

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Events and successes

We are only four 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** will no doubt be an excellent day - we look forward to students continuing to embrace the house system with the range of house colours on display. Thanks to Ms Caity Taylor for organising this event. Thanks also to the other Health and PE teacher and all the staff who contributed to our first carnival of the year.

The LSU class has gotten straight into the horticulture area with harvesting a fantastic crop of vegetables – the cherry tomatoes are so tasty!! Several students have just started a Paint and Panel vocational learning course.



This is a 12-week courses at CIT where students will learn a range of skills and knowledge related to automotive body repair and refinishing. A number of year 10s are beginning to research possible work experience placements for later this term.

Lanyon High School Strategic Plan 2018 – 2021 – School Review

In week 7 Lanyon High School will participate in School Review – which is a 5-yearly review of the school's progress against its Strategic Plan and the National School Improvement Tool (NSIT). This is where education staff and a reviewer from the Australian Council of Educational Research (ACER) visit the school to talk to staff and students about the school's progress. As part of the review the team will consider evidence associated with our school improvement journey. They will then provide a report that details commendations and recommendations for the next school improvement plan.

Click on the link for more information about NSIT;

<https://www.acer.org/au/school-improvement/improvement-tools/national-school-improvement-tool>

Click on the link to the school's website for more information about the school's strategic plan and impact reports;

http://www.lanyonhs.act.edu.au/about_us/school_board

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 tracking student progress that helps teachers to more accurately tailor learning activities to

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Coming Events

1-3 March 2021:

Outdoor Ed Camp

3 March:

Year 7 Families Welcome Evening

4 March 2021:

Year 7 & 10 Immunisations

23 & 24 March 2021:

Year 7 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.

the needs of students. Teachers received training at the beginning of this year on consistent classroom management techniques and new teaching techniques called High Yield Strategies. Throughout the year teachers will implement these in the classroom and conduct peer-to-peer classroom observations to improve the quality of teaching.

I am currently working with three teachers to trial some classroom surveys. These surveys are designed to help students provide structured feedback to their teachers about what is going on in the classroom. In this way we hope to increase student voice and agency and, once again, teachers will have more information to maximise the chances of success in the classroom.

The curriculum documents for each subject area, including the PC program, are already on the school's website. These documents provide a broad overview of the topics and skills being explored. 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

Please note the following about Insurance and Ambulance Transport

The ACT Education Directorate does not provide any insurance cover for injury, disease or illness to students resulting from school activities or school-organised excursions. Claims for compensation are met where there is a legal liability to do so. Liability is not automatic and depends on the circumstances in which any injury, disease or illness was sustained. As there is no automatic insurance cover for personal injury if your child is injured at school or during a school organised activity/excursion you should therefore consider whether taking out personal insurance cover for your child is warranted. This insurance might cover contingencies including medical/hospital expenses, ambulance transport outside the ACT, and cancellation of transport/accommodation or loss of/damage to luggage. The ACT Ambulance Service provides free ambulance transport for students who are injured or suddenly become ill at school or during an approved school organised activity within the ACT.

Barbara Monsma
Principal



News from the Principal

**Year 7 Parents and Carers
Welcome Evening
Wednesday 3 March
6pm – 7.40pm
Starting in the Learning Space**

NOTICES

IMMUNISATIONS

School Immunisations will be happening on Thursday 4th March for students in Year 7 and Year 10. Your student should have brought home a Consent Card with information about the immunisation, and the option to consent or decline. Please return these cards to the front office or student reception even if you are not consenting to vaccination. We are aiming for every card to come back. If you need a new copy of your card, please contact the front office.

SCHOOL FINANCES

We have upgraded to a new finance system that will now automatically split educational costs across responsible billing households – if you have split billing arrangements for your child, please contact the front office to confirm that invoices will be made out for the correct amount for each responsible party. If you have a split household, but only one party is responsible for finances, please contact the front office to let us know.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

The Health and Physical Education team are taking donations of second hand sports uniforms. If your child has grown out of their sports polo shirts, please bring them to the front office.

P&C MEETING

The first P&C Meeting for the year will be held on Wednesday 31st March 2021 at 7:15pm in the Phoenix room at Lanyon High School.

2021 Medical Information and Consent Forms

All parents/carers are asked to complete and return the **Medical Information and Consent Form** annually. Please let the front office staff know if you need a hard copy provided and this will be sent home with your child.

If your child has a medical condition, please ensure that you have completed and returned a **Medical Condition Response Plan** as soon as possible. Along with this, please ensure that the school has your **up-to-date contact information** such as email address, phone number and an alternative emergency contact person, just in case we can't get in touch with you.

YEAR 7 NEWS

What a fantastic start to the academic year for our new year 7 cohort. The students have settled in very well and got on with the business of learning like they have been here for years. The students should have all received their Chromebooks by now and begun setting up their school profiles. Students have been informed that the Chromebooks are for education purposes only, and to avoid adding a second google profile to their Chromebook, as it can result in students missing important notifications due to them being sent to the wrong profile.

Exciting times lie ahead with the swimming carnival taking place on the 26th of February. This will be a great opportunity to represent Owusu, the students' new house. Owusu house colour is red, and students are encouraged to wear as much red as possible during these whole school sporting events. It was also my privilege to announce at the recent whole school assembly the Year 7 house captains for 2021 Ella Berry and Theo Marsh, and vice captains Sophie Brennan and Aiden Webb. Lead with clarity of vision, and may the odds be forever in Owusu's favour.



The year 7 camp on the 23rd and 24th of March at the Jindabyne Sport and Recreation Centre is also fast approaching. This is an overnight camp and students will have the opportunity to participate in unique activities focussed on building confidence in both the individual and within the cohort. Permission notes have been sent home, with more information to follow as the camp becomes finalised. Please contact the school to discuss any matters that may prevent your child from attending the camp. We would love to see as many students as possible attend this wonderful opportunity.

It has been a pleasure watching the students settle into Lanyon High School, and if you have any concerns surrounding your child's education at Lanyon, please feel free to contact the Pastoral Care Teacher. I look forward to meeting you at Welcome night on the 3rd of March.

Mark Rasmussen (Year 7 Pastoral Care Advisor)

SCIENCE

Science has started this year with plenty of interesting activities, including a thorough review about the safety procedures in all classes. Students in Year 7 have been learning about the scientific equipment used, and how to safely use the Bunsen burner. After passing a theory and practical assessment, they were awarded their Bunsen burner licences. Currently students are learning about matter and its properties and engaged on an investigation to prove that air is indeed matter. In Year 8, students have been learning about the rock

cycle, creating posters to illustrate the cycle and modelling it using crayons. Students in year 9 have started the year learning about sound and how it travels. They are doing an inquiry unit on how the length and diameters of whistles and drums affect the frequency and pitch of the sound produced. They have attempted to use gum leaves as a whistle and also created whistles out of straws, incorporating an indigenous perspective. Students in Year 10 are learning about the Periodic Table, choosing one element and creating a poster about it, and conducting practical investigations about properties of metals and non-metals, such as thermal and electrical conductivity.



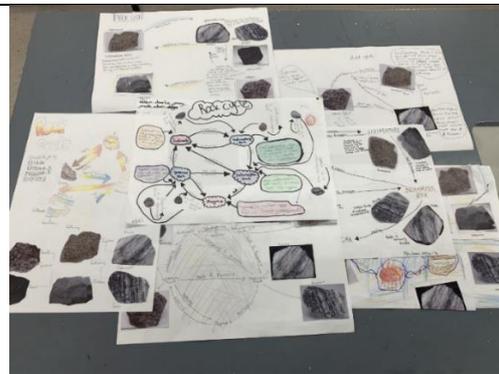
Year 7 Air investigation



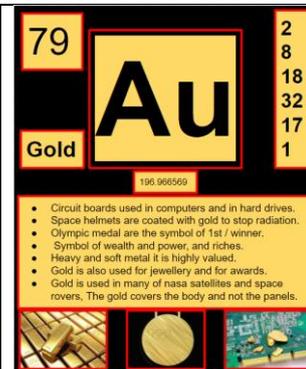
Year 8 Crayon rock models



Year 8 creating a rock cycle poster



Year 8 rock cycle posters



Year 10 element poster

DANCE FOR FUN

Dance for Fun has had a great start to the term with Kulture Break coming in to teach us some new choreography and grooves. Over the coming weeks we hope to hold many different dance style workshops to broaden our dance knowledge and repertoire of moves. Dancing is joyful and it is wonderful to see so many students from across the school having fun and building positive relationships with each other and choreographers from the Canberra community.

Miss Menzies



BASKETBALL

With school sport days fast approaching, some of the enrichment classes will be used as preparation for the upcoming gala days. The basketball tournaments will be held in weeks 7 (boys) and 8 (girls) of term 1 and we've had a very promising turnout from the senior boys keen to try out and train for the team. The class will soon be reduced to a smaller group to run more focused team preparation drills. Mr. Fryz.

SIDEWALK CHALK ART

After only two lessons some of the students are showing a flair for art. Everyone began with a tutorial on face and proportion where learning where our eyes, mouth etc. are located. Then students had free time to draw their own piece. Below is an image of mapping out a face and a part finished cat.





Are you
back to
school
ready?

Routes

Check your service timetable and locate your nearest stop

Safety

Review the safety rules around both bus and light rail services

Fares

Purchase a MyWay card online, over the phone or at a recharge agent
Check your MyWay card balance, top up or register for autoload

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Sign up for Transport Canberra e-news alerts on the 'contact us' page

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Parent/Carers Free Assistive Technology Webinar

Literacy Accessibility Tool

Boost reading and writing confidence

Read&Write for Google Chrome (RW4G)

Join us for 1hr Webinar on [Introduction to Read & Write for Google Chrome](#)

Tuesday, 23rd March 2021, 3.30-4.30pm

Read&Write for Google Chrome (RW4G) offers support for Google Docs and the web and is especially beneficial for students with literacy needs. It offers a range of powerful support tools to assist students to gain confidence with reading, writing, studying and research. RW4G is available free for all students in ACT Public Schools. Students can access the tool online at school and home.

This one-hour webinar will provide an introduction to how Read&Write can:

1. Support reading and access to the curriculum.
2. Supporting readers with text to speech, dictionary and vocabulary tools, study tools, annotation tools and more.
3. Support writing and the ability to demonstrate understanding.
4. Supporting writers via word prediction, voice notes, speech recognition, vocabulary support, research skills and more.

Webinar Registration

Click on link to register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5520571330025777421>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

NOTE: If you are unable to attend, please still register to gain access to the recorded live webinar

RW4G Videos

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvSZbmGbKpCTkk3S93CXtQWNf50f_Ow3D&disable_polymer=true

<https://www.texthelp.com/en-au/products/read-write/read-write-for-google/>

Further information contact michelle.vanpuuyvelde@act.gov.au



With school back, it's important to remember that Canberra has lots of health options that don't involve a trip to a hospital emergency department. Many of these are free and available after hours.

Walk-in Centres provide free, one-off treatment of **non-life threatening injury and illness**, such as:

- strains and sprains
- minor burns or grazes
- fractures
- infections
- colds and flu.

They're a great choice for children over 2 years of age – children under 2 should see their GP.

Walk-in Centres are open from 7.30am to 10pm, every day of the year. They are staffed by highly skilled nurses who can provide you with a sick certificate and in some cases, medication, saving you time and money.

The service is free and no appointments are necessary.

Walk-in Centres are in Tuggeranong, Belconnen, Gungahlin and Dickson.

To find out more about getting the right health care for your symptoms, visit www.act.gov.au/yourhealthoptions

Dropping or picking your kids up from school?

Parents and carers – please keep our kids safe by parking safely and legally around schools especially at school drop offs and pick ups. It's illegal and not OK to double park or park across pedestrian crossings, corners or nature strips as this reduces pedestrian visibility and blocks the ability for kids to see the road clearly. The consequences can be fatal.

You can also expect to be fined for parking in no stopping zones, bus zones, or in front of driveways.

For drop offs in the morning, why not park a little further away from the school and walk with your kids the rest of the way?

For pick ups at the end of the school day, have a pre-determined meeting spot that's nearby. This helps if you're running late so your kids know where to wait and you don't need to rush.

Walking part of the way to school is also a simple way to reduce congestion and increase safety around schools. Part way points help make the school drop off and collection run easier and faster for parents and reduces congestion at the school gate. For more options on getting your kids to and from school visit <https://www.transport.act.gov.au/about-us/schools/active-travel-toolkit> Access Canberra inspectors including License Plate Recognition vans will be on patrol, so let's work together to keep our kids safe. For more safety tips visit <https://youtu.be/AslMVXpA9Zc> and www.act.gov.au/safeparking



Canberra Relief Network – supporting our community's vulnerable The Canberra Relief Network supports the vulnerable in the community affected by the unprecedented health and economic crisis. It can support families impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, including casual workers, international students (especially those isolated due to COVID-19 infection),

and carers of individuals with COVID-19, disability, health challenges or chronic illnesses.

Contact Canberra Relief Network on 1800 43 11 33 or visit their website, [Canberra Relief Network](http://CanberraReliefNetwork)