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## ***Year 12 Graduation***



### **The L J Hooker Faculty Awards**

**Jarrad Pringle** - Mathematics, **Jarrad Pringle** - TAS, **Brittany Menzies** - Performing Arts,  
**Holly Gibbons** - HSIE, **Isaac Trounce** - Music, **Cameron Denley** - PD/H/PE,  
**Silas Burbank** - Art

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# PRINCIPAL

## Changes to the HSC

A few weeks ago the NSW minister for Education made an announcement regarding changes to the HSC.



From 2020, students will be required to reach a minimum literacy and numeracy standard to be eligible for the HSC in addition to the existing requirements. Students can meet the standard by achieving a Band 8 in Year 9 NAPLAN (National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy) in each of their Reading, Writing and Numeracy tests from 2017. From 2018, an online Literacy and Numeracy test will be available for students to demonstrate they have met the standard."

To read more about the changes follow the link below

<http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/stronger-hsc-standards/>

In essence this means that 2016 Year 8 students who wish to be awarded the HSC will need to reach a Band 8 result in NAPLAN 2017 in Reading, Writing and Numeracy. If they do not, they will have further opportunities via an online test to meet the new benchmark.

Lithgow High School has developed a strategy to provide students with the opportunity to achieve this result. From this week, teachers in English and Maths will be working to ensure students are well prepared to do well in the NAPLAN tests in 2017.

The fundamental areas that will be addressed are:

Classroom and homework strategies that explicitly teach NAPLAN skills in deconstructing and responding to questions.

Explicit NAPLAN assessment tasks

In TERM 1 2017 enhanced exam preparations, including a full NAPLAN run-through 3 weeks prior to NAPLAN

Please encourage your child to engage in the preparatory tasks to ensure that students in Year 9 reach the literacy and numeracy benchmark of Year 8.

*Ann Caro*

# NEW RECREATIONAL FISHING PROJECT



**OFFICIAL MEDIA RELEASE:** Member for Bathurst Paul Toole announced this week our school will receive a significant investment in new recreational fishing projects for the local region.

"Recreational fishing is an integral part of our local lifestyle with a large percentage of our residents participating in fishing each year, making it one of our most popular outdoor recreational activities. It is vitally important we invest in infrastructure and programs to support and enhance such a popular and healthy activity as recreational fishing." Mr Toole said.

Mr Toole said the new project to be funded in the region in 2016-17 will help improve the recreational fishing experience for local fishers.

'The Lithgow High School (LHS) aquaculture and fishing sustainability project will receive a grant of \$10,000 and the project will see fingerlings nurtured at LHS aquaculture facility, then transferred to a temporary holding dam where growth rates are measured and fish tagged before being released locally to be caught and monitored.'

"It is great to see \$2.2 million will be invested in 42 new recreational fishing projects across NSW this financial year. This on top of \$13.6 million worth of existing projects funded through the Recreational Fishing Trust.

"The project will help improve the recreational fishing experience for enthusiasts by stocking more fish, building fishing platforms and cleaning tables, providing recreational fishing education and protecting fish habitats."

'The NSW Government is proud of its recreational fishing sector, and fishers can be assured that when they purchase a fishing licence, their money is going straight back into the Trust to develop projects that will enhance their fishing experience.'

The recreational fishing sector in NSW generates around \$3.4 billion to the State's economy and accounts for more than 14,000 jobs across NSW.



# COMMUNITY NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS 2016



On Friday, 23rd of September students from Lithgow High School accompanied **Miss Leffley, Mr Russell and Mrs Macdonald** to the community NAIDOC celebrations at Queen Elizabeth Park. There was a variety of stalls where students participated in painting activities while learning vital information about self-care and looking after community. Students proudly marched with local schools with the wonderful banner that was created by Aboriginal students

**Chardae Browne-Edwards, Donovan Peters, Beau Monaghan, Killara Kenworthy and Phillip McPherson.** Miss Leffley would like to thank students for their stunning representation of Lithgow High School at this community event.

*Jessica Leffley - Norta Norta Teacher*

# DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



## Year 7

As we enter this time of the year, all of Year 7 should be very busy studying for their upcoming end of year exams and finalising their last assessment tasks. Students are reminded to access their online Literacy Planet and Mathletics accounts to assist with extra study and revision of previous learning throughout the year.

## Year 12

The HSC course has begun for our 2017 HSC candidates. All students have been given a copy of the Assessment Schedules for their HSC courses and important information regarding their pattern of study and BOSTES requirements. This Assessment booklet outlines the mandatory minimum requirements, the

process for handing in assessment tasks, information regarding special provisions and how to apply. It is well worth a regular read through and is a guide to refer to during the course for students. Key people within the school to assist with any enquiry is the Year Advisor Mrs Alexander, the Careers Advisor Mrs Hamment and the Year 12 Deputy.

## Peer Mediation

There are times when students can come into conflict with other peers. It is important for students to develop the ability to work through issues that they may have with others. Peer Mediation is one way that students at Lithgow high school can work together to solve their problems.

If students are not speaking, disagreeing or even fighting over an issue - then they may ask for mediation. They then sit down with mediators, who are senior students trained in peer mediation. The students in conflict talk through their problems until they reach a fair and lasting solution.

If you want help and wish to try Peer Mediation, then you may contact your:

- Student Adviser
- Roll Call teacher
- Class teacher

These people will help you to fill in a yellow referral sheet. This form should be put in one of the purple "Speak-up" boxes (one in the Library and one near the DP offices on Z2 level). Or you can fill in a yellow sheet by yourself.

The **Peer Mediators** will listen to both parties. Both parties will get a chance to explain the issue and how it affects them. The **Peer Mediators**, who are trained seniors, will help you to look at and talk about your concerns in a constructive way. You will work through the issue together and you will be encouraged to come up with ways to solve the issue without blame. In the end, both parties should be happy and agree with the solution.

*Karin Mawhood*

# DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



## Presentation Evening

This year the school has organised a Presentation Evening for students in Year 7-11 who have received awards. This is a change from previous Presentation Days that have involved the whole year group. The date for the presentation evening is **Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> of December**. Invitations to the event will be issued in the coming weeks. Please come and celebrate a year of hard work and application.

**PBL Focus on uniform** - Over the past two weeks' students have been receiving additional VIVO points during roll call for wearing the correct uniform. Students have responded well to this focus and the school has seen a drop in the number of referrals for uniform. We encourage students to continue wearing correct uniform after the focus has concluded.

**VIVO** - at this time of the year we are noticing an increase in the number of students accessing the shop. The managers will try to ensure that students making requests will get their item within 48hrs, if it is a LHS item. If it is an online reward it may take a few weeks to reach the school. At the end of this week teaching staff allocated over 12000 Vivo points in one week. This means that students are applying themselves diligently in the classroom.

**Reporting and Assessment** - it is that time of the year when assessment tasks are due. Please check with students and make sure they do not have any outstanding assessment tasks. Late submissions result in a reduction in their overall mark. If you are unsure, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

**Year 10 Celebration** - Please be aware that some students have received letters indicating that they will be unable to attend celebration without improved attendance and application. **This includes attendance**. Students purchasing tickets need to ensure that subjects fees are paid and up to date.

*Matthew Quirk*

# YEAR 12 PRESENTATION DAY CEREMONY



**Jarrad Pringle** - Dux, 1<sup>st</sup> in Year 12,

**Joshua Kitchner** and **Cameron Denley** received the, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> overall highest average marks in Year 12

**Amy Capaldi** - Caltex Best All Rounder Award.

**Keely Newham** and **Chris Seymour** - Phil Duncan Scholarship,

**Abby Wilson** received the Pierre De Coubertin Award and the Jessica Dean Memorial Trophy for Sportswoman of The Year.

**Max Arkley-Smith** - Australian Defence Force Award for Teamwork and Leadership

**William Lawson** - Reuben F. Scarf Award for Commitment to Studies

**Mark Jameson** - Lithgow High School P & C Encouragement Award for his strong focus and commitment to his studies

**Isaac Trounce** - Lithgow Musical Award for Excellence in the Performing Arts

**Bonnie Goodsell** - Trevor Winterbottom Award for Services to Hockey

**Rhiannon Cowie** - Helen Frith for Consistent Effort in Sport

**Chloe Hosa** - Rotary Club of Greater Lithgow Award

**Toby Kenniff** - NSW Premiers Sporting Challenge for Consistent Effort in Sport.









# *Extended Senior Tuition in the Library*



**Senior Tuition** is available daily during Student's Study Periods in the Library, providing assistance with Assessment Tasks and Study Techniques in all subject areas.

We are now **free** offering afternoon **Tuition Monday - Thursday 3.30pm - 5.00pm** for Seniors. This is to assist students how have a full timetable with no Study Periods.

The tutors provide support, motivation and stress management during the senior years, varieties of resources are available for students to borrow in the school library.

# Press Club Pages

Up Close With

**MRS WILLIS**

**Full Name:** Kylie Lynn Willis

**What is your role at Lithgow High?**

I help students with all subjects at school  
But I am especially fond of Maths.

**What are your favourite colours?**

I love the colour RED

**How long have you been teaching?**

I have been employed at LHS since 2004.  
I began working in the Hub, helping teachers  
and assisting student's in class, now I am  
employed to tutor seniors in the Library.

**If you were an animal what would you be  
and why?**

I love dogs. They are smart, loving and  
faithful to their owners

**What's your greatest fear?**

I have a great fear of heights and even  
hesitate climbing a ladder

**What did you want to be when you were a kid?**

A Nurse, in which I was employed as  
before I started at LHS.

**What are some of your greatest achievements?**

Seeing my 2 wonderful children complete  
Year 12 and successfully enter the workforce

**What irritates you in class?**

Disrespectful students who won't take the opportunity  
to learn or let others learn really annoys me.

**What do you do outside of school?**

I love walking, yoga, bike-riding,  
swimming and watching my son do  
downhill mountain biking.

**Describe yourself in three words.**

Caring, thoughtful and motivated



# Harry Potter and the Cursed Child

It begins with the Hogwarts express - picking up where the epilogue of the last Harry Potter book left off. It follows Albus Severus Potter, Harry Potter's youngest son and Scorpius Malfoy, The only son of Draco Malfoy and the rumoured son of Lord Voldemort. After a thrilling escape from the train, the true adventure begins as the book takes you into the past and the present of the wizarding world.

9 years later .... We're back. Cursed child is the port key to drag us back into the magical land of witchcraft and wizardry, Hogwarts and all. As long-time fans of the Harry Potter universe, we were really anticipating the release of this book however after reading we were disappointed with this addition to the franchise. It should be stated that this is a screenplay and its original medium was being performed on stage.

To be fair the book wasn't awful, it's always nice to get a prologue to one of your favourite book series however in our opinion at some points the story reads a bit like a fan-fiction as opposed to a canonical addition to the series. Some of the characterisation feels off but this could easily be due to the fact that the book was a collaboration between writers. The fact that it is a script also takes away from the atmosphere of the story however most people expected that from the beginning.

Having not seen the screenplay of the cursed child we don't know how the story would appear on stage and whether seeing it performed would improve our opinions of the script, however in script form we found that The Cursed Child was not of the same standard as the original Harry Potter series.

We rate it



*Kasey Cross and Maia Michell - Press Club*



# Lithgow Halloween



On the 29th of October, Lithgow celebrated Halloween with a massive street party that brought in thousands of people from all over the country to experience the fun and spooky party that left people laughing in fear. Lithgow put on a great party, which included Michael Jackson performances, costume competitions, rides and so much more!

People enjoyed the stalls which ranged from sweet and salty food to steampunk accessories, there was so much to do that you could not possibly do it all in one night! Spooky costumes could be spotted everywhere while businesses were booming with customers, the party that lasted long into the night was surely a success!

We had a few extra special visitors in Lithgow on that night with a couple of Americans visiting and saying that the party matched the excitement that America feels when Halloween comes around, the local news also broadcasted the exciting party for the whole of the state to see!

Overall, the party was incredible as always and we cannot wait for next year's party and for the youth of Lithgow this was a great community event where everyone could join in and have a bit of fun. There isn't a lot for kids to do in Lithgow but this was greatly appreciated and enjoyed by everyone who attended.

*Alexa Burton and Grace Bishop*

# EXCHANGE COMPLETE

## Message from Christopher



It almost feels like as if it was just yesterday when I started my first day of school here at LHS not really knowing what to expect but excited for what the future had for me. Now I'm almost back home with a ton of memories, photos to show, and a lot of stories to share. I will give you a little report about my past 10 months as exchange student living in Lithgow.

Well, I've wanted to be an Exchange Student my whole high school life. I read about the Australia program in a brochure from my organisation, and I thought then that living somewhere else for a while and having friends from another country would be the coolest thing in the world.

I would be on my own, have my own Indiana Jones adventure, and fulfil my dream of having something different. Pretty soon, in summer 2015, I was applying for a High School year abroad and I decided that a whole year would give me so much more immersion and would make the experience so much better. I had an interview the following weekends about rules, how to survive, homesickness, etc. Then I got an email. I had a host family! Next thing I knew, I had a flight booked.

I was so excited and happy and I was telling all my friends about it. I actually researched heaps about Lithgow in books and in the Internet. Compared to what I saw on TV and what I experienced when I travelled to places like Los Angeles, California and within Europe, is that NSW/Lithgow has been different. It was more of countryside and the population of 13,000 is compared to my city in Germany quite small though. I didn't even know what to think about the Aussie weather and rural culture and customs.

I was pretty pleased with my host family. They treated me like their own and they are like real family in another part of the world. I had a host mom, two younger brothers and a younger sister. It was a pretty exciting experience for to live in a family just with younger siblings. I felt to be in good hands all the time and I am very grateful for everything that my host family has been made possible for me to travel around Australia and integrate into Aussie life.

I have been attending a Public High School in Lithgow and that was an adjustment coming from a Comprehensive School in Germany where no school uniform has to be worn. The school was new, everyone was different and it was so diverse. I was discombobulated during the first day of school. I didn't know anyone, I got lost since

the school was huge, and people couldn't really assess me as a person. But pretty soon I started to get comfortable.

It was always great fun to teach my classmates German words or even to explain them how things are go in Germany. They were very open-minded and soon I made a bunch of mates. I loved answering people's questions like, 'So, what is winter/summer like in Germany?', or 'What's it like to wear `Lederhosen` every day?'. I had the chance to take serious classes like Society & Culture, English Advanced and Ancient History, which really helped me in my learning process, and so I met people with similar interests.

Certainly one of the highlights were the 'Barbie's' at school. At this point I would like to thank all of my class teachers who have always supported me and were patient with me when I was slower than everyone else, and the LHS staff who prepared me a lovely start into my exchange year.

I made a lot of friends and met so many people in these 10 months. Friends took me out to movies, hockey games and even little road trips. They were always there for me in terms of helping me with all the adjustments I had to make, like subjects and its assessment tasks, getting rides, hanging out, shopping, being in my scheduled classes, learning slang terms, everything. I will forever remember all the fun times I had with them and hope that I will come down to Australia one day again.

Being away for 10 months and living alone in a completely different world has taught me a lot of things. I have grown and my perspective has changed in ways I never would have imagined. Now I can say that I am independent, appreciate my family and friends here more, open to new ideas, quite fluent in English and more confident about myself. Having my own adventure has proven to me that anything is possible and that I can do anything. It was the best time of my life and I will always remember how choosing to go out and discover what the world has in store for me was life-changing and will be something I will always cherish.

*Christopher Birkhahn - German Exchange Student*

## **Message from Ayana**

Hi I'm Ayana Shiobara. I'm from Japan as an Exchange Student and have been here for almost 9 months. This exchange program is for 10 months so my farewell is getting close, which is little bit exciting (to see my family), but absolutely sad as well because my Aussie life has become quite natural and comfortable that I cannot think I came down to Australia just 9 months ago. I could come to this point not to mention because of my host family, friends and teachers. Now I would like to tell you about what I felt and learned through many Aussie experiences and my appreciation.

I think my experiences in Australia have greatly impacted and influenced me as "cultural experiences" rather than learning language because culture including people, a sense of humour, nature, weather, animals, food, attitude, school...i.e. is just so much different



from Japanese one I used to follow. What I used to believe was right may not be the right thing here.

At the beginning of about 3 months, this difference often made me nervous to communicate with people and feel unconfident, but when I came to realise that “It is just a difference and doesn’t matter it’s good or bad”, I stopped protecting myself from being shocked, and shifted to enjoy that difference. Then the first thing I did was to try to talk to people many as much as possible without caring too much about my English skill. That was quite hard because I’m not really an outgoing person, but I think it led me to know more people, and extend my circle of friends. Especially joining in Japanese Class in Year 7 and was quite fun. Secondly, I tried not to hesitate too much to ask people to help.

In terms of attitude, I guess the biggest different between Australia and Japan is ‘hesitation’. Culturally, we often try not to ask much not because we don’t trust other people, just because it’s regarded as good thing for instance, classes are very quiet in contrast to Australian classes. However, I couldn’t have survived without help and support. So I started to ask for help, and host family, friends and teacher always gave me more than enough help without being bothered, which is the point I’ve felt in love with Aussie and helped me get close to them. Thank you so much for everything you’ve done for me.

Meanwhile, I absolutely got into Aussie lifestyle, and since some time or another, I had become to be able to understand the ‘cultural difference” easily and enjoy every moment. Now I can realize that people could unconsciously rely on our culture more than we think, that’s why we could sometimes be shocked or a little bit frustrated when we face the different culture at first, but in the long run, we are just same species. I could eventually find so much delight through many experiences in Australia, regardless of cultural difference, being flexible to keep my own identity and respecting both



cultures. Belonging to people in the different culture gave me so much joy and new perspective of life.

I’m sure people around me made my stay absolutely wonderful and meaningful. Thank you very much for being friends and helping me. Even an ordinary conversation is great memory for me. Now I’m going to make the most of the rest of my days.

# The “Great Aussie Bush Camp”

The Great Aussie Bush Camp at Kincumber was a great success for all of the Year 8 students that attended. All of the students enjoyed themselves immensely, many students pushing themselves out of their usual comfort zones in activities and bonding with people outside their normal friendship groups.

For many students this was the first time attempting activities such as the giant swing, power fan, high ropes, abseiling and rock climbing, just to name a few activities. The power fan was one of the most challenging activities, having not only to climb a telephone pole, but having to walk the plank and jump off as well. For others the mud run of the lost island was both dirty and challenging.

Students were organised into three groups, The Circus Freaks with Mrs Reilly, The Babes with Mr Guihot and the Dobbies with Ms Cases and Mr Russell. Points were awarded for each challenge, Flag making, War Cries, Fancy Dress and best dances at the night disco. The Camp cup is yet to be awarded as points are still being tallied and will be announced at the next year meeting. All in all a great time was had by everyone as can be seen in the photos.









# STOP PRESS



**Congratulations to our amazing filmmakers, today nominated for the Robin Anderson Film Awards.**

Recently The Stage 5 Film "1970" written by Orla McKinney and Rosa Lynes Ross and produced with the aid of Mr Michael Palmer and the Lithgow Auto Club has been nominated for an award at the Robin Anderson Film Awards.

The prestigious Awards night will take place at the Dendy Opera Quays Cinema at Circular Quay. Chosen from over 150 other films "1970" is in contention against a competitive field across Australia, New Zealand and Asia Pacific schools.

*Sean O'Keeffe - Visual Arts Teacher*

## Writing Workshops

Year 7 and Year 8 Boys completed their final Storytelling and Writing Workshops with Youth Author, Mr James Roy sharing the sessions with students from Oberon and Tumut via Video Conference. The boys have heard many amusing stories and have learnt many writing tips along the way that will assist them in their writing in future years.

These workshops were made possible by a generous grant from the **Copyright Agency**, the assistance our students has been greatly appreciated.



*Sam Edwards - STLA Teacher*

# ***'Blabbermouth'***

Year 8 Drama cast and crew have been working hard since Term 3 to put on a play by Mary Morris called 'Blabbermouth'. The play is about a high school girl who can't speak and has to endure the conflicts of starting at a new school. A comedy for the whole family! Hope to see you there!



# **SRC BANDANNA DAY**



Thank you to our Student Representative Council for the organising and selling of Bandannas to all of the students who supported our CanTeen Bandanna Day recently.

The day is a National Day that is aimed at helping many families that have children living with cancer.

Together we can make a difference for all young people living with cancer.



# ***SPORT REPORT* - BOYS and GIRLS**

## **Hockey teams, 2<sup>nd</sup> in NSW!**



**Mark Watchorn, Coach, Logan Hunter, Kobi Hunter, Brandan Lloyd, Sam Gray, Mitchell Brain, Bill Eustace, Conor Hudson and Jeff Dean, Manager.**

**Dane Guffogg, Zane Anderson, Tom Luchetti, Jake Lewis, Ryan Neale, Adam Neale and Eli George.**

Lithgow High School Boys Hockey Team achieved another excellent result, in the 2016 NSW CHS Hockey Championships finishing runner-up to Grafton HS in the State Finals played at Newcastle recently.

The team earned its place in the final with solid wins over Epping HS 5-2 in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter final and Lambton HS 6-0 in the semi-final. In a windswept final Lithgow dominated field position in the first half against a skillful Grafton side. Despite several scoring opportunities the ball refused to find the net and the teams remained level at 0-0 at half time.

Grafton raised the tempo in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half and two defensive lapses resulted in Lithgow facing a 2-0 deficit after five minutes. Despite some heroic efforts the boys were unable to bridge the gap and the final score remained 2-0. Congratulations to Grafton who were worthy winners. Lithgow can boast it went one better than last year's 3<sup>rd</sup> placing. Next year looks promising. Congratulations to all the boys who gave everything they had representing LHS at this elite level. They played with skill, class and courage, displaying



excellent sportsmanship on and off the field. They continue a great tradition of LHS Hockey Teams, Boys and Girls who have been a or near the top of the State for 30 years.

Thanks to all the boys and their parents for their continued support and enthusiasm.

A special thanks to Mr Dean for all of his contributions to the Boy's team for more than twenty years. Thanks to Jeff and Shane for all their efforts in organising the excursion and driving the buses. Thanks also to Mrs Roz Dean who travelled up from the South Coast to help manage the Girls team (who were also State Runners-Up). Thanks to Mrs Caro for supporting this important facet of school life. Thanks for the memories, all 32 years of them

*Mark Watchorn - Coach*

## Girls Hockey



**Abby Wilson, Bonnie Goodsell, Josana Stockdale, Isabelle Radburn, Lainey Holmes, Shae Bradford, Keely Newham and Coach, Shane Conroy**  
**Roz Dean, Manager, Kellsey Charlton, Amber Shaw, Amy Dewar, Madalen Whyte, Amy Capaldi and Kate Francis.**

The Lithgow High Girls attended the CHS Hockey Knockout Finals in Newcastle on the 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> of September. The girls won their first game 6-2 against Kirrawee in very hot and humid conditions. Abby Wilson scoring 3 and Kellsey Charlton doing plenty of leg work in the midfield. This meant the girls would face Wingham for a spot in the final. The girls started slow in the semi-final and found themselves down 2-0. However, the experience of Amy Capaldi, Keely Newham, Bonnie Goodsell and Abby Wilson showed and the girls prevailed 6-4. Amy Capaldi being an absolute standout in the middle of the field.

The girls now faced Mulwaree High School in the final. Not ever facing Mulwaree before the girls were coming up against the unknown. The Lithgow High girls started off very strong and created plenty of chances. The girls went into half time 1 nil up and in a strong position with the breeze now at their back for the second half. Unfortunately, in the second half the girls let two quick goals in against the run of play and found themselves 2-1 behind. The girls fought back to get themselves to 2 all. However, Mulwaree scored another goal in the final 10 minutes which secured the game 3-2. Lithgow girls fought right up until the final siren and even had a penalty corner on the siren to draw the game. But, it just wasn't to be.

I would like to congratulate all the girls on a fantastic effort to finish second in the state is a wonderful result. I would specially like to congratulate the eight Year 12 girls (Abby Wilson, Amy Dewar, Amy Capaldi, Bonnie Goodsell, Keely Newham, Josana Stockdale, Brianna Rigby and Madalen Whyte) who have represented Lithgow High School extremely well over the last six years. I wish them all luck in future in regards to life and hockey endeavours.

*Mr Shane Conroy - Girls Hockey Coach, PDHPE Teacher*



Last Term, both the girls and boy's Open Hockey travelled to Newcastle to compete in the CHS Hockey Knockout Finals. The teams had competed in other games around the Lithgow area and advanced into the top eight making the eligible to participate in the wonderful event. Both teams played three great games

winning them all, they then advanced to the Grand Final and both the boys and girls come away with a Silver Medal. Congratulations to both teams on your amazing effort and well done to the Year 12 players on their final ever High School Hockey game. Thank you to Mr Conroy, Mr Watchorn, Mr Dean and Mrs Dean for your support and coaching.

*Makenzie Denely and Kellsey Charlton - Press Club*



# Ultimate Frisbee Champs!



On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October, LHS competed in their first ever Ultimate Frisbee Competition, the mixed team of both boys and girls travelled to Dubbo. We were victorious in all 5 of our pool games to make it the grand final where we won 10-1 and were crowned Western Region Champions. Best and Fairest was tied between **Sophie Inzitari, Hayden Cox and Logan Inwood**, who each scored 8 points over the day. This team has never played together before, and didn't know the rules of the games prior to the day.

Well done team fabulous job, such a credit to our school. Thank you to **Miss Kimber** for travelling with the team

*Makenzie Denely and Kellsey Charlton - Press Club*

## U15's GIRLS BASKETBALL

Congratulations to our U15's Girls Basketball Team who have played against in the last round of the CHS Knockout tournament. The girls were very dominant, particularly outstanding in defence coming away with a convincing win of, this win has placed them into the top 8 in the State, an outstanding achievement considering the majority of the team are in Year 8. The girls have travelled to Terrigal to play in the top 8 in the state at the CHS

We had a few great wins and couple of losses and ended up playing off for 4th in the state finals. The girls should be very proud of their outstanding achievement; they are all excellent ambassadors of our school and have performed at one of the highest level in school sport.

A special thanks to the parents for their support of the girls and in transporting to and from each event.



*Tim Lloyd - Basketball Coach*



# Touch Football



"The Annual Year 7/8 All Schools Touch Football tournament was held on the 19th October in Bathurst. Lithgow High School entered both a boys and girls team. Both teams went against the traditional Lithgow High game plan and actually came out strong in the first game, beating Blayney High. But the second round of games

was a different story, when both boys and girls came up against a super-human Orange High outfit, and were beaten convincingly. This, however, didn't dampen their spirits, and both teams came out in the third round and beat Mrs Morrison's arch rivals, Oberon High, to finally give her bragging rights. The boys finished the pool games in second spot, which put them into the semi-finals against Mudgee High. They put in a strong performance narrowly going down in the dying minutes. The girls team, however, missed out on a semi-final on a countback. All students, in both teams played exceptionally well, exceeding expectations. Great day had by all.



*Lindsay Dunn - PDHPE Teacher*

# END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS FOR YEAR 10

The School Certificate external tests have been discontinued many years ago, and the school leaving age is 17, almost every Year 10 student continues into the Senior School unless they have obtained a job. With this in mind, instead of saying farewell we will be saying, “Welcome to your senior years, Year 10!”



Year 10 will be celebrating their succession to the Senior School on Thursday 8th December with a “Rite of Succession” night in the grounds of the school.

Dinner, Dessert and a DJ will also be part of the evening as well as a specially prepared PowerPoint Presentation and Awards to signify the end of Junior School.

Year 10 students will choose their own music for this event, and with the talent of a local DJ and extra sound and lighting equipment from our music department, it should be a fun night for all. We will advise the cost of the event ASAP.

The theme for the evening is **Shabby Chic**

Should you have any enquiries about this initiative, please feel free to contact the Year Adviser, **Mr Dunn**, at the school.

## HELP REQUIRED

If you have any old school uniform and would like to donate it to our clothing pool, please leave articles *at the front office.*

*Many students benefit from your kind donations.*



# BEEF BONANZA!



Agriculture Students attended the Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza in Scone recently. Students competed in the Junior Judging and Parading Competitions, some for the first time. Our steers did well this year placing fourth and fifth in their hoof classes, both classes had 16 entries. Carcase results will be released soon. A huge thank you to Mr Abbott for providing pupils with this hands on learning experience.

## STEM - ROBOTICS

Some of the best and brightest young students working on their robots, tweaking their code, planning strategy and modelling their designs in preparation for FRC 2017.







**VIVO CONTINUES TO GROW**

**Thank you to our valuable**

**VIVO Rewards**

**Local Sponsorship Partners:**

**Sportspower,**

**Eve Lithgow, Anytime Fitness,**

**Aqua Blitz - Lake Lyell,**

**Pizza Hut, Subway - Main Street,**

**Cruze Driving School, Michel's Patisserie,**

**McDonalds Lithgow, Centennial Coal,**

**Lithgow Lions Club, Barry F Cosier,**

**Lithgow Bowling Club, Lithgow Musical**

**Society & Reliance Credit Union**

**REMINDER, there are many rewards still up for offer in our LHS VIVO shop!!!**

**It's not too late to claim a prize.**

**Great work to everyone this term, keep earning the rewards will come**

# Year 10

**“Be proud to graduate into Senior School”**

**You need to start thinking about your senior uniform!**

**LHS onsite uniform shop is open for students**

**TUESDAY and THURSDAY MORNINGS - 8.00AM - 10.00AM**

**LHS uniform shop will not be open during the Xmas holidays, until:**

## **January Opening Hours**

Thursday	19th January - 8.30am - 1.00pm
Friday	20th January - 8.30am - 1.00pm
Tuesday	24 <sup>th</sup> January - 8.30am - 11.00am* (extended hours available if busy)
Wednesday	25 <sup>th</sup> January - 8.00am - 10.00am* (extended hours available if busy)
Thursday	26 <sup>th</sup> January - PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Friday	27 <sup>th</sup> January - 8.30am - 10.00am* (extended hours available if busy)
Monday	30th January - 8.30am - 10.00am* (extended hours available if busy)

## **Payment Options**

**Lay-by** - We accept lay-by (50% deposit) and you can collect the uniforms in January before school goes back.

**Payments** - Cash, Credit Card, or Debit Credit Card.





## The Uniform Shop (02) 6352 3494

### FITTING APPOINTMENTS IN TERM 4

Orientation fitting appointments for Term 4 are available now. To book, either contact the Uniform Shop during their opening hours, or go online: [www.alintaapparel.com](http://www.alintaapparel.com)

### JUNIOR & SENIOR UNIFORMS NOW AVAILABLE FOR 2017!

For students entering Year 7 or Year 11 next year, the Uniform Shop has full stock of both the junior 7-10 uniform, and the senior 11-12 uniform (including skirts). You can either purchase through the Uniform Shop, or you can shop online at: [www.alintaapparel.com.au](http://www.alintaapparel.com.au)

**Tuesday and Thursday  
Mornings - 8.00am - 10.00am**

Uniform price list, online shopping & fitting appointments available at:  
[www.alintaapparel.com.au](http://www.alintaapparel.com.au)



Stay up to date with notifications, announcements and organisation of our school on our official Facebook page.

Please like and share our page with anyone who has children attending Lithgow High School.

We will endeavour to keep building our Facebook community to ensure that school information is quick and effective for all parents



# YEAR 12 “FUN DAY/SLAVE DAY”



The Year 12 Slave Day/Fun Day 2016 was a great success! Both teachers and students were able to purchase a Year 12 Student, and everyone had an entertaining day. Slave Day is a fantastic fundraiser for the Year 12's to support their Formal, and it is definitely worth the money. It is always a fun way for younger students to make Year 12 Students do all their work, carry their bags and generally make them work hard.

The *Students vs Teachers* Games were an outstanding way to finish off the term, even for the students who were just watching from the banks of the oval. “Congratulations to all of Year 12 for a great day, you have done yourselves proud”.



# Thinking of Booking a Family Holiday During School Term time?

This year the Department of Education has updated its Exemption from School Procedures for students.

The following information should be considered by parents BEFORE arranging any travel involving their children during school term time. Family holidays and travel are no longer considered under the guidelines. Travel outside of the vacation period is now counted as an absence for statistical purposes.

- Principals may not accept a reason for travel during school term if it is not in the best interests of the student. Educational, social and participation reasons, should be specified on the application.
- Travel is considered to be domestic or international travel for the purpose of a family holiday, family business, bereavement or other reasons, which should be specified on the application.
- If unsure, parents should consult with the School Principal about the intention of the travel and in the case of family holidays should make arrangements to travel during school vacation periods - not during term time.

**Next P & C Meeting is at 6.00pm on  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November  
in the Hall Foyer  
You are all very welcome to attend.**

## VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED IN OUR CANTEEN



**We are always looking more volunteers to help in our Canteen. You can put your name on the roster once a month or just when you have a spare few hours.**

**The hours are 10.45am - 1.45pm. Our volunteers don't have to handle the money or know the price of our items. All profit is donated by the P&C back to the school.**

**If you can help, please ring Debbie or Evonne on 6351 2308.**



# *Lithgow High School*

*Promoting Excellence In A Caring Educational Environment*

1A Pau Street  
PO Box 296  
Lithgow NSW 2790  
P: (02) 6352 1422  
F: (02) 6353 1081  
E: [lithgow-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:lithgow-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 2016-2017 BUSH FIRE SEASON

Dear parent or carer

I am writing to let you know about arrangements for our school for the current bush fire season.

Our school has been identified as a school at increased risk if a bush fire were to break out on a day when a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating is issued for our area.

To ensure the health, safety and welfare of students and staff, the NSW Department of Education and Communities has determined that on days when a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating is issued for our area, the school will temporarily cease operations for the day(s) the rating is current and alternative learning arrangements will be put in place. This is based on information obtained through a bush fire assessment of our school arranged by the Department.

A Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating is likely to occur on a very small number of days during the bush fire season, if at all. To ensure that we continue to support student learning on these days, I have put the following arrangements in place:

The school will liaise with Emergency Service Agencies during the time of the year when the risk of bush fire is highest. Please listen to the local radio station for bush fire or weather warnings or check the LHS Facebook site (<https://www.facebook.com/lithgowh>) for advice and notification of any possible school closure.

A copy of information for parents provided by the Department about these arrangements is attached. Ensuring the school has up to date contact details and email addresses would also be of assistance to the school.

Information for parents and carers provided by the Department about these arrangements is attached. Up to date bush fire information will also be available to you on the Department's bush fire safety website. The link for this site is as follows:

- NSW Public Schools Safety website:

<http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-us/news-at-det/bushfire-safety>

Please contact the school on telephone 6352 1422 if you would like any further information about this matter.

Yours faithfully

Ann Caro  
**PRINCIPAL**

23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016



## Arrangements for the bush fire season

This brochure provides information for parents and carers about arrangements for the bush fire season. **This information is only relevant for schools that are on the bush fire register.**

### Introduction

The NSW Department of Education has conducted bush fire assessments for NSW government schools in bush fire prone areas. These results have been validated by an independent external expert and have been reviewed in consultation with the NSW Rural Fire Service.

A small number of schools have been identified as a school at increased risk if a fire were to break out on a day when a catastrophic fire danger rating is issued for the area that the school is located in. **This includes the school your child attends.**

To ensure the health, safety and welfare of students and staff, the NSW Department of Education has determined that on days when a catastrophic fire danger rating is issued for the area the school is in, the school will temporarily cease operations for the day(s) the rating is current and alternative learning arrangements will be put in place.

### What is a Fire Danger Rating?

A fire danger rating is the expected fire danger on a particular day and is determined by considering a combination of factors including air temperature, relative humidity, wind speed and drought. The ratings range from Low – Moderate through High, Very High, Severe, Extreme and Catastrophic.

### What is a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating?

A catastrophic rating means that if fires broke out they would be uncontrollable, unpredictable and very fast moving with very aggressive flames extending high above tree tops and buildings.

### When will I know if my child's school won't be operating the next day?

The State Emergency Operations Centre (SEOC) notifies the Department at approximately 4:30 pm each day when there are catastrophic fire danger ratings predicted for the following day. This means that the school will only receive notification of a catastrophic fire danger rating after school hours the day before the forecast is issued.

Your school will notify you as soon as possible. You will be notified by telephone or other communication, depending on when the school is advised that the catastrophic fire danger rating has been issued. The school will not receive this information until after school has finished on the day before the rating takes effect. The school will contact all parents and carers and, where appropriate, issue advice through local media.

Please provide your current home or after hours contact to your school. Parents and carers should also watch or listen for local media as information may be provided through these outlets.

### What educational arrangements will be in place if the school isn't operating?

Talk to your school about the arrangements that will be put in place in the event of the school temporarily ceasing operations due to a catastrophic fire danger rating being issued. Schools will be undertaking advanced planning to ensure that, if schools do need to cease operations on some days, they will have

alternative educational arrangements in place such as re-locating to another school, where practicable, or providing take home work for students.

### Will my child's school be affected by severe or extreme fire danger ratings?

During the bush fire season, including days of severe or extreme fire danger rating, schools will continue to operate as normal unless advised otherwise by emergency services. During the bush fire season schools will be vigilant and monitor local conditions, particularly on days when severe or extreme fire danger ratings are issued.

### Plan and prepare

The Rural Fire Service has resources for all residents to plan and prepare for the bush fire season. It is important that you consider the safety of your own home from bushfire. Please find more information and resources at: <http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare>. See also the [My Fire Plan](#) website for resource.

### Further information

We appreciate your cooperation during the bush fire season. For further information about fire danger ratings and the bush fire season, please refer to the NSW Rural Fire Service website at [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au).

The Department's [School Safety website](#) has also been established to provide up to date information during bush fires and other situations such as floods or storms.

# IN THE COMMUNITY

## Join The Lithgow White Ribbon walk and Make a stand against Domestic Violence

By walking with white ribbon ambassador Darryl Goodwin and other local policeman, Fire and Rescue, ambulances, workers at State Debt, corrective services, general community services, sports clubs, and general community members and businesses. Everyone welcome!

All men, women and children in the Lithgow Community welcome to walk in unity with us!

**The walk starts at Queen Elizabeth Park, gather at**

**4pm for 4.20pm walk on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2016.**

Walk ends at Workies club. No need to book, just turn up.



**After the Walk**, you are invited to stay on at the Workies for an evening of trivia for our annual.

## **Also Trivia Night in Support of White Ribbon & Lithgow Partnerships against Domestic Violence and Family abuse**

7pm for 7.30pm start

Info and bookings for Trivia for Lithgow Community Projects (02) **63 51 2230**



"I want to tell people that family violence happens to (anybody), no matter how nice your house is, no matter how intelligent you are"  
Rosie Batty (Feb 14, 2014)



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 Enquire about a 7-day free trial in club or call us on 63514251.  
 1 Naomi St Lithgow (opposite Woolworths)





## **SUBWAY MAIN STREET**

**SPONSORSHIP DEAL**

**COME IN YOUR SCHOOL UNIFORM**

**OFFERING LITHGOW HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS BETWEEN  
3.20PM - 5.00PM**

**BUY ONE SIX INCH SUB AND A LARGE DRINK  
AND GET ONE SIX INCH *FREE***



## **Lake Lyell Recreational Park**

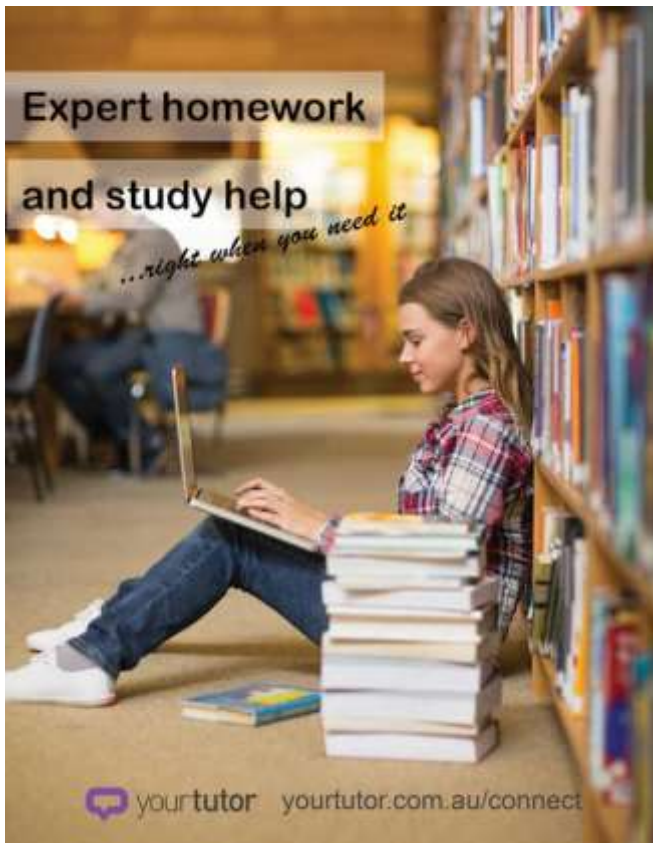


**Daily Sessions 10.00am – 5.00pm**

**Call to book now 63 55 6347**

# Lithgow Library Your Tutor Service

## FREE online homework help



### *What is YourTutor?*

It's online, one-to-one help for students in years 3-12 with homework and study questions, a free service offered by Lithgow Library Learning Centre.

Students can get help with questions in Maths, Writing, English, Science and more, by connecting to a network of qualified subject experts on-demand, or by uploading a written file any time for feedback within 24 hours.

Jobseekers can get help with job applications and resume-writing.

The YourTutor 'online classroom' includes a typed chat with a live tutor, an interactive whiteboard where you can draw with the tutor, and the capability to upload files.

### *When and how?*

Log in [here](#) using your library card number, for free.

Live tutors are available Sunday - Friday, 3pm - 10pm or you can upload your writing draft 24/7 any time you like, and your file will be returned to you with helpful feedback in less than 24 hours.

*Your Tutor has been established with financial support from Centennial Coal*



# 2016/17 Outdoor Pool Summer Season Starter

## JM Robson Aquatic Centre

The J M Robson Aquatic Centre Invites you to come and be apart of our Summer Season Starter on Sunday 6th November 2016. This event will showcase everything J M Robson Aquatic Centre has to offer!

Events on the day will include

- FREE Learn to Swim Assessments for Term 1 2017 from 10AM to 2PM.
- FREE Aqua Aerobics Trials at 8:30am, 11:30am, 2:30pm and 4:30pm
- Inflatable obstacle course– including races
- LIVE music from 1pm by "THE DRIFT"
- A Craft station for kids
- Swimming races for Young and old , individuals and group.
- Lolly hunt at 5pm
- Information booths from Lithgow Swim Club, Lithgow Anytime Fitness and other local businesses.
- HEAPS OF PRIZES TO BE WON!!

And much more

### LITHGOW SWIM CLUB PROGRAM OF EVENTS

10am-1pm Information Booth

11:00-11:30am – Come and try Transition Squad

This squad is conducted on Mondays at 4pm-4:45pm and provides a gentle transition from Learn to Swim to Squad Programs.

Swimmers should be:

Confident in the water out of their depth

Able to swim 25m freestyle and backstroke

Able to perform a dynamic standing dive into deep water

12:00-1:00pm – Swim Fit

This session will provide swimmers of all ages the opportunity to receive some advice and feedback about stroke technique and swim session planning for fitness and wellbeing.

Participants don't need to be club members to take part!

**Free participants pack including swim cap and gear bag for those taking part in sessions on the day.**

Come and join in and see what Lithgow Swim Club has to offer!



## ALL THIS FOR JUST A GOLD COIN DONATION

The fine print:

- All those interested in the swimming races must book in by 1pm for a 3pm races
- Children are to be at the lolly hunt by 4:45pm for check in
- All children will be assessed for swimming ability and given a wrist band before being able to go on the inflatable.
- Aqua classes will run for 30 minutes as a trial rather than the usual 45 minutes
- Swimming assessments will be 10 minutes long and names will be taken for term 1 2017

**For more information call Aquatic Centre  
on 6350 3200**

JM Robson Aquatic Centre  
George Coates Avenue, Lithgow  
Phone: (02) 6350 3200  
[www.council.lithgow.com/aquatic-centre](http://www.council.lithgow.com/aquatic-centre)





# DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016</b>	<b>Last HSC Exam day</b>
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016</b>	<b>Year 6 Parent Tour - 9.15am Bookings essential P&amp;C Meeting 6.00pm - Hall Foyer</b>
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016</b>	<b>Small Schools Orientation Day 9.30am</b>
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016 - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2016</b>	<b>Stage 5 (Year 9 &amp; 10) Formal End of Course Exams begin</b>
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016</b>	<b>Year 12 Formal</b>
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Enrichment Evening 7E</b>
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016</b>	<b>Combined Schools Christmas Carols</b>
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016</b>	<b>Year 6 Orientation Day - 9.30am – Hall</b>
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016</b>	<b>Performance Evening</b>
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016</b>	<b>Year 10 Celebration</b>
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016</b>	<b>Year 7 -11 Presentation Evening</b>
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016</b>	<b>Year 7-10 Reports distributed</b>
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016</b>	<b>Year 9 Wet and Wild Excursion</b>
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016</b>	<b>Last day of Term 4 and 2016 for students</b>
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016</b>	<b>Staff Development Days - LHS Staff only</b>
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2016</b>	<b>Summer holidays begin</b>
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017</b>	<b>School resumes 2017 for Year 7, 11 and 12</b>
<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017</b>	<b>All Years return to begin Term 1 2017</b>

## School Fees

School fees may now be paid on line direct debit to:  
Westpac, Lithgow High School

BSB No: 032-001 Account No: 15-3857

It is imperative that you put your student's full name,  
Student ID number or both when paying fees in this  
manner.



## For your fridge – Term 4 Calendar

Lithgow High School Calendar - Year 2016 TERM 4						
Month/ Week		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Oct/ Nov  Week 2	4	31 HSC Examinations - Hall	1 HSC Examinations - Hall	2 HSC Examinations - Hall	3 HSC Examinations - Hall 6 ► 7 2017 Information Evening for parents 6.00pm - Library	4 HSC Examinations - Hall Newsletter Issued
Nov  Week 1	5	7 School Parent Tour 9.15am bookings essential P&C Meeting 6pm - Foyer	8 6 ► 7 2017 Small Schools Orientation 9.30am	9	10 Power of Engineering	11 Remembrance Day Ceremony (TBA)
Nov  Week 2	6	14 Stage 5 End Course Exams - Hall	15 Stage 5 End Course Exams - Hall Year 12 Formal	16 Stage 5 End Course Exams - Hall	17 Stage 5 End Course Exams - Hall	18 Stage 5 End Course Exams - Hall
Nov  Week 1	7	21	22	23	24	25
Nov/ Dec  Week 2	8	28	29	30 Year 7 enrichment Evening - Library	1	2 Newsletter Issued
Dec  Week 1	9	5 P&C Meeting 6pm - Foyer Combined Christmas Carols - Hall	6 6►7 Orient Day 9.30am Hall	7 Performance Evening	8 Year 10 Celebration Evening	9
Dec  Week 2	10	12 Presentation Evening Year 7 - 11 Award Winners Only	13	14	15 Wet and Wild Excursion	16 Last day for Students for 2016
Dec  Week 1	11	19 School Development Day	20 School Development Day	21 Summer holidays begin	17 Summer holidays	18 Summer holidays

Please note - dates and times may be changed without notice. The above dates are only a **guide** to the events of Term.

*Have a safe and relaxing Christmas holiday*  
*School returns on for Year 7, 11 and 12 on*  
*Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017*  
*All other Years including Support Faculty return on*  
*Tuesday 31st January 2017.*