PARLIAMENTARY VISIT

Last month our School Captains, Matthew Olive and Caitlin Ruthenberg and Vice-Captains, Bodean Shea and Rachel Brown, visited Parliament House in Brisbane as guests of Mr Ian Rickuss, Member for Lockyer. This opportunity proved to be a real privilege and a wonderful chance to meet some of our State’s leaders, including the Speaker of the House, Fiona Simpson, and the Minister for Education, Training and Employment, John-Paul Langbroek.

Our captains observed the spirited to and fro of Premier’s question time and were then taken on a private tour of Parliament House by Ian Rickuss and his wife, Ann. Highlights of the day had to be a silver service lunch with Mr and Mrs Rickuss in Strangers Dining room, and a quick game of pool in the billiards room. Ian Rickuss was generous with his time and advice for our captains, sharing ideas on leadership, education and future choices. Our student leaders really enjoyed this rare experience.

Mr Mark Bray, Year 12 Co-ordinator accompanied the students on their visit to Parliament House.
Welcome to the June edition of Lockyerlife for 2014. Thank you for taking the time to read this edition, as we believe that our newsletter forms an important part of home/school communication.

Lockyer has some changes to the Admin Team in Term 3. I am on Long Service Leave for all of the Term.

- Mr Ashley Roediger will replace me as the Acting Principal. He is currently the Principal at Yarraman SS. He comes with a range of experiences, has great compassion for students and will do an excellent job. Please make him welcome to our school.

- Mr Tony McCormack will start with us as Deputy Principal in Term 3. Tony is an experienced Deputy Principal and will take over the senior student portfolio. Tony has spent the past seven years in Charleville and will be a welcome addition to our school.

- Mrs Kathy Wager will return to her regular role as HOD-Science. Kathy has done an excellent job assisting students to gain a QCE and helping students and families navigate through the complexities of the Senior Phase.

- Ms Anneke Van Kempen will return to her teaching position after acting as Science HOD for the past 6 months. Anneke has led a very complex Science faculty with great success.

Our preparation for 2015 continues. The term **Junior Secondary** encompasses a set of concepts that have been adopted state wide. They are created from significant research into adolescent learning needs. These concepts indicate that students aged 12 to 15 have specific learning needs that can be best met in a high school environment, hence *Flying Start*, where Year 7 comes to high school. Junior Secondary incorporates Year 7, 8 and 9 and we are busy planning a program of learning for 2015. An information night is scheduled for Thursday 24 July, in S-Block, our dedicated and new Year 7 building.

Senior Exam Block begins Thursday 19 June. All students in the school should be fully engaged both at school and at home in preparing for exams and submission of assignments. Keys to improved outcomes include preparation, preparation and preparation.

As this is the last newsletter before the Winter break, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday, a successful end of Semester 1 report card and a great Term 3. I will return for the start of Term 4. I know that our Leadership team, teachers and non-teaching staff will look after your student and keep Lockyer at the forefront of education in the Lockyer Valley.

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: @LDSHS

Thanks
Darren

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**NEWSLETTER CHANGES**

As of Term 3, 2014 Lockyer District High School will be trialling an electronic newsletter. Electronic newsletters, direct to parents, ensure that all parents are receiving continued communication and information from the school.

In order to guarantee that you receive your newsletter, can you please make sure that your email contact details are up to date by telephoning (0754662333) or emailing the school at the.principal@lockdistshs.eq.edu.au

If you do not have access to email and would still like a paper version, please let the office know.

Mrs Powter – HOD Information Technology

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**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Gatton-Esk Road upgrade project, closure of Orchard Road**

As you maybe aware, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) will be permanently closing the intersection of Orchard Road and Gatton-Esk Road, as part of the Gatton-Esk Road upgrade.

Orchard Road will be permanently closed and will become a cul-de-sac on Friday 13 June, weather and construction conditions permitting. This means access to and from Gatton-Esk Road will be via the Redbank Creek Road and Gatton-Esk Road intersection.

A temporary sidetrack will be constructed at the Redbank Creek Road and Gatton Esk Road intersection to improve safety until the end of the project later this year.

TMR apologises for any inconvenience these works may cause to workers and motorists.

For further information on this project, please contact TMR on 13QGOV (13 74 68) during business hours. For up-to-date information on road closures and traffic conditions across Queensland, please visit www.131940.qld.gov.au or call 13 19 40.
AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT

The Cattle Show Team competed at Esk Show on Saturday 24 May and Lowood Show on Saturday 31 May. The students were very successful over the two weekends, taking away Grand Champion Bull with Loc-Hi Hero at both shows and winning interbreed classes at Lowood Show, as well as many other broad ribbons and placings.

Well done to all of the team for their professional attitude and appearance and, also their exceptional teamwork.

Mrs Schultz
Semester 1 in ITD081I

This semester the Year 8 ITD class has worked very hard on numerous projects. A number of students, as well as Mr Madden, have been working hard on a planter stand. The planter stand will be installed at SEP by the time this newsletter goes to print. Students are currently engaging in manufacturing CO₂ dragsters. Zac, Trent and Scott have contributed to manufacturing their projects successfully. Other projects students have engaged in are: a children's toy, acrylic picture frame, copper bracelet and a timber pencil case.

The students have now experienced utilising hand tools such as: hand saw, tenon saw, coping saw, chisels, wooden mallets, files, try squares, marking gauge, nail punch, paint brushes and spray painting, ball and cross pein hammers, dressers, seamers, bossing mallets, forming blocks and bick irons. The students have also used a buffing machine to work on their acrylic picture frames and a drill press to drill their axle holes for the CO₂ dragsters. A few students have also used a jigsaw on the planter stand. This class is excellent at using their PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) without the teacher’s prompting. Well done on some very mature behaviour!

I am pleased with this class’s outstanding progress in the D01 workshop and I am very grateful and thankful for all the wonderful support provided to the students by SEP teacher Miss Eastburn and the teacher aides Mrs Maguire, Mr Madden and Ms Fischer. Next term, students will work on metalwork and acrylic projects.

Mrs Abraham
Industrial Technology and Design Teacher

Semester 1 in Year 9 Shop A

This semester, the 50 Shop A students have produced a timber pencil case, a timber serving tray, and an acrylic cake slice. They are currently working on completing their final project for the semester: an acrylic scoop. Each project utilises a workbook for students to develop their knowledge and understanding of concepts, facts and procedures, investigation and design procedures, evaluation of products and processes, and reflect on their learning in Shop A.

Over the semester 73% of students have improved their achievement, while another 12% maintained high achievement across the semester. 53% of students have improved their effort, while another 26% maintained excellent effort over the semester. 47% improved their behaviour and 53% maintained excellent behaviour for the entire semester. The two Shop A classes continue to inspire and impress me with their ongoing improvements and their personal development. I regularly observe students supporting and encouraging one another in their work crews. The two classes are a pleasure to teach because of their high regard for safety, their respect for one another, the teacher and the school equipment and their willingness to learn. The highlight of the semester was evaluating the functionality of our cake slicers on the chocolate cake.

Next term, the students will design and produce their CO₂ dragster project whilst using their workbook 5. This project includes an excursion (optional) to Maryborough State High School to compete in the RACQ technology challenge. I look forward to taking the students racing with their CO₂ dragsters and proudly representing Lockyer District High School, while they compete against other Queensland schools.

Mrs Abraham
Industrial Technology and Design Teacher
Semester 1 in Year 9 Graphics

This semester, the students have been learning Australian Standards for technical drawing, dimensioning technical drawings, sectioning methods, surface texture, fits and tolerances, CAD (Computer Aided Drawing) and CAM (Computer Aided Manufacture).

The project for the semester was a 2D community signage project (Business Graphics). Students have developed their report writing skills for their customer, the Lockyer District High School Infrastructure Officer, Ms Englart. Students worked in teams during the investigation, design and production process. During the evaluation and reflection stage, students worked independently to evaluate their project and reflect on their learning.

All students in the Year 9 Graphics class have proven that they are responsible, trustworthy students when working on-site around the school grounds, during class time and during lunch breaks.

Next term, the students will work on their scooter project and learn about geometrical constructions, including the involute curve, cylindrical helix and conic sections, templates, diagrams, production flowcharts and logos. I look forward to working alongside these students to achieve success in Graphics.

Mrs Abraham
Industrial Technology and Design Teacher

Certificate I in Furnishing

This term, the Year 10 Certificate I Furnishing students are in the process of completing construction of their dining chairs. The Design Component assignment has been completed, as has the Occupational Health and Safety work booklet and the Joints and Hand Tools work booklet. The three classes are now engaging in upholstery, implementing the design component of the project, and painting the finish on the dining chairs. The project’s deadline is the end of Week 9, 20th June.

Students have engaged in team work, and learnt to be persistent and patient to complete their upholstery component. The students have now experienced utilising industry standard machinery such as: radial arm saw, band saw, thicknesser, compound mitre saw, table saw, drill press, pneumatic stapler, chisel morticer and the linisher (belt sander and disc sander).

Students are working toward competency in: Following OH&S procedures, Communication in the workplace, Making measurements, Working in a team, Environmentally sustainable work practices, Constructing a basic timber furnishing project and Using hand and power tools.

I am very proud of the students’ maturity, teamwork, safety, forward thinking, time management, and initiative to work and think independently. Next term, the students will start their occasional table project.

Mrs Abraham, Mr Sanders and Mr Abraham
Industrial Technology and Design Teachers
BUSINESS STUDIES

BiZpo

On Thursday 12 June, students from Year 12 Business, Communication and Technology (BCT) successfully ran Lockyer’s first Business & IT Expo (BiZpo). The night involved students setting up displays for each Business and IT subject offered for Senior students, as well as organising guest speakers from the local community businesses to attend.

The Expo provided students with an insight into the programs followed by each subject at Lockyer and possible future career paths for students of Business and IT. The organisation of the event also contributes to assessment for Year 12 BCT students. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the event as well as Mrs Baratta for her guidance, assistance and supervision throughout the process.

The event broadened our knowledge and skills in the area of practical Business Management and Organisation.

Georgia Malone and Courtney Peach
BCT Students

BUSINESS VENTURES

The 2014 Year 10 Business class of LDHS were once again given the task of planning and operating small business ventures as part of the Business curriculum. The enthusiastic students formed five different trading groups selling a range of products—including Baked Potatoes, BBQ, Fairy Floss, Lollies and Cupcakes—to meet the demand of the target market, namely hungry LDHS teenagers.

The students had to build their businesses from scratch. This required intense planning and organising which involved establishing the business (name, logo, mission statement), conducting market research (to determine what the market would buy), promoting the product (designing an advertising campaign), completing a budget (costs and potential revenue), building the ‘shop’ in the market place and operating the business over two trading days.

On the trading days, the quad resembled a thriving market place, with the crowds, the hustle and bustle, the appetising aromas of food cooking, the colour and the noise. All businesses were successful – some more so than others – with many products selling out.

Overall, the task was enjoyed by the students who experienced a myriad of life and business skills – from working together co-operatively in a team, to dealing with the unforeseen problems, to realising the absolute advantages of being thoroughly prepared.

To their credit, and with the support of the student body, all groups worked hard and were able to generate a very healthy profit again this year. Well done, students!

Mrs Baratta
SENIOR DRAMA

Last month, Senior Drama students travelled to Brisbane to see Performing Line’s production of The Magic Hour at the Queensland Theatre Company. It was a fabulous show, enjoyed by all, and a very worthwhile professional theatre experience!

TOURISM STUDIES

Gold Coast Excursion

The Year 12 Tourism Studies class went away to the Gold Coast for an incredible excursion, where they were able to take part in some guided tours and see first-hand how tourism-driven businesses operate. The trip started in the picturesque hinterland of Mount Tamborine where students explored the glow worm caves at Cedar Creek, followed by a tour of the Gallery Walk. After this, the class braved the high ropes at the Treetop Challenge. Some students overcame their fears and showed real determination and bravery. After checking into our accommodation, we went out for dinner and a guided ghost walk around Surfers Paradise. Scary stuff!

On Monday, a rather tired group visited Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary to learn about the business of running a premium tourist site. We had some close up experiences with a rather large Carpet Python which sent a couple of students running scared! The final leg of the trip took us to Harbour Town where we met with the Tourism Marketing Manager to learn about how the centre attracts and caters for tourists from all over the world. Oh, and there was even time left for a spot of shopping! The whole group represented the school with pride and maturity and have benefited from their authentic experiences.

VOLLEYBALL

Last month, male and female senior Physical Education students attended a Volleyball Competition at Harristown State High School in Toowoomba. Over the two days, students were required to participate in games against other high schools in the Darling Downs Region. Students also had the opportunity to umpire and score games.

The boys’ team was in a strong division, going against schools that looked as if they lived and breathed volleyball. The boys showed great sportsmanship within their team and towards their opposition. Overall, the boys placed 5th out of 8 and their efforts were commendable. The girls’ competition was of a high standard, which put their ability to the test but by the end of Saturday, the improvement in the girls’ team was evident. The girls’ team placed 7th out of 12.

Every student played exceptionally well considering they only had three afternoons of training as a team. It was great to see each student showing enthusiasm and enjoyment over the two days. The skills and abilities developed over the weekend increased the students’ knowledge of volleyball and enhanced their performance. There were some powerful, intense spikes by some of the boys. Fortunately, one student, was at the firing end of the ball!

A special thanks goes to Mr Weatherby and Mrs Huth, without whose guidance and encouragement, the students wouldn’t have been as successful or had such a fun competition.

Courtney Peach
**TABLE TENNIS**

**Qld Schools Table Tennis Comp**

During May, six teams from Lockyer District High School participated in the Qld Schools Table Tennis Championships. The Senior students travelled to Brisbane to compete against more experienced teams and were very keen to improve on their 2013 performance.

Since last year, many of the Senior players have joined the local table tennis competition and have significantly improved their standard of play (Mr Jarroush will say it was his teaching in Term 4 2013!). Back to the present…

The boys played very consistent table tennis and remained undefeated in each of their pools. During the cross pool matches, the boys again remained cool under pressure and Lockyer found themselves in the enviable position of filling all of the semi-final spots. Lockyer versus Lockyer in both semis, and yes, Lockyer versus Lockyer in the final.

Jason Weatherby and Ross Hooper were the eventual winners over Mitchell Jones and Matt Olive. The play-off for 3rd and 4th went to Daniel Pollock and Lachlan Miners. All students were great ambassadors for their school and their sportsmanship was exemplary.

Our next wave of Table Tennis legends had their championships the following day in Toowoomba. Our two teams were under pressure as they hoped to continue the great form shown by our Senior teams. The boys played some excellent table tennis and, indeed, did very well. Michael Hooper and Brandon Christensen went down in a tough fought final and came 2nd overall. Frank Van Mosseveld and Daniel Ost had an excellent championship and came 3rd. Great effort boys! There will be a LDHS Table Tennis Championships held in Term 3. Watch for notices for training opportunities.

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**BREAST SCREENING MOBILE VAN**

People living in the Valley are able to access this facility from Monday 16 June until Friday 11 July. The van will be in Schulte’s Car Park at Plainland. Appointments can be made by phoning 38172530.

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**The Ladies Chaplaincy Breakfast** will be held on Saturday 28 June at the Church of Christ, on the Corner of Allen and Hickey Streets, Gatton and will commence at 7.30am. Everyone is welcome.
On Wednesday 28 May 2014 a group of Year 9 students, along with Mr Croft and Miss Habermann attended a University Experience Day. During the course of the day, we participated in many different activities at both the Ipswich and Gatton UQ campuses. Throughout the day, we had the opportunity to talk to University students who were studying a range of different subjects, to get a good idea of the typical life of a uni student and what uni is all about.

At the Ipswich UQ campus, we participated in activities such as orienteering and learning how to use medical equipment. We then travelled to the Gatton campus where lunch was provided and we were able to see and learn about different Australian endangered species and go on a tour of the dairy. The day was an amazing experience and really helped us understand the day-to-day life of a uni student.

The UQ Experience Day also made clear to us the many different options and opportunities that are available after high school. We would like to say a special thanks to Mr Croft and Miss Habermann for organising a great day.

Grace Pearson YEAR 9
SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT

Each lesson, students are rewarded for demonstrating expected behaviours by receiving a stamp in their school diaries. Twenty stamps put you in the fortnightly draw for a variety of prizes. Semester I winners have been: Annaliese Reck, Keira Pasco, Taylah Sivioiu, Axle Ferris, Cameron Collier, Chloe Kean, Patrick Berg, Tamika Eames, Melanie Alush, Jayde Kendall, Christina Minisale, Josh Christensen, Jackson Jurd.

Congratulations to all of these students and to the many others who have gone into the draw. Don’t forget our Semester SuperDraw for those students who have entered but not yet won a prize. There is a $50 Visa card up for grabs!

Next SWPBS team meeting is on the Wednesday 25th June, 3.30 – 4.30 in our Library. All parents and carers are welcome to join the team and have input into how behaviours can be taught at Lockyer District High School.

If a child doesn’t know how to read, we teach.
If a child doesn’t know how to swim, we teach.
If a child doesn’t know how to write, we teach.
If a child doesn’t know how to multiply, we teach
If a child doesn’t know how to drive, we teach.

If a child doesn’t know how to behave…we…teach?…..punish?

Why can’t we finish the last sentence as automatically as we do the others?

Helen Richards SWPBS Internal Coach

SCHOOL POLICE OFFICER

Party Safe

Everyone enjoys going to or hosting a great party. For young people, it is certainly a part of growing up and celebrating special occasions with friends, especially during the school holidays.

The Queensland Police Service Party Safe Program allows you to register your party with local police. Registering your party gives police the opportunity to supply you with some great advice and resources to help organise a safe and lawful party. It also ensures that, if things go wrong on the night, police have the information necessary to effectively deal with issues.

To find out more about Party Safe, and for some great ideas to help make your party safe, lawful and enjoyable for everyone concerned, including parents, hosts and guests, go to www.plice.qld.gov.au/party and check the website.

Stay safe and take care, from your School Based Police Officer, Acting Senior Constable Lilley VOIGT.

ESL LEARNING ADVENTURE

A group of English Second Language students from Lockyer District High School recently visited Australia Zoo. Australia Zoo is home to a ton of animal exhibits and incredible daily wildlife shows and we were lucky enough to meet and have our photo taken with Bindi Erwin.

Students experienced the Crocoseum and its massive reptiles as well as the bird show, Tiger Temple, camel riding and a wide range of Australian animals. They also enjoyed the new African Safari. No section of animal life went undiscovered during the days’ activities.

Everyone had a great day. Thanks for the experience.
Girls Night In!
Lots of Fun! Games!
Wear Pink! Girls Only!
Guest Speakers and much more!

When: Thursday 17th July (1st Thursday back in Term 3)
Cost: $10 per person
Time: 6:30pm

Carers Queensland
Gatton Careers Support Group

Carers Support Groups offer carers social and emotional support, an opportunity to share information and ideas, and time out for carers. If you are a family member or a friend who has a disability, mental illness, chronic condition, terminal illness or who are frail aged, you may wish to become part of a support group.

Benefits of joining the Gatton Carers Support Group:
- Talking about overwhelming feelings and other impacts of caring
- Getting new ideas and advice on how to deal with specific issues of caring
- Specific interest groups and guest speakers are organized from time to time
- Relaxing and taking time out from the caring role
- Making you feel more connected with the community
- Understanding that you are not alone
- Making new friends, especially if you have lost touch with friends and family. Because of the demands of your caring role
- Learning more about education and training opportunities relevant to carers
- Understanding what services are available to you, entitlements, events and policies relevant to carers, and

Becoming part of planning for Carers activities, such as Carers Week. This year Carers Week will be held from Sunday 12 October through to Saturday 18 October. The key focus for Carers Week 2014 is Take a Break for carers.

Where and When:
The Group is typically held on the 2nd Thursday of each month 9:30 to 11:30 at The Royal Hotel Gatton

We also invite your membership. Please contact: 3202 2852. Information packs are being provided for the Gatton Special School.