



Lithgow High School



NEWSLETTER

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Great Aussie Bush Camp!



See page 6 for full report

Have a safe and relaxing Christmas holiday
School returns for Year 7, 11 and 12 on
Tuesday 30th January 2018
All other Years return on
Wednesday 31st January 2018.

PRINCIPAL



As the school year draws to a close, it is a good time to reflect on the journey of positive achievements of Lithgow High School in 2017. I have been impressed by the cohesiveness of the school community and beyond.

Recent achievements include our success in the Creative and Performing Arts across the genres, two nominations for Art Express, our highly successful major works exhibition, the musical - Calamity Jane, The Shakespeare Evening, and the upcoming Performance Night on 4th December will be an impressive showcase of these achievements. This year we have also received a nomination for the Industrial Technology Showcase "InTech".

There have been a range of other successes throughout the year: Sporting achievements at the state and national level, FRC Robotics competition and the Robocamps, the Year 12 Formal and Year 10 Celebration, ANZAC and NAIDOC Assemblies, the Festival of Speech, Orientation and Transition Days, enrichment evening, writing workshops, Business Breakfast and the highly successful Year 10 Work Experience week to name a few. None of these would have been possible without the commitment of the hardworking staff of Lithgow High School who put in the extra effort to build success and engagement for students.

We anticipate our HSC results on 15th December I am sure that our hardworking students will be pleased with their results. Many students have already gained early entry offers to a range of universities. Our senior tuition program in the library has significantly enhanced the study efforts of our senior students. This will continue in 2018, with the library remaining open until 5.00pm Monday to Thursday.

Transition for our 2018 Year 7 students is on Tuesday 5th December, from 9.15am until 1.00pm. Students can be collected from the bus bay at 1.00pm. Each Year 7 class will be supported by a Learning and Support Teacher and a team of staff working together to ensure a smooth transition to high school. I look forward to welcoming our new students on Tuesday morning for a great day of learning.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all the staff, students and parents of Lithgow High School for their support this year. I wish everyone an enjoyable and safe Holiday Season, and am looking forward to a fantastic 2018.

Ann Caro

The Lithgow High School NAIDOC Debating team have had their most successful year ever in 2017



Every year an LHS team competes in the NAIDOC Debating Challenge. The Challenge is aimed at students who would like to develop skills in research, organisation, debating skills and oral presentation, while increasing their knowledge of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures in a localised context. To promote inclusivity, the team is comprised of two indigenous and two non-indigenous students.

This year the NAIDOC theme was *Our Languages Matter* and the debating topic was *Indigenous Languages should be part of the curriculum*.

This year the 1st speaker was **Alayah Lincoln**, 2nd speaker **Ebony Seymour**, 3rd speaker **Alannah Stoneley** and 4th speaker **Kate Francis**. Ebony replaced Elektra McKenzie who left LHS after the Regional final.

Lithgow won the first stage of the Challenge at Bathurst South Public in July. They then went on to compete in the Regional Challenge in Dubbo and successfully beat Tottenham Central High to become the Regional Champions.

In preparation for the State Final, LHS teacher, Ms Cases and former student and passionate NAIDOC debater Chris Seymour coached the team.

The State Debate was held at the Western Plains Zoo in Dubbo. All the competitors and their teachers were invited to stay overnight at the zoo and enjoyed a night tour and overnight stay at the Billabong Camp.

In the first round of the State debate, LHS defeated Ulladulla High and received fantastic feedback from the adjudicators. They had the best model of the day and Alannah was commended as an outstanding third speaker. This win placed us in the Final against Wagga Wagga High. It was a tough and hard fought debate with Wagga Wagga High winning by a very slim margin.



While WWHS may have won the State title, our team proved to be tough adversaries, outstanding debaters and excellent ambassadors for Lithgow High School and were awarded Principal Awards by Ms Caro on their return.

The team is keen to participate in next year's round and is aiming to take home the State trophy in 2018.

Rosie Galloway - Learning and Support Teacher & Aboriginal Programs Coordinator

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



The presentation evening is scheduled for the 11th of December at 6.30pm. Parents of students receiving awards will be emailed an invitation. Students will also be issued with a hard copy. Please send back the slip on the invite indicating if you are attending and how many guests.

The year 10 Celebration is on the 7th December from 6.00-10.00pm. **Mr Mantei** and **Mrs Reilly** have been working closely with the year 10 organising group to make sure it is a fun night for all. Please make sure that any outstanding fees are paid and any books are handed in at the library before you purchase a ticket.

Reports- Year 7-10 reports are currently being finalised and will be distributed on the 13th of December. Congratulations to all the students who have worked hard throughout year and have received excellent results.

Congratulations to year 7 who received the highest VIVO points for the year. Year 7 accumulated a total 115 959 points during 2017. Mr Conroy was very pleased with this effort and gave the year a reward at the last year meeting.

A group of year 10 male students have been regularly attending Club Revive to complete Crossfit training. The students have really enjoyed themselves and have developed some good fitness habits that will be continued over the holidays. Another group of students have been working with Senior Constable Marty Warren at the PCYC once per week. This group have focused on resilience and strength based training. In week 9 a group of female students will be participating in a growth based training session at Western Sydney University.

I hope everyone enjoys the holidays!!!!

Matthew Quirk

Thank you to our valuable VIVO Rewards

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Year 8 Camp



Year 8 Camp: The Great Aussie Bush Camp, Kincumber

Thank you to **Mr Abbott** and **Mr Finlay** for supervising the students with **Ms Cases** (Year Advisor) for the Year 8 Camp in November. Thank you also to Mount Panorama Coaches and the driver Mick for taking us all there and back safely. A big thank you to **Tracey King** and **Sonni Marjoram** in the LHS office for their assistance in organising this camp, we could not have done it without you!

Students participated in activities like the Giant Swing, Power Fan and The Leap of Faith - activities which had students over 10 metres high. The Lost Island and the Survival Challenge had students drenched in mud but they worked together as a team to complete obstacles and problem solving activities. The weather was beautiful, sunny skies and a cool change at night and on the last day.

Thank you also to all the parents and carers who paid for the camp, so close to Christmas time. It was very much appreciated by the students who had so much fun and were able to get to know other students in their year group.





NSWCHS Blue Award for Hockey



Logan Hunter, Year 12 has been awarded a NSW Combined High Schools Sports Association Blue Award for Hockey. He was one of 54 awards made at the NSWCHS Blues Presentation on Friday 24th November in Sydney.

In 2017 Logan represented the NSWCHS Open Boys Hockey team and made a significant contribution to the team which won the Tri Series against the Independent and Catholic schools. He is also a member of the NSW

Under 18 years team and is a member of the Hockey NSW Under 21 years squad.

Logan is a highly skilled goalkeeper, possessing quick reflexes and good anticipation skills. He enjoys his Hockey and has represented his school, region and state with enthusiasm and commitment.

Logan was unable to collect his award as he was competing at the NSW Under 18 Indoor Hockey Championships so his award was collected by Mr. Dean.

FUN DAY - Thursday 14th December, 2017

On Thursday 14th December, we will be holding a Fun Day to raise money for the Mc Grath Foundation and have a fun and enjoyable finish to the school year.

The Student Representative Council will be organising the events in conjunction with the Year 11 Leadership group and the PDHPE staff. Activities on the day will include: a Mufti day with a pink theme to support the Mc Grath Foundation to support the fight against Breast Cancer. Students are asked to wear something pink and make a gold coin donation.

There will also be a range of novelty and other events for students to participate in from periods 4 – 6 on the day. A highlight will be the beginning of our annual competition between Year 11 students and staff members for the coveted “Wooden Spoon” trophy.

Year 11 students will be conducting a barbeque as a second fund raising activity. The day should be an uplifting way to conclude 2017 at Lithgow High School.

Congratulations to former student **Lachlan Sharp** who has recently been named in the Kookaburras Australian Hockey Team. Lachi will travel to India this Saturday to debut for Australia in the International Hockey Federation World League Final. Lachlan plays hockey for Zig Zag men's Premier League and Ryde was a member of our school hockey team and was Sportsman of the year many times; we knew he was destined for an amazing future in hockey and it is well deserved he has worked hard to achieve this amazing selection. Lachi will be wearing the famous #1 shirt of Kookaburra legend, Jamie Dwyer. We are sure he will do it justice and are all very proud of his achievements. (Australian photo supplied from Kookaburras fb page).



Jeff Dean

Art Calendar available for purchase now!



SUPPORTING WHITE RIBBON DAY

Students have embraced White Ribbon Day, with the student leaders organising for the whole school to wear white t-shirts and to stand in the outline of a ribbon on the school oval last week.



It is time for the age-old cycle of violence to end and education about violence can help, and because we, all of us, are better than that, commented LHS leaders.

Students also took an oath during assembly, to help stop violence against women. Thank you to **Asst. Inspector Darryl Goodwin** for leading the day.

Students also marched as part of the local White Ribbon event last Friday 24th November leaving from Queen Elizabeth Park to the Workies. Many teachers attended the Trivia night which was held after the march to raise further funds for the cause.

ENRICHMENT OPEN NIGHT

On Wednesday 30th November 7J and Ms Gonzaga put on an enrichment evening for all parents and family members of the class, this included a barbeque and demonstrations of what the students have learned in all their subjects in the past year.

Students wrote speeches, created videos, performed experiments and put on performances. There was lots of laughter and fun had on the night and the comments 7J received at the end of the night were outstanding.



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Positive Behaviour for Learning



Respectful behaviour: Respectful behaviour begins with yourself. This has been the focus for many of my recent talks on assembly to students. I have spoken to students about safe conduct and respectful language both when speaking to each other and online behaviour. This links back to the school PBL expectations:

Respectful: I speak politely and calmly

Responsible: I use technology appropriately

It is important for all students to understand the need to speak to others in a way that is respectful; it is an expectation of society.

Another aspect of this is not to share information or rumours amongst groups of students. This causes grief for students and does not help sort out an issue.

All students are reminded to report any issues they have with other students to a teacher who will help them to sort out the issue, not to confront others.

Luna Park

Students across Years 7-8 and Year 10 Peer Support Leaders who have worked with the junior students are looking forward to finishing their year with a great day out. This is a fantastic way for them to celebrate their hard work and determination throughout the year. Students were eligible by completing the Premiers Reading Challenge in Year 7 and 8 and obtaining 300 Vivo points. This excursion is occurring on Tuesday, 5th December. All students that were eligible have received notes regarding the excursion and have returned their information. We will be holding a meeting with the students just prior to the day to organise some minor details. Students are asked to bring along some morning tea to have on the way down to Luna Park so that when they arrive they are ready to have some fun. The students will be spending most of the afternoon there, with a late return home to Lithgow that evening.

Year 12

Students will be very busy completing the first round of their assessment tasks for their HSC courses. Most students have a few assessment tasks due over the next couple of weeks. Please be aware that all tasks are due in on the notified date. It is best to hand something in rather than nothing. As this forms part of their HSC marks for 2018, it is vitally important that students maximise their opportunities. If a student is unable to attend an assessment they are required to complete an illness misadventure application for consideration, and they will need to provide a medical certificate or other specialist information to indicate the nature of the illness that prevented them from attending. If no such documentation is provided, students will receive an 'N' Warning notification for that assessment and a zero result. All students have access to the senior tutors in the library during study periods and the library is open for senior students every Monday to Thursday afternoon until 5.00pm. This very valued and important program is aimed at supporting all senior students to strive to do their very best during their HSC year.

Karin Mawhood

Shakespeare Evening



Lithgow High School's Shakespeare Troupe triumphed again last week with their performance of *Love, Love...Love?* A collection of scenes from many favourite Shakespeare's plays such as *Romeo and Juliet*, *Much Ado About Nothing* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* were compiled to present a collection of vignettes exploring the many aspects of love. The students were able to capture both the passion and whimsy with their performances, effortlessly interpreting Shakespeare's words as they explored the funny, the strange, and the tragic aspects of love. Ms Caro herself was heard to say 'It was a fantastic night. We need to have more performances like this.'

The Shakespeare troupe would especially like to thank Ms Cases and her Stage 5 Drama class for organising the front of house.

As everyone knows, the Performing Arts Showcase evening is one of the premium events on the school calendar. Whether it be the grace and elegance of our Dance students, the lyrical prowess of our music students or the hard-hitting social commentary of our Drama students, the Performing Arts Showcase is not to be missed.

The showcase will be on next **Monday, 4th December**. We will be starting at 6.30pm and the entry will be a gold coin donation. Come along for a great night of entertainment and support your fellow students in their artistic endeavours!

Brett Jeffers – HT English

LITHGOW HIGH SCHOOL VISUAL ARTS CONTINUES ARTEXPRESS SUCCESS



This year Lithgow High School Visual Arts student **Joshua Stait** has had his 2017 HSC artwork selected for the prestigious Artexpress exhibition.

Artexpress is an exhibition of about 200 outstanding artworks chosen from a field of nearly 10,000 works from the HSC practical examination.

Joshua Stait – “Ways of Seeing (Tribute to John Berger)”

The Body of Work will be displayed at a number of Artexpress venues throughout 2018, including The Armory Sydney Olympic Park and selected Galleries.

The Creative and Performing Arts faculty would like to extend congratulations to the Joshua on his selection, and wish him every success for the future.

Brooke Tilley’s HSC artwork “The Other Half” was pre-selected for Artexpress, unfortunately it did not make the final selection.



LITHGOW HIGH SCHOOL'S PROJECT CHOSEN FOR DISPLAY OF INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS



Lithgow High School has recently been advised that one of its students in this year's Year 12 has had his project selected for a display of outstanding works in the Industrial Technology subject. **Izaak Van Der Velden** undertook studies in the area of Automotive and completed, for his major work, a 4 wheel buggy. Using the recent Mad Max movie as his inspiration, Izaak designed and constructed this outstanding piece of work to a fully functioning buggy in a rustic style complete with a cow's skull emblem. This project was a major undertaking and Izaak's selection in this prestigious display is a fitting reward for his substantial efforts.

Each year the best projects from around the state are chosen and displayed at the

Working with Wood show held at Darling Harbour. Izaak's project will be part of the InTech display at the show, which will take place between the 23rd February and the 6th March 2018.

His selection really is an amazing result and has only occurred twice for Lithgow high School students in the last two decades. It is also a first for the School's Automotive classes which have been running at HSC level for the last 8 years.

Michael Palmer – TAS Teacher

**Our last P & C Meeting for 2017 will be held
next Monday 4th December
at 6.00pm in the staff common room
You are all very welcome to attend.**

VICTOR CHANG SCIENCE AWARD

Jack Mc Intyre recently travelled to Dubbo on Wednesday the 22nd of November to collect his Victor Chang Science Award. The Victor Chang Award was established more than a decade ago to encourage bright aspiring science students to think about careers in science. It is awarded to Year 11 students who have achieved excellent science results. Jack is one of those students who has performed at a very high level in both Physics and Chemistry. He is a quiet, committed student who works tirelessly to increase his knowledge and skills in both science subjects. His questioning scientific mind bodes well for a very bright future.

Lee Middleton – HT Science



I was pleasantly surprised to be recently selected to receive the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute Award for diligence in Science. I was among 28 other students who received the award, all of which came from around central NSW. The award, commends displaying a passion and commitment to science, and is aimed at encouraging students to participate careers in STEM. I was honoured to be selected for the award and am excited to be given the opportunity to tour the Victor Chang Research Institute in Darlinghurst next month.

Jack McIntyre – Year 11 Student

DDLS Excursion

On 9th November a group of students travelled to Sydney for two days to be a part of Work inspirations with DDLS. The course was filled with useful knowledge for future jobs and many interactive activities that taught the students the tricks of the trade. The subjects that the workshop covered were: resumes, interviews, networking , technology and much more. DDLS had amazing things to offer and were very helpful with do's and do not's of the office workplace, DDLS also provided the students free lunches, snacks and beverages to keep their energy high and strong. In total the Work Inspirations course was an entertaining and fun workshop that I recommend to all students looking for tips on part time or full time work.



Lithgow High would like to acknowledge the support of the Smith Family with the Work Inspirations Program and thank them for their donation towards accommodation.

Alexa Burton - Press Club

Haylie Atkins visits the Youth Parliament



Can you please describe what the Youth Parliament event was about?

The idea is to get young people to have a voice in Parliament to voice their ideas and experiences in a parliamentary format. Youth is the generation that will be the future. Their ideas give politicians an idea of what is going on in their community and issues affecting their local electorates.

The Youth Parliament program nurtures young people and encourages them to lead, learn and connect to their communities, and to be advocates about causes they feel strongly about.

What was the highlight of the event?

Meeting young people from all over NSW. Being able to speak in

Parliament House about Mental Health Awareness and Safety. I felt really scared but relieved and proud after I spoke in front of everyone.

The other highlight were the posh brownies we were given in Parliament House after we went through security. All the food was great at Parliament House.

We were only allowed to take in our speeches and pencil cases into Parliament House for security reasons.

Who was there?

There were over 90 students from Year 7 to Year 9 from schools all over NSW. There were also politicians and staff from the Advocacy for Children and Young People.

What did you learn about?

We learnt about Parliamentary format and practices. Also working together in groups.

What did you do there?

On the first day at the ACYP Office we had get to know each other activities and advice and workshops on how to write speeches about factors affecting youth now.

We separated into groups with particular topics and started writing our speeches. The group I was in looked at the impact of mental health on young people.

We were also shown a survey that reported youth look up to their care givers and parents more than they do anyone else.

We all had accommodation together that night. We practiced our speeches and had Trivia quizzes.

Personal training and activities were available before breakfast if you wanted to participate at 5am next morning

Day 2 we had a tour of Parliament House, and an inspirational speech at lunch about how amazing we all are.

Did you make friends with other students?

Yes. Most people I made friends with were on the same table as me for speech writing and discussion so I got to know them. We had fun together.

Were there other students from rural areas?

Not many from near Lithgow. I was the only one from the Lithgow/Bathurst/Mountains/Mudgee areas

Did you learn something about yourself?

That when I'm nervous I look up and not down. This is a problem when you are trying to read your notes for your speech and can't look down to do it.

I felt less judged by people I didn't know.

I was surprised at how quickly I made new friends.

Was the experience what you were expecting?

It was more than I was expecting. Even better than I was expected.

Would you recommend this opportunity to other students?

Yes if they feel confident in themselves and want to learn more about Parliament. Totally.

I would love to go again next year.

What was memorable for the wrong reasons?

Food was terrible at our accommodation.

Anything else?

I feel more confident about myself and not so scared to speak in public. I really loved it!

Hayley Atkins – Year 9 Student and Di Moore – Learning & Support Teacher

Aboriginal Dancers

Our Aboriginal girls' dance group have had a busy term 4, dancing at the Coerwull 150th Anniversary Celebration on three occasions, at Wallerawang School and again at the Coerwull Fete. Our girls were joined by stage 3 Aboriginal girls from Wallerawang, Coerwull and Zig Zag primary schools and it is a fantastic opportunity for our girls to be mentors to the younger girls in a big sista role.



Our dancers are taught by the renowned Jo Clancy of Wagana Dance. Her troupe, the Wagana Aboriginal Dancers perform contemporary & traditional Aboriginal dances inspired by the Blue Mountains & Central NSW West country.

Cultural dance has a range of benefits. It enables the girls to learn about their own culture;

to develop their social skills and team work ability; it promotes improved posture, strength and flexibility and gives them a sense of pride in themselves and their culture.



Rosie Galloway - Learning and Support Teacher & Aboriginal Programs Coordinator

Madhu Yinaa to compete at Dance Rites

Madhu Yinaa are a group of Wiradjuri, Darug, Gamilaroi, Ngunnawal and Dharawal women and girls from Cowra, Lithgow, the Blue Mountains and Western Sydney who have been dancing together for the past 6 months in preparation for Dance Rites at the Sydney Opera House on Sunday 26th November.

Dance Rites is Australia's national Indigenous dance competition which aims to ensure important cultural knowledge including language, dance, skin markings and instruments is shared from one generation to the next. Teaching and learning traditional practices is the best way to reclaim songlines, celebrate and enjoy culture. The Dance Rites competition is inspired by Pow Wow Circuit in North America and Canada, and by the Kapa Haka in New Zealand

The Madhu Yinaa dancers have all been connecting with Choreographer and Dancer Jo Clancy since 2007 through her dance development programs with NAISDA Dance College, Arts OutWest and the Wagana Dancers. They feel blessed to have also been working with Darug Song Woman Jacinta Tobin and Darug Elder Corina Marino to develop their songs and dances for this wonderful event.

Dance Rites heats will take place Sunday morning (10am-1pm) with the finals taking place in the evening (5-7pm). Come join the crowd and celebrate a day of shared culture, language and excellent dance moves.



Pictured LHS student Danielle Corkill

Article supplied

YOUNG LEADERS DAY

On the 30th of October we attended the “National Young Leaders Day”. We heard from four different people with different stories about their experiences with leadership roles.

We heard their inspirational stories and learned a lot about how to be the best leaders we can be. One of the four speakers was Adam Goodes. He taught us to face new challenges, accept people for who they are, ask for help if you need. He also discussed the importance of using the voice you have, showing respect and being supportive of others. He explained that no matter what happens, it’s ok to make mistakes, just have a go, try your best and if you believe that something wrong is happening speak up. Adam Goodes provided us with a wealth of wisdom that we hope to carry into our roles as leaders.



We also heard from the former NSW police commissioner Andrew Scipione. Mr Scipione articulated the qualities he has found most necessary in his role as a leader. Most significantly, Scipione emphasised the importance of service and modelling respectful and tolerant behaviour regardless of one’s position.

A speaker that really stood out was John Courtis. He was such a motivational person. One lesson that he taught us was that if life throws things at you don’t give up and always try.

A question that he asked us was “how much is your life worth?”. This got everyone thinking. How much is my life worth? Well he said “priceless”.

The whole room, full of thousands of school kids, was moved by his story about people making him think bad thoughts and ending his own life.

One of the activities that he got us to do was to get out our phone and text someone that we love, someone that is very important in our lives and tell them how much we love them and appreciate them.



Finally we heard from Gladys Berejikilian the 45th premier of NSW and the leader of the NSW liberal party. She was part of a school leadership when she was in high school. The government tried to close a school in her district and her school was chosen. She got people to sign petitions and protest. Her school stayed open for another 15 years. Sometimes you have to believe in yourself and make difficult decisions that may come with a risk. Leadership is not about a title or designation. it is about impact, influence and inspiration. Don't follow the crowd, let the crowd follow you.

Overall, we had an amazing time and were inspired by the wonderful leaders we were lucky enough to hear from. We are excited to take what we have learned and implement in our own Lithgow High School community. "



Piper Anderson, Maggie Muir, Chantelle Shandil, Benjamin Seymour & Sam Doran - SRC

Q&A

After successfully applying to participate in the Q&A High School Special Student Led program on the 6th November, an enthusiastic group of 10 Year 11 and Year 12 LHS students attended the ABC studios in Ultimo as audience members for a live recording of the program. Students were accompanied by Mrs Galloway and Mrs Moore on a bus which Q&A generously provided.

The only adults in the screening studio were the 3 panellists whilst all other participants – including 4 other panellists- were students from approximately 20 rural and metropolitan NSW schools.



All accompanying teachers watched the live screening of Q&A in an adjoining studio. Q&A was led by Tony Jones with Tanya Plibersek, Deputy Leader of the Opposition Shadow Minister for Education and Training Shadow Minister for Women, and Simon Birmingham, Federal Education Minister, as panellists fielding student questions, in conjunction with four most articulate and inspirational students from schools in Sydney and Tamworth. These students had to audition for their places on the panel and proved themselves accomplished at representing and expressing their points of view across a wide range of topic questions addressed on the night.

All participating students were encouraged to submit questions prior to the program. LHS students met together and discussed at length, and with great insight, possible questions to submit.

LHS students did not receive the opportunity to ask a question on the night, but all found the experience memorable, with all students reporting that they found the experience well worth the 1.40am finish! There were numerous bleary eyed students and staff the following day. LHS have been invited back next year.

Here are some student thoughts from the evening:

It was interesting to see how invested and involved our year group is in the issues and politics of Australia, as well as how informed our generation is. It was great to listen to how our peer's would solve problems. *Jack*

It was worthwhile attending and very intriguing to listen to the topics of discussion. *Finn*

Attending the Q&A School Student episode was an enlightening experience and a great opportunity to hear the opinions of student leaders. It was incredible to see how well they spoke their minds under the pressure of being on live television. Despite the late finish, the night was an awesome opportunity and I'm definitely looking forward to going again next year. *Kelsie*

'Being right in front of the student panellists was an amazing experience. Their knowledge and expertise in current political aspects of our lives was really surprising; allowing us to broaden and develop our own opinions. Definitely recommended for anyone given the opportunity. *Hayley*

I found the whole experience to be excellent as it provided us students the opportunity to see how our fellow students feel about our country. It also helped to humanise the leaders of our country and see who they are as individuals.

Overall Q&A was an experience that has developed my political and personal outlook on Australia and its leaders. *Zac*

Di Moore - Learning & Support Teacher and Year 12 Leaders

Your Year 10 RoSA Results

Activating **studentsonline** account to be able to access RoSA Results

- a) Go to Students online <http://studentsonline.bos.nsw.edu.au>
- b) Go to **activate your account now**
(under the **Login** banner on right hand side of page.)
- c) Fill in details:
 - Select school
 - Enter names
 - Enter date of birth
 - Complete security question section
- d) Submit
Your student number will appear on the screen. Write it down
At the same time an email will be sent to your school email address.
- e) Go to your school email account and open the email sent to you by the Board of Studies
- f) Click on the website listed in the letter. This will take you to the site where you create your PIN . (You will need your student number for this site.)
- g) Enter your student number and submit, and then enter your chosen PIN (it has to be a six -digit number.) **Write it down.**
- h) Once that's done, you should be taken automatically back to the **studentsonline** home page, and you should already be logged in.
- i) If you're not, go back in to <http://studentsonline.bos.nsw.edu.au> home page and log in with your student number and your PIN.
- j) Go to *My Details* and then go to *Enrolments/Results* and select Stage 5 from the *Currently Viewing* drop-down menu.
- k) Click *Request eRecord*.
- l) Go to *My Messages* to access your School Certificate eRecord (it might take a few minutes for it to be sent to *My Messages*)
- m) Once it's there, you can open it by clicking on the paper clip icon.

Rebecca Hamment – Careers Advisor

WRITING WORKSHOPS

During the past three years, we have been very fortunate in receiving a Cultural Fund Grant from the Copyright Agency to be used on Writing Workshops. Through its Cultural Fund, the Copyright Agency supports the rich creativity of Australian writers, artists and publishers. This year we enjoyed personal visits to our school from **James Roy**, a published Youth Author from the Blue Mountains area. James has published more than 20 novels aimed at the teenage, young adult audience.



Our Year 7 and 8 students were taught that a story can be made from anything, any time. Simply looking out the window can be turned into a creative piece. Humour, feelings, the five senses and characters with evil motives all come together to create interesting stories that can be enjoyed by all.

We have greatly appreciated James Roy's time, knowledge and skills. His expertise and wonderful sense of humour has been invaluable to our students.



Sam Edwards – Learning and Support Teacher

Canteen



We would like to thank all our wonderful volunteers for their help throughout this year and hope you will continue to support Evonne in the canteen in 2018.

We still need many more volunteers to fill our roster for next year. We need about 40 helpers to fill the roster and currently we have less than 20, if we do not get extra helpers it is very hard to run the canteen for your children.

If you would like to help out, please phone Evonne on 63 512308. The hours are from 10.45am – 1.45pm once a month or whenever you are available.

PRESS CLUB PAGES

MOVIE REVIEW

Doctor Strange



This year offered two new additions to the Marvel Universe, Captain America: Civil War and Doctor Strange. The later of the two, Doctor Strange, was released last month and has already made 502.9 million US dollars in box offices. Marvel is an extremely well renowned movie/comic franchise and we think this film could be rated amongst some of its best.

The film follows Doctor Stephen Strange (played by Benedict Cumberbatch), a high ranking brain surgeon, who after a car accident loses the use of his hands and is forced to stop working.

When traditional medicine fails him, Strange goes in search of a mysterious, spiritual group known to cure the incurable. We later find out that these are known as the Sorcerers. Though at first reluctant to believe in the theme, he is soon dragged into their world where he must help to defend the world from dark forces that are rising quicker by the day.

Personally we really enjoyed this film as it mixed things up from the usual marvel movie. Instead of being focused mainly on physical action it has a more psychological approach. Instead the story takes you not only through someone's emotional journey but a psychological journey into the unknown and supernatural. It's a really interesting and unique take on the classic superhero and I'm sure that even people who aren't that into previous Marvel movies will enjoy. We recommend this film to both Marvel fans who have enjoyed movies in the past and newcomers looking for something interesting to watch.

We rate it.....



Kasey Cross and Maia Michell – Press Club

Up Close

With MISS PETERS

Full Name: Marnie Peters

What is your role at Lithgow High? TAS Teacher

What is your favourite colour? Blue

Why did you want to become a teacher? I enjoy the environment of helping young adults, I have a passion to share my knowledge and learn

What schools did you go to? Forestville PS, Newtown Performing Arts, Killarney Heights High and University of Newcastle

What annoys you in class? Students who have the ability to achieve good results and do the work but don't apply themselves

What are your hobbies? Sports, making and designing projects

What is your favourite movie? Lion King

What is your greatest achievement? Becoming a teacher

What is your greatest fear? Snakes

Describe yourself in three words:

1. Driven
2. Adventurous
3. Considerate

How long have you been teaching?

One year

Rate yourself on the following (1-10)

Driving: 8

Sport: 8

Shopping: 10



Emily Burt, Sabrina Cox, Cloe and Ashley Robinson - Press Club

Town Review - Lithgow Blast Furnace
Location: Inch Street, Lithgow, NSW 2790
Constructed: 1906-1907

Lithgow and this Blast Furnace record the beginning of the iron and steel industry in Australia. The furnace was established in 1886 by William Sandford and operated until 1928 when production was moved to Port Kembla. The site has now been converted into a park around the remains of the pump house and the furnace foundations. There is a pleasant walk around Lake Pillans Wetland adjacent to the park.



Sunhyne Buerckner Ellie Bernasconi and William Bray – Press Club

Year 12 - 2017



The 2017 year 12 formal was on the 14th of November and all Year 12 students and their partners had a great time celebrating the end of their school life and 13 years of schooling. Everyone got dressed up in evening dresses and suits that expressed themselves; someone was even in a kilt! The formal was held at the civic ballroom which students and staff decorated to look its best to give our 2017 Year 12 students a final farewell. They were provided with “great meals” and an “awesome DJ”. Overall, it was said to be a great night that both students and staff thoroughly enjoyed and will remember for many years to come. I’m sure our Year 12 students of 2018 will be looking forward to their chance of having an amazing farewell!

Well done Year 12! You are a credit to yourselves, your families and our school. We will miss you!

Grace Bishop – Press Club

Message to all Year 10 regarding your Celebration next week Thursday 7th December!

Year 10 please remember the Celebration Tickets will only be issued once your Clearance Forms are completed. Clearance Forms are to ensure you have returned all of your books and your fees are up to date for every subject.

Once you have completed your clearance, you can purchase your ticket via the payment window in the administration office. The cost of the evening will be \$55.00, this includes your dinner and entertainment, hire of tables and chairs and hall decorations.

The evening will begin at 6.00pm at the school with photos in Queen Elizabeth Park from 5.00pm.

There will be drinks available for purchase on the evening. We can't wait to have a fabulous night with a great group of kids.



SUPPORTING MOVEMBER



During November LHS students and staff have been supporting Movember, raising money and awareness of men's health issues.

Thank you to everyone for supporting this worthy cause and to our Mobrothers, the mos were well worth the effort and we raised almost \$1000.00 towards much needed funds for this great cause. To our Mo sistas, your support during Movember was appreciated.



Movember is about bringing back the moustache (Mo), having fun and doing good to change the face of men's health, specifically Prostate Cancer, Testicular Cancer and Mental Health Problems. Mo Bros take action by changing their appearance through the growth of a new moustache for the 30 days of Movember, and in doing so become walking, talking billboards for men's health. Mo Sistas sign up and commit to supporting the men in their lives while helping to promote men's health at home, in the workplace and within their community.

Shane Conroy - PDHPE

Reminder: 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 who have a full timetable with no Study Periods.

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

ON THIS DAY FROM THE HSIE FACULTY

On This Day in History - 1 Dec, 1934

Sergey Kirov Murdered

Sergey Kirov, a leader of the Russian Revolution and a high-ranking member of the Politburo, is shot to death at his Leningrad office by Communist Party member Leonid Nikolayev, likely at the instigation of Soviet leader Joseph Stalin.



Whatever Stalin's precise role in the assassination of his political rival Kirov, he used the murder as a pretext for eliminating many of his opponents in the Communist Party, the government, the armed forces, and the intelligentsia. Kirov's assassination served as the basis for seven separate trials and the arrest and execution of hundreds of notable figures in Soviet political, military, and cultural life. Each trial contradicted the others in fundamental details, and different individuals were found guilty of organizing the murder of Kirov by different means and for varying political motives.

The Kirov assassination trials marked the beginning of Stalin's massive four-year purge of Soviet society, in which millions of people were imprisoned, exiled, or killed.

Andrew Finlay - HSIE Teacher

SAFE DRIVER TRAINING

***The PDHPE Faculty will be offering
RSE (Road Safety Education) in early Term 1, 2018***



Road Safety Education – Giving young people the key to a safer future

Getting behind the wheel of a car as a young driver or being a passenger with a novice driver is said to be among the most dangerous things that a person will do in their entire life. **Youth road trauma statistics are staggering but the enormity of the loss is often only realised when it hits close to home, impacting family, friends and a school community.** Road Safety Education Limited (RSE) is a not-for-profit organisation that delivers highly effective, evidence-based road safety education programs which adhere to recognised “best practice” guidelines to reduce the incidence of youth road trauma in our area.

The Road Safety Education Foundation has been established to help sustain the aims of Road Safety Education Limited.

Our senior students will be offered the opportunity to attend RSE’s award-winning road safety education program called RYDA at Mt Panorama in Term 1, 2018. This will comprise part of the compulsory Crossroads Program for Year 11 students.

We invite you to explore this website to discover more about RSE and their programs <http://rse.org.au/> alternatively you can contact the school on 6352 1422 for further information. Permission notes will be distributed in Term 1 next year.

Important Information – Parent Online Payments



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 1061
E: lithgow-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Lithgow High School would like to advise that Parent Online Payments (POP) are now available from our Lithgow High School Website page.

www.lithgow-h.schools.nsw.edu.au



Instructions on how to use the POP System are as follows:

How do parents/carers access the website to make a payment?

A "\$ Make a payment" link will be located in the ribbon bar on the front page of the school's website. By selecting "\$ Make a payment", parents/carers will be taken to a secure Westpac payment page, they will no longer be in the school's website.



The **Payment Description** details should come from the school Statement of Account, note or list of items issued by the school.

Additional lines can be accessed by using the **Add Payment** button once a payment item box has been selected. The following list shows the total number of lines available for each transaction:

- Voluntary school contributions (1 payment only)
- Subject contributions (up to 10 payments)
- Excursions (up to 5 payments)
- Sport (up to 5 payments)
- Creative & Practical Arts (up to 5 payments)
- Sales to Students (up to 5 payments) and
- Other (up to 5 payments). Other can be used for paying a complete Statement of Account.

For any option it is **mandatory** to include **both a payment description and payment amount**.

If any mandatory details are omitted the payer is returned to the screen with an error message. The error will be detailed in **RED** text and the payer cannot move to the next screen until the error is corrected.

NOTE: Generally invoice number is a field which will not be used as Statement of Accounts do not have numbers on them.

If only Class **OR** Year entered - Student Date of Birth is required.

Payment Options

Please select which items you would like to make a payment or donation for:

☐ Voluntary School Contributions

☒ Subject Contributions

★ Payment Description 1

★ Payment Amount 1

\$

Add Payment

☐ Excursions

☐ Sport

☐ Creative and Practical Arts

☐ Sales to Students

☐ Other

Parents/carers please be advised that details are **not retained** by this QuickWeb site, protecting parents/carers from fraudulent transactions and ensuring compliance with PCI DSS.

Note: POP is mobile friendly which makes using the system even more convenient for parents/carers.

If you have any questions please contact the school on 0263521422

Yours sincerely

T. King

Tracey King
School Administration Manager

27th October 2017

Ann Caro

Ann Caro
Principal

LAPTOP SALE

Lithgow High School currently has a bank of **NEW** student laptops **FOR PURCHASE**.

Infinity One Laptop, 32gb storage 2gb Ram, Windows 10



Discounted price - **\$250.00** to be paid in full upon purchase.

These devices are for Lithgow High School students only and Year 7 2018 students attending next year to purchase.

If you would like to purchase one of these devices at the discounted price, please contact the Administration Office or for further details contact Sam Luchetti - CLO on the school phone 02 63 521422.

Please note there are limited numbers available.



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

JUNIOR & SENIOR UNIFORMS NOW AVAILABLE FOR 2018!

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

Tuesday and Thursday
Mornings – 8.00am – 10.00am

Uniform price list, online shopping & fitting appointments available at:
www.alintaapparel.com.au

HELP REQUIRED

If you have any old school uniforms and would like to donate them our clothing pool, please hand in to the front office.

Year 10 and Junior School in particular!
Many students benefit from these donations.

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	18th January - 8.30am - 1.00pm
Friday	19th January - 8.30am - 1.00pm
Tuesday	23 rd January - 8.30am - 11.00am (extended hours available if busy)
Wednesday	24 th January - 8.00am - 10.00am (extended hours available if busy)
Thursday	25 th January – 8.00am – 10.00am (extended hours available if busy)
Friday	26 th January – CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Monday	29th 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.



IN THE COMMUNITY

Cruze Driving School

- AUTO/MANUAL
- CAR HIRE FOR TESTS
- PRE-TEST LESSONS
- DOOR TO DOOR COLLECTIONS
- BLOCK LESSONS AVAILABLE

BATHURST LITHGOW OBERON

Gabby Krulova
6337 5941 / 0404 644 089
Member of the ADTA no:3969

Cruze Driving School
0404 644 089 - 63 375 941

www.cruzedriving.wordpress.com

Need some driving lessons? Cruze Driving School is available for lessons, contact Gabby on 0404 644 089 to book your lesson now!

LAKE LYELL RECREATIONAL PARK



Daily Sessions 10.00am – 5.00pm
Call to book now on 63 55 6347

GIVING BLOOD FEELS GOOD

Every donation can save three lives.

Mobile Blood Service visiting:

Lithgow Bowling Club

Peachman Avenue, Lithgow

Monday 4 December	1.00pm – 7.30pm
Tuesday 5 December	8.00am – 2.45pm
Wednesday 6 December	1.00pm – 7.30pm
Thursday 7 December	8.00am – 2.45pm

Drink up! Have 3 or 4 glasses of water or juice in the hours before you donate

Eat! Have a good sized breakfast or lunch

Please bring photo I.D. with you

To make an appointment call 13 14 95
or visit donateblood.com.au



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





The Western Region Academy of Sport (WRAS) aims to identify, develop and provide pathways for talented young sports people in the western region. The following athletes from Lithgow High School have been selected in WRAS 2018 squads:

Basketball: Meleke Jenkins and Kade Inwood

Hockey: Tom Luchetti and Kristy-Lee Garland



CLEANERS REQUIRED

We are looking for reliable cleaning staff to work at a local Government sites in the **Lithgow** area, various positions available.

Experience preferred but not essential.
Training and uniform provided.

Please send your résumé to:
Joss Facility Management
PO Box 9371 Bathurst NSW 2795 or email
Janelle.haewkey@jossgroup.com.au

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 4th December, 2017 – P&C Meeting – Common Room – 6.00pm
Performance Evening – 6.30pm - All welcome to attend

Tuesday 5th December, 2017 – Year 7 Orientation Day (All Students)- 9.30am
Luna Park Excursion – Premier’s Reading Challenge reward year 7 & 8

Thursday 7th December, 2017
Year 10 Celebration Evening – LHS 6.00pm – Photos in the park at 5.00pm

Monday 11th December, 2017
Year 7-11 Presentation Evening Ceremony – 6.30pm
Award winners notified by letter

Wednesday 13th December, 2017
Year 7 – 10 reports distributed

Friday 15th December, 2017
Last day for Students for 2017

Monday 18th December, 2017
Staff Development day – Staff only

Tuesday 19th December, 2017
Staff Development Day – Staff only

Wednesday 20th December, 2017 - Summer holidays begin

Thursday 18th January, 2018 – Uniform Shop Open 8.30am – 1.00pm

Friday 19th January, 2018 – Uniform Shop Open – 8.30am - 1.00pm

Tuesday 23rd January, 2018 – Uniform Shop Open – 8.00am -10.00am

Thursday 25th January, 2018 – Uniform Shop Open – 8.00am – 10.00am – extended hours if required

Monday 29th January, 2018
Staff Development Day – LHS Staff only
LHS Uniform Shop Open – 8.30am – 10.00am – extended hours if required

Tuesday 30th January, 2018
School Resumes for Year 7, 11, and 12

Wednesday 31st January, 2018
School Resumes for Years 8, 9, 10 LHS Uniform Shop Open 8.30am – 10.00am – extended hours if required



For your fridge – Term 4 Calendar

Lithgow High School Calendar - Year 2016 TERM 4						
Month/ Week		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dec Week 1	9	4 P&C Meeting 6pm – Common Room Performance Evening 6.30pm	5 6►7 Orient Day 9.30am Hall Luna Park Excursion	6	7 Year 10 Celebration Evening – 6.00pm Hall	8
Dec Week 2	10	11 Presentation Evening Year 7 - 11 – 6.30pm Award Winners Only	12	13	14	15 Last day for Students for 2017
Dec Week 1	11	18 School Development Day	19 School Development Day	20 Summer holidays begin	21 Summer holidays	22 Summer holidays



*We hope you have a lovely, safe
Christmas break*