

A Message from the Principal

"Sometimes we're tested not to show our weakness but to discover our strengths..."

Learning at LHS

Your weekly LHS News and

Calendar

Week 8B Term 3 2022

Next week will be 9A

I was fortunate enough to be invited to visit and view the outstanding work being done in 9 Science 1 this week and hear from students regarding their research task into fascinating and rare diseases. The students showed their ability to collaborate, their inquiry skills and also their creativity and communication skills. I was a mixture of impressed and horrified by the findings! I also wanted to highlight Year 12 Chemistry perfecting their Titration skills and the ongoing fantastic skill development on display in our Technology and Applied Studies courses.





School Administrative Support Staff Appreciation week

At LHS we are so fortunate to have a fantastic team of SAS staff in a variety of integral roles to make our school the best school on the Central Coast. I am so grateful to work with the team who show such dedication to our whole school community. During this week we take the time to recognise and thank these legends for their amazing work.



Mathematics Award winners

Well done to our students demonstrating outstanding commitment to their studies in Mathematics who were acknowledged at assembly this week. Mr Bean presented a valuable lesson on the importance of showing your "working out" and its link to communication skills.



Year 12 Leadership Team for 2023

We are very pleased to announce that our Senior Leadership team for 2023 has been finalised. Our School Captains are Spencer and Keely, our Vice Captains are Logan and Laci. We also have a broader team of leaders working together made up of Graelan, Elise, Heidi, Corrigan, Riah and Izaak. The calibre of applications was extremely high and the panel were impressed with all of our senior students who put themselves forward. I look forward to working closely with the team to continue to make improvements for our school.



Year 11 Exams

Our Year 11 students will be undertaking their Yearly exams in Weeks 9 and 10 this term. We wish them all the best. This means that we will not be having full school assemblies until week 1 next term.

Tell Them From Me Survey

This Term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement. Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour.

This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements. The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers.

The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential.

The parent survey will be conducted over Term 3 and early Term 4. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated. More information about the survey is available at: <u>education.nsw.gov.au/ttfm</u>.

To access the survey for our school, go to: <u>http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/lhs22</u>

Year 12 Jersey and Bake Sale Fundraiser

Our Year 12 students have organised a gold coin donation to wear your favourite sporting jersey and bake sale fundraiser for Friday 9th September.



Year 7 2023 Transition day

On Monday we had our incoming Year 7 2023 students for their 3rd transition day. It was a great opportunity for them to continue to become familiar with LHS and engage in practical activities with the support of their year 9 student leaders.



Breakfast Club kicks off!

This wednesday our Breakfast club started with the support of Louise our SSO and Hamish (one of our SLSO's). It will be running every wednesday and thursday morning.



Community Support Initiative

The Diversity and Inclusion Action Group have decided to knit and/or crochet blankets to donate to The Coast Shelter for the homeless for next winter. We would be highly appreciative of any donations of double knit or 8 ply wool, knitting needles or crochet needles to support this very valuable community service project. Please contact the school on 4328 4599 to discuss with Ms Green regarding any possible donations to support.



P&C Meeting

Our next P&C meeting will be on Tuesday 8th November from 6:30 PM in the school library.

We are so grateful to our P&C for their ongoing support, recently donating the funding for Year 12 Academic Gowns for Graduation, Learning resources for HSIE, School Banners and Marquees and supporting our students and staff to attend events and competitions.

Kind regards and take care of yourselves and each other,

Mr Murray Balfe Principal

Ongoing messages:

High Expectations at LHS

We continue to address all year groups with the focus on high expectations for 2022. I am a firm believer that all students start each school year with the genuine desire to improve and have a more successful year than the previous one. I challenged our students to set the bar high around their attitude and application from the very first lesson for the year. This sets the standard for the remainder of the year. At each year assembly we continue to make clear and reinforce the following expectations and I appreciate our community's support in reinforcing these expectations at home:

Aiming for 100% attendance if possible. Each day of learning contributes towards success

Wearing the full school uniform and bringing the correct learning equipment. Having the correct tools to do the job! Demonstrating the correct attitude clearly by showing up ready to learn each day.

Getting to all classes on time to maximise learning and minimise disruption

Respecting all members of the school community

Following staff instructions - staff instructions are focused on student safety and learning. Work with us not against us!

Asking for help when needed - being courageous and seeking support around learning and wellbeing

Looking out for each other and asking for staff support if a friend needs further help or guidance

Completing all tasks to the best of our ability

Respecting personal and school property - we all should be able to share resources and have pride in our school. Damage costs money and reduces resources available to support our students.

Uniform Expectations

As I welcome students at the front gate each morning and as the Deputy Principals welcome them at the top gate, we are reminding those students who are not presenting to school in full uniform about that responsibility. Jumpers particularly as the weather gets cooler need to be the approved jumpers available at Lowes.

We appreciate our Parents and Carer support with ensuring that their child is dressed for school and ready for learning.

If a uniform issue is related to **Access** (getting the uniform) please contact the school for options.

If the uniform issue is related to *Attitude* (choice) we will continue to work with those students and their parents. I appreciate the overwhelming majority of students who attend school wearing their uniform proudly each day.

A reminder for those who may have some spare uniform that we are accepting donations to our office of any items that are no longer needed by families.

Homework Centre

A reminder that our Homework Centre for additional support from teaching staff is available to students every Wednesday in the library from 2:40 PM until 4 PM. It was great to see so many students engaging with this support this week. Thank you to the staff who facilitate this important school activity as well.



Communication around Positive COVID cases

As we receive confirmation of Positive COVID 19 cases at LHS, we will continue to inform our community as required. This may be directly to parents/carers of specific year groups or more broadly across the whole school.

Learning from Home for students whose parents have decided to keep them home as close contacts.

We recently sent out communication to parents and carers for students who are in isolation at home and well enough to continue engaging with learning. We will make contact via email with supporting guidelines and information around continuing learning. Our SLSO team will undertake some phone check ins as well for students requiring additional support. Our teachers will be looking to update Google Classroom learning activities as well. A reminder that the Department of Education has developed a Learning from Home resource hub which can access https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/learning-from-home

The link to further communication can be found here

Upcoming Events:

- Year 11 yearly Examinations <u>here</u> -Week 9 and 10
- Year 12 Graduation -Week 10 Thursday

Upcoming Stage 4

Assessment Tasks:

- Year 7 DramaYear 7 Science
- Year / Science
- Year 8 Drama
- Year 8 English
- Year 8 Geography
- Year 8 Science

Upcoming Stage 5 Assessment Tasks:

- Year 9 Geography
- Year 9 Science
- Year 10 English
- Year 10 PDHPE
- Stage 5 Lizard Tales
- Stage 5 Dance
- Stage 5 Visual Art

Assessment Schedules:

Important Information:

Bell Times 2022 Canteen Menu Uniform Policy Book Requirements 2022 LHS Anti-Bullying strategy

Week 9A Term 3 Monday 12 September to Friday 16 September 2022

Monday 12 September

- Year 11 Examinations
- AECG Awards Ceremony 4pm

Tuesday 13 September

- 7-10 Sport
- Perfect Presence Program selected students.
- Year 11 Examinations

Wednesday 14 September

- Homework Centre 2.40pm until 4.00pm, library
- Year 11 Examinations
- Boys Wellbeing Hike selected students, Mr McKechnie and Mr Lee

Thursday 15 September

- Top Blokes selected students, period 4
- Aspire Wellbeing Group selected students
- Year 11 Examinations
- Boys Wellbeing Hike selected students, Mr McKechnie and Mr Lee
- HSC Music Performance Periods 1-2
- Employment Now Expo selected students, Ms Walker and Ms Smythe

Friday 16 September

• Year 11 Examinations

How we Communicate:

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