24 March 2016

Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Friends

Time is important in learning. The amount of time that schools allocate for learning, the amount of time during which students are engaged in learning, and the actual learning time are so important that students, teachers and parents all need to take it very seriously.

Principal,
Bill Thompson

Student time on task is important to learning. Every day your child is out of school, for whatever reason, his or her learning achievement suffers. Children who miss more days at school are less likely to meet learning targets.

The amount of time we allocate for learning time is the academic year. This is usually about 190 days. The amount of time a student is engaged in learning is more variable. Their own attentiveness is a significant fact. Another significant factor is the teaching style. In some classrooms a lot of time can be spent explaining, demonstrating, or doing while students watch. So attendance is important as these activities are often never repeated. Students also do a great deal of important learning during activities like science experiments, sport, music, dance, supervised study, or homework.

Days off school add up to lost learning.

I have pointed out before that a student with 90% attendance misses about 19 school days per year. When students miss school for whatever reason some will fill in the missed instruction on their own, some will stumble but recover and, some will stumble, falter and be confused for the remainder of that unit. Their learning suffers.

Please aim for 100% attendance at school for your child.

Bill Thompson Principal
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Students enjoying themselves at our recent “Time Warp” disco

20 years of Lanyon Stories

Proud 2005 Lanyon High School Graduate Matthew Sandeman is the Year 7 Pastoral Care Advisor. He is seen here with one of our year 7 students, Callan whose mother Courtney graduated from Lanyon in 2000.
If you have a Lanyon story please get in contact. We would love to hear from you! Send an email and/or photo to Anne Dunn (anne.dunn@ed.act.edu.au)

Parent Teacher Interviews

Mid-Semester interviews are being held on Wednesday 6th April. Interviews with teachers can be booked by clicking on this link:

Year 7

The first term has been a full and eventful one for Year 7, and I congratulate them on their effort and commitment to their first term of high school. They’ve experienced a range of activities and events both in the classroom and the school in general. We had History week last week, as well as the Time Warp disco and it was great to see so many Year 7s getting involved and participating in the school community.

Parent/teacher interviews for this semester are happening on Wednesday 6th in Week 10 from 4 – 7pm. Some information has been provided on our Facebook page about how to book appointments to speak to your child’s teachers. These instructions will also be provided when you receive your child’s mid-semster report. It is worth mentioning to parents and carers that the mid-semester report only provides an indicator of grade and academic achievement. It is not a final result. All schools are assessed against the Australian Curriculum, which determines that a C grade is satisfactory. If your child is receiving below a C grade then they have the remainder of the semester/year to make improvements. If you do have concerns about your child’s progress, or would like to check up on how they are going, please take the time to arrange appointments with the relevant teachers.

We’ve had an exciting first term and I look forward to Year 7 continuing their efforts during the rest of the semester.

Matthew Sandeman, Year 7 Coordinator
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Year 8

It has been a very busy term for the year 8 students, with most involved in numerous excursions and competitions. I congratulate them all for getting involved in these events and participating with such enthusiasm!

All year 8 students have started their personal Giving Projects during Pastoral Care. 8C wrote anonymous letters to people around the school as random acts of kindness. I look forward to seeing the projects from 8A and 8B.

Please take the time to read through your child’s mid-semster report. We also encourage all parents to make a meeting during Parent Teacher Interviews. If you were unable to attend or would like to arrange another meeting with any of your child’s teachers, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

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Teegan Williamson, Year 8 Coordinator
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Year 9

Looking back over the term we have had so far we have had a number of excursions and sporting events happen such as the swimming carnival with its unpredictable weather, the senior boys rugby tournament, History week and the Vietnam Veteran’s talk all of which the year 9s have had a great presence at. Reminder that our Giving Expo will be happening in week 10 of term 3 so make sure that you are all thinking about what you would like to do in groups or as an individual to complete your project. We are also compiling a list of these projects on Google Classroom so if you have any suggestions please let me know and I will add it to it.

As the weather is starting to cool down remember that you still need to be in school uniform. As per our discussions earlier this term, remember if you need to purchase new long pants, jeans will no longer be a part of the school uniform. School approved pants are now able to be purchased from the front office.

I would also like to make special mention of Daryl Bailey for his participation in the Brumbies under 15’s team. They are going to Perth this long weekend to play in the Finals. Best of luck to all the boys in the team.

Coming up this term:
- Week 9 – Thursday 31st Cross Country Carnival
- Week 10 – Tuesday 5th April Southside Swimming Carnival (for those that qualified)
- Week 10 – Wednesday 6th April Parent Teacher interviews

Cattlin Hubbard, Year 9 Coordinator
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Year 10

Week 10 will be a big week for year 10, with all students participating in either Work Experience or the Road Ready program. Students doing Work Experience should have now organised a placement and be getting ready for a fantastic week in the work force.

Students undertaking the Road Ready program should have started reading the road rules book in preparation for week 10. Students will spend the week learning about all aspects of driving before completing a knowledge test at the end of the week.

Good luck to all year 10 students - I hope you have a great week!

If you have any questions about the Work Experience or Road Ready programs please feel free to contact me or Alison Kirkpatrick (6205 5937 or alison.kirkpatrick@ed.act.edu.au)

Parent teacher interviews are coming up in week 10 also, and I encourage all parents to attend regardless of whether an interview was requested. I look forward to seeing many of you there on Wednesday 6th April.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about anything happening in year 10 this year on 6205 5937 or beth.bradfield@ed.act.edu.au

Key dates for Year 10 students:

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I hope you all have a relaxing long weekend!

Beth Bradfield, Year 10 Coordinator
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Pastoral Care - What is it?

You may have noticed that your child has a class called ‘Pastoral Care’ on their timetable. This is a specially designed program which aims to develop student well-being and connectedness with school community. The focus is on giving, with Year 7s looking at giving to each other, Year 8s giving to the wider school, Year 9s giving to the community and Year 10s giving back to the school by mentoring younger students. Your child’s Pastoral Care Teacher is your first point of contact if you have any concerns about overall issues at school. For more serious concerns you can also contact the Pastoral Care Year Advisors.

Pastoral Care focuses on student well-being

Student Services Personnel

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<td>Jess Haythorpe</td>
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<td>Jianne Britten (Thurs, Fri, Wed on odd weeks) Claire McDonnell (Mon/ Tues)</td>
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Appointments with all Student Services staff can be made through the Front Office on 6205 7676.

Absences

All absences, including lateness to school, are required to be explained by parents/guardians. This is essential for Year 9 and 10 students in relation to the awarding of the Year 10 Certificate. The policy states:

Students must be in attendance for 90% of the school term. When calculating this, punctuality to school, truancy and partial attendance will be taken into account.

If a student has attended less than 90% of the school term, a doctor’s certificate or other official certification accounting for the absences must be produced within that term.

This year we are commencing a new system in which each fortnight we will be mailing requests for all unexplained absences. Explanations may be emailed to your child’s PC teacher or to absences@lanyonhs.act.edu.au

Lateness to school

Students who arrive late to school before 10am must sign in at the Rolls Office before going to class. Written explanation (this can be an email) or a phone call to the Rolls Office 6205 7696 is required.

absences@lanyonhs.act.edu.au

Any unexplained lateness that adds up to or over 15 minutes in one week results in placement on the Stop List. This means that a student is unable to represent the school on any excursions, sports teams or extra curricula activities. Removal
from the Stop List is possible through a written explanation or phone call from parents/guardians.

Arriving and leaving school during the day (after 10am)

Students should sign in or out through the Front Office after 10am. Parents should come to the Front Office if they wish to collect their child during the day.

**Changes to Uniform for 2017**

Pictured here are the new uniform pants and shorts that will shortly be available for order. All pieces are made from good quality gabardine. A selection of sizes will be available for fitting at the Front Office.

From the commencement of 2017, all items of uniform must have the LHS logo on them. No jeans or generic navy pants/trackpants/shorts will be acceptable.

![New uniform pants that will be available for order in the front office soon.](image)

**The Battle of Hastings Re-enactment**

The Ancient Arts Fellowship visited Lanyon High School this week to re-enact the Battle of Hastings for Year 8 students. The students enjoyed watching Medieval fighting techniques and were given the opportunity to try on the armour and examine examples of Medieval crafts, accessories and jewellery.

Students enjoying their encounter with the Medieval World

**Stromlo Mountain Biking**

This term, Ms Butler and Claire McDonnell (our school nurse) have been running a mountain biking program at Mount Stromlo with a group of keen Mountain Bikers. All have been enjoying the experience, braving the hot weather to pursue their favourite sport.

Mountain Biking Program at Mount Stromlo

**Catapult Challenge 2016**

Science extension has kick started the year with the catapult challenge. So far students have explored their existing knowledge about catapults and built some simple versions. We had a catapult tournament with scoring zones designed by Jayden Berger in year 7, and the year 10 students have shown great leadership by helping their peers. We’re really keen to move onto the next stage and start building bigger versions of our catapults.

Science Extension students building their catapults

**National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence**

Friday the 18th of March was the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence, and Lanyon High School students and staff signed a pledge to stand against bullying, promising to speak up against bullying reach out to victims of bullying and be a friend to those in need.

Students participating in the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

**2016 Leadership Class Profiles**

Each edition of the newsletter we will be publishing profiles of students in the Leadership Class. This is a Year 10 class of highly committed students who are focussed on improving Lanyon High School and building our school community. The
focus is on developing leadership skills by organising and directing various projects and school events, liaising with school staff and the student body. For example, our recent school disco: “The Time Warp” was organised and promoted by this group of students.

Ashlee James

Hello, my name is Ashlee and I’m a Leadership student at Lanyon High School. I joined the Leadership class because everyone works towards one main goal; to make the community a better place and ourselves better leaders. My favourite subject is English because there is no such thing as a wrong answer, and everyone’s views are heard. In my spare time I like to read and eat, as well as draw/paint pictures. Being part of the 2016 Leadership class has been very exciting and I have enjoyed every step of it so far!

Jack Monaghan

Hey, my name is Jack and I’m in the 2016 Leadership class. My interests are gaming, motocross and sleeping. My favourite subject is P.E, Leadership and Woodwork. I play football, soccer, Frisbee and anything really. I wanted to be in leadership because last year’s leadership sounded fun and my friends applied with me. I am enthusiastic and looking forward to this year.

Belinda Keevers

It’s me Belinda, I’m a positive leader and always happy to talk to anyone who needs my help. You may often see me walking around the hallways with a smile on my face, I am approachable and will help you with whatever is needed. I enjoy being a leader because I can put my energy and personality to a good use. Leadership has helped me gain the confidence I needed to be the person I can be for myself and for the people I surround myself with.

David Skivington

Hello dear students, my name is David, I am part of this year’s leadership class. I would like you to not be afraid to come up to me anytime if you want to talk to someone. One of my favourite subjects this year is Outdoor Ed. One of the reasons I wanted to be in the leadership class, is so I can help the younger year groups enjoy their time at Lanyon and have some fun while they are here.

National Press Club Leadership Invitation

On Wednesday 10th February four Leadership students and I had the pleasure of being invited to the National Press Club to have lunch and hear an address given by The Hon Tanya Plibersek MP. Ms Plibersek is the Deputy Opposition Leader and Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs. Her address was titled “A Secure and Prosperous Australia in a Secure and Prosperous World”.

Belinda Keevers
Ms Plibersek spoke about Australia’s responsibility to be a “good international citizen” and the important advocacy role Australia plays in our South Pacific region in standing alongside our smaller neighbours and providing assistance where required. This is in our national security interest, but is also the right thing to do. She also spoke about “problems without passports” and how the world has now changed. Citizens of geographically isolated countries such as Australia can no longer claim immunity from international problems.

Julie Collins, Deputy Principal

Some interesting points outlined by Jen Bradbery were:

Ms Plibersek was very confident when speaking, showing that she is a great speaker with a lot of experience. Even though she did have pauses or said the wrong word at times, she corrected herself and kept on speaking without any difficulty. This is a good learning opportunity for leadership students because even though you may make a mistake it’s important to keep going on with your topic with full confidence. She used examples when talking about problems and repeated words and sentences that were important so the audience could get the big picture.

Ms Plibersek did not just talk about the problems in Australia, but also many political problems around the world. She talked about the people in Iraq for example and stated that separating different types of people will not solve all the problems. Putting boundaries between people does not stop war. Who will follow those rules? No-one. A question was asked about Russia’s missiles and her response was smart and logical. Ms Plibersek said that Russia needs to be more careful about where the missiles are landing because it is affecting too many innocent civilians.

Ms Plibersek didn’t just speak about Australia but other countries and other problems. This is interesting because usually Australian people think “This happens in another country and it won’t happen here”. Ms Plibersek thinks that’s wrong, because things can happen in Australia if we don’t look after our “Neighbours”.

Deputy Principal Julie Collins and our Leadership Students at the National Press Club last month.