formal and Graduation ceremony. We would love to see as many family members as possible at the Graduation ceremony to celebrate this fantastic milestone.

Please find below a detailed list of upcoming events, including dates and specific times.

Year 10 Important Dates

27th November	Transition Day at Lake Tuggeranong College <i>10.30am - 3.00pm</i>
28th November	Year 10 Formal <i>Arrivals from 6.30pm - 7pm at The Deck on Regatta Point</i> <i>Pick up from Lanyon High School at 10.45pm</i>
30th November	Graduation practice <i>12.30pm - 1.30pm</i>
1st December	Last day of classes for Year 10 students <i>Leavers assembly and staff vs students sporting matches</i>

6th December	<p style="text-align: center;">Presentation Night Practice <i>Time TBC</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Graduation practice <i>2.00pm - 3.00pm</i> <i>Students do not have to wear school uniform</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Presentation Night <i>6.30pm</i></p>
7th December	<p style="text-align: center;">Year 10 Graduation <i>10.00am - 11.00am</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Students need to be at school at 9.00am in full school uniform. Please do not bring anything with you (phones, water bottles etc)</i></p>

If you have any questions regarding any of the upcoming events please feel free to contact me on 6205 5937 or via email cattlin.hubbard@ed.act.edu.au

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Student Services

App Helps Teenagers Manage Stress

Continuing on with our information series about mental health and managing anxiety, we wanted to share some useful information and tools to assist parents in supporting their children, in what can be a very stressful time of year for students.

A Beyondblue App, aimed at 12-24 year olds is hoping to help young people check in with each other and start a conversation about mental health.

For more information: www.youthbeyondblue.com/thecheckin

To read more:

<http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/beyondblue-app-helps-young-check-in-with-each-other-to-keep-exam-stress-at-bay-20171105-gzf57l.html>

LanFest

Lanfest was a huge success last week. We had a large crowd of parents, friends, students and community members here to see the fantastic work our have done throughout the year. We would like to thank all of

the staff, stallholders, cluster primary schools and our fantastic P&C for the contributions. We raised just over \$2000 which will go towards a school based project. Keep an eye out in the next newsletter for more specifics on what this project will be.

The big LanFest Raffle and the auction of the signed Socceroos shirt were a huge success, raising \$391 for our P&C who directly support our students' learning. All prize winners have been notified by phone. We would like to thank the following businesses and people for their generous donations of prizes:

Super Toyworld

Lanyon HS P&C

Microsoft Canberra & Brian Farnhill

Active Leisure Centre

Ames Arnott Cakes

Vikings Group

Limelight Cinemas – Tuggeranong

Kelly-Anne Guy

Tony Franken, the Socceroos & Tim Davies





Bandstravaganza

Our concert band students have been rehearsing at Namadgi ahead of their Bandstrav performance at ANU school of music on Monday night. We wish them all the best for a fabulous performance!



Free English Classes for Adult Migrant Parents and Carers

The Adult Migrant English Program provides 510 hours of free English classes for eligible migrant parents.

Achieving English language proficiency can assist parents to engage in their children's school communities and support their learning.

The SEE (Skills for Education and Employment) program adult learning program has a strong focus on digital literacy and the skills needed to help them gain employment and assist with their children's learning.

Parents can contact MAX Solutions on 1800 021 560.



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Cerebral Palsy - Christmas Gift Wrapping

Cerebral Palsy Alliance is looking for volunteers for Christmas gift wrapping at Westfield Belconnen and Westfield Woden from 16 December until Christmas eve.

Please share this opportunity with your students, there are a number of shifts and times available.

If students are interested please pass on my email: slamech@cerebralpalsy.org.au

Kindest regards

Sarah lamech

ACT Fundraising Coordinator

Cerebral Palsy Alliance, Canberra

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Chief Minister's Canberra Gold Awards

Have you or someone you know lived in Canberra for fifty years or more? What about an organisation or community group that has been contributing to our city for fifty years or more? Then consider nominating them for the Chief Minister's Canberra Gold Awards.

Nominations can be made online at www.act.gov.au/cbrgold

Canberra Citizen of the Year Award

Nominate an inspiring member of our community for the 2018 Canberra Citizen of the Year Award. The Canberra Citizen of the Year is someone who makes an outstanding contribution to our community without expectation of remuneration or reward. They act for the good of our city and its people and are an active member of our community.

Nominations can be made online at www.act.gov.au/cbrcitizen

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