Barden Produce and Coca-Cola Amatil

Year 10 Business and Year 11 BCT

During Term 1 a group of Year 11 BCT students and Year 10 Business students travelled to Richlands via Barden Produce Gatton to explore the Coca-Cola Amatil Pty Ltd factory. At Barden Produce we were able to tour the facility and look at their innovative practices and environmental initiatives. At Coca-Cola Amatil we were given the opportunity to further our knowledge on business environments.

Mathew Thorne (Year 10) enjoyed his time at Barden Produce and made the following comments:

- Really interested in the ‘cool’ hydroponics system – got to see how the produce is cooled down in hydro and vac coolers before being packed and sent to Coles and Woolworths
- It was great to see what happened to the produce from our family farm after harvesting
- The tour guides were very nice and friendly

Georgia Malone and Caitlin Ruthenberg (Year 11) enjoyed their time at Coca-Cola and made the following comments:

- It was interesting to see what a plastic bottle starts off as, what benefits the employees received and how Cola-Cola spends $40 million on advertising each year.
- Our tour guide Leslie showed us the seven operational drink-making lines within the factory and we were given the opportunity to watch drinks being canned and bottled.
- After hearing about the history and going on an enjoyable guided tour of the lines we were then given a cold beverage to enjoy at the end of our tour.
- It was a very enjoyable and educational day.

The Cattle Show Team is looking forward to a successful season in 2013. With entries in multiple shows, the students are keen to get started.

The first show for the team will be at Esk on Saturday 25 May, followed by Lowood on 1 June. The students have been practising hard and preparing the cattle since the start of the year as well as getting themselves ready for the Junior Judging competitions.

This year the team welcomes four new members - Caitlyn Goltz, Danielle Hunter, Monique Jeffs and Shaliah Ryan.

Good luck for a great and DRY 2013 show season.

Judy Collin
Teacher

You can now stay in touch and up-to-date with school news on your smartphone. “QSchools” is the app you are after.

Search for Lockyer District HS and add it to your favourites and find news, calendar events and newsletters from our school.

A couple of extra features include:
- receive emergency announcements and information around school closures
- follow multiple schools
- search for the nearest school by current location, postcode, school name or suburb and view school contact details
- available to download free via the Apple iTunes store and Google Play.
Welcome to the May edition of Lockyerlife. Thank you for taking the time to read this edition, as we believe that our newsletter forms an important part of home school communication.

Smart phone and tablet users can access Lockyer District High School information from a free app called Q Schools. School information, alerts, news and other information is available in a quick and simple format to help keep our community up to date. This addition extends the communication between school, parents and the community and moves towards the recommendation from last year’s Quadrennial School Review.

Schools work in partnership with parents and carers to try to get the best for their students, to maximise their potential and to set them up with the necessary skills to thrive in life after school. Feedback from report cards, Parent/Teacher evenings, how-to-improve comments on completed and marked assessment items all contribute to an improvement strategy for all students. Please work with your children, examining teacher feedback and setting in place ways to develop skills and improve results. It is a great way to have a structured conversation with your child about what is going on at school and how you can support your student to improve.

Junior Secondary is an important change-agenda at Lockyer in 2013 being led by Ms Mandy Staines, Acting Head of Department for Junior Secondary at our school. Supporting students in years 8 and 9 to learn by acknowledging their social-emotional growth, adolescent brain development, student achievement data and participation in school events is a focus for us this year and coming years leading up to the 2015 when year 7 comes to high school. Significant staff professional development and curriculum reviews are underway to better cater for the needs of students aged 12 to 14 years. It is an exciting and rewarding project.

As winter approaches, it is time to ensure that your student conforms to the school’s uniform policy. Uniform guidelines are available in your student’s diary and will soon be on our re-vamped website.

We continue to have student who strive for excellence. Amazingly capable academics, super-talented sports people, representing the region, the state and the country, wonderfully artistic and articulate performers and magnificently community minded and involved students; all representing the school.

I remain very proud of the students and staff at Lockyer. Together, we have a good school. Let’s all work together to continue to improve in everything we do.

If our school can assist you in any way, please contact us. You can follow me on Twitter @Principal_LDHS or copy the link https://twitter.com/#!/Principal_LDHS

Until next time

Darren

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**SCHOOL NURSE**

**WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY**

Yes! It’s that time again. On the 31st of May it is **WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY**.

"Ban tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship" is the theme for World No Tobacco Day this year.

For whatever reason there are many young people who smoke tobacco. No matter how you started, there are supports available. You can come to depend on cigarettes, especially when you’re worried, bored or stressed. You can even get to the stage where you feel you can’t cope if you don’t have another drag.

When you are ready to take control of your life:

- **Phone Quitline:13QUIT**
- Log on to www.quitnow.info.au or www.feelinggood.com.au an interactive website for women about smoking and drinking
- Throw away all of your cigarettes, lighters and ashtrays
- Tell your friends and family that you are trying to stop smoking
- Get a friend to quit at the same time
- List all your reasons not to smoke and put them on your bedroom door/in your diary
- Write reminder cards “I can do it...” and leave them in your wallet, schoolbag, bedroom and diary
- Do something else when you would normally smoke – go for a walk, listen to music, talk with a friend, eat an apple, chew gum, clean your teeth.

Remember to reward yourself for your hard work.

If you would like to have a chat please contact me.

Justine
School Nurse

**WE WELCOME LILLEY**

Hi, my name is Acting Senior Constable Lilley Voigt. I am your new School Based Police Officer.

I am at your school to enhance community safety and security and increase community confidence and satisfaction with Police. I hope to achieve this by building positive relationships with and providing a quality policing service for members of the school community.

I have an office located in U Block and I am more than happy to talk to anyone and give any advice needed. If I don’t know the answer I will find it out for you. My door is always open.

I also have a mobile phone you can contact if necessary, which will be on during business hours. The students are welcome to come to see me on their breaks and if parents would like to talk to me please contact the school administration office. Stay safe and I look forward to meeting you.

Lilley Voigt
In February this year USQ contacted our school seeking ways it could assist our community after another round of severe flooding.

As part of the Higher Education Participation, Partnership Project (HEPPP) the University of Southern Queensland (USQ) was given funding from the Federal Government to support students identified as facing multiple disadvantages, who may benefit from financial assistance to raise educational engagement and learning aspirations.

USQ has been working with Lockyer District High School, Education Queensland and the “Flood Recovery – Darling Downs and South West Region Team” to support students affected by the 2013 flooding and continuing financial hardships.

The goal of the scheme is to raise aspirations and encourage participation in education for high school students. USQ has achieved this goal by providing nominated students with a $500 voucher to be used towards purchasing a laptop from local businesses.

By ensuring these funds are spent within the local area USQ has also supported local businesses.

Lockyer District High School is proud to be identified as a "Partner School" of USQ and wishes to thank Mr Phillip Eastment (Manager, Student Equity & Disability USQ) and USQ for their organisation’s continued support of students and families of the Lockyer valley.

Photo: Mr Darren Cook, Mr Phillip Eastment, Ms Sarah Hawes and Mr Jeff Head

USQ Evening Info Session Invitation

There is an upcoming event that will provide some guidance for students interested in taking the next step towards achieving their university success.

How?
Come along to the USQ Toowoomba Information Evening and find out about our degrees and how we support students to succeed like no other university.

Students will get the chance to meet our academics and our Student Relationship Officers, and find out what life is like at USQ.

We will have a specific USQ Head Start booth, which can help students and their parents to get all their questions answered about how Year11 or Year12 students can start studying University classes while still at school.

When?

Date: Thursday 30 May 2013  
Time: 5.00pm - 6.30pm  
Venue: Jacaranda Room, Cinema Level, Grand Central Shopping Centre Toowoomba

Urban Training and Fitness has come to Gatton and specifically, Lockyer District High School. Over the last couple of months some teachers have been taking active steps towards a healthy lifestyle. Led by fellow teachers, Mr Cowan and Mr Brown; teachers, students and the wider community now have access to bootcamp sessions that can accommodate every walk of life and fitness.

You may know of our revered colleague, Mr Vince Hoger who has been battling with illness. We propose a session to be run on Tuesday 4 June commencing at 4.10pm with all proceeds going directly to Vince and his family to assist him in getting better. Bring your running shoes, towel and a positive attitude and make a difference in your life but more importantly make a difference for Vince. Hope to see you there!

Sessions are held every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon commencing at 4.10pm on the oval at school for an hour. Come along and have a fun afternoon and improve your health and wellbeing at the same time.

1 session $10.00  
4 sessions $35.00  
8 sessions $70.00

For more information on Money-for-Vince….contact us directly via email, urban_tf@hotmail.com to reserve your spot.
2013 once again saw a return to Camp Warrawee for year 8 students of Lockyer District High. The camp was a chance for Year 8 students to work together through different activities and help build up team work, leadership and self-belief. Over the three days students were involved in activities like low ropes course, raft building, orienteering activities, drama games and last but not least the flying fox which was home to a lot of screams and laughter. At the end of our three days, we had a fantastic lunch at the Broncos Leagues club and even though the students didn’t get a chance to see the Broncos train they still enjoyed the food put on. A big thankyou to all the students involved and all the staff as well.

Mr Jason Croft

We all had a fantastic time at Camp Warrawee! The teachers and the students experienced fun filled sunny days where challenges arose for us all. Not only did the students dare themselves to go on the flying fox, but the raft building was an activity that all enjoyed. Orienteering presented its own set of challenges where students explored areas of the camp grounds whereas pool games tested their ability to compete against Mr Luther. Each group entertained us with some fantastic skits on night two and I was pleased to see so many actors amongst us all, even The Voice stars made an appearance! (the teachers). It was a successful and educational experience for all Year 8 students who attended. The staff at Camp Warrawee stated we were the neatest and most polite school that has visited in a long time. Well done Year 8 and the Staff who came along to camp this year.

Sarah Ryan
Year 8 Coordinators

Tiffany Brown Stated:
“The skits were humorous, lots of fun and showed us all how to contribute and work together as a team. I think we should be very proud of our efforts”

Franklin Van Mosseceld stated:
“It took 2 days for Miss Ryan to get enough courage to take on the flying fox. In the end with a lot of encouragement and courage she climbed the tree and conquered the flying fox. I think she almost cried”
On Wednesday 15 May, the class of 10Q went down to visit the Disaster Management Centre. We discussed a variety of disasters that could happen in the Lockyer Region and also talked about some of the past flooding disasters that happened in 2011 and 2013 around Grantham, Mount Sylvia and Laidley.

Dave was one of the disaster management centre workers who was able to tell us about his job and what some of his duties involved. He mentioned his job is not an easy job as he has to be able to make decisions on the spot that could be the difference between life and death. We saw images of the cameras that have been set up around the Lockyer Region watching bridges and creeks. We learnt the importance of these cameras and gauges and also learnt that these cameras have a quick snap shot every 10 seconds so they know when to put out warnings to people. Dave also talked about the importance of social media with issuing warnings and alerts and also using UHF and radio.

We all enjoyed the visit and to see how the Disaster Management Centre runs and the importance this set up has in the Lockyer Valley Region and helping the community from future disasters.

Brandon Berg
Sarah Ryan
Jason Croft

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**Blue Storm**  Gatton Soccer Grounds $10 entry per child adults with children free entry
- 7 June
- 12 July
- 9 August

**Blue Storm**  Gatton Soccer Grounds $10 entry per child adults with children free entry
- 14 September
- 11 October
- 29 November

**DEB GILMARTIN**
Official launch of her first book
- Sunday 2 June
- 10.30am

Mary Ryans Bookshop
Ruthven Street
TOOWOOMBA

Tea/Coffee and scone $5
ANZAC DAY, the 25th of April, is a day when we are all able to remember the sacrifice of all Australians who have served and are currently serving in overseas wars and conflicts.

We held our ANZAC Day service at school the day before ANZAC Day. This year two services were held. The senior service was organised and presented by Year 10 boys and the junior service by Year 9 boys.

Lockyer District High School participated in Gatton’s ANZAC Day Service too. Many students proudly represented Lockyer by marching to the Weeping Mother’s Memorial where the annual service was held.

Many thanks go to the teachers and students who gave up a few hours for this very important day.

Lest We Forget.

Alex Dallinger & Matthew Thorne

LDHS your local Microsoft Certification Testing Centre

As part of a larger Education Queensland initiative LDHS has recently undergone a process to become a registered Microsoft Certification testing centre. This opens the way for your students to receive, as part of their existing course of study in business and ICT, official internationally recognised MOS (Microsoft Office Specialist) certifications.

Contrary to what you may think the certificates actually represent a considerable level of skill and expertise. During the initial introduction of the courseware and materials to Darling Downs Region EQ staff, none of those present were able to complete the exam within the allotted time frame of 45 min. The average completion time for students from schools already running the program is 15 minutes. With this in mind we are excited to have the training environments and course material that accompanies the testing centre title. This will enable us to significantly advance the level of the learning that your students will be undertaking in this area as part of their existing courses of study.

One of the most exciting parts of the certification program is a competition run by Microsoft into which all students who take part in the certification exams are entered based on their accuracy and completion time. Each year a select number of the fastest, highest scoring students from around the world are flown to the US for a week to compete in the Microsoft World Titles. Last year a year 11 student from Toowoomba was one of those selected for this opportunity, competing for the Excel World Title.

It is hoped that in the near future we will be able to also offer this opportunity to the whole student body as an extra-curricular option.

Marc Westhoff 0467 553

Belong…Believe…Achieve
Wednesday 1 May 2013

Miss Fraser and Ms Edbrooke took thirteen Year 12 students to Brisbane to The Coffee School for 5 hours intensive Barista Training. Their training included organising and preparing the espresso machine for service, using the coffee grinder, extracting shots correctly, texturising milks, making the many styles of coffee such as cappuccino, long black, macchiato and latte as well as cleaning the machine.

Together with their teachers we experimented and practiced many styles of coffee and some latte art techniques. It was a great experience for all the students as they got to use an individual espresso machine with the trainer to help them along the way. This unit of competency ‘Prepare and serve espresso coffee’ will contribute towards their Certificate II in Hospitality and has given them the consolidated practice they need to develop their confidence and skills to industry standard which we will be applying to function and Restaurant work this year.

The Year 12 Certificate II students are looking forward to testing out their skills for the Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea in May and Restaurants in Term 3 and Hospitality Studies students will apply their skills in their Restaurants starting early May. It was a pleasure to take such a dedicated and passionate group of students on the trip and work alongside them throughout the day.

Ms Edbrooke
HOD VET & PRACTICAL ARTS
CULTURAL EXCHANGE

Lockyer District High School has again this year been invited to host students from Ageo City in Japan. The group consists of 22 junior high school students and 5 teacher escorts. They will visit Gatton from Tuesday 23 July until Wednesday 31 July 2013. The group will attend a daily program at Lockyer District High School. The program includes classes designed to improve their English conversational skills, excursions to local venues of interest, interactions with various classes and cultural activities.

The school is eager to find host families for these young people for the duration of their stay. Host families are asked to provide a bed and meals for the students, but more importantly to accept the students not as a guest but rather as a member of the family. This allows the students to gain a more realistic impression of Australian life in its varying aspects than otherwise obtained if the accommodation was provided in a motel or dormitory.

In return, the host families benefit by learning about Japanese culture and making friends from another country. A one off payment will be made to each family to assist with the cost involved with hosting a student.

If you would like to host or have any questions regarding the visit please fill in and return the cut off section below to the office.

Alternatively, you may choose to call the school office on 5466 2333 and leave your name and number and we will get back to you.

All enquiries to Denise Harris.

Sayonara

Yes, we would like to host a Japanese Exchange Student

We would like more information about hosting a Japanese Exchange Student

Family Name_________________________ Phone Number (H)______________

Students Name:____________________

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