Healthy Picnic at Carss Park - Wednesday 12 March 2014
Principal’s Report …. 

Last week’s high school Open Night attracted a large number of parents and students from local on non-local primary schools and I need to thank parents who supported us by dropping their children to school and picking them up after the event. I am confident that our own students who participated in displays and performances enjoyed themselves and also developed their own skills in doing so. Our “Ambassador” students were again very impressive and attracted many positive comments from visitors, with compliments passed directly to them and also passed on to me. We had several prospective students from the Padstow area attend this year with interest being shown from several schools in that area.

After a long renovation period, I am confident the toilets in the junior school and the high school gymnasium will be re-opened next week.

Thank you for your support of your children’s learning and I wish you and your children a rewarding school year.

Kevin Haydon

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Healthy picnic at Carss Park

Yesterday we went on a double decker bus to Carss Park and we ate our healthy recess. Then we played with the frisbee and it went up in the sky.

Kirana A, 1B

Yesterday I went on a bus to Carss Park. I built a little fairy house near a tree.

Layla L, 1B
Science students continue to get out and about!

St Patricks Day saw Year 12 Biology students heading off to the University of NSW and the Museum of Disease (Year 10 Science students attended the same museum in the previous week).

Although many were a little nervous about the impact all these body parts and specimens may have on them ..... they all dug deep and got into the job at hand like true professionals.

They were there to gather first-hand information and knowledge about the impact many diseases, they have recently studied at school, have on the body. The information gathered will support them in not only their Biology HSC understanding but also for many their PDHPE course. Most also gathered valuable first-hand information about the effects that smoking, drinking and incorrect diets can have on their bodies and the bodies of their family members. So look out parents, some of you may be in for a lecture soon!

*Julie Rogers, Science Coordinator*

**Student quotes:**

It was amazing to see how disease can affect certain aspects of the body - *Sian F and Ash M*

It was interesting to see the things we were learning about in actual body parts - *Dave L*

Great experience - *Carlos S*

As interesting and knowledgeable as it was, it was scary that one day we or someone we know might experience one of these diseases. Awesome to see the internal malfunctions and workings of a diseased body in many cases. - *Sam D and Sam G*

- Informative to learn about the numerous common disease present in our society.
- Helpful to visualise the symptoms, rather than read them.
- Background information before we started the topic.
- Booklets were fun and interactive.
- Overall, very good. - *Erin H and Jordan Mc*
Lucas Heights Community School Open Night - 11 March 2014
A number of enthusiastic musicians performed outside the music room on Open Night, 11 March 2014.

The evening commenced with entertainment from the high school Band members - Patrick W, James H, Chloe W, Gabbie C accompanied by Elijah D on drums.

Year 12 music students, Helena T and Alex E performed on piano and drums, followed by two Year 7 vocal ensembles - David P and Aliesha F on piano, Angelika D and Year 9 elective music students playing ‘Clocks’.

These students will be performing at the Musical Soiree on 27 March from 6.30pm in the Performance Space. Well done everyone. We are all very proud of you.

Mrs H Turner

On 11 March many people came to LHCS to wander through and see what we provide in high school. Whilst parents and their children were walking around there were various music acts including myself and five friends. We sang ‘Someone Like You’ whilst Rachel F played the piano and as a group of six we sang ‘Price Tag’. This all took place outside the music room. It was a great night.

Daniella W, 7L

On 11 March people gathered around LHCS to get an idea of what the Lucas Heights high school had to offer. Outside the music room, there were various acts such as singing, piano, drums and many more. Thank you to everyone who participated with their very talented performances.

Also a big thank you to Mrs Turner for organising everything.

Caitlin N, 7L

On Harmony Day we wore orange and we saw lots of dancers. I liked the dancers. Harmony Day was to teach us about other people from different countries. My favourite dance was the Indian dance. The Indian dancers got us to copy what they did. It was fun.

The last one was very funny. The people were putting on masks.

Jamilla R, 1L
Library Book Fair

Thank you very much to the students, parents, friends, and staff who supported our Book Fair.

By supporting the Scholastic Book Fair you helped raise funds for the school library. It was a busy week in the library with all K-6 classes visiting the library for a Book Preview session to enable the students to browse and enjoy some shared reading with the Teacher Librarians. Thursday 13 March was the Open afternoon and many parents, students, staff and friends attended this event.

On the Open Afternoon there was a lucky draw as a thank you for attending. The winners were announced on Monday 17 March at the K-6 morning assembly. Alyrah N, Sophie & Ella L, Aiden F and Noah H won the book prizes.

The Book Fair is held to encourage a love of reading and to raise funds to purchase more resources for the library to foster a love of reading. Some of the favourite books were purchased for the library and will soon be available for loan.

Thank you again to all who supported the Book Fair and enjoy reading the books that you purchased.

LHCS library staff.
A Conversation with Jacqueline Harvey over Cupcakes

Jacqueline Harvey, accomplished and extremely popular author is taking time to visit our school next term. She will be talking to our girls from Year 3 to Year 6 and then socialising with them over cupcakes. Jacqueline has written fourteen novels for children and is the author of the Alice Miranda books, popular with girls from Years 4 to 6, as well as the Clementine Rose series for the younger girls. Her Alice Miranda books have received Honours in the Koala Awards the last two years and her books are now being published internationally. This event is something very special for our students, so girls save the date—Jacquie is visiting us on Monday 23rd June.

For our boys make sure you watch this space for your surprise author.
New Payment Options

Pleased be advised that we can now accept **cash, cheque and Eftpos through the front office and debit transactions will soon be available through the Parent Portal - see below.**

The new SALM (Student Administration Learning Management) is now up and running and we are processing all outstanding payments. Please accept our apologies for the delay. We are unable to send out statements at this time as this facility is not yet available but if you know which subjects your Year 9, 10, 11 or 12 student is undertaking, fee sheets are available at the front office.

We can definitely **no longer accept online payments** but have been advised that the new parent portal will be available some time this year. Please see last two pages for registration to this portal.

Thank you for your understanding.

Regards,

Sally Ann Copp
School Administrative Manager

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**Uniform Shop Hours**

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**MUSICAL SOIREE - Term 1**

The Musical Soiree will be held on Thursday 27 March in the Performance Space from 6.30pm to 7.30pm.

Performers include Concert Band, High School Band, singers, dancers and instrumentalists. Any student interested in performing at the Soiree please see Mrs Turner at lunch time in the Music Room as soon as possible.

**Interested in learning an instrument?**

Any Year 3 to 6 student interested in learning flute, clarinet, saxophone, baritone, drum kit, electric bass guitar or keyboard please see Mr Newham Thursdays at recess in the Junior Hall.

*Mrs Helena Turner*
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 2013, Year 12 Post school destination survey and this is currently a summary of what past students are doing.

As in past years, approximately fifty percent of the Year 12 cohort continued their studies by going to university straight from school. The breakdown of university places accepted was:

- University of Western Sydney: 33%
- University of Wollongong: 27%
- University of Sydney: 19%
- Australian Catholic University: 15%
- University of NSW: 3%
- University of Notre Dame: 3%

The most popular faculty areas were –Science, Health related careers (including nursing), Business, Creative Arts/Media, Arts, followed by Law, Sport, Psychology, Engineering, Teaching and Policing. Of the remaining students, most continued with some form of training often combined with work –

- TAFE: 8%
- Apprenticeships: 10%
- Private Colleges: 6%

Approximately 14% were working either part time or full time and 6% were still looking for work or awaiting mid-year entry into courses.

We wish our 2013 graduates well in their future studies/pathways and look forward to hearing of their successes.

**Upcoming Events**

**Screen & Media Careers Info Night, Career Information Session - Wednesday 26 March**

**Time:** 6.00pm to 7.30pm

**Where:** Metro Screen Studios, Paddington Town Hall

For more information or to book-


**“Big Day In” for HIGH SCHOOL Students - 26 March @ University of Technology, Sydney**

BiG Day In is an IT careers conference with a difference - it’s organised, run and hosted by students for students. If you are interested in a career in IT or would just like to know a little more about the IT industry then this is the day for you.

**Cost:** $10 per head

**Time:** 9.30am to 3.00pm

**Sydney College of Event Management - Open and Information Day**

**Friday 11 April at 6.30pm**

To register go to:


**Academy of Interactive Entertainment**

**Industry Experience Day 2014**

**Wednesday 16 April**

Are you interested in a career in games, 3D or VFX? Registration is free for high school students in Years 11 and 12. The day runs from 10.00am to 3.00pm and lunch is included. Bookings are essential so register at [www.aie.edu](http://www.aie.edu)

**Discover Nursing at UTS**

Anyone considering a career in nursing will benefit from attending the session -

**Thursday 12 June - City - 5.30pm to 7.00pm**

**Tuesday 1 July - City - 5.30pm to 7.00pm**

**Wednesday 2 July - Kuring-gai - 5.30pm to 7.00pm**

**Thursday 10 July - City - 5.30pm to 7.00pm**

**Discover Midwifery at UTS**

Anyone considering a career in midwifery will benefit from attending the information night -

**Tuesday 8 April - City - 5.30pm to 7.00pm**
OHS White Card Training
Monday 5 May
8.30am 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 2 May 2014

Mrs Eagles and Ms Smith, Careers Advisers

HOMEWORK CLUB

Every Tuesday 4.00pm to 5.00pm
(During school terms)
Menai Community Centre
34-40 Allison Cres, Menai

FREE
Assistance with homework
for school children K-6

For more information or to RSVP contact us
T: 9543 5115  E: admin@menai.net.au

‘Linking Our Community Together’
Why will 18 October change you and your family's life?

If you want to make a difference to your child's school community, then keep reading. If you want to extend your friendship group with other parents and community members as well as broaden your skills, keep reading. LHCS is looking for keen parents and community members to lend their time and expertise to our community carnival on Saturday 18th October. We welcome people who can volunteer for the following roles or cater for the following:

- Secretary
- Volunteer coordinator
- BBQ coordinator
- Fairy floss coordinator
- Pre-loved book stall
- Craft stall
- Raffle donations

Grab some of your friends and family and choose a stall to run together. Make this a fun and rewarding experience! Take an active role in raising funds for your child's school and demonstrate the meaning of the word 'community' by joining us on 7 May at the Lucas Heights Community School common room from 6.00pm.

We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at the meeting. The 'fete' of the school is in your hands.

Interested? Contact lyndal_townsend@hotmail.com or phone 0416 389 909.

From the School Office

Presently our SMS messages regarding student absences are temporarily unavailable both outward and inward. Please advise us of all absences by phone, email or note at this time until future notice.

Sally Ann Copp
School Administrative Manager

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
Let’s Get Excited!

Lucas Heights
Community School
Is Having a Community Carnival

Date: Saturday 18th October 2014
Time: 10am to 3pm
Location: Lucas Heights Oval

- Rides for all ages
- Entertainment
- Silent auction
- Reptile show
- Cafe, BBQ, fairy floss, gelato, cake stall
- Stalls
- Car boot sale

Parent Helpers Wanted!
Come along to the planning meeting on Wednesday 7th May at 6pm in the LHCS Common Room
Dear Parent/Guardian

**MOTHERS DAY FUNDRAISER**

This year we are holding a Mothers Day Fundraiser, with the raised funds contributing to the running and ongoing maintenance of the school canteen.

We have the below items available for purchase, which are not only functional but will also help make your home beautiful, the canteen will receive 20% of the purchase price for each sale. There is also the option of booking your own Lorraine Lea Linen demonstration by contacting Donna Reberger on 0409947797 or donna.reberger@live.com.au, the canteen will receive $10 for each booking and you will receive some beautiful host benefits for yourself.

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Please return the below slip with your order and pay the front office by 11th April 2014. Deliveries can be picked up from the office from Wednesday 30th April 2014 (1st week of term 2)

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**Mothers Day Fundraiser**

Please order the below items:

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Set 5 Tea Towels x QTY ___

A) Purchase Total = $
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TOTAL PAYMENT = __________(A+B)

PAYMENT TO BE MADE AS FOLLOWS
- CREDIT CARD
- CASH

VISA/MASTERCARD (CIRCLE ONE)
Card Number: ____________________________
Expiry Date: ___ / ___
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Cardholders Signature: ____________________________
Email: ____________________________
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Do you have a child in year 4, 5 or 6?

Have you missed out on thousands of dollars?

In 2001 the Government introduced the ‘First Child Tax Offset’ and surprisingly many Australians did not know about it and have NOT claimed any benefits.

If you have ANY child that was born between 1 July 2001 and 30 June 2004 you may be eligible to receive up to $12,500 of entitlements.

The government has a 30 June 2014 deadline on this entitlement so please email childoffset@twelve.com.au today to receive more information.

Twelve Chartered Accountants  ABN 61 712 659 747
www.twelve.com.au  Principal: Derek Nolan CA

Your Family Tax Specialist
Registration for Online Access to the Parent Portal

Registration and access for the NSW Department of Education & Communities (DEC) Parent Portal, is granted on the basis that users must agree to comply with the Terms and Conditions set out over the page. Illegal, unauthorised, improper or unethical computer practice in relation to this service is not permitted.

Parent/Carer details

Family name (please print)       Given name

Daytime contact phone number

Please provide your current email address for online access to the Parent Portal (example: jane_citizen@gmail.com). Please note that this email address may also be used by the school to email other school related correspondence (for example school newsletters).

Email address

Student details

School name

Please provide the following details for each child at this school. Please complete another form if you have more than 3 children.

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Parent/Carer declaration

I declare that the information provided in this application is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, accurate and complete. I recognise that, should statements in this application later prove to be false or misleading, any decision made as a result of this application may be reversed. I have read and agree to the terms and conditions overleaf.

Signature of parent/carer

Date

day

month

year

Office use only

Verified by:             Signature:          Date:

Notes:


Privacy statement

The information sought on this form is being collected to process your registration for access to the Parent Portal. It may be used and disclosed by NSW DEC for purposes relating to your registration including:

- general administration of the Parent Portal
- communication with parents and carers and relevant NSW DEC staff, in relation to the operation of the Parent Portal

The provision of your information for the Parent Portal is voluntary, however if it is not provided DEC may not be able to process your application for registration. The information you provide will be stored securely. You may access or correct any personal information by contacting the school. If you have a concern or complaint about the way your personal information has been collected, used, or disclosed you should contact your children’s school.

Terms and conditions

Access to and use of the Parent Portal

You agree and acknowledge:

- not to access the Parent Portal unless you are currently registered by the Department as a user of the Parent Portal
- you have been granted access to the Department’s Parent Portal for your child’s information in accordance with your application for registration
- by registering for this service you have received an email generated by the Department notifying you of the activation of your Parent Portal account
- you are the authorised and registered user of this Parent Portal account
- to notify the appropriate school principal should you have visibility in your Parent Portal account of any school information that does not relate to your children
- that access to information through this service about children other than your own is unauthorised (“unauthorised information”). You agree not to attempt any unauthorised access to the Parent Portal or information.
- to notify the school principal of any Court Order which denies you parental responsibility for the child whose information is visible through our Parent Portal account.
- Your access to information through the Parent Portal may be suspended if the school becomes aware of any circumstances which warrant such action being taken—e.g. relevant court orders denying you parental responsibility

User name, email and password

You agree and acknowledge:

- the Department is entitled to rely upon the email address provided by you on the Parent Portal registration form to communicate relevant information to you
- to update your email address as necessary, to ensure your access to the Parent Portal remains accurate and current
- your Parent Portal access rights are governed by the email address provided by you and a password
- you will take all reasonable steps to ensure the confidentiality of your Parent Portal account access details
- you will use passwords and secret questions that are not obvious or easily guessed
- you will log off at the end of each session to ensure that nobody else can use your account
- you will note the information provided on your Parent Portal account page regarding date and time of last access with the intention of monitoring the use of your account and identifying any access by another person
- you will promptly change your password and/or secret questions and answers if you suspect that someone else has accessed your account
- you will not use another person’s User Name and Password to attempt to access the Parent Portal.

Accuracy of online reports

You agree and acknowledge:

- Authorised users have permission to download and print unmodified copies of their child’s online student reports on the Parent Portal, in accordance with their authorised registration access.
- You must not attempt to manipulate or modify the content of PDF online reports, or print such variations.

Third party sites

You agree and acknowledge

This website contains links to third party sites. The Department is not responsible for the condition or the content of those sites as they are not under the Department’s control. The links are provided solely for user convenience and do not indicate, expressly or implied, any endorsement of the sites or the products or services provided therein. You acknowledge that you access those sites and use their products and services solely at your own risk. You must read and comply with the terms and conditions of each of the websites.

Misuse

You agree and acknowledge

- You must not divulge your password or secret questions/answers to others because you could be held responsible for their actions.
- You agree to cooperate with the Department in relation to any investigation it undertakes regarding suspected unauthorised access to or misuse of the Parent Portal by any person.
- The Department may suspend or withdraw your access to the Parent Portal at any time without notice if you breach these Terms and Conditions.

Access facilities

You agree and acknowledge

You will be responsible for how you access and use the Parent Portal. The Department accepts no responsibility for any deficiency in any facility used to access the Parent Portal (except those provided by the Department).