Book Fair

A big thank you to everyone who visited our book fair this month. The children loved having a book shop in school. This is a major fundraiser for the library and we appreciate your support. Scholastic donated a beautiful parcel of books which was won by Jessica O in 5S.

*Library Department*
Yr 12 2013 Cordially Invites You to Our

**LUCAS HEIGHTS ‘TRIVIA NIGHT’**

Wednesday 10th April
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

132 Old Illawarra Road
Barden Ridge

*The event will be held in the Junior Hall.*
*Cost: $15 per person*
*Table of 8-10 people (please email the names of people to the address below)*

Please R.S.V.P. by **Monday 1st April** to
the Lucas Heights Front Office (9543 8317) or email the school
Contact person: W. Taoube
Earth Hour Campaign

On Saturday 23 March Australians are being asked to turn off their lights for one hour from 8.30pm to make a statement against climate change and as a showing of support for renewables.

The LHCS 7-12 Enviro Club would like to encourage us all to consider turning off as many unnecessary lights, powered items and computers as possible to help reduce energy consumption for this one night and to be aware how easy it is to live with less power for the long term.

Also did you know: That the Earth Hour Campaign was originally a one-city initiative in Sydney in 2007 involving two million individuals and 2,000 businesses, Earth Hour now occurs in more than 6,950 cities and towns in 152 countries and territories around the world.

The Enviro Club

Principal's Report ….

Applications for high school enrolment are due this Friday 22 March. Progression to high school is a significant event and I urge parents to take control of this decision rather than leaving it to students. From experience, the primary concern for students will be where their friends are going. What should influence the decision most is which school will provide the best learning environment for your child. Please lead this decision-making process carefully.

On Tuesday night this week I attended and spoke at Bangor Public School’s P&C meeting along with our two senior school captains who also spoke. The attendance at the meeting was encouraging with around thirty parents who attended to hear us speak about high school. My thanks to Edwin and Jessica for the preparation and delivery of their talk. I know parents appreciated their attendance and I have already received positive feedback.

We are currently investigating possible works to our grounds and playing field facilities and need the services of a landscape draftsman or architect to work up some plans and specifications with us. The works we are investigating are extensive. I am hoping that one of our parents may have these skills and is prepared to devote their time to this project. Please contact me if you are able to assist.

Our Easter Hat Parade is scheduled for this Tuesday and I am very much looking forward again to this event. We will again have a guest judge who is also looking forward to the event.

Thank you for your support of your children’s learning.

Kevin Haydon
Lucas Heights Trivia Night- Are You Ready to be a Champion?

On Wednesday 10 April we are holding a fun, family-oriented trivia night. We already have some great prizes ready so why not phone the school and be part of the fun.

We already have a high school teacher table and a primary school teacher table set up. If you are part of scouts, a sporting comp, part of a work place or even simply friends who believe in themselves and each other, ring up the school and be part of the fun.

Thank you to Head Teacher of Maths, Mr Vin Sharkey and school captain, Olivia B, who will be the co-hosts for the night.

Details:

7.00 to 9.00pm (approx.)
8-10 people per table
$15 per person

Any other enquiries can be directed to WAFA.TAOUBE@det.nsw.edu.au

It would be great to see students and their parents. We hope to see you there!

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Published Photographs

Parents are reminded that if they do not wish to have their child's photo in the newsletter / website or any other school publication, contact must be made with the office.

Bruce Redman, Deputy Principal

Zone Swimming Carnival

Senior Girls Relay - 1st Place

Junior Boys Relay - 3rd Place

Leading Lights

Congratulations and good luck to Teah S, Jesse G and Jacob W on qualifying for the 2013 Australian Age Swimming Championships to be held in Adelaide in April 2013.

Open Girls Knock Out Netball 2013
Year 7 have continued to familiarise themselves with the Science laboratory, receiving hands-on experience with our many different pieces of laboratory equipment and the safety procedure necessary to use them.

They have also been exploring the four main branches of Science. Recent experiments 7S and 7L have enjoyed include:

♦ Shattering shale by heating it over a Bunsen burner then dipping it in cold water to demonstrate weathering in Geology. This was messy, but sometimes fun comes at a cost!
♦ Burning magnesium to demonstrate chemical reactions in a Chemistry Experiment.
♦ Charging balloons and ebonite rods to produce static electricity in a Physics experiment…..and learning about the Van der Graaf Generator (an all-time favourite!)
♦ Investigating the importance of the sense of smell to determine the flavour of jelly beans as a little taste (literally) of Biology.

Year 7 really seem to be settling into their new scientific surroundings very well. They are always keen and receptive to the new ideas and experiences they are introduced to in every lesson. Keep up the good work Year7!

Ms Amanda Vials
It’s always interesting to find out what pathways our previous year 12 students end up taking when they leave school. Last week we completed the 2012, Year 12 Post school destination survey and this is currently a summary of what past students are doing.

- **54%** have commenced University, with students accepting places at the following Universities. Wollongong, Sydney, NSW, UTS, Western Sydney, Canberra, Notre Dame and Australian Catholic University.

- **71%** have gone on to further study at TAFE, Private Colleges, or as part of their traineeships or apprenticeships.

- **22%** have gone directly into the workforce in both fulltime and part-time positions.

We wish our 2012 graduates well in their future studies/pathways and look forward to hearing of their successes.

Last week year 12 had another information session on Pathway planning but this time the focus centered around providing students with information on employment.

For school leavers to be successful in today’s market they really need to know what employers are looking for and how they can best leverage the skills they have.

**Did you know**…Australia has a serious skills shortage with more than 2/3 of businesses finding it hard to source skilled workers? 63% report a shortage in technical skills and 70% citing lack of required qualifications.

Below is a list of websites that students were encouraged to explore:

- **MyFuture** – [www.myfuture.edu.au](http://www.myfuture.edu.au)

Students were also given a handout on Essential Employability Skills, below are the key elements that employers are looking for.

- **Communication**
  - You have to be a good talker and possibly a good writer (depending on the job). You have to be confident about speaking to people face to face or over the phone and you may also need to write well enough to be understood in emails and memos.

- **Teamwork**
  - You have to be good at working with people, both workmates and other people associated with the organisation.

- **Problem Solving**
  - You have to be able to find solutions when faced with difficulties or set-backs. Even if you can’t think of things straight away you have to have a logical process to figure things out.

- **Initiative and Enterprise**
  - You need to be able to think about the bigger picture and future of the organisation. Employers value the ability to think creatively and make improvements to the way things are.

- **Planning and organisation**
  - You need to be able to organise yourself, plan project timelines and meet deadlines.

- **Self-Management**
  - You need to be able to get on with your work without someone checking up on you every 5 minutes. You should be able to stay on top of your own deadlines and be able to delegate tasks to make sure things get done on time.

- **Learning**
  - You should be able to learn new things and pick them up quickly. You should be able to take on new tasks when needed and meet the needs of a changing workplace.

- **Technology**
  - Most jobs these days require you to use some form of technology. Be aware of what’s required in the industry you are involved in and keep up to date.

Don’t forget to go to [www.lucasheightscareers.com](http://www.lucasheightscareers.com) and check out the second addition of the March newsletter. This month there is some great information on Career paths in Event Management, Bricklaying and in the Disability and Community care sector. In addition this year’s Royal Easter
Show is offering free seminars to showcase the diverse career opportunities available in agriculture and agricultural based studies. For information, times and dates of the seminars check out the newsletter on the website or see the details below.

**Upcoming Events**

**Defence Force Recruiting: Women in the Army Information, Thursday 21 March**

Anyone interested in attending any of the above sessions please see the Careers Advisers as students must be registered to attend. All information sessions will be held at Defence Force recruiting, Level 4, 9 George St Parramatta.

**OHS White Card Training**

**Monday 25 March, 9.00am to 3.00pm at school**

Students must have registered and collected a note from the Careers office. The cost of the course is $100, to be paid to the office by Friday 22 March.

**Discover Engineering Day-ANSTO**

**Tuesday 26 March from 9.00am to 2.30pm**

Any students in Years 10 & 11 who are interested in Engineering as a career choice and also those who want to know what Engineering is all about have the opportunity to attend a full day excursion to ANSTO.

**Royal Easter Show-Careers in Agriculture**

**Thursday 21 March, 11.00am and 1.00pm:** Animal Careers

**Friday 22 March, 11.00am and 1.00pm:** Food Careers

**Wednesday 27 March, 11.00am and 1.00pm:** Fibre Careers

**Thursday 28 March, 11.00am and 1.00pm:** Emerging Industries


Mrs Eagles and Ms Smith
Careers Advisers

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**Personal Training**

**Outdoor Group Training**

**Boxing Circuit**

**Teen Fitness**

Sessions run at Lucas Heights Community School Junior COLA and Billa Road Oval, Bangor.

From only $10 per session

No contracts No joining fees

Call Gavin 0425 807624

Email gavin@towersfitness.com.au

www.towersfitness.com.au

Check us out on Facebook- Towers Fitness

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**MUSICAL SOIREE**

The Musical Soiree will be held on Thursday 4 April from 6.30 to 8.00pm in the Performance Space. All welcome.

*Helena Turner, Coordinator*
Woolies ‘Earn and Learn’

Thank you to parents for supporting LHCS / Woolworths ‘Earn and Learn’. Look at what we were able to purchase!

Year 6 girls Ella R, Jess M, Rachel F, Samantha J, Danielle E and Daniella W were a great help unpacking the Woolies goodies.

Support Unit Goodies

Sand pit toys

High school goodies

Playground games
Well done to all the musicians and helpers on Open Night. The High School Band performed a 30 minute bracket with vocalists Jared C and Emily C and soloists Liam A, David P and Leon B. Other performers included Alex E, Steph M, Leon B, Zac A, Brian E, Aliesha F, Tiana C, Cassandra T, Coral-Lee C and Summer G.

A big thank you to Mr Stevens who brought his PA for the evening and Adam S for audio on the evening. Helpers were Nash L, Kyle R, Harrison B and Dylan L.

We are proud of all your efforts.

Mrs Turner, Band Coordinator

On Tuesday 5 March Lucas Heights Community School had an Open Night. The High School Band played for entertainment and some soloists performed as well. The Band played *Count On Me, Walking On Sunshine* followed by *12 Bar Blues*. We repeated those songs, then the soloists played their improvisations.

The people who played in the band performed wonderfully and should be very proud. Well done to everyone who performed.

Aliesha F, 8L
If you have ever had reservations towards having anything to do with a school’s P&C, join the club.

I reckon in the playground and parent community at large that there are many thoughts regarding the P&C, both positive & often, not so positive. Either way I’ve discovered the P&C does play an important part in the life of our school. I don’t believe that these opinions have much to do with the individuals who have worked hard leading and attending those meetings but just a perception that may or may not be true. For the last year I’ve been one of those parents not knowing what to think – and now find myself President of the P&C.

I guess briefly, a new perspective on the P&C might be healthy. As just-a-dad of a boy now in Year 1 and a girl soon to be in Kindergarten, if this is their school, ‘it is mine as well’. As the new president of Lucas Heights Community School P&C Association, I am not concerned if you, as a parent, are not involved in all the parent volunteer avenues available in our school, BUT I do care about our attitudes towards parent involvement. Whether we like it or not, as a parent within LHCS we are all part of LHCS’s ‘P&C’ and if our families can adopt a positive attitude towards supporting our school with our kids, our kids and our families will be the ones to reap the rewards.

Over enthusiasm; maybe, but is that a bad thing for our school?
Some of us have been around for a while, while others are only newcomers!

SO practically:

Again if you are a new family to the school this year, the P&C at LHCS is essential to the organisation of many of the whole school events in conjunction with school staff, including open days, mother’s day and father’s day events, etc., along with fund raising and parent involved programs within the school.

P&C open meetings happen on the first Wednesdays of each month and it would be awesome if you would like to share your insights. It is held in the Staff Common Room (next to Library). Next meeting 3rd April, 7.30pm start.

Cheers

Rod Chin
P&C President
21-3-2013

Positive – Productive – and maybe a bit of Fun
KO girls Softball team

Although the team came together about 40 minutes before the game for their first training run as a team, the girls proudly held Menai High for 1 hour and 2 minutes to a 3-nil lead. The game was close as the girls showed they had the makings of a very competitive softball squad even though only one person officially has played the sport outside the school in the last 12 months.

The final result was a win to Menai High and a fun day of competition for the team listed below.


A big thank you to the parents who came as support and ended up with various jobs (washing, scoring, buying KFC setting up the diamond etc)!

Ms Julie Rogers, Coach

SCHOOL BANKING

EXCITING NEW REWARDS

The Commonwealth Bank has introduced a new Savings Reward Program for 2013 that includes some really cool prizes.

Terms 1 and 2

- Wallet
- Handball
- Knuckles Game
- Projection Torch
- Money Box

Terms 3 and 4

- Calculator
- Headphones
- Money Box

BANKING DAY IS MONDAY

Bank books will be collected from you by your teacher on Monday and returned to you in class on Tuesday.

If you are interested in becoming a new Student Banker you can open a Dollarmites Account at your local branch. You will be given a yellow Dollarmites deposit book to bring in to school each Monday to start banking….it’s that easy!

For each new student account opened, the school receives a $5 commission. Our school also receives a commission on each school banking deposit made. Last year the school received almost $800 to put towards buying educational resources.

So thank you to all our School Banking Students, old and new.

Rebecca Embury & Rebecca Broadley
School Banking Coordinators

All rewards available only during the listed dates.
One of each reward per student.
One token issued for each deposit made.
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SCHOOL ZONE PARKING

The school year is now well underway. Council would like to give all drivers a timely reminder to take extra care when driving and parking in and around school zones, especially those who have children attending school. Schools are areas where there can be a lot of interaction between vehicles and pedestrians, especially children.

When dropping off or picking up your children it is important to have a plan with your child, about how you will drop off and collect them. Make sure they know not to try and get into your vehicle whilst it is still in traffic, even if you are stopped. They should always wait until you park. Make sure you know the surrounding parking signs and what they mean. They are there to help keep you and your children safe.

**BUS ZONE**

*What does it mean?*
You must not stop or park in a bus zone unless you are driving a bus.

*Why is it there?*
To prove a safe place for large buses to set down and pick up. Cars parking in bus zones put lives at risk by forcing buses out of “their” safety zone.

**NO STOPPING**

*What does it mean?*
You cannot stop in this area FOR ANY REASON.

*Why is it there?*
To keep sight lines clear for drivers AND children so both have more time to avoid crashes.

**NO PARKING**

*What does it mean?*
You can stop in a NO PARKING zone for a maximum of two minutes to drop off and pick up passengers. You must stay within three metres of your vehicle at all times.

*Why is it there?*
To provide a safe place for older children to be set down and picked up without endangering other children.

You can find out more about the Australian Road Rules and other road safety information on the Roads and Maritime Services website www.rms.nsw.gov.au.