

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Events and successes

The beginning of term 3 has already been very busy with heaps of events and activities. A big highlight was the **Athletics Carnival**. It was a beautiful day, around 250 students attended and the **80s dress ups were amazing!**

Special mention goes to Ms O'Brien and Ms Williamson in their matching jumpsuits and hair scrunchies – it brought back some memorable moments from my own high school years. Thanks to Ms Davies and the other Health and PE staff for organising such a wonderful day.



We have also hosted **immersion visits of year 5 and 6 students** from Bonython Primary School, Charles Conder Primary School and Gordon Primary School. These visits are to help build connections between our feeder primary schools and our high school, as well as helping future students become comfortable with the transition to high school. Thanks to Ms Clothier for organising these visits.

A number of our year 7 students went back to their previous primary school, Gordon, to help out with their **OzTag Gala day**. Thanks to Faith McNamara, Bianca Jones, Ashley Brine and Adam Bennett for giving up their time. I received a 'thank you' message from Mr Bruce, Principal of Gordon Primary, saying how helpful these students were on the day.

On 8th August all our year 10 students went to the **Careers Expo at EPIC**. In the coming weeks the year 10s will be making their college course selection. So, year 10 parents/carers should keep an eye on the information that's being emailed to them to make sure all the deadlines are met. It's going to be an exciting few months.

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Coming Events

23 August – Lanyon High Snow Trip

3 September - ANU Science

Extension Day

11 September - bstreetsmart Road

Trauma Forum Year 10

12 September – Youth Dance Festival

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.

- Bursary Scheme 2019
- Dwarfism Awareness
- Smith Family help with school costs
- Parentline ACT and Kids Helpline
- Headspace Canberra Youth Ambassadors
- Tutoring before/after school
- Lifeline Bookfair

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.

Please Give Us Your Feedback by 2 September



It is that time of the year when we are all asked to complete our system surveys. Surveys are completed by all staff, both teaching and non-teaching, as well as students and parents/carers. These surveys really help us to see what we are doing well and where we need to improve. I hope all our parents/carers will participate. You will soon be emailed a link to the survey and an access code. It only takes ten minutes to complete. If you have questions please contact the school and speak to Amanda Pickering or Jane Harrold.

Changes to Course Outlines and Academic Reports

With the ongoing implementation of our new student administration software there will be some changes to the format of mid semester reports, E-grade warning letters and academic reports. Most of these changes will be in the report format which will ensure there is consistency in reporting information across all ACT Government schools. Academic reports will be clearly aligned to the Achievement Standards of the Australian Curriculum. The most significant change will be the inclusion of a Personal and Social Capability report. This capability is also part of the Australian Curriculum and more details on the capability can be found via the link below.

<https://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/f-10-curriculum/general-capabilities/personal-and-social-capability/>

Reports will still be emailed home and more detailed information will be provided in coming weeks.



Student Support Funds



A reminder to all parents/carers that the school operates a student support fund. This provides limited funds to parents who are experiencing financial difficulty. Funds can be used to help any student access activities that the school would normally anticipate a whole year group, class or specific group of students would attend. They can also be used for uniform and stationery supplies. If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact me so that we can discuss accessing this support fund. Information is kept confidential.

Barbara Monsma
Principal

SAVE THE DATE
LANYON HIGH SCHOOL
PARENT TEACHER NIGHT
WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2019
4:00PM – 7:00PM

Year 7 News

In PC lessons, year 7 are focusing on types of bullying and how to address and overcome bullying. They began the unit by watching parts of the documentary, 'Bullied' which elicited a strong reaction from our students, prompting a wide range of discussions. Year 7 were also making a list of their trusted adults – people at home or school that they could trust to talk to and share information about things such as bullying.

In Science they have been studying about our place in the Solar System, creating planets for a display in the classroom and comparing orbits and times for the rotation of Earth and moon.



At the athletics carnival students were able to participate in a range of sporting activities including: high jump, long jump, discus, javelin, relay and sprints. Participation was high and the day was a very enjoyable event for the Lanyon High School community, with everyone being very supportive and encouraging. The theme was 'retro' and we had a lot of excellent costumes!



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Year 8 News

This term in Pastoral Care we started our lesson sequence with talking about what a trusted adult is and then making a list of their trusted adults – people at home or school that they could trust to talk to and share information about things such as bullying and any issues they may be having. This term they will be covering the broad topic of positive psychology where students will be discussing a range of topics including self-esteem, positive and negative self-talk and what self-care looks like.

As part of the Health curriculum the year 8's will be having a guest speaker, Johnny Shannon, coming in to talk to them on Thursday 15th August with the overarching theme being Sex Ed & Relationships. Johnny will be providing students with a deeper understanding around a range of topics including healthy and unhealthy relationships, communication and the legal aspects involved.

We recently had our athletics carnival with the theme "Retro". There were some fantastic dressups on the day as well as high levels of participation in all track, field and novelty events. Thank you for an enjoyable day.



Upcoming events: There will be an excursion for all of year 8 students coming up in Week 10. More information will be coming out soon about that so please keep an eye out for permission and information notes in the coming weeks.

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Year 10

College Enrolments



If you have not enrolled your child into a college yet it is very important that you do so as soon as possible. The processes to begin students transitioning to college are beginning, such as helping students select courses through interviews with college staff.

In the ACT a child is of compulsory participation age until the child completes Year 12 or turns 17, whichever happens first. Students who are uncertain about attending college are required to enrol in college. Students in this position would be able to withdraw their college enrolment when an alternate plan for further training or employment has been finalised. Students wishing to make alternate plans are advised to consult a Career Practitioner teacher.

Please contact the school if you need assistance with the college enrolment process or would like to discuss helping your child find their pathway to success after high school.

Melbourne Trip

The Melbourne Trip notes will be coming out this week (Week 4) and the cost has been confirmed at \$800. Please ensure you pay the full amount well in advance and ensure you contact the school early if you have concerns about this.



Please ensure medical and dietary requirements on the permission note are accurate and if they change prior to the trip please contact me to ensure they can be updated effectively.

I will be meeting with students attending camp later in the term to provide them with more details as needed.

Rotary Interviews



In Pastoral Care this term students are preparing to participate in Rotary Interviews, in which they attend a mock interview with a volunteer from the Rotary Club. Students have been working on a resume and cover letter, which they will submit as part of their "job application."

Students' interviews will be held on Thursday 19th September after school from 4-7pm. We hope and expect for all year 10 students to participate in this and attend their interview, as it a valuable way to put into practise the life-long skills they are learning in Pastoral Care and will be a useful way to develop their interview and job application skills in a time when many of them will start looking for employment.

Year 10 Formal

We are now in the process of organising and preparing the details for the Year 10 Formal. It is on Tuesday 3rd December. Typically, the cost is somewhere between \$100-130 and we will be able to provide more information once everything is booked.



Year 10 Dates to Remember

LTC Course Selection Interviews (at Lanyon)	Wednesday 28 th August (Week 6)
Road Trauma Excursion - Sydney	Wednesday 11 th September (Week 8)
Rotary Interviews	Thursday 19 th September (Week 9) 4pm – 7pm
Melbourne Trip	Sunday 22 nd – Friday 27 th September (Week 10)
Formal	Tuesday 3 rd December (Week 8)
Leavers Assembly – Final day of Year 10	Friday 6 th December (Week 8)
Presentation Night	Thursday 12 th December (Week 9)
Graduation	Friday 13 th December (Week 9)

As always if you have any concerns or questions please don't hesitate to contact me or your child's Pastoral Care teacher.

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Year 9

Giving Projects

Year 9 are continuing to work on their Giving Projects. It's been great to see them so creative and motivated in their actions of giving. Some groups are at the point where they have nearly finished their project and will start to prepare their presentations for Exposition. This is a two-day event in which the Year 9s present their Giving Project to members of the school, primary school students, parents, carers and the wider community. It will be on the Wednesday the 25th September in Week 10, so I encourage you to save the date.

Owusu House Group

It was wonderful to see so many of our students participating and encouraging each other at the recent Athletics carnival. The "Owusu" team spirit is definitely building and it was so much fun to see everyone in their Red retro gear on the day.



Work Experience

For Year 9s who have been interested in exploring career pathways and work experience now is a good time to start thinking about this. In Year 10 all students participate in work experience of some sort, and there are further opportunities for those interested. Students who are interested in additional work experience should speak to their PCA, PC teacher, or the Careers Coordinator.

Year 10

Please keep in mind the various excursions and projects available to students when they enter Year 10, and the associated costs. I would like to make sure students and their families can participate in any of these that they wish. Some big ones include Year 10 camp, the Year 10 Formal, Vocational Learning Options, Road Ready, and the Road Trauma excursion. If you have any concerns about payments please don't hesitate to contact the school early about these.

As always if you have concerns or questions please get in touch with myself or the relevant staff.

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LEARNING AND STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Maths News

In year 7 Mathematics, students have been studying measurement and started off by looking at units of length. In an activity on problem solving and estimation, students used the heights of cups to estimate the height of various objects, including the height of their teachers Ms Broadbent and Mr Fryz! Students have moved on and are now looking at perimeter and the area of rectangles and are working towards an assessment task next week.



Students in all classes are working on various Mathspace activities organised by their teachers using their Chromebooks in school and for homework. Lanyon High has purchased the licence for this online maths program and students are benefitting from the hints and tutorial videos in addition to their classroom teacher to work toward finding solutions to problems.

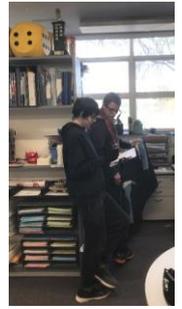


Students in Year 10 using Mathspace to work on solving linear equations and inequalities to develop and consolidate skills.





Students in Mr McCaskill's class have been studying statistics and created a survey to collect data to find out information about staff work experience. Some of the questions chosen were: subjects taught; number of different schools worked at; number of years teaching; different work professions; and teacher age! Some of us had a bit more experience and had to think for a while!



Poetry and Art

On Monday, 12th August 31 students from across years 7-10 spent the day at the National Gallery of Australia. They participated in an art workshop with the gallery staff, which allowed them to learn about some of the amazing works of art in the gallery. Students also participated in a workshop with local Canberra poet Jacqui Malins. Jacqui shared some of her poetry with the students and then led the students through some of the works at the gallery, using the art to help students write their own poetry. Finally the students used a treasured object of their own to inspire a piece of poetry. The poetry workshop was facilitated by the Red Room Poetry company, who work to promote poetry in schools and the community. In between workshops the students enjoyed lunch in the gallery's sculpture garden.



Kulture Break Dancers



On Friday the 2nd August Lanyon High School hosted the Nubian Gents, Feminine Fire and the led by Kulture Break dancers on their Canberra Schools Tour. Students and staff were lucky enough to experience the performance by cultural change communicators Lamont O'Neill and our own Francis Owusu. The dance crews from New York brought their energetic style and shared their inspiring personal messages of belief with students and staff at LHS.



Athletics Carnival – RETRO RUNNING

What a day! There was spandex, fluoro and leg warmers galore at our annual athletics carnival. The weather was beautiful and our students got into their retro groove. Students had a great day entering track and field events, participating in fun novelty events and hanging out in the crowd with their friends.

Some highlights for the day include, Jay H breaking the long standing school record in the boys high jump, Mufrad's achievements in each of the field events and our first ever fashion parade where Owusu house showed their true colours. The final events of the day are often the most exciting. The Lanyon Gift, a 100m handicapped race between the fastest students in each age group, was run for the first time with boys and girls running against each other. As always, this race was really close and we almost needed the photo finish to determine the winner. This year, Ryan A in year 7 just managed to hold on to his head start to take the win. For the first time in a long time, each of our houses fielded at least one team in each of the relays, which was fantastic to see. All of the teams ran really well but the teachers managed to take away the bragging rights....until next year.

The final scores for the day were:

Bond = 77

Owusu = 81

Blackburn = 82

Patterson = 83

A big thank you to our HPE team of teachers for organising a fantastic day and also to ACT Athletics for their assistance and guidance throughout the day. We are so proud of our school community for their outstanding participation on the day and loved the costumes. We are looking forward to next year's carnival and making it bigger and better again.

