BAND CONCERT AND BADGE PRESENTATION

On Thursday 13 November members of all LHCS Bands performed a varied repertoire of pieces for parents and relatives in the Junior Hall. This annual event provides an ideal opportunity for the students’ progress to be showcased.

The evening opened with the Training Band, Band director Mr Newham explained the musical skills required in the first year of training. The evening proceeded with a recital of combined bands and concluded with a Band Badge presentation by Mr Haydon. Surprise display by the new LHCS Drum Corps, Jack H, James N – S, Alex S-D, Rohan S-D who performed the “Drummers Call” a mixture of drum rhythms used for communication in battle up to 200 years ago. There has been a marked improvement in the children's performing skills. The combined bands will be performing at 6.45pm on Presentation Day Thursday 11 December. Your continued support is welcome at this end of year function.
Principal’s Report

As I write, preparations are well underway for Presentation Night on Thursday, December 11. The event will again be held at the Sutherland Entertainment Centre this year and next however after that I we will need to consider a new venue in 2017 whilst Council re-builds the Entertainment Centre. Tickets for the event will be available on-line and will go on sale this Wednesday.

I had the pleasure last week of attending the band recital in our junior hall and present all band members with their achievement medals. The bands were impressive but even more impressive, I think, was the drum group who performed a drum call. If they continue to improve I told Ms Turner I will consider their drum call as an opening for a formal function next year.

We are currently in the process of marking out our playing fields and installing goal posts on our new oval. Council has agreed to assist during the holidays with coring and spraying our junior oval for weeds and we are also affecting repairs to our irrigation system which has been unserviceable for some years. I am confident that we will open the new oval to students early in the new-year. My thanks to Mr Mitchell for his constant attention to watering the new oval. His attention to this has it looking really good at present, free of weeds and almost ready to use.

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

Kevin Haydon
Principal

Leading Lights

Congratulations to Isabella P Year 8 — Captain of the NSW Youth Handball team. The National Championships were held at Ryde on November 8-9. They competed for the National Title against a composite QLD/ACT. Team NSW won 2 games to one against a strong opposition.

Results:
Game 1: U14 Girls NSW v QLD 14:13
Game 2: U14 Girls QLD v NSW 11:11
Game 3: U14 Girls NSW v QLD 9:6

Presentation Night

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

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

Congratulations!

During August 2014, four of our year 9 visual arts students were selected for exhibition at the Wesley Mission Pop up exhibition: Building Your Dreams. At the time the students received a prize pack for the school.

In addition, Eckersley’s Art and Craft, who were a sponsor of the exhibition, were awarding a prize to a selection of students K-12. I am pleased to announce that one of our students Cameron F of Year 9 visual arts was the proud recipient of the Eckersley’s Art Award. Cameron received a prize to the value of $150 to spend at Eckersley’s Art and Craft. Cameron would like to purchase an airbrush to continue his art making practice. The three other students, Aliesha F, Emily C and Ben R all received a prize pack and certificate of recognition. These students are to be congratulated on their passion for the visual arts and in achieving fantastic results in representing our school at a community level.

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 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.

APLSGC—
”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.
ICAS COMPETITIONS 2014

Congratulations to all of our students in years 2-6 who participated in the University (UNSW) Competitions this year, results are listed below:

MATHEMATICS

High Distinction
Sebastian I—Year 3
Samuel L—Year 4

Distinction
Jye R—year 3
Thomas D—year 4
Connor F—year 6
Jack H—year 6

Credit
Isaiah V—year 2
Tristan C—year 2
Lachlan D—year 2
Caden J—year 3
Matthew B—year 3
Ella L—year 3

COMPUTER SKILLS

Credit
Jack H—year 6

Merit
Thomas D—year 4
Jeffrey S—year 4
Luke R—year 6

SCIENCE COMPETITION

High Distinction
Samuel L—year 4

Distinction
Sebastian I—year 3
Connor F—year 6
Elena C—year 6

Credit
Kalan J—year 2
Lachlan D—year 2
Isaiah V—year 2
Jye R—year 3
Ella L—year 3
Conor H—year 3

MERIT

THOMAS D—year 4
ISAIAH V—year 2

SPELLING COMPETITION

Distinction
Mahli K—year 3

Credit
Jye Riede—year 3
Chelsea B—year 4
Jeffrey S—year 4

Kiera Greenhalgh—year 5

ENGLISH

Distinction
Samuel L—year 4

Credit
Bill H—year 2
Isaiah V—year 2
Ella L—year 3
Conor H—year 3

Merit
Thomas D—year 4
Elena C—year 6

WRITING

Distinction
Mahli K—year 3
Mark H—year 6

Merit
Ayla F—year 4
Gemma B—year 6

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the University competitions in 2014 and received the above certificates and to students that received certificates of participation. Thank you also to all of the K-6 staff who ran the competitions.

Kathy Stewart
Competition Coordinator
1B Enjoy keeping Fit and healthy at Gymsports!

On Wednesday I go to Gymsports and it is fun when I did a star jump. I had lots of fun and it keeps me healthy. Layla L

We do Gymsports on Wednesdays for term 4. First we do some simple exercises in the hall. We sometimes play Teepees and Indians. We normally do mini trampolines and bars. I like the mini trampolines and the balancing beam. Stretching is really important. We do bunny hops, crab walks and monkey walks. The best part of Gymsports is you get fit and strong. Gymsports is so fun in fact it is important too. Sienna B

Every Wednesday my class goes to Gymsports. The teachers are Lauren and Emma. I love Gymsports so much that I wish it was everyday. I love when we do monkey walking, jumping on the mini trampolines, bunny hops and the bars. It is very very good exercise. Kassidy B

Gymsports are fun and I get exercise. We walk on the balancing beam. We swing like monkeys on the bars, there is a small one and big one too. I love to do bunny hops. I love to jump on the trampoline, it was fun! Alliyah V

On Wednesday we have Gymsports. There are balancing beams, bars and mini trampolines. My favourite is the balance beam. Our teachers are Emma and Lauren. Sports are fun! We go after recess and it is my favourite day of the week. Charlotte B

On Wednesday we go to Gymsports. There is a balancing beam that I walk on and I’m good at. We played Teepees and Indians. We also ran up a tiny hill and jumped onto the mini trampoline and landed on my motorbike. I did a bunny hop and then I did it again. It is good exercise and it is a fun day! Jacob S

On Wednesday we go to Gymsports. We do Gymsports in the hall before lunch and it is fun. We swing on the bars and hop on the mini tramp. We do bunny hops and monkey walking. We also have a lot of fun playing Teepees and Indians too. Cylvanah M
Finding work is the first step in the job hunt. Applying for that job is the next challenge. This process should always start with an application or cover letter. A cover letter is a single-page letter that should always accompany any resume, folio or application documents that you send to a prospective employer. You might be applying for a specific, advertised job, or you might be contacting a potential employer to see if they have any vacancies. Either way, your cover letter needs to:

- Introduce you
- Mention the job (or kind of job) you're applying for (or looking for)
- Match your skills and experiences with the skills and experiences required by the job
- Encourage the reader to want to know more about you by reading your resume

Finish with a call to action - e.g., requesting an interview (if it's a specific job) or meeting (to discuss more general work prospects)

Application letters can be either written or submitted online. Below are 2 examples of different application letters. All of Year 10 recently completed sample application letters as an assessment task designed to assist in their preparation for Interview Day. Have a look at the samples below and if any students need help writing letters please come along to the Careers office.

**Sample Application Letter – Childcare Traineeship**

Today’s Date

Johnny Student
888 Valley Road,
Ross Hill, NSW, 2928
Phone: 65579999

Ellanor Smyth
My Kindy Day Care Centre
2113 Short Street,
Forster, NSW, 2428

Dear Ms. Smyth,

I am writing to apply for the Part Time Position at My Kindy Day Care Centre, as advertised in ‘The Daily Telegraph on 20th January, 2012.

I am currently in Year 11 at Anywhere High School. My subjects include English, Maths, Business Services and two TAFE subjects including a Cert II in Children’s Services where I am developing an interest in working with small children. I also hold a Senior First Aid and Resuscitation Certificate.

I have excellent written and oral communication skills. I enjoy talking with people of all ages and from different backgrounds. I have excellent people skills and have a pleasant and polite manner which is essential in the area of childcare. I have a bright, bubbly personality and love to be with small children and their carers. I am willing to undertake any necessary additional training as part of this position.

Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to discussing it with you further at interview.

Yours Sincerely,

Johnny Student
JOHNNY STUDENT
Sample Application Letter – Cold Canvassing

Today’s Date

Sandy DEE

999 Failford Way
FAILFORD, NSW, 2430

Phone: 65579999

Name of Employer / Business Owner / HR Manager
Name of Business
Address

Dear Mr/s

I am enquiring if your business would have an opening for a motivated and conscientious and reliable person to work in office administration or business administration.

I have just completed my Higher School Certificate and have achieved at a high level throughout my school life. I have undertaken Advanced English and have excelled in this subject. This reflects my high level of communication skills, both verbal and written. I have also undertaken Advanced Mathematics and I am extremely confident and capable in this field. I am confident in the use of computers and have a proven ability to learn new skills.

I believe that I could be a positive and valuable employee for your business due to my work ethic, determination and commitment to achieve my best. I am prepared to undertake further study where necessary.

Please find attached my resume. Thank you for considering my application and I look forward to meeting you and providing further information in an interview. I can be contacted on my mobile number which is

Yours Sincerely,

Sandy Dee

SANDY DEE

UPCOMING EVENTS

CAREERS ADVISORY SERVICE 18-23 DECEMBER 2014 –

The Careers Advisory Service operates as a government initiative to meet the educational and career counselling needs of students, school leavers and their parents and carers in the period immediately following the release of the HSC results and up to Christmas.

In 2014 there will be:

- Phone-in service - this free state-wide service operates from a call centre in Senior Pathways – Secondary Education between 18-19 December and 22-23 December 2014. Telephone 1300 300 687.

E-mail service - this free state-wide service operates from a centre in Senior Pathways – Secondary Education between 18 December and 23 December 2014. Access to the service is through the website http://www.cas.det.nsw.edu.au

Experienced careers advisers from government high schools staff the Advisory Service and offer a professional, friendly and impartial service.

The resource “Post School Options 2014-2015- Navigate your career journey” on the website supports students to consider their options. It may also be used by a parent, carer, teacher or mentor who is helping a school leaver with his or her decision making.

Mrs Eagles and Ms Smith
Careers Advisers
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.

Lucas Heights Community School is now on Facebook. Please “like” us to follow events at:
www.facebook.com/LucasHeightsCS

SUTHERLAND SHIRE COUNCIL VACATION CARE

Enrolments are now open for Council’s end of year school holiday Vacation Care program.

There’s plenty of fun at Council’s centres at Miranda and Lucas Heights.

The programs feature many exciting activities – from craft creations, a ‘Wet & Wild’ day at the centre and excursions to Flip Out and Botany Water Slides.

Miranda caters for Kindergarten-12 years, and Lucas Heights Kindergarten-14 years.

For program details and enrolment ph: 9710 0466, email VacationCare@ssc.nsw.gov.au or visit www.sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au
Your last opportunity to attend a P&C meeting in 2014 will be this Wednesday (3 December, 7:30pm). If you have ever wondered what the P&C do, where the money goes, or what happens at a P&C meeting, this is the meeting for you. It is a great chance to look back at the year and to start thinking about what we would like to accomplish in 2015.

December is a ridiculously busy time of year for everyone. End of year celebrations, concerts, presentation night, Christmas shopping and holiday planning can take up every evening of December. We know it is not easy to find the time to attend a meeting at school. However, if your work commitments mean that you are unable to connect with the school during the day, this is a great way to stay involved in your child’s education. Or perhaps during the day you are able to spend time helping at the school but would like to be more aware of the bigger picture.

The more connected you are to the school, the more involved you are able to be, the better the outcomes are for the school and for your child’s education. They say if you want a job done, ask a busy person to do it. The P&C executive are asking all you busy parents out there to come along on Wednesday at 7:30pm to be a part of a P&C meeting.

See you there

Anita Gardner
P&C Vice President
Vacation Care Program can be downloaded from www.cindikindi.com.au
Menai Primary School presents:
Carols under the stars

Sunday, 7th December 2014
(Hall Drive, Menai)

5.30pm Sausage sizzle, gelato,
jumping castle & obstacle
course, raffles, & more

7.30pm Carols supported by
Urban Life Band
(including performances
by Menai Primary School)

Join our school community in
celebrating Christmas.
Bring your picnic and blanket for
a fun night ‘Under the Stars’.
Gold coin entry fee

* Alcohol free event

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