Information Technology (IT) is an area characterised by frequent and rapid change. It presents particular challenges for Australian society, especially the need to respond to emerging technologies and trends. Information Technology Systems involves the use of technologies by which students manipulate and share information in its various forms such as text, graphics, sound, video and they use a range of devices to complete a variety of IT functions. This year we introduced the subject, Information Technology Systems (ITS) as a practical discipline which prepares students to meet the rapid changes and to respond to emerging technologies and trends. ITS provide students with the knowledge and skills used in the systems that support IT. These systems range from those supporting the development of information, such as documents or websites, to those supporting technology, such as computers or networks.

For students to work in a virtual environment, we have created a simulated business with a working title of Lockyer Magic. Students complete all assessment work in this virtual business. As a competition, students were asked to create a logo design for our business. There were lots of entries and the class ran a secret ballot to choose the best one. As a prize the logo will be used for all assessment and design work. The winner of this competition was Justin Struthers. Congratulations Justin!

Mrs Powter
HOD Information Technology

Recently the Year 9 & 10 classes have been exploring fabric colouring with a product called ‘Liquid Radiance’ to do a one colour print on a pair of socks. The students were delighted with the results - vibrant colours and unique, snazzy designs.

The students have now completed their projects (i.e. hearts and pillowcases, socks) and are now ready to start designing using the Technology Design Process on an individual project.

Well done everyone!
Welcome to the April edition of Lockyerlife for 2014. I hope you had a happy Easter and that your student is ready for term 2. Thank you for taking the time to read this edition, as we believe that our newsletter forms an important part of home/school communication.

Nationally, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will participate in NAPLAN testing scheduled for May 13, 14 and 15. These standardised tests provide useful point-in-time information regarding students in the dimensions of reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation and numeracy. This information is used to guide teacher practice and combined with other student data is used to tailor a program of learning to better meet your students needs. Students have been working very hard in class time as well as in dedicated literacy and numeracy enhancement classes to build their skills. One demonstration of these skills is in their performance in NAPLAN tests. If you know that your Year 9 student will be absent on any/all of these days, please contact the school and complete a “parent withdrawal from NAPLAN form”.

Recent progress report cards were distributed to all students and parent/teacher meetings scheduled for April 30. Please discuss the progress reports with your student/s. It is important that teachers, students and parents work in a partnership to improve student results over time. Ensure that students use their assessment planners, prepare consistently and frequently for assessment items, do regular homework and practice the skills taught in class, at home. Always encourage your student to read rather than watch TV or use social media. Read with your child, discuss what student is learning at school and have a look at their exercise books. It all helps and shows them that you are interested.

We are a School-wide Positive Behaviour Support School. We teach students how to behave. Our mantra is SAFE, RESPONSIBLE, LEARNER. Acknowledging appropriate behaviour is important to us as well as rewarding consistently good behaviour. Significant research shows that if students are acknowledged for doing the right thing, they are happier; the school is a better and friendlier place. Poor behaviour becomes less frequent and less desirable to engage in.

We have recently enjoyed the ANZAC Day holiday. While Lockyer participated in 2 in-school ANZAC ceremonies (thanks to the Year 10 boys who organised the ceremonies) as well as very strong representation at the Gatton ANZAC Day march (thanks to the School Captains and leaders who organised our participation), ANZAC always reminds me of the notion of legacy – what we leave behind. As members of a community, whether a school community, a street, precinct or shire, our behaviour and our participation adds to the strength of the community and builds traditions and values that are perpetuated by those that follow after us. We all owe a debt of gratitude to those who participate and lead these events and hope that the youth of tomorrow continue to cherish the traditions established for them through the great work done in the past. Please be involved in making and continuing those positive traditions, it is worth it.

I remain very proud of the students and staff at Lockyer. Together, we have a good school, the school of choice in the Lockyer Valley. 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

Thanks

Darren

JUNIOR-SECONDARY

JUNIOR SECONDARY LEADERS

Last term a number of brave Year 8 and 9 students stood before their year level and offered their ideas on how they would lead their cohort if elected to the position of Junior Secondary Leader. Congratulations to all of the students who took the time to complete a leadership application and presented a speech. Congratulations to our Junior Secondary leaders:

Year 8: Zoe Ilka, Jayden Richardson, Tori-Marie Jarrett and James Hermann

Year 9: Mark Healey, Mikayla Shea, Dominic Smith, Amelia Webster

Thank-you to the Year Level Co-ordinators for their work in preparing students for these speeches.

YEAR 8 CAMP

Increased costs of the popular tradition that is Year 8 Camp led to some initial concerns that we were not going to be able to offer it in its traditional format (overnight stay for two nights). Thanks to some careful investigation by teacher Greg Leathart (thanks Greg!), we are very pleased that we will still be able to offer camp in this way. Year 8 Camp is a really great opportunity for students to strengthen relationships with their peers and teachers, while also further developing their own resilience, self-confidence, leadership skills, and other such important life skills. It will now take place in August. More information will be sent home with Year 8 students in the future.

NAPLAN

It’s hard to believe that it’s almost that time of year again but it is only two weeks until our Year 9 students complete the NAPLAN tests. NAPLAN tests are a useful tool for teachers to drive their teaching to meet our kids’ needs. While much negative media attention that surrounds NAPLAN, mostly due to its link to measuring school performance, we strongly encourage our whole community to communicate positively about the NAPLAN tests. We also ask you to encourage your Year 9 child to do his/her very best in the NAPLAN tests so that the information we gain from it is accurate and we can use it reliably. A healthy diet and a good night’s rest are crucial in helping kids’ brains work to their very best.

PLANNING FOR 2015

2015 and the introduction of Year 7 into Secondary School is fast approaching. In May, Lockyer District High School will host Teacher Taster Days for those Primary School teachers interested in moving into Secondary School. We will also participate in a peer review, where our readiness for this will be discussed. Our continuing plans and practices for Junior Secondary, including how we will cater to Year 7, will also be exhibited at the Lockyer Rural Lifestyle Expo (23rd and 24th May).

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Year 9 Shop A

The two Year 9 Shop A classes completed their timber pencil case project in Term 1 and started their timber serving tray. The students are progressing well and developing their woodworking skills. The serving tray has two design components – the handle design and the pyro pen work on the base of the tray.

Term 2 will see the students start on their plastics work, manufacturing their own cake slice.

Year 9 Graphics

The Year 9 Graphics class have designed and marked out their lettering on the school buildings. They will signwrite their lettering this term. Students are also learning about technical drawing for engineering and technical drawing Australian Standards.

Mrs Abraham

Year 9’s are finishing a second sheet metal project. They are working and joining curved sheet metal and preparing to learn the skills of soldering; cleaning, heating metal to the right temperature and making a smooth strong joint.

Year 10’s are on their third project. They have been busy learning to be accurate on the lathe, working to fractions of a millimetre and learning how to use the graduations on the lathe. Two exciting electronics projects await. One is completely new for Year 10 at Lockyer District High School.

In Certificate 1 Furnishing: chair parts have been cut out, designs have been approved and a new workbook has been developed to give students a taste of workplace documentation.

Year 11/12 Furnishing are choosing between a speaker box or a bird box. Don’t be surprised if you see Year 11/12 Furnishing students in car wrecking yards – they are looking for speakers to put in their speaker boxes.

Year 11/12 Engineering SAS are currently cooking up a storm with their portable barbecues and coming to grips with the engineering vice projects.

Year 12 Furnishing are completing their clock and starting on their bedside cabinet project.

These and many other “happenings” are in store for D-Block in Term 2!

Matt Sanders
The May Ladies Breakfast will be at the Peace Lutheran Church in the hall on the corner of East St and Spencer St. It will be on Saturday 24 May commencing at 7.30am.

If you are interested in furniture restoration or just like fixing things there are a number of chairs for sale. They are quite sturdy and would come in handy when extra chairs are needed. Please contact the office and organise to meet with Mr Ian Zischke and have a look at what is available.

Chairs will range from $2.00 each.
Tuesday, 25 March marked the day of the Great Shave and Wax!! Three slightly attractive teachers and four handsome students signed up for the World’s Greatest Shave cause raising awareness and money for Cancer research. Initially the goal was set at $500; however we reached $800 within our school community. Congratulations Lockyer for all those who helped; you know who you are and should be proud that you took part.

This is an incredible amount and couldn’t have been achieved without the support of all those involved and the staff of Lockyer District High School, especially Mr Bray. On the day students and teachers had the opportunity to colour their hair and we saw the attractive looks of Mr Freeman, Andrew, Joseph, Carly who was the only brave young woman to put her name down, Lewis, and myself as we wore our baldness proudly.

So with the support of the community and the school we have doubled our original goal and made a difference, as they say ‘every little bit counts’. I would like to also mention that another courageous student by the name of Curt White who individually raised $800 to shave off his luscious hair. He was well known for his long hair around the school which he had been growing for three years only to shave it off this year for a great cause!

So thank you Lockyer District High School for your generous donations and support this year for the World’s Greatest Shave, and perhaps next year will be even bigger!

Bodean Shea.

Infectious diseases account for thousands of school days lost each year for kindergarten through 12th-year state school students:

- 40% of children aged 5–17 years missed 3 or more school days in the past year because of illness or injury.

The School environment can foster the transmission of infections from person to person because they are a group setting in which people are in close contact and share supplies and equipment. With this in mind, encouraging sick students and staff to stay home and seek medical attention for severe illness will decrease the risk of the illness being transferred to someone else.

Other things you can do are:

- Frequent hand hygiene before and after you go to the toilet, before you eat and after you eat, and if you cough or sneeze in your hands.
- Ensure all you vaccinations are up to date. For e.g. Measles, influenza and whooping cough.
- Drink the daily recommendation of hydrating fluids such as water.

Eat health foods such as fruit and vegetables to aide your natural immunity.

Ensure you have enough rest and sleep.

Staying healthy is important to yourself and your community.

Please find fact sheets on Hygiene and immunisations etc at the QLD health website: www.health.qld.gov.au

Welcome back after the holidays. I hope you had an enjoyable Easter.

I just wanted to let you know of changes to the days I am in the school. I am now here every Tuesday and Thursday and alternate Wednesday.

My service is confidential and information is not shared unless permission is given. As a health service provider I respect this, however, there are some things which I must refer or act upon. Please discuss what can be expected about confidentiality with me at the time of our visit.

In most cases, it is best for young people to talk to their parents about health and wellbeing issues. This is something that I can support the young person in doing.

If you would like to see me I am a voluntary drop in service, if I am busy at the time I will make an appointment for you. My office can be found in U block. Alternatively, you can make an appointment at the office if I am not within the school.

Below are links to online support services should you need them.

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http://www.beyondblue.org.au
http://www.headspace.org.au
26 East Street, Ipswich Qld 4305
(Parking via Wharf Street)
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On the 23rd of April students in Year 11 and 12 were given the opportunity to attend Careers that Shape the World at the University of Queensland St Lucia campus. Careers that Shape the World is an exciting student experience day designed to help students choose a career that’s right for them.

Students took part in various interactive, career-focused sessions which were delivered by industry professionals, academic experts and students from UQ. Sessions were based on numerous study areas including Business, Economics and Law, Engineering, Architecture and Information Technology, Health, Medicine, Behavioural and Biomedical Sciences, Humanities, Social Science, Education and Arts and Science.

The day was thoroughly enjoyed by all participants and provided insight in to possible career path options for tertiary study with the University of Queensland.

By Georgia Malone
Publicity Officer

You and your family are invited to a free barbecue at Lake Apex Park, Lake Apex Drive, Gatton from 9am-11am on Sunday, 18 May 2014.

Hosted by Queensland Urban Utilities, this event is to thank the community for its patience as the Gatton Sewer Main Upgrade reaches its final stages.

There will be a free sausage sizzle, coffee and a face painter for the kids at this family-friendly event. Please RSVP by 12 May 2014 by emailing community.feedback@urbanutilities.com.au.

For more information about the Gatton Sewer Main Upgrade, phone the contact centre on 13 26 57 from 7am-7pm weekdays, email the project team at community.feedback@urbanutilities.com.au or visit our project webpage at www.urbanutilities.com.au/Infrastructure/Current_Projects/Lockyer_Valley.
Safe drivers are good drivers. Speeding is a major cause of crashes in Queensland. Every kilometre over affects whether a crash happens and how severe it is. The faster you drive the longer it takes to stop. Driving for the conditions is also important.

Driver distraction, seemingly harmless activities can have disastrous outcomes while driving.

Mobile phones: Driving with a mobile phone in your hand is illegal and will attract a fine and demerit points, even when you are stopped in traffic. Plan ahead and make calls before you start driving, pull over to answer the phone and never take your eyes off the road to send a text message.

Just a reminder to the parents and students that drive vehicles around the school zones, ensure that you pay attention to the speed signs as directed, 40km/h during the designated hours. Students and parents need to ensure that pedestrian crossings are used appropriately and do not walk in front of the buses before or after school. On several occasions there have been near misses due to people not using the crossings provided.

Also a note to drivers: please do not park or block the entries and exits to the Gatton Hospital, as the parking area provided is for patients of the hospital. There have been numerous complaints regarding this matter.

Thanks and stay safe from your School Based Police Officer

CROSS COUNTRY 2014

Thursday the 3 April was the annual Lockyer District High School Cross-Country Carnival. It was great to see everyone out on the courses, congratulations to everyone who participated, particularly those who gained places.

The first students to finish the course where Blake Taylor (K) and Toni Davey (M). Other results can be viewed in the table.

The overall results were very close, but after a huge effort, Cunningham finished in first place.

Thank-you to all participants, not forgetting the teachers who made sure the day ran smoothly. We hope to see you all next year for what will surely be another successful day.

Darling Downs Cross Country will be held on Tuesday 27 May 2014. Information will be out soon.
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