

Highlights



29 November 2019

Term 4, Week 7

**IF YOUR CHILD
IS GOING TO
BE ABSENT
PLEASE
NOTIFY THE
SCHOOL BY
9.30AM**

**Year 7-9
Recognition
Ceremony
—
9.30am to
11am
Wednesday
11
December**

Principal's Report

The end of the year is fast approaching and I am looking forward to our final acknowledgement ceremonies held in Week 9. It is such a pleasure seeing the number of student certificates and added to this the other events we have had in the past few weeks that acknowledge positive learning habits and the Leichhardt Way.

Way Day celebrations last week on Wednesday marked seven years of Positive Behaviour for Learning at Leichhardt and I would like to thank the team for organising a great day of activities for students and staff that acknowledged the effort students and staff make to enhance the learning environment here at Leichhardt. The number of positive behaviours recorded each year is phenomenal and is testament to the hard work of the team over the seven years.

I would also like to acknowledge our Theatre Sports Team who came fifth in the finals last weekend. We were so excited to hear the news that they had won their semi-final and they performed brilliantly throughout the season. The team

have committed to a great deal of training and additional work and to come fifth in the country is a fine achievement. My congratulations to the students, their teachers and coaches.

As we near summer and the weather becomes hotter, we notice an increase in students signing out in lieu of sports on Tuesday afternoons. The Department of Education mandates that all students must be involved in 80-100 minutes of sports per week as part of the school curriculum. Physical activity is very important for student wellbeing and in providing a balanced curriculum at school. When the weather is hot we take extra precautions, such as playing in shaded areas, taking additional breaks for water, providing sunscreen for all students and when conditions become extreme, we remain indoors. When students move indoors due to unfavourable weather conditions, we provide alternate work so there is no need to go home for the day if sport is cancelled due to weather. We appreciate the support of all parents and carers in ensuring as many students as possible participate in sport.

Belinda Conway

Sport News

Michael Parker - Sports Coordinator

2019 Summer sport

Term four summer sport is well underway for 2019. Students were given a two-week period to make any sport changes (with a valid reason). Sports that have a fee attached have been given to the front office so that parent and carers can be invoiced. Prompt payment is greatly appreciated.

A big thank you to all those students who have paid their winter (terms 2/3) grade sport fees already. It is a huge help to the school and Bligh zone sporting community when these fees are paid promptly as it assists us to keep our competitions running and to the standard that they currently operate at. If you have not paid your winter (terms 2/3) sport fees, could you please make this contribution as soon as possible, with payments being accepted online or at the school's front office.

Changes to Tuesday early leave procedures in 2020

When an early leave is required on a Tuesday, there is a procedure we request parents/carers and students follow. The student will need to submit a signed permission note to the front office by 8:50 am on Tuesday. Students will need to download and print out the 'early leave request' form which will be available on the school website. If the 'early leave request' form is not received by 8:50 am on the day the early leave is required, it may not be granted. As most appointments are known in advance, we envisage this will not be a problem.

The note contains a section asking parents and carers to provide a reason for the early leave request. We ask parents and carers to please be specific with their reasons. Please indicate the type of appointment (rather than just 'an appointment') and please elaborate on 'family reasons/issues'.

The sports coordinator will then read through each permission slip and make further inquiries if

needed. At times, a note may not be signed and therefore, the early leave not be given. Once signed, students must go to the front office and sign out of school with the office staff. This step is essential for the school to maintain its duty of care over all our students. If a student leaves school without signing out (with or without permission to do so), the school cannot exercise its duty of care effectively.

While we understand that students are often required to make regular appointments to see specialists and so on, we would also ask that these not be made exclusively during sport time, and preferably not during school hours at all. We would like to remind parents/carers that sport (different from PDHPE) is a mandatory subject that students must attend. The Department of Education mandates that all students must be involved in 100-150 minutes of sports per week as part of the school curriculum. Physical activity is very important in providing a balanced curriculum at all schools.

2020 Summer sport choices

On Wednesday the 27th of November 2019, students made their 2020 summer sport selections during Moomba at school. All students have been emailed (to their school email address) instructions on how to complete their selections. This online selection process will remain open for two weeks. Therefore, if your son/daughter has not made their sport choices yet, please encourage them to do so ASAP. Students who do not make their choices within the two-week time frame, will be placed into a sport not of their choosing.

Can I please encourage students and parents/carers to carefully consider the choices they select as it can be quite difficult to move sports. Please select an option for all three preference spots, as sometimes not everyone's first preference can be given. Please find a list of sport options below.

Junior Grade Sports

Year group	Sport	Cost
7/8	Grade Girls Basketball (1 team maximum)	\$80 per term
7/8	Grade Girls European Handball	\$80 per term
7/8	Grade Girls Oztag	\$80 per term
7/8	Grade Boys Oztag	\$80 per term
7/8	Grade Boys Cricket	\$80 per term
7/8	Grade Boys Ultimate Vortex	\$80 per term

Senior Competitive Sports

Year group	Sport	Cost
9/10	Competitive Mixed Netball	\$40 per term (venue dependant)
9/10	Competitive Mixed Volleyball	\$40 per term (venue dependant)
9/10	Competitive Mixed Ultimate Vortex	\$40 per term (venue dependant)
9/10	Competitive Boys Touch Football	\$40 per term (venue dependant)
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9/10	Competitive Girls Basketball	\$40 per term (venue dependant)

College Sports

Year group	Sport	Cost
8/9/10	College Mixed Vortex/Volleyball	N/A
8/9/10	College Mixed Soccer/Oztag	N/A
8/9/10	College Mixed European Handball/Quidditch	N/A

Social/Recreational Sports

Year group	Sport	Cost
8/9/10	Badminton	\$10
8/9/10	BayWALK	N/A
8/9/10	BayRUN	N/A
8/9/10	Cycling	N/A
8/9/10	Dance/Yoga	N/A
8/9/10	Fitness Walking	N/A
8/9/10	Golf (External)	\$40
8/9/10	Martial Arts and Bootcamp	N/A
8/9/10	Soccer	N/A
8/9/10	Basketball	N/A
8/9/10	Tennis (External)	\$40
8/9/10	Table Tennis	\$10
8/9/10	Tag Gridiron	N/A
8/9/10	Softball/Cricket	N/A
8/9/10	Fitness Class (External)	\$90
8/9/10	Ten Pin Bowling (External)	\$100
8/9/10	Girls Basketball and Netball	N/A
7	Recreational Sports	N/A
8	Recreational Sports	N/A
9	Recreational Sports	N/A
10	Recreational Sports	N/A

Creating healthy relationships to help end gendered violence

On the 22nd October, a handful of students, teachers and parents came together to demonstrate 'Healthy Relationships'. With the recent closure of White Ribbon Australia as an organisation, we at Sydney Secondary College Leichhardt wanted to keep its mission alive by aiming to oppose and eliminate men's violence against women in society. A stepping-stone towards this is by creating closer connections between the many male and female students and teachers here at Leichhardt and extended that to parents, carers and the community.

This event gave us a reason to carry out the responsibility to work together to decrease the number of abuse-related instances. Abuse can come in different forms, and many women (as well as men) face these indescribable acts. Forms of abuse include physical, sexual, domestic, emotional, psychological, financial and neglect.

At least 33% of Australian women have suffered instances of physical violence. That is at least 3.6 million Australian women. 82% of women abused by their current partner do not report it. 1 in 5 Australian women will be affected by sexual violence in their lives.

These are just a few of the frightening statistics which are present within our society.

We as a community can create change by standing up, speaking out and shifting the language we use on a daily basis.

On behalf of Mr Biviano & Ms Davies, we would like to thank all those who participated on the day and who continue to reflect the healthy culture that SSCL represents.



Impro Australia proudly presents the

2019



Schools Challenge JUNIOR GRAND FINAL

LEICHHARDT SSC

is in the GRAND FINAL!

ACTORS CENTRE AUSTRALIA THEATRE
ITALIAN FORUM, LEICHHARDT
3pm Sunday 24th November

Tickets: Adults \$20, Concession \$15, Students \$10
Card and Cash Payments on the Door from 2:45pm

See all the 2019 information on the Theatresports Schools Challenge
facebook page & www.improaustralia.com.au

Congratulations to our Junior Theatre Sports team. On Sunday 24th November the team competed in the ImproAustralia Theatre Sports Grand Final. It was held at Actors Centre Australia and 8 teams from across the state made it out of 50 schools that participated. It was a gruelling competition with only a point or two between teams. Arlo, Eva, Ruby, Josh and Avin performed 3 rounds and finished the day with a wonderful 5th place. The drama faculty are so super impressed with their achievement and can not wait to see what they have install in years to come. They have done a tremendous job in their first time ever participating in Theatre Sports.



Sydney Secondary College Instrumental Music Program

As always, it's been a busy fortnight of music-making in the IMP. Last Monday our senior



string ensemble Chamber Orchestra performed at the Year 11 Recognition Ceremony at Blackwattle Bay campus. All of our 11 IMP ensembles feature students from multiple campuses, so it's a great experience for our Balmain and Leichhardt students to visit (and perform at) the senior campus, where they'll eventually attend for their final school years.



A week later, our junior String Ensemble went on their annual Aged Care Tour with our director Mark Stevens. Students performed at The Marion and Uniting Annesley local aged care villages, giving the residents some exquisite mid-morning entertainment. The feedback from the residents was excellent, and it's such a great community service for our students to perform for the older members of our local community.



The last few weeks of school will be jam-packed for the program, with performances at both Year 6 orientation days, our annual Jazz Intensive and Jazz At The Bay showcase, and performances at the various college recognition ceremonies. We hope to see you at our many performances, particularly Jazz At The Bay on Saturday December 7th – you'll

For more information on the SSC IMP, please see our website: www.sscimp.com



A big thank you to all parents and staff who collected Woolworths Earn and learn stickers this year. The stickers earnt us 14,000 points which enabled us to buy a portable green screen for use in film making and recording and sport equipment which will be used by all students.



HEALTHY COOKING & VERTICAL GARDENING

Learn how to cook from scratch!!!

Shepherds pie, pancakes, quiche, lamb kofta, apple crumble, butter chicken, soups, fried rice.

Come along learn how to cook, meet some new friends.

Where: Cliff Noble Community Centre
24 Suttor Place, Alexandria

When: Every Wednesday 3-6pm

Who: High school students

FREE PROGRAM

For more information call Lorraine 8512 8771



Sydney Secondary College Instrumental Music Program presents

JAZZ AT THE BAY

Saturday December 7th 2019, 10:00-12:30pm

(9:30am arrival for musicians)

Sydney Secondary College Blackwattle Bay Campus

COME AND ENJOY A FREE MORNING OF OUTDOOR JAZZ MUSIC ON THE FORESHORE OF BLACKWATTLE BAY, FEATURING THE THREE COLLEGE JAZZ BANDS AND THE JAZZ INTENSIVE ENSEMBLES.

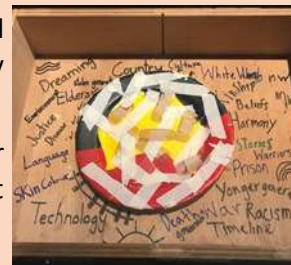
HOT FOOD AVAILABLE, ALL ARE WELCOME



KOORI ART EXPRESSIONS 2019—VOICE, TREATY, TRUTH

November 20th was the official launch of Koori Art Expressions 2019 held in the National Maritime Museum at Darling Harbour. Two artworks were exhibited and produced by students from Leichhardt campus, Sydney Secondary College.

One artwork titled 'Gone to pieces', was a collaborative effort produced by Alexander Peisley and Gabriel Raad. The artwork is a sculpture of a broken plate that has been put back together using tape and band aids.



The other artwork titled 'Truth' was produced by Leo Colston in the Afternoon Art Club. The artwork he produced was a graphite drawing on paper with acrylic paint used for the background. The artwork uses bold font and simply says 'truth'.

Both artworks have a lot of strength and are honest responses that reflect the students concerns on issues that are not going away and are not being addressed by the Australian federal government.

Congratulations to the boys for producing powerful messages and I hope that you can all find the time to go and see Koori Art Expressions while it's on. The exhibition is on until 29th January 2020.

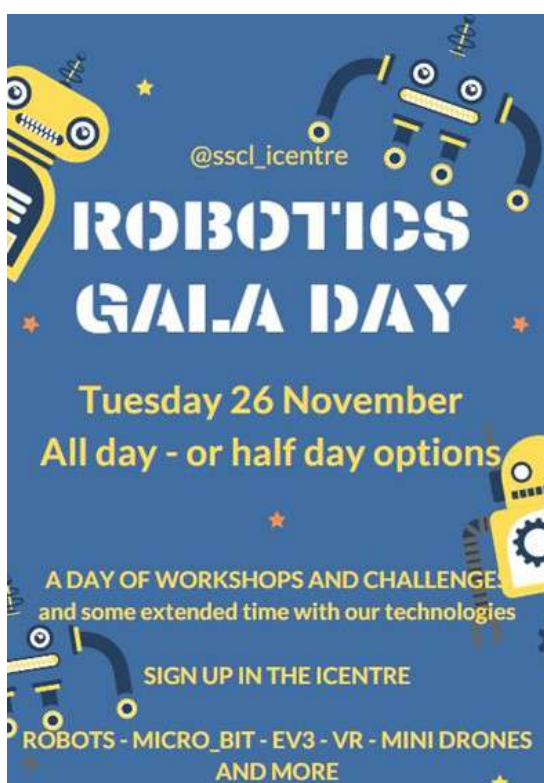
Mark Crasti (Koori Art Expressions Co-ordinator)

iCentre News—Robotics Gala Day

During Term 4 the school borrowed a Robotics STEMShare kit from Technology 4 Learning, a Department of Education initiative bringing the best of new technology into schools. The Robotics kit included Lego Mindstorms EV3, Micro:bits, Makey Makey and Ozobots.

On Tuesday we hosted an iCentre Event: Robotics Gala Day to take a deep dive into the kit's equipment. Fifteen students from Years 7 – 9 joined in a day of workshops and challenges using the EV3s and Micro:bits.

In the afternoon we allowed students to have a 'Sandbox Session' and they were able to take some valuable time to experiment, learn and create with some of our technology equipment in the iCentre including VR, MergeCubes and other Robotics toys. Some students chose to extend their new found skills in Mindstorms and Micro:bits.



Eric McCarron from the T4L team joined us for the day and led the morning's challenges. He also helped facilitate the individual learning in the afternoon. Eric said after the day's activities, "It was so refreshing to be challenged by the skills demands of your students – the range of their abilities is a testament to the learning environment you provide" – Thanks Eric, we really enjoyed having you here for the day!

Students who are interested in self-directed learning with technology are encouraged to join one of our Technology groups based in the iCentre in 2020. Weekly meet-ups allow students to use our great range of tech equipment and events are regularly organised.

Sunny South (Teacher Librarian)



Music Notes 🎵

Music has been busy with final assessments and preparations for the end of the year and of course Semester two MUSIC ASSEMBLY.

Year 8 Music



Route 66



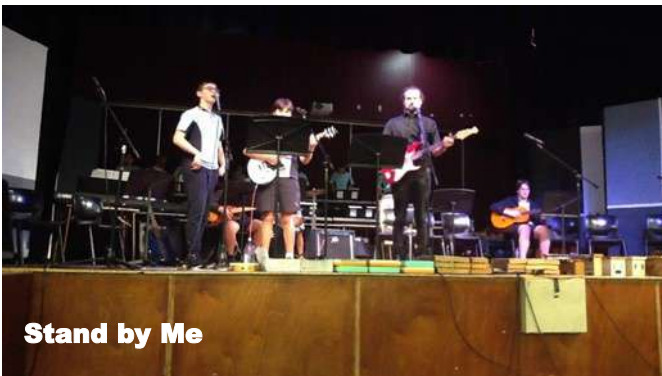
I'll be Riding Shotgun



Achy Breaky Heart



Black Sabbath



Stand by Me



Hey Soul Sister

Year 7 Music Semester Two



Dance Monkey

Thank you to the hard working 2019 music students in years 7 and 8 and Staff of the Music Department (Ms Bolitho, Ms Paredes and Mr Chigwidden).

Mrs Salerno

"Dance for Me, Dance for Me, Dance for Me, Oh Oh Oh..."

WESTCONNEX and your SSC Leichhardt

Campus: DID YOU KNOW?

You may know that our P&C, with the assistance of our local political representatives, successfully fought off a major excavation site next to our school oval, 20m from school gate, and 30m from classrooms in March 2017.

But did you know that Westconnex Stage 3 will still be coming underneath your high school in two different stages over the next few years?

The *Inner West Interchange* is almost certainly coming under the school where Part A and Part B of Stage 3 meet. Some of this Interchange may also be underneath Pioneers Park.

2 different contractors. 2 lots of tunneling. 2 lots of 'fit-outs' i.e. putting in roads and lights etc. In total: work under the school 4 times.

Did you know that the P&C has a representative on the Community Consultative Committee with Westconnex, RMS, the Department of Planning, the Environmental Planning Authority, Inner West Council and other community groups and local P&C's?

Did you know that you can raise with that rep any issues or questions that you might be concerned about re Westconnex Stage 3 impacting on school life or student welfare?

This means if Westconnex is impacting on your child's sleep or ability to study, your child's travel to and from school, your child's safety or well-being in any way, it is something that can be raised with the rep.

It is not a substitute for a personal complaint or query to the Westconnex Community Hotline (**Free call: 1800 660 248** Email: info@westconnex.com.au) on a matter pertaining to the student's residence – but it can be an *addition* to it *if* it affects school/study life, potentially assisting amelioration of certain issues, especially if a theme emerges, or if there is no resolution at the hotline level. It also helps the school and P&C keep track of impacts on students for a range of reasons that might transpire to be important.

In terms of impacts under the school during tunneling, the depths range from 40m-50m, and it is anticipated that this will be in sandstone not shale.

This is the deepest that the mainline tunnel gets and is one of the advantages of the school being in the middle of the portals. Whilst it is reported that 40m depths have caused disturbances to residents in St Peters, this is almost certainly to have been in shale, unlike the sandstone in most if not all of Leichhardt.

RMS have repeatedly stated that they believe the impacts

of drilling will be 'negligible', thanks to this sandstone.

We have asked both Part A and Part B to have a Plan B (suspension of drilling between 9am-3pm) in place in the event that the impacts are *not*, as anticipated, *negligible*.

We have alerted them to a range of issues that would affect the school community as what is termed a 'sensitive receiver'. Meetings with the principal and P&C reps will take place in advance of the tunneling arriving at the school.

If you have further questions or concerns as to how drilling or vibrations may impact school life, you may like to come to a P&C meeting or email the rep at guyra12@hotmail.com.

If you would like to be on the reserve bench for the rep or would like to consider being a rep in the future, please let the P&C president know. We are keen to share the load as we are one of the few community groups impacted by both stages of the project and, therefore, attending 8 x 2 hr meetings per year where most other groups attend 4 x 2 hr meetings.

The Westconnex Community Consultative Committee is a collaborative group that seeks to communicate respectfully but robustly two ways about what is happening, what can be expected, what concerns can be addressed, what impacts can be ameliorated.

Westconnex Stage 3 Part A digs from Haberfield to St Peters via Leichhardt and Camperdown.

Part A will likely arrive at the high school some time between late 2020 and mid 2021.

Westconnex Stage 3 Part B digs from Rozelle Goods Yards (98% of the work) and Iron Cove Bridge to meet with Part A at our high school not before Q4 2021. (The fourth quarter of 2021.) Part B is anticipated to 'break earth' (begin tunneling) in January 2020.

Please note: Approximately **2100 extra trucks DAILY** will be on major roads like City West Link over the next few years.

A new set of traffic lights will be inserted on City West Link between Catherine St and The Crescent, further slowing City West Link traffic.

Local traffic will be changed, slowed, and stopped in many ways at many different points, including temporary road closures. These will include Moodie St Rozelle and some lanes of Terry St Rozelle and many others.

Travel times to school, between campuses and to other events may be impacted.

But most importantly: Please alert your child to extra care in travelling safely during this period.



SC + SL Support Visual Art classes have been looking at processes and art forms incorporating natural materials



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for parents and carers of 9-17 year olds

Learn about

- ~ What platforms young people are using and why
- ~ Ways to talk to your child about using technology
- ~ How to manage technology as a family

When: Tuesday 19 & 26 November, 5:30-7:30pm

Where: Waranara School,
434 Marrickville Road, Marrickville

Registration essential

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Basketball Clinic

City Of Sydney is hosting a
BASKETBALL CLINIC

Show off your skills and learn some new skills to show off over the summer.
Come and join us for fun, fitness, socialising and basketball

Where:
Alexandria Park Basketball Courts
(across from the community school)

When:
Mondays 3-5pm
25th November — 16th December

Who:
Ages 12-18 (all skill levels)

Free BBQ and Drinks are provided.

PETERSHAM PUBLIC SCHOOL P+C Cookbook

\$30 PER COPY

Petersham ON A Plate
PETERSHAM PUBLIC SCHOOL P+C

PPSSst! ... did you hear we are on the cover of the new cookbook

me loo!

That's me, on the front, woooot!

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CITY OF SYDNEY

HIGH SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 13—18 years (Or younger if in high school)

Week 1		Week 2		Week 3	
Monday 6 January		Monday 13 January		Monday 20 January	
Cost \$8	10.30am - 4pm Movies at Fox Studios BYO lunch or money to buy	Cost \$5	10.30am - 4pm Cooking at Ultimo community centre	Cost \$13	10.30am - 4pm Ice Skating at Canterbury BYO lunch, drink or money to buy.
Tuesday 7 January		Tuesday 14 January		Tuesday 21 January	
Cost \$15	9.30am - 4pm Surf lessons at Maroubra BYO lunch or money to buy, drink, swimmers, sunscreen, hat and towel	Cost \$25	9.30am - 4pm Raging Waters BYO lunch or money to buy, drink, sunscreen, swimmers, towel and hat	Cost \$2	9.30am - 4pm Frisbee at Coogee beach BYO lunch or money to buy, drink, sunscreen, swimmers, towel and hat
Wednesday 8 January		Wednesday 15 January		Wednesday 22 January	
Cost \$17	10.30am - 4pm Rock climbing + Fencing BYO lunch or money to buy and wear appropriate shoes	Cost \$2	10.30am - 4pm Sports Gala Day at Perry Park Lunch provided	Cost \$15	10.30am - 3pm Escape room BYO Lunch, drink or money to buy
Thursday 9 January		Thursday 16 January		Thursday 23 January	
Cost \$2.	10.30am - 4pm Sports at Maybank Community centre Lunch provided	Cost \$2	10.30am - 4pm RSPCA BYO lunch or money to buy, wear enclosed shoes, change of clothes—OPTIONAL—washing dogs	Cost \$15	10.30am - 4pm Taronga Zoo BYO lunch or money to buy, drink, sunscreen, towel and hat
Friday 10 January		Friday 17 January		Friday 24 January	
Cost: \$5	9.30am - 4pm Des Renford Pool BYO lunch or money to buy, drink, swimmers, sunscreen, towel and hat	Cost \$2	9.30am - 4pm Snorkelling at Clovelly BYO lunch or money to buy, drink, sunscreen, swimmers, towel and hat	Cost \$2	9.30am - 4pm Bronte to Bondi walk and Swimming BYO lunch or money to buy, drink, swimmers sunscreen, towel and hat

BOOKING AND PAYMENT SYSTEM:

TO BOOK ONLINE: WWW.CITYOFSYDNEY.NSW.GOV.AU

<http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/school-holidays>

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT 8512 8771

Youth Services has several convenient pick up and drop off locations for the School Holiday Program:

Sydney, Erskineville, and Ultimo

**Please note that bus pick up and drop off times may vary for each location*