Students who will be in year 7 2015 have been visiting the high school and attending a range of classes to get an insight into high school life - moving from room to room and task to task. Students in the 2015 7L class have visited science over two days and have been building on the biological ideas of diversity and sustainability. Here you see them helping out the Environment Club in our harvest of the vegetable and herb gardens. Carrots, basil and rocket were the harvested items of the day. Three students in the class are current members of the schools Environment Club and so were proud to lead the teams in harvesting and also replanting our next crop. As you can see we have lots of recycled products to make the beds and we are having fun setting it all up. We could however use some help - items to keep us moving forward, (paint brushes, white house paint, potting mx or even watering cans would be a great help for our next activities - so if you can help put please phone Ms Rogers 9543 8317.
Principal’s Report

Parents would be well aware by now that we are a trial school, along with 228 other schools in NSW, for the DEC Local Management and Business Reform (LMBR). Whilst some elements of this trial are progressing well there have been disappointing problems with both the financial management software and also the student well-being software provided as part of the trial. With the new financial management software, we lost the capacity to generate statements for a while and we believe this has impacted negatively on our collection of fees and contributions, which are significantly down this year. We have recently sent out statements to parents and in the high school, will be introducing a Clearance Day this year. Students who have already returned all school resources and have also paid subject fees will be subjected to little inconvenience on the day. Those who have outstanding items to return or have outstanding fees will be expected to address these issues on the day or during the following week. We appreciate your understanding and ask that if you have been waiting to receive a statement before paying, that all outstanding fees be settled before Friday November 28, which will be Clearance Day in the high school.

With the student well-being software, we lost the capacity to send absence txt messages for a while and also three day absence letters. High school students became swiftly aware of this and our absenteeism and late arrivals spiked upwards to an unacceptable level. We have introduced effective remedial action and driven these unacceptable absences and late arrivals down again but we remain unhappy with the new software and have yet to have an acceptable solution from DEC that does not require additional time consuming action on our part.

As per my previous report, I again reassure parents that productive work is performed in all classes, primary and high school, right through until Wednesday 17 December, which is the last day for student attendance this year. Some high school students may advise their parents otherwise however this is not the case. It is expected that all students will attend school until December 17.

To conclude on a positive note, I will be attending the annual LHCS school band recital tonight in our junior hall and am very proud of the various bands’ achievements this year. I know they are also excited about performing on-stage this year at presentation night.

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

Kevin Haydon
Principal

Save the Date—Presentation Night

This year our presentation night will be held on Thursday 11 December at the Sutherland Entertainment Centre.

Tickets again will be purchased through “Try Booking” an online booking company. Online booking will be available from Wednesday December 3 at 10.00am.

Save the Date—Year 6 Celebrations

Thursday 4 December at Club Central Menai.
BRADY GOODYEAR – EXEMPLARY SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT

A Regional Sporting Blue is the highest award presented for sporting excellence within the Sydney East Region. The recipient has performed with distinction in their chosen sport and exhibited exemplary sportsmanship, leadership, team commitment and behaviour both on and off the sporting field.

Brady has been awarded a Sydney East Blue in 2 sports in 2014 – Triathlon and Cross Country. This is an outstanding achievement for any student to achieve 2 Blues in one year and he joins only a very small handful of students to do so over the history of the award. When you also recognise that he achieved a Blue last year in 2013 for Athletics, it is a tremendous achievement that he has achieved 3 Blues over 2 years, and he is perhaps the only student to have achieved such an amazing feat.

Brady has proudly represented his school, region and state in a variety of sports while juggling the demands of senior school commitments and should be congratulated for this outstanding achievement.

Sport House Changes

As of 2015, the Primary school will be changing its sport house intake in line with the change that the High school made this year. The house your child is in will still be determined by the 1st letter of their surname.

A—D—Cockatoos—Yellow
E—J—Kingfishers—Blue
K—P—King Parrot—Red
Q—Z—Lorikeets—Green

Hopefully this will lead to greater equality in the number of children in each house and follow them through to Year 12.

The Primary Swimming Carnival 2015 will be held the first week back at school — Friday 30 January 2015, notes will be sent home next week.

Leading Lights

Isabella P, Year 8 has gained selection for the U/14 girls NSW youth team for the upcoming National Youth (European) Handball Competition. The competition is to be held this weekend in Sydney. The team will compete against all other States for the National Title.
Congratulations!

I am pleased to report that Braden F HSC body of work has been selected for inclusion in the *Art Rules 2014* exhibition at Hazelhurst Regional Gallery and Arts Centre, Gymea. The exhibition will be held from 13 December 2014 to 18 January 2015 in the community gallery of Hazelhurst Regional Gallery. Braden has been successful in the way he has organised his ideas, images and materials to represent a point of view in the body of work submitted for his practical examination. Braden worked in the expressive form of photomedia and created a series of digital photographs for his body of work. Below is an example of one of the photographs from his body of work and his artist’s statement.

If you have the opportunity, please come along and support Braden by viewing the full series of his HSC body of work during the exhibition dates.

*Ms Stojanovski*

Braden F, *There’s a Bear in there* (from the series There’s a bear in there), digital silk paper, 2014.

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**Artist’s statement:**

When she was a girl, she expected the world….or did he? Stuck in a phase, misguided by mistakes or was it procrastination?

*There’s a Bear in there* makes reference to all things super, magical and fantastic. I have always been drawn to popular culture and fantasy. Artists such as Cao Fei, Natsumi Hayashi and Mariko Mori particularly interest me. Music artists such as Coldplay and Peking Duk were also inspirational. My work was a quest for the search of self and identity and a search for belonging. Leaps of faith…just one leap is all it takes and then SHAZAM…my super friends are here and the world is full of colour…wait….then there’s a bear in there?!….hang on where did that avatar come from? He wasn’t invited. When the student is ready the teacher appears and suddenly there is light on the path, expecting the world.

*Braden F*
Debating Success

The Final Debate

On October 14, 2014 the debating team headed off to the final debate in our competition. The trophy was huge and we were all excited when we saw it. The topic was 'That all children should be taught first aid. As a first speaker, I spoke first, followed by Liam the 2nd speaker and Connor the third speaker. The other team was challenging, but we thought we had faced harder teams earlier in the competition. In the end the adjudicator declared us the winner. We all received medals and we also received a trophy, which we raised above our heads in happiness. Winning the debate was a fantastic experience and I am glad that I joined the debating team. I am now a much more confident with speaking and now know how to debate. By Aiden B

On Tuesday the 14th October, Lucas Heights Community School debated against Leichhardt Public school in the Sydney Schools debating competition. The topic for the debate 'That all children should be taught first aid.' We were given an hour to prepare without any help from the teacher. Both schools brought out very strong points but in the end we came out victorious. We have enjoyed debating all year and would like to give a special thank you to Mrs Brown for all of the hard work and effort that she has put into debating. By Aylexis I

On the 14th October 2014 the Lucas Heights Community School debating team competed in the Sydney Schools debating competition grand finials. We debated against Leichhardt Public school. The topic of the debate was That all children should be taught first aid. We were the affirmative team. Our team consists of Aiden 1st speaker, Liam -2nd speaker and myself third speaker, Luke was the team advisor and Aylexis the reserve speaker. Throughout the year Aylexis has really helped us a lot and has filled in for us when one of us is absent. The adjudicator said the debate was close but we ended up winning. Yay! Afterwards we got to chat to the other team, have afternoon tea and take photos with the enormous trophy. It is being displayed in the front office if you want to see it. The competition is now over and all of us are now looking forward to debating in high school. Connor F

On the 14th October 2014 we debated against Leichhardt. Leichhardt debated really well and it was a really close debate. They had really good sportsmanship and they were friendly and chatted with us before and after the debate. I am looking forward to debating in High school and will hopefully have a teacher there who puts in as much time and effort into debating as Mrs Brown did. We never expected to make it as far as the Grand finals and were very excited when we won. Debating is like team Public Speaking but it is so much more fun. Debating is a skill that I will take through to later life and will come in handy. Liam E
Year 10 Mock Interview Day: Thursday 13th November 2014

Year 10 students got a sneak peak at the “real” world of work today by participating in a Mock Interview situation. Each student was given a 10-15 minute time slot where they were interviewed by members of our business community. Students presented their resume and cover letter and then were critiqued on punctuality, presentation, preparation, confidence and their ability to think on their feet. All students are to be congratulated for their enthusiasm and participation. The endless hours of organization and preparation within the classroom finally paid off for the students as the day proved to be a huge success for everyone involved.

We are very grateful to the following interviewers and the Businesses they represent for giving up their valuable time. Without their assistance this opportunity would not have been possible: Emily Hill, Lyn Graham, Wayne Joyce, Bob Levine, Paul Lehane, Lyn Graham, Barry Fisk, Karen Bates, Anne Carlson, Bronwyn Cowan, Lisa Higgins and Lynne Elgood.

Year 10 Work Experience: 17th November-21st December

Work experience is again underway for year 10 students next week. Students have the opportunity to try a different work place this term to broaden their experiences and assist in their planning for the future.

We appreciate the support of the local community in helping to provide placements for all of our students. These placements provide invaluable experiences for students as they explore the possibilities of future careers.

Good luck Year 10 and enjoy the week.

Australia’s weirdest jobs

March 13, 2013 by TAFE NSW

There really is no excuse for staying in a boring job

There’s a million different ways to earn a dollar in Australia, and many of them don’t involve the standard nine-to-five office job.

Australia is a big country that boasts a wide range of industries, so it’s not surprising that there’s pretty much a job to suit every interest. Here’s our list of the five most unusual jobs.

1. Senior submarine cook

When the Royal Australian Navy advertised that it was willing to pay up to $200,000 for senior submarine cooks, it attracted worldwide media attention. It seems that there aren’t too many individuals with the cooking skills and organizational ability to produce morale-boosting food in a cramped galley. While you will need to learn your submariner skills elsewhere, you can get the ball rolling by doing a cooking course at TAFE NSW.

2. Construction diver

Australia is the middle of a resources boom and many of those resources are being extracted from under the sea, necessitating the building and maintenance of offshore platforms by divers. Construction diver employers prefer to hire those with a metals and engineering background, so doing a TAFE course in fitting, plumbing or welding will increase your employability.
3. Crop duster pilot

With Australian food crops in fast demand, there’s lots of work for pilots who can spray pesticides on the nation’s crops. The good news is that it pays well; the bad news is it can be dangerous and involves a lot of expensive training and licensing requirements.

4. Shark tagger

Those tags that allow marine biologists to track the movements of great white sharks don’t magically attach themselves. If you’re willing to haul a shark onto a boat and help with the surgical implantation of a tracking device before throwing it back in the water, you probably won’t find yourself competing for jobs with too many others.

5. Koala catcher

As part of a campaign to lure British workers, the government of South Australia has advertised a number of attention-grabbing job vacancies in the UK, including ones for people to help control Adelaide’s koala population.

With so many exciting options on offer, there really is no excuse for staying in a boring job. With a little research and possibly a bit of training, you can find yourself doing work that you previously didn’t even realize existed.

Mrs Eagles and Ms Smith
Careers Advisers

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APLSCG— ”Attention all Ladies”

If you have ever thought of playing golf or have played but don’t want to join a ‘serious’ golf club—please come along to Alfords Point Ladies Social Golf Club.

We play at various golf courses once a month on a Sunday. Our next game is at Hurstville Golf Course on 7/12/14, teeing off at 7.10am.

If you would like to join us please email Narelle Hellyer on narellehell@optusnet.com.au before 30/11/14.
Uniform Shop News

The uniform shop is now selling a bucket hat which complies with the Cancer Council regulations for a Sun Smart school hat. The hat has an adjustable toggle at the back and has the school initials embroidered on it. It is available for purchase for $14.00

Student Enrolments 2015

If you are leaving us at the end of the year, could you please let us know in writing, indicating your intentions. We are already in the planning stages for classes for next year.

High School Uniform

Overall the students wearing of the correct school uniform has been very good this term. At present a few new areas of concern have surfaced. A reminder to parents and students:

- Socks must be white (not black)
- Girls must wear black ankle shoes—boots will not be accepted as school uniform.

Thanking you for your support.
Mr Spratt—Uniform Co-ordinator

2015 Dates for the Diary

Tues 27 January—staff return
Wed 28 January—Years 1-7, Years 11 & 12 return, Kinder ‘Best Start’
Thurs 29 January—Years 8-10 return, Kinder ‘Best Start’
Fri 30 January—Kinder ‘Best Start’
Fri 30 January—Primary Swimming Carnival
Mon 2 February—All Kinder commence

NOTE: Kinder ‘Best Start’—parents will be advised a date and time for their child’s assessment
The end of another school year also means saying thank you to the Leadership Team and SRC of 2014, and welcoming in our future LHCS leaders. Congratulations to the recently announced 2015 Leadership Teams and SRC in both High School and Primary school. It is a great honour to be elected by your peers, and I am sure that you will do a great job in leading the school community in many events and new initiatives in the coming year.

NSW Public Schools recognize that effective student leadership is not just about giving students a title. On their website it states that 'effective student leadership practices provide opportunities for students to:

1. Feel in control of their learning. This means significant input to rules and procedures, establishing learning goals and tasks, deciding how to work.
2. Feel competent. This means investigating and responding to issues of survival and quality of life, solving real problems, creating real products.
3. Feel connected with others. This means cooperative and collaborative learning, peer support, community linkages, mutual respect.

'With increased local decision-making in public schools, the significance of parent and community engagement will continue to increase in 2015. A new guide released by the government, 'Strengthening family and community engagement - options resource for school communities' identifies seven dimensions of family and community engagement, including communicating, connecting learning at home and at school, building community and identity, recognising the role of the family, consultative decision-making, collaborating beyond the school and participating.

One of the future directions suggested by the guidelines is for schools to not only increase parent consultation and collaboration, but also be actively providing leadership training to members of the P&C. I look forward to learning more about 'effective parent leadership practices' in future P&C meetings. With meetings held on the first Wednesday of every month, will you join us?

Anita Gardner
P&C Vice President
DON'T MISS OUT!
HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR
LUCAS HEIGHTS COMMUNITY
SCHOOL

You receive these 3 items for $20

A3 Pencil Sketch
10x13" family portrait

Or

Keyring
Wallet sized portrait

Plus

Note: An adult member appearing in the fundraising portrait must be present to collect and view their family portraits or the offer is void.

Location: LUCAS HEIGHTS COMMUNITY SCHOOL
Date: Sunday, 18 November 2014
Contact: Tania Petrou
Phone: 0400 672 773
Email: tania866@hotmail.com
(to prepay and book your photographic session)

Don't wait until it's too late!
Book now and secure professional portrait images of this special time in the life of your family.
Lucas Heights Community School P&C
FAMILY PORTRAIT FUNDRAISER
Sunday 16th November 2014

Lucas Heights Community School P&C invites you to participate in our Family Portrait Fundraiser. Advanced life Professional Photographers will provide you with a Family Portrait for only $20 (valued at $130).

For your $20, you receive your choice of a 10 x 13 inch print (in colour) OR a Pencil Sketch with a bonus keyring with a family portrait photo to fit. 100% of this money is retained by Lucas Heights Community School P&C.

Please contact Tania Petrou in the Uniform Shop (when it’s open) or on 0400 672 773, or taniapetrou@outlook.com to reserve your photography session before they’re all gone! Our fundraiser will be held on Sunday, 16th November 2014 at Lucas Heights Community School in the Junior Hall.

Additional photos will be available for purchase at no obligation. These additional photos include: Portraits & Greeting Cards – featuring your Family Portrait & other photos taken on the day, with a Complete Package for only $199.00! Please visit our Facebook page on www.facebook.com/advancedlifefundraising for more information about the images on offer, what to wear or other general queries.

There are four rules for participation in this fundraiser:

**Rule 1** Minimum of two generations in the Family Portrait

**Rule 2** No person may appear in two separate fundraising Family Portraits (exception of separated couples)

**Rule 3** An adult family member appearing in the fundraising Family Portrait must be present to collect & view their family portraits (or able to make alternative arrangements)

**Rule 4** Families must sit for a minimum of three separate poses on the day

Please help Lucas Heights Community School P&C raise valuable funds by participating in our upcoming Advanced life Family Portrait Fundraiser. Invite your neighbours and friends - Family Portraits provide memories to be kept & cherished by the entire family for years & generations to come.
Christmas Craft Afternoon

Come along and join us for a fun filled afternoon of Christmas craft. Make Mum and Dad a special gift for Christmas.

**When** - Tuesday 2nd & Tuesday 9th December 2014
3.30pm to 5pm
Children 5-12 years old

**Where** - 3 Bridges Community Centre
Menai
34-40 Allison Rd Menai

**RSVP** - Please call the office by 25th Nov on 9543 5115

ALL ACTIVITIES ARE FREE and AFTERNON TEA PROVIDED

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Information about applying for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2016

Thinking of applying for a government selective high school for Year 7 entry in 2016?

You must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/placements

**Key dates**
- Tuesday 14 October 2014
  - Application website opens
- Monday 17 November 2014
  - Application website closes
- Thursday 26 February 2015
  - Test centre advice
- Thursday 12 March 2015
  - Selective High School Placement Test
- Early July 2015
  - Outcome advice

Please read this booklet carefully before applying.

There is more information at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/placements

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Boutique Shopping Experience

Come & enjoy a boutique shopping experience at Yowie Bay Public School.
This year we have many new exciting stalls and many of our favourites returning.

Bring your friends, Mum, Grandma and your Christmas shopping list!

Gold coin entry. Browse through 30 unique and exciting stalls!

Buy a $10 ticket for your chance to win a door prize and receive a free glass of champagne to sip whilst shopping!

Delicious finger food will be available for purchase on the night.

We hope to see you at the 2014 Yowie Bay Public School Twilight Markets