



LANYON HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 4 2022



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

New opportunities

We are only 4 weeks into the school year and already there has been lots going on at Lanyon High School. The Youth Workers, Jess Haythorpe, Zac Carew and Aden Cotterill, have kicked off our new Brekkie Club. Brekkie Club runs from 8:15am-8:50am on:

Monday for Year 7
Wednesday for Year 8
Friday for Years 9 and 10

It has been great to see the students accessing this and starting off their mornings with some healthy food, a good chat and some fun. Thank you also to the teachers that have been going out and chatting to the students.

Lanyon High School Improvement Plan 2022 – 2026

Last year the school participated in the school review process. After receiving the feedback from the review panel, and analysing the school data, the next 5-year school improvement plan has been written.

Our school improvement plan will focus on two major priorities:

1. Improve academic growth for students
2. Equip students with the capabilities to learn and live successfully

This semester staff are focusing on designing common assessments and analysing the data to determine the baseline of student achievement, to track student growth. Each teacher is collecting information about their students' skills and implementing new teaching strategies to best meet the needs of students and to track their progress as they improve.

The Pastoral Care (PC) program is an important aspect of developing student's strategies for self-management, self-direction, and wellbeing to ensure students are equipped for future success. The Pastoral Care team spent a lot of time reviewing this curriculum to align it to the Personal and Social Capability of the Australian Curriculum. It is expected that the various units studied in the PC program can be flexible and responsive as needs and issues arise or change for different year groups or groups of students. Topics can include relationships, conflict resolution and online safety. All students participate in the Pathways Planning process to assist with setting goals and, in particular for year 10, making decisions about future studies and/or work options.

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Upcoming Events

Week 7, 14 March:

Canberra Day Holiday

Week 8, 24 March:

Year 7 & Year 10 Immunisations

Week 8, 25 March:

Year 8 (catch up) Immunisations

Week 10, 8 April:

Last day of Term 1



Please note: services and events advertised on the Lanyon High School website or newsletter are not endorsed or associated with Lanyon High School. For more information regarding upcoming school and community events please visit our Facebook and Instagram accounts.

[Lanyon High School](http://www.lanyonhs.act.edu.au)



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.

The curriculum documents for each subject area, including the PC program, should be on the school's website by the end of week 5. These documents provide a broad overview of the topics and skills being explore. They also list the major assessment tasks for each topic. It's important to keep in mind that teachers are collecting continuous evidence of learning in a variety of different forms.

http://www.lanyonhs.act.edu.au/Curriculum/curriculum_documents

Rebecca Cusick
A/g Principal



News from the Principal

MASK REQUIREMENTS

Mask rules remain in schools

The mask rules for ACT schools and early childhood settings have not changed. Face masks must continue to be worn by staff and visitors in all indoor spaces at school and early childhood education and care settings.

Students in years 7 to 12 are also required to wear a face mask while in an indoor space at school.

The wearing of masks for primary school students is at the discretion of the student and their parents/carers but is not recommended for children in ECECs, or preschool to year 2.

The measures we have in place, including mask-wearing, are helping to limit the impact of COVID-19 and ensure continuity of learning for our students.

IMMUNISATION

A reminder that year 8 catch up immunisations are on Friday 25th of March 2022.

**Year 7 & Year 10
Immunisations**

Thursday 24th March 2022

**Year 8 (catch up) Immunisations
Friday 25 March 2022**

COVID-19 vaccine boosters for people 16-17 years of age – message for school newsletters and socials

People aged 16 to 17 years of age, who had their second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine three months ago, can now book to get their booster. A booster dose will give more protection against falling seriously ill from COVID-19. Bookings are available at:

- ACT Government COVID-19 vaccination clinics (AIS Arena, Canberra Airport or Access and Sensory clinics) by calling the ACT COVID-19 vaccination booking line on 02 5124 7700, 7:00 am to 7:00 pm daily, or go online to [MyDHR](#)
- participating GPs or pharmacies using the [vaccine clinic finder](#).

There are lots of bookings available, so there's no reason to wait! Booster doses are recommended for people who have had COVID-19 in the past. The vaccination can be given any time after recovery from COVID and release from isolation. Talk to a GP or health care provider after you have recovered from COVID-19 for advice on the best timing for vaccination. For more information go to [COVID-19 vaccine booster doses and third doses](#).



BREKKY CLUB HAS STARTED!

Brekky Club started last week! 🍞 🍞

Students can pop down to the Enrichment Centre on a Monday (Year 7s), Wednesday (Year 8s), and a Friday (Year 9s and 10s), where Youth Workers will be there from 8:15am to provide some free food, such as toast, up-n-goes, fruit, and cereal etc.

So far, Brekky Club has been a huge success!



TIMETABLE CHANGE

This week we surveyed students on suggestions to improve our playground times and locations. We thank all students who provided feedback. On Monday we will move ahead with the proposed timetable change where all students will now be on break at the same time but still in designated cohorts. We will still need to designate areas for these cohorts, and we have tried to evenly distribute the time amongst the courts/oval. All students will still be able to access the canteen in Breaks 1 and 2 but will need to line up in their year group lines where the teacher directs. With these changes we will be able to re-introduce bells to help students get to class on time and minimise disruptions in the corridor. A huge thank you to all staff for their flexibility to make the students suggestions possible.

Posters will be displayed to help remind students on their break location.

The new timetable will be:

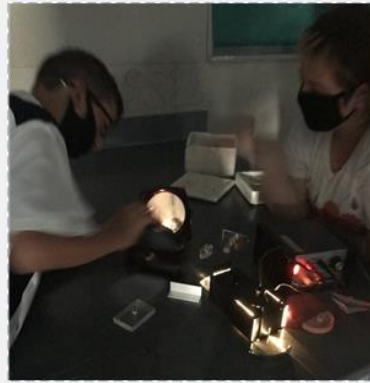
| | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri |
|-----------------|---------|------|-----|-------|-----|
| 9:00 - 9:30am | PC | 3 | 4 | 2 | 5 |
| 9:30am-10:00am | Break 1 | | | | |
| 10:00am-11:00am | 3 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 6 |
| 11:00 - 11:30 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 7 |
| 11:30am-12:00pm | Break 2 | | | | |
| 12:00pm-1:00pm | 1 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 7 |
| 1:00 - 1:30pm | 2 | 7 | 1 | 6 | 4 |
| 1:30pm-2:00pm | Break 3 | | | | |
| 2:00pm-3:00pm | 2 | 7 | 1 | 6 | 4 |

| | | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|----------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Break 1 9:30am-10:00am | Year 7 and 8 | Marketplace Inside Gates | Marketplace Inside Gates | Marketplace Inside Gates | Marketplace Inside Gates | Marketplace Inside Gates |
| | Year 9 and 10 | Courtyard Courts Oval | Courtyard Courts Oval | Courtyard Courts Oval | Courtyard Courts Oval | Courtyard Courts Oval |
| Break 2 11:30am-12:30pm | Year 7 and 8 | Courtyard Courts Oval | Courtyard Courts Oval | Courtyard Courts Oval | Courtyard Courts Oval | Courtyard Courts Oval |
| | Year 9 and 10 | Marketplace Inside Gates | Marketplace Inside Gates | Marketplace Inside Gates | Marketplace Inside Gates | Marketplace Inside Gates |
| Break 3 1:30pm-2:00pm | Year 7 and 8 | Courtyard Courts Oval | Marketplace Inside Gates | Courtyard Courts Oval | Marketplace Inside Gates | Courtyard Courts Oval |
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LSU

Students in the junior LSU science program are investigating how to make a house more energy efficient. This has led to experiments to produce data on topics such as heat and colour, properties of light and methods of renewable energy generation. They are continuing to propose new questions to investigate as well as improve their ability to design and conduct experiments, record, and analyse data.

Students in the senior LSU science program have begun a unit focused on 'The human impact on the Environment'. They have undertaken practical investigations including, cleaning up an oil spill, testing the water quality of local water and a rubbish audit around the school. Students have been improving their science enquiry skills as well as identifying ways in which they can help reduce the negative impact of humans on the environment.



Year 7

In Year 7, we have had creative and enthusiastic minds, exploring the topic of pure and mixed substances. We used several Indigenous separation techniques such as, hand picking and a modified form of winnowing, to separate a mixture. The students have been incorporating and investigating the new world of scientific language with great success and learning many new scientific words. They also learned how to safely use a Bunsen Burner and were awarded their licence once they demonstrated the skill.



Year 8

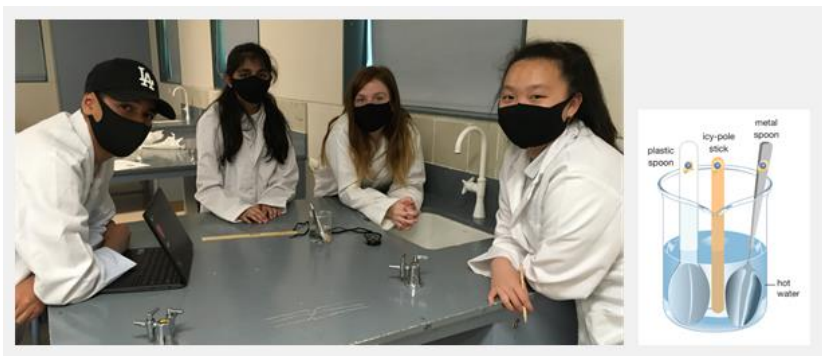
It's all about rocks! Year 8 students have been exploring the Earth from the very centre to the external layer (the crust). They have discovered that rocks are being continuously changed, from one type to another, as described by the Rock Cycle. They have become quite familiar with granite and basalt and are now using diagnostic properties to identify any type of rock. The images show students modelling the Rock Cycle using crayons, and one of the 'crayon rocks' they created.



FOCUS: SCIENCE

Year 9

Year 9 students can tell you why your cup gets warm after you pour hot water into it to make a cuppa: it's all about kinetic energy! Take the average and you have temperature, consider the total and you have heat. Using the Particle Model, they can explain why heat travels from a warm substance to a cold one. The students also had the opportunity to compare conductors and insulators, as well as determining the heat conductivity of four different metals, while learning that patience and good observation skills are very important when conducting experiments.



Year 10

What's the matter? Only everything that has mass and takes up space! Year 10 students have *reacted* well to the start of our Chemistry unit, where they investigate the iconic Periodic Table of the Elements and learn why it's still one of the most useful *products* of modern science. Pictured here are students burning off metallic solutions to determine what ionic compounds they hold- the same exciting science behind fireworks. Look out Katy Perry!



CHIEF MINISTER'S READING CHALLENGE

Chief Minister's Reading Challenge 2022

Challenge Dates: 14th Feb 2021 –19th August 2022

Every year, tens of thousands of students across the ACT participate in the Chief Minister's Reading Challenge. The hope for the challenge is that every young person in the ACT can discover the joy that reading brings. Once you discover this joy, a whole world of adventures awaits you, and the knowledge you can attain is limitless.

You need to read 15 books; however, you have two ways to be involved in the challenge.

1. **The Traditional** - Students can make their own book choices, including novels, non-fiction, poetry, books in a language other than English or audio books.

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3. **Challenge Yourself** - Students can challenge themselves to read a range of different texts. A list of different type of texts are available in Green Staffroom.

By participating you can win book vouchers for your school library. You can choose your own books or ask your parents, teacher and librarian at your school or Library for their suggestions. This year, why don't you challenge yourself to read something different? Join the Challenge and marvel at all the journeys reading can take you on!

If you are interested you need to speak to Ms Farrelly, in Green Staffroom, to organise your entry.



LITLINKS CREATIVE WRITING CHALLENGE 2022

Challenge Dates: Entries close at midnight on the 2nd of September 2022

LitLinks is a creative writing competition open to all ACT school students in years 7-12 and their teachers. It is presented by the ACT Association for the Teaching of English (ACTATE) and sponsored by Paperchain Bookstore and the Canberra Writers Festival.

The focus of the competition is short stories in any genre. All entries must be original works and unpublished. The word count should be in the range of **400 -1500 words**.

Entry is free, and schools may submit up to five entries for each category:

- Years 7-8
- Years 9-10

To be considered for judging, entries must comply with the **required word count range** and be **proofread to a publication standard**. Original artwork may be included.

PRIZES:

Prizes include book vouchers, passes to the Canberra Writers' Festival in 2023, ACT Writers' memberships and certificates for all entrants, with a prize pool of \$5,000, sponsored by Paperchain Bookstore Manuka.

If you are interested you need to speak to Ms Farrelly, in Green Staffroom, to organise your entry.

CANTEEN POSITION

The Healthy-kids are looking for someone to be the Manager at Lanyon High Canteen on Monday and Tuesday, each week. Hours will be 8:30am-2:00pm.

If you are interested in finding out more information, please contact debbie@healthy-kids.com.au