

Liverpool Boys High School

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BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

By Latifa Zuhbi, Community Engagement Officer

At Liverpool Boys High School, our goal is to work as a team to achieve positive learning outcomes for our students. To achieve this, schools need to work together with families.

During Term 2, we have begun to build opportunities for parents to become more informed about school and for the school to gain a better understanding of the needs of families.

In order to build partnerships between schools & families, we have run the following workshops:

Naturopathy/complementary medicine. Lyne from the Women's Health Centre at Liverpool gave us an interesting and informative session on diet and nutrition. Constable Tony Fitzjohn, Police School Liaison Officer talked about his role in supporting parents, students and high schools. We also run two hourly English classes for our non-English speaking background parents.

A few weeks ago, we took the parents on an excursion to the Casula Power House Arts Centre. We visited an exhibition and later had a picnic with other parents from local schools who came to the excursion.



I would like to thank parents for their continuous support. Meeting, supporting and working with parents of Liverpool Boys High School has been a positive and rewarding experience. I would like to congratulate parents for their efforts in trying to instil in their sons' the value of education. The staff values your involvement and wishes to help your sons' achieve their potential to become respectful and responsible citizens.

If you wish to be involved in future sessions, please do not hesitate to contact me on this number: 9602 7979, ext 142, Monday to Friday from 8.30am – 3.30pm.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Week 10, Term 2, 27-29 June

40 hour famine, 27 June

Trial HSC, 27-29 June

Last day of term, 29 June

Week 1, Term 3, 16-20 July

School resumes for students Tuesday 17 July

COGS Commences for Yr 7 and Yr 8, 17 July

Launch Jump Rope for Heart Program, 17 July

Career's search market UWS Bankstown, Yrs 10-12, 17 July

UTS Discovery Day, 19 July

Week 2, 23-27 July

UTS Speaker Engineering and IT, 23 July

Indoor Soccer Tournament, 23 July

Parent Teacher Night - Yrs 7-11, 24 July

Australian National Chemistry Quiz, Yrs 11 & 12, 26 July

Week 3, 30 July-3 August

Public Education Week

SRC Meeting, 30 July

National PISA testing 20 x Yr 9s Mrs Tucker, 31 July

COGS Presentation Evening, 31 July

Jump Rope for Heart Jump Off Day, 2 August

Week 4, 6-10 August

Morganics Hip Hop, 6 August

Week 5, 13-17 August

ICAS Maths, 14 August

Year 10 Geography Excursion - Georges River Education Centre, 16 August

SRC PRESENTS - DO YOU KNOW THIS TEACHER?

By Nouredidine Chamma

I'm a year 11 student. I have attended the school since year 7. I am interested in being a part of the SRC as I want to help the school. As part of the SRC we have decided to present to you Mrs Oudomvilay of the Mathematics Faculty.

**Why did you become a teacher?**

I like to make a difference in the lives of students. It is nice knowing I am able to pass my knowledge to students. This gives me satisfaction and pleasure. I also like working with young people in general.

How long have you been teaching at LBHS?

I started here in 1991. This is my 21st year.

What's one thing you like to do outside of school?

I like to spend time with my family and take my son to sport on Saturdays. I also like to go see exhibitions and art exhibitions.

If you could do another job instead of teaching what would it be?

I could not imagine myself doing another job. I honestly really like to do my job with a passion.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

I would still be teaching. It will always be teaching.

What is it you like about teaching Mathematics?

I can relate to maths. I like that maths has a definite answer and I believe it can be related to the real world.

What's one thing you have learned from being a teacher?

It has taught me a lot of patience and understanding. I have also learnt how to cater for students with different needs and abilities.

What do you prefer: to read a book or watch a movie?

A book. I like to read books by Jane Austen like *Pride and Prejudice*.

LIVERPOOL BOYS HIGH SCHOOL IS GOING GREEN!

By Ben Marovic

Three garden beds, a worm farm and a compost bin have been installed in our school, in order to reduce, reuse and recycle, educate the boys on horticulture and bring the freshest produce into our school kitchen and canteen. As clichéd as that is, it's true. Students together with Mrs. Tucker are working hard to make the new garden blossom.

Mrs Tucker and her husband have been working hard over the Christmas holidays building the three garden beds. New seedlings have now been sown in the beds. Thanks to Bunning's Warehouse, we have a large variety of herbs and vegetables including carrots, lettuce, parsley and rosemary, amongst other winter crops.

A new organic bin has been brought into the school canteen to collect all of the organic waste that would normally go into landfill. It is being collected on a daily basis by students and stored in the new compost bin provided by Liverpool City Council, which will be turned into fresh fertilizer for the growing crops.

Our school has entered in Project Local, which is a new community initiative by our local newspaper. This gives funding out to a community initiative to help make their community idea a reality. We have entered our new garden because we would love to build more garden beds to produce more fresh vegetables, get some fruit trees and possibly some hens to collect fresh eggs that can be used in the school.

There would be no garden if it wasn't for Mrs Tucker, who saw the opportunity to do something productive with an unused space. Now our school has a beautiful new garden that will produce fresh produce for many years to come.





Raising awareness and funds for Refugee Week.



Year 12 Trials are over, time to prepare for the HSC.

The School Disco was a real success.



Students enjoying an excursion on the Harbour.



Students from the SWIPE program.



The light show was great at the Disco.



FOCUS ON READING

By Voula Pappas, Focus on Reading Co-Ordinator

The Focus on Reading Program has been positively received by the staff and students at Liverpool Boys High School. Teachers attended Saturday and after school sessions to complete the first module. The program is aimed at raising teacher, student and parental awareness of research based strategies that enhance language and positive interactions around reading. The goal of the program is to increase student motivation and achievement in reading but also to focus on giving students the skills to become more proficient readers and in turn enhance their learning in all their subjects.

Teachers participated in Module 1 which consisted of a Learning strand focussing on understanding the nature of high school learners and the texts they read.

The Teaching strand looked at building a deeper understanding of how to teach the six key comprehension strategies (predicting, visualising, questioning, summarising, making connections, monitoring) in balanced and integrated ways.



In addition, the Teaching and Learning strand involved monitoring student progress and to develop a system for analysing student data from NAPLAN. This is done to determine the strengths and weaknesses of students in terms of reading comprehension. Teachers can then work at personalising the learning for each individual student that they teach.

Teachers across the school are making use of the program in their daily lessons. This is essential for the success of the program as we are attempting to develop a common practice that both staff and students master in order to improve reading comprehension. This program will engage students and over time nurture their love of reading.

LBHS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

By Ryan Kitto, Sport Co-ordinator

Liverpool Boys High School had their Annual Athletics Carnival and all students were eager to show off their vast array of talents. Everyone, while feeling a little nervous and on edge, was looking forward to seeing what the student athletes could produce on the day. The weather was perfect and the day got off to a perfect start for the senior students and junior students. Victor Ayimba and Todor Zorica were expected to dominate their age groups if previous performances were to be an indicator. Todor dominated in most events and Victor ran out a convincing winner in the 17 years 100m. After a successful day, first and second place getters in each event were selected to represent our school at the Bernera Zone Athletics Carnival being held at Campbelltown Sports Ground. Although Liverpool Boys High is one of the smaller schools at the event we were still able to achieve some outstanding results with a number of students breaking long standing records in their chosen events. I would like to make a special mention of Todor Zorica who finished age champion for 16 years boys.

2012 Bernera Zone Record Holders:

Victor Ayimba 17 years 100m
Faid Hasnawi 14 years 1500m
Vishal Madhusudan 13 years 800m

We wish the best of luck to all boys who were successful in gaining selection into Bernera Zone Athletics Team.

They will go on to compete at the Sydney South West Regional Carnival next term.

