Thankyou to all staff and students for your great efforts throughout the term. Have a great break and get ready for another busy term commencing 27th April, 2016!
Premiers Sporting Challenge – Sports Leadership

As part of the ongoing NSW Premier’s Sporting Challenge sport leadership project, selected students from Years 9-11 worked together on March the 9th to continue the development of their interests in sport and physical activity in the roles of organisers (administration), leaders (beginner coach) and officials.

Four visiting primary schools from our local area, Toronto Public School, Fassifern Public School, Boolaroo Public School and Teralba Public School sent over 75 students between them to participate in our student lead coaching workshops. Dance, Gymnastics, Golf, Rugby League, Tennis and Soccer were all run with maximum enjoyment as the focus for all involved.

Whilst it was one hot day our students worked hard to accomplish their set coaching goals. Differentiating their skills and drills throughout each clinic made the day a huge success. Our student coaches have bright futures ahead and we are very lucky to have them shine here at Lake Macquarie High School.

Congratulations to all involved.

Year 7 2017 Information Night

On Tuesday the 22nd of March, Lake Macquarie High School held its first Information Night for parents and student’s for Year 7 2017.
Throughout the session I detailed what we can offer at Lake Macquarie High School for future students as we move towards redeveloping the school and further developing links with local Primary Schools.

With over 70 parents and future students in attendance, our Head Teachers showcased the many aspects we use to engage students across all Learning Areas.

One of the exciting innovation we are trialing this year is a full Year 5/6 transition to Lake Macquarie High School in Term 4. Leading up to this, all Primary schools will have access to the specialised spaces, such as science labs or TAs workshops, to build their confidence in accessing higher levels of learning.

There will be another information night held in Term 3 to introduce our Transition plans for 2016 and a final evening in late Term 4 as preparation for 2017.

**PRINCIPALS REPORT**

What an absolutely amazing term!

I said in the first newsletter this year that this term was going to be hectic, but it has also been rewarding seeing the many positive changes occur both inside the school and in the wider school community, including the Lake Macquarie Area Collegiate.

Some of our achievements this term include:

- Increased staff professional learning to bring new ideas and practices into your child’s classroom
- Increased student attendance, compared to the same time last year. As an example, for Term 1 this year we have over 40% of students at 95% attendance or more, including over 40 students at 100% attendance. This is a great reflection of the commitment of our students.
- Increased participation in whole school events such as our Swimming and Athletics Carnivals and Cross Country. Whole school participation leads to whole school culture change for the better.
- 3 more classrooms are being updated with the latest interactive technology, with more to come in the next 2 terms.
- Uniform is now worn by all students. The new box pleat skirt will be made available in mid May to replace the current skirt.

After this week our Annual School report and updated School management Plan will be made available from the schools website as a review of 2015 and to detail our plans for the future.
This week we will be holding our first Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander welcoming BBQ. It is an opportunity to meet with key staff and local external agencies who are all working together to build strong pathways for our students. Invitations were sent home last week and there is an open invitation for all local community to attend also. The BBQ commences at 11.30 am on Tuesday the 5th of April. See you there!

The first major school event for Term 2 is ANZAC Day. I encourage all students to be involved in our local community commemoration services. Lake Macquarie High School will be assisting with the 8am Service at Teralba on ANZAC Day. For students attending services, they are asked to wear school uniform. As a school we will be holding our own service for all students at 2.20pm on the 27th of April.

As part of our service I also invite any family members of our school community who are returned or current service men and women to attend and be involved in our service.

Early in May we will also be running this years NAPLAN exams. Information about these will be sent home early next term. NAPLAN tests are just one more way we can assess a students’ achievements in literacy and numeracy. The NAPLAN test does not give us the whole story of your child’s ability, that’s why we use other methods including in class assessment and ICAS tests. If you have any queries about NAPLAN please contact the school at anytime.

As we start the school break at the end of this week, if you are traveling please drive safely. Students will need their rest because Term 2 will be even more fun.

Until next time

Brendan Maher
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL NEWS

JENNY MCEWAN AND ANDREW HOCKING

As the weather has become cooler, it is noticeable that more students are wearing non-uniform clothing to school. If your child is unable to wear full school uniform on a particular day, please give them a note of explanation. The Uniform Shop is open at school each Wednesday from 8:30am to 2:30pm.

Parents of Year 12 students should have received a copy of their child’s “Confirmation of Entry” for the HSC. Please check this document carefully and contact Mr Hocking at school to report any errors or ask any questions regarding the HSC. Parents of Year 11 students will receive a similar document next term.

Students from Years 7 to 12 undertook the “Tell them from me” survey last Wednesday. This was an online survey used to assist in planning for the future based on student needs. The Department of Education has recommended that all schools participate and we eagerly await the results.

In Term 2, students will be assisting in painting the bottom floor of A block with Aboriginal art work. Local Aboriginal artists will come in to Lake Macquarie High School to lead the project.

If you have been sent a Health Care plan, please complete and return it to Mrs McEwan as soon as possible.

Students return on Wednesday, April 27 for Term 2. Have a happy and safe holiday.

CURRICULUM NEWS

CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS

Artist of the Month

Congratulations to Liam Thomas for being chosen as our Artist of the Month for February. Liam is a talented young man who specialises in gaming-related artworks. He works with digital technology and electronic drawing tablets to make artworks of well-known gaming and manga-style characters which he shares online at popular art websites. Liam is currently working on the creation of his own original characters. Our Artists of the Month will receive a certificate of achievement and a badge donated by The National Association of Visual Artists. Well done Liam.
Year 8 Digital Photography

Ms Wilkinson’s Digital Photography class have been making great use of the natural beauty around our school and are learning to shoot landscape photography by the lake.

Sydney Biennale Excursion

Planning is under way for our trip to Cockatoo Island in Sydney for the amazing Biennale Exhibition. This year the art show features huge sculptures with a science-fiction theme. This amazing exhibition only comes to Sydney every two years, so don’t miss out. This opportunity is open to all students from 7 to 12 and is supported by The Museum of Contemporary Art. Permission notes will be coming home soon. The cost is only $20 thanks to the generosity of our P&C. Date for excursion is Tuesday May 17.
Year 8 Working With Nature

Our talented Year 8 artists have been learning how to work in a variety of art media, from pencil to oil pastels, paint and charcoal. Their theme is “the natural world”. Their results so far are looking great!

TECHNOLOGY AND APPLIED STUDIES

Practical classes are completing Term One projects in the wood, textile, electronics and now the new metalwork area.

All students are reminded to wear their leather upper shoes.

Fees need to be paid so that students can bring home the products they have been making.

Shoreline Café – Lake Macquarie High Schools very own coffee shop has had a wonderful term with students developing skills in front and back of house service, barista skills, money handling and teamwork.

Hope to see you in term 2 with a new range of menu items to make your taste buds tingle.

Hospitality
Below you can see are array of our up and coming chefs and wait staff developing their skills in the hospitality sector. The special of the day was vegetarian minestrone.

9 Child Studies

The year 9 Child studies class have been working their way through the male and female bodies. Conception has been studied and we are about to move onto pregnancy. To assist in their understanding the group have been having brief turns wearing the Pregnancy Profile.

The Pregnancy Profile and three Real Care babies were purchased for us by the school P&C. These have added much understanding and laughter to Child studies classes over the past few years.

_Shoreline_ is the new Lake Macquarie High School fortnightly newsletter that will highlight the many great programs and student achievements across our school. If you would like to receive _Shoreline_ as an email please contact the Front Office on 49581544 or by email lakemacqua-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Don’t forget our school’s Facebook page at “Lake Macquarie High School – Official”
School holidays are fast approaching. Although it would be easy for students to throw their bag in the corner and forget about school for the fifteen days, it is a great opportunity to consolidate what was learnt this term. In particular, HSC students, with only two terms to go will be writing summaries, Physics students will be preparing for their assessment task week 2. Preliminary students will be getting their heads around all the new content presented in their electives and year 10 will be finishing off their Student Independent Research Project (major experiment and lengthy report) worth 25% of their final mark (due May 3).

Year 7 Hunter Wetlands Centre Excursion

Year 7 are studying sustainability and as part of this unit of work had the fantastic opportunity to spend the day at the Hunter Wetlands Education Centre at Shortland.

Caitlyn Atkinson, one of our Year 7 students, wrote the following about the day out:

On Thursday the 24th, we went on an excursion to the wetlands. It was really educational and Year 7 had a lot of fun. We learnt all about the species that inhabit the wetlands and how important it is to protect our Earth for the next generation.

Students mentioned that they had a great time, including Aidan Dellaway, saying that it was “Mind-numbingly awesome!” While some enjoyed catching water bugs with dip nets, William Shelley mentioned that his favourite part was actually looking at the bugs under the special microscopes. It was a great day of learning for all year 7. Thank you Ms LD and Mr Johnston for making this day possible and thank you to the Hunter Wetlands Education staff for providing such a great learning experience with excellent resources.
It is rocket science!

HSC Physics are currently studying space and rocket science. They designed their own experiment involving water rockets and the angle of trajectory. Next time an air compressor will be used and Mr Beecham in TAS has been approached to make a more permanent launching device.

Communication

Although teenagers aren’t known for their communication, HSC Biology students are enjoying studying the Communication elective. Most students were excited about dissecting eyes, however some students were given models and allowed to sit out this lesson.

Sustainability

Year 7 “mined” cookies for their choc chips. Jeremy Beale had this to say “I didn’t like not being allowed to eat the cookie but I now understand what mining does to the earth”

Into Your Future

Year 10 wrote an ‘argument’ for their assessment on ‘How Clean is Nuclear Energy’. Each student had to research Nuclear energy, decide on a definition for ‘clean’, make up their mind and convince the reader. The results were awesome, there were some excellent arguments.

Dylan Perry-Smith wrote “Nuclear energy has no place in a safe, clean, sustainable future” and Hayley Jorgensen wrote “Nuclear energy is the safest, cleanest and among the most practical forms of power generation today”. Year 10 was divided in their stand, however more students believed that nuclear energy is clean than not clean.

CHOIR

Congratulations to the winners of the ‘find-Mrs McCabe’ competition. During the recent Yr 7 Information Night, Mrs T. Smith, Ms Holdsworth, Joey Mott and Liam Tam from Booragul P.S. correctly ‘found’ Mrs McCabe.

Students are working hard on the pieces for the Sydney Town Hall Concert (17th May) and are looking forward to being on the same stage as Katie Noonan and the N.S.W. Schools Orchestra. Tickets are available from https://www.cityrecitalhall.com/events/department-education-concert or City Recital Hall Box Office 8256 2222.
Each Friday at lunchtime the special interest group, Space Age Productions, meets in the library. This small group of students are focused on creating their own comic books and moving into the world of animation and graphic novels in their adult lives. On Friday April 1st, Ms O’Donoghue accompanied three of these students on an excursion to an animation workshop that was part of the Newcastle Writers Festival and hosted by Newcastle Region Library. The workshop was run by Serena Geddes, an enthusiastic artist who once worked for Disney Studios. Some of the animation projects Ms Geddes has worked on include *The Lion King*, *The Little Mermaid* and *Peter Pan: Return to Neverland*.

The students learned the techniques involved in creating a single cell in traditional animation. Firstly, we drew a monster character in pencil. We then placed an acetate sheet (a clear plastic sheet) over our pencil drawn characters and drew an outline of our monsters in black texta onto the acetate sheet. We then flipped our outlined monsters over and painted in some detail and colour on the reverse side. After drying the paintwork with a hairdryer, the final step was to give our monsters some context by placing them against a prepared background. Voila! Monsters were everywhere!

All in all it was a great day with everyone thoroughly enjoying themselves on an excursion described by one of the students as “a unique experience”.

Stage 1: Aidan Dellaway’s pencil drawn monster

William Shelley works on his “80’s monster”

William, Aidan and Serena: monster proud!

Final stage: Ms O’Donoghue’s villain really did start out as a monster...
For all parents, care givers, grandparents, aunties, uncles and students, please make sure you follow LMHS on Facebook and through our School App (available in iTunes and PlayStore at no cost).

We use these mediums to update the community on the many things going on at school and recognise our students on their achievements.

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**WANTED - Players for our 6's, 14's and 16's Teams**

for 6’s (15 or 16 this year etc)  
**GIRLS AND BOYS**

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