

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Events and successes

We are only 4 weeks into the school year and already there has been lots going on at Lanyon High School. The year 7s have settled into high school life very smoothly. The **swimming carnival** was an excellent day – students continue to embrace the house system and the range of colours was impressive. Students participated in a range of events; the overall behaviour and attitude of students was very positive. Thanks to Ms Ali Kirkpatrick for organising such a great day. Thanks also to the other Health and PE teachers and all the staff who contributed to our first carnival of the year. I wish to congratulate a number of **year 10 students from the Leadership class** who volunteered a couple of hours in the evening in week 3 to help with the **Gordon Primary School parent welcome evening** (see photo). I received a lovely 'thank you' email from Murray Bruce, the principal of Gordon Primary, complimenting the students on their contributions and giving up their time. I look forward to meeting year 7 parents and carers next week at the **Welcome evening** – I hope that many of you can attend.



Lanyon High School Strategic Plan 2018 – 2021

Our strategic plan continues to focus on two major priorities;

1. Improve reading, writing and numeracy
2. Ensure all students have pathways to success

This semester staff are focusing on improving their skills in teaching writing for each of their different subjects or disciplines. The types of writing could include composing a persuasive letter, such as an opinion piece relating to healthy eating. Another example includes writing reflections on pieces of art or music. 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 students 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 in 2019 reviewing this curriculum in order 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

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Coming Events

4 March: Year 7 Immunisations

4 March: Year 10 Immunisations

4 March: Year 7 parents and carers welcome evening

9 March: Public Holiday

16 – 18 March: Outdoor Education Tathra Ocean Skills Camp

26 – 27 March: Year 7 Jindabyne Camp

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.

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.

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

Barbara Monsma
Principal



News from the Principal

Year 7 Parents and Carers Welcome Evening

Wednesday 4 March

6pm – 7.40pm

Starting in the Learning Space

DANCE AND PERFORMING ARTS

The Senior Performing Arts class is off to a great start this term as they prepare to create their own musical! The students have already demonstrated their skills in musical theatre this term by creating an entertaining whole class routine to 'It's Not Unusual' by Tom Jones. Students are beginning to analyse musical theatre and consider the dramatic and dance skills needed to tell stories through music, dance and acting.

The Senior Dance class is trying a range of new styles this term to expand their dance repertoire and create a fusion dance by Week 9 this term. This week students have tried their hand at both partnered and solo Swing Dancing. In the coming weeks they will explore Latin dances and Hip Hop. The class is already off to a great start. They have created and performed a whole class dance to 'Don't Stop Me Now' by Queen and learnt the challenging skill of counting for dancers.

Both the Senior Dance and Senior Performing Arts classes will start working on their assessment tasks that will be performed at the annual LHS Performance Evening on Thursday the 11th of June (Week 7, Term 2). Put this date in your calendar so you can come along to see the awesome work from these awesome students.

Anna McRae
Performing Arts, English and HASS Teacher

ENGINEERING CLUB

The Engineering Club meets on Thursday afternoons, from 3 pm to 4 pm.

We learn about coding, robotics, and other related topics.

Starting on Week 3, please contact Ms Guillen in Gold Staff room for more information.

STREET ART - ENRICHMENT

Last week in the Street Art enrichment class students looked at different forms of Street Art. The question for the session was Vandalism or Art? Students were exposed through viewing traditional Street Art, Pop Art and Anime. From here students started to plan their design choices. We look forward to making a start on our pieces of art work this week.



MUSIC

In class the students have been creating and responding to music. All units comprise of a range of opportunities for students to engage in music whether that be performing, composing or critiquing. Although we are only in Week 4 it has been incredibly exciting to see the creativity that students are bringing to their learning!



Year 7 Music students have been developing their understanding of beat and rhythm through theory activities, bucket drumming, as well as using technology to create drumbeats online. We will be continuing to develop their understanding of music notation, as well as composing soundscapes later in the term. In Year 8 our focus has been on ukulele this week, where students worked on mashups using 4 common chords. In the coming weeks they will work towards creating recordings of song covers using software to mix their tracks. Senior Music students have begun working on their major songwriting project for the semester where they will write and record an original song. They will also be preparing a review of a song/album, as well as honing their practice and performance skills by working towards their major end of semester performance piece.



DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

The Senior Digital Technology class has been learning the nuts and bolt of programming. They have been working with Processing Java Script to dcfvcreate small programs that users can interact with. This week we have started creating a mini game incorporating all the skill they have learnt so far. It should be interesting to see the end result.



Attention Year 7 Parents



Your child's first round of vaccinations are due in Semester 1

The following vaccine will be offered
FREE as part of the ACT High School
Immunisation Program in Semester 1

✓ Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Dose 1



Keep an eye out for consent cards which are sent home with students during the first week of school and due back to school as soon as possible.

- 🔍 **Find** a consent card at your school OR download one from our website
- ✍️ **Sign** and complete the card
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For more information:
www.health.act.gov.au/services-and-programs/immunisation/adolescents
Ph: 02 5124 1585

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Attention Year 10 Parents



Your child's vaccinations are due in Semester 1

The following vaccine will be offered
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Immunisation Program in Semester 1

✓ Meningococcal ACWY

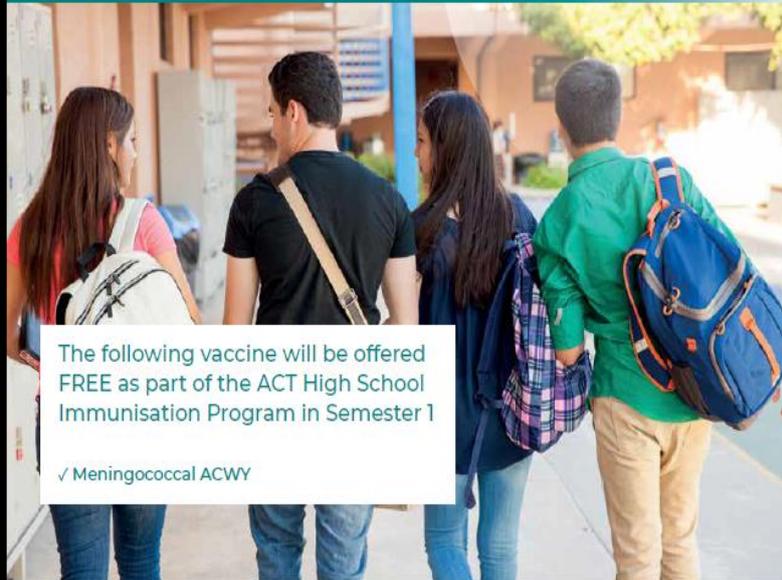
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If your child misses this vaccine at school and you returned a consent card, you will receive a letter in the mail on how to access it through your GP instead.
The Meningococcal ACWY vaccine will be available FREE from your GP up until your child's 20th birthday.

Where can I get more information?
www.health.act.gov.au/services-and-programs/immunisation/adolescents

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As we start a new school year, we would like to remind you, parents and students about our services and how to best prepare for travel on both bus and light rail in the new year. Details of all school and regular services are available [online](#) for parents and students to begin planning their journeys.

School routes and services remain unchanged for 2020. Transport Canberra is here to support the safe passage of students to and from school using public transport and active travel options.

To assist in planning school bus travel, use our handy tips and checklist below.

Routes and timetables:

Check the details of services required for your child to and from school, also making sure your child is familiar with the times and stops. If your child is new to school or changing schools, please check available [school services](#) or [regular bus timetables](#) information.

Journey Planner:

The Transport Canberra Journey Planner includes school services, allowing you to plan out the most convenient mode of transport for your trip to school. Use Transport Canberra's [journey planner](#) to plan your travel, and use [NXTBUS](#) to track your awaited service.

MyWay cards:

MyWay is the cheapest and easiest way to travel with Transport Canberra services. A student [MyWay card](#) can be purchased online, over the phone, or at a MyWay Recharge Agent. Adding travel credit is even easier with the options of B-Pay or Autoload direct debit, attracting an additional 5% discount on all fares. Students can also top up their MyWay card or purchase a single or daily ticket at Transport Canberra's new [ticket vending machines](#), available at selected bus stations and Light Rail stops.