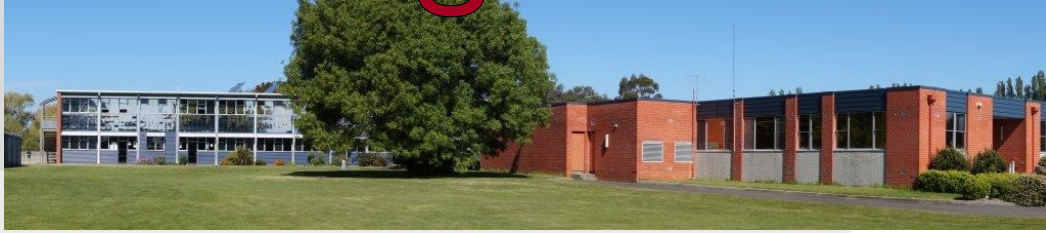


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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

At the end of last week, Mr McKenzie informed Trudy Pearce (General Manager Northern Region) that he would be extending his leave into Term 2 and retiring at the completion of his leave. Philip has been the Principal of Latrobe High School since 2008, during his time at LHS he has made learning for every individual his highest priority. His guidance and support of students and staff has been paramount and will be missed. As a school community, we wish him all the best in his retirement and we are looking forward to acknowledging his service to the school, both formally and informally, at the end of term 2. Our understanding is that the position of principal will be advertised in the near future.

REPORTS

Our first term 'Progress Report' will be sent home to parents on Wednesday 1 April. Grade 7 and Grade 8 students will bring their report home on the Wednesday afternoon. Due to Grade 9 Camp and Grade 10 Work Experience, Grade 9 and 10 reports will be mailed home to parents. The reports are intended to give parents an indication of how students have started the year, particularly in regard to their organisation, effort and behaviour in class. If there are any issues which arise from the reports, we urge you to contact the relevant teacher at the start of Term 2.

ATTENDANCE

It is imperative that students attend school unless they are too sick to do so. It is a legal requirement that all absences are explained by parents/carers. A text message is sent to parents of absent students if no explanation has been received by 9:30am each morning. Please ensure that, if you have forgotten to inform us of your child's absence, you respond to the text message. Last year we had an average attendance rate of 89%. This is equal to the highest attendance rate for a high school along the North West Coast. During the first 5 weeks of school, we are tracking at 95%. I would like to thank parents for their support, making sure their child is attending school every day. If a student misses one day of school every fortnight, they will miss the equivalent of a years' worth of education by the time they are in Grade 10.

'BIG DAY OUT'

After setting up in blustery conditions, the weather improved, and our 'Big Day Out' surf carnival was a huge success. Students are to be commended on their excellent behaviour,

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participation, positive attitude and the encouragement they gave other students. It was an **Continued from previous page:**

absolute pleasure to watch students having fun and giving their best effort. I would like to thank our Health and Physical Education staff for their wonderful organisation and the set-up of the carnival.

Information Technology Access

As mentioned in last fortnight's newsletter, we are currently completing some action research, to determine if students should have increased access to Smart Phones or IPods for learning purposes. Individual teachers will have the choice if they are going to allow students to use IPods or Smart Phones for some learning activities.

The following message has been given to students:

- Students are not to use any technology (netbook, iPad, tablet, iPod, smart phone, laptop) unless the teacher has given them permission.
- Students are to use the technology for learning tasks only.
- It is **not** a requirement for a student to have a Smart Phone or iPod. It is an option as an addition to their larger portable device.
- It is a requirement for students to have their larger portable device with them in class.

**BRENT ARMITSTEAD
ACTING PRINCIPAL**

GOOD LUCK KELVYN!

On the 1 April, Kelvyn Linton and his father Chris, will be walking from Port Arthur to Latrobe, along the east then north coast. Kelvyn's father will continue the journey, heading south along the west coast to Bruny Island, in support of The Black Dog Institute, raising funds and awareness for bipolar and mental health.

There are a number of plans underway at LHS to help support this cause. More information will be out soon.

In the meantime, any donations can be made through the Latrobe High School office. Thank you.



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Grade 7 Camp students overlooking Wineglass Bay.

Writer of the Month

Calling all writers! It's time to get creative and put pen to paper!

At Latrobe High School, we value student writing, and love to showcase students' efforts. Each month, students are given a topic to use as a stimulus for writing. Students may like to write a short story, a poem, a script, newspaper article, etc. The possibilities are endless!

There are two categories for "Writer of the Month", the student entry and the teacher entry. Students are to submit their work to Miss Leonard before the end of the month. The teacher category is where teachers enter a student's piece of writing from any given subject area.

Winners are announced during our whole school assemblies and are awarded with a \$15 gift voucher from The Devonport Book Shop.



The title for this month is, '**A Narrow Escape from Trouble**'.

Happy writing!

Wendy Leonard
Writer of the Month Coordinator

A huge congratulations to **Cameron McPherson** who rode outstandingly at the Junior National Track Championships held in Melbourne from the 25-28 February. He placed 4th in the boys' Under 15 Point Score Race. This race is very demanding as the riders race for forty laps and sprint every five laps accumulating points. He was also the first Tasmanian across the line in the Under 15 boys' Scratch Race. Great effort and well done!!

GRADE 9 REPORT

The Grade 9's have been very settled during the first half of Term One, which is pleasing to see. I have also been impressed with the way the students have been wearing school uniform. The only area of concern, is the small number of students who still need to organise black shoes. If there is an issue with purchasing black shoes for your child, please contact me on 64261061

Last week, the students were involved in the Big Day Out. On the day, I supervised the Grade 9 girls, and I could not fault their behaviour, or their comradery. The way the girls encouraged and supported each other during the events, no matter which house was represented, was a delight to watch. Congratulations girls, and to all the Grade 9's who participated on the day.

I would also like to congratulate the large number of students who have received strength awards this month. Well done, **Ethan Duniam, Ryan Clements, Cameron Kneebone, Aaron Hedditch, Zac Cope, Alex Rouse, Xavier McClymont, Lucy Jordan, Edward Lancaster, Cherrie Lister, Zahna Jenkins, Lachlan Knight, Grace Larkin, Tully Mignot, Erin Redpath, Bjarke Svendsgaard, Ashley -Kate Williams, Kelvyn Linton, Riley Symmons, Rachel Bentley, Connor Duncombe, Katlyn Geard, Lily Beswick, Damon Cock, Ryan Foster, Ayden James, Ella Davern, Aimee Smith, Angela Douglas, Danyon Lyall, Claire Thomas, Candice Barton, Liam Slatter, Rebecca West and Michael Thornton.**

The Grade 9 Camp will take place during the final week of this term. Students should now have received all information regarding camp. It is very important for students to return their medical forms and permission slips for camp. Some organisation for camp cannot be complete until these forms are returned. Those students not attending camp will be expected to attend school as normal. If you have any questions regarding camp, please contact me on 64261061

Wendy Leonard
Grade 9 Co-ordinator

COMING EVENTS

- **Tuesday 17 March** - Grade 7 Vaccinations
- **Tuesday 17 March** - BBQ Fundraisers for Relay for Life
- **Wednesday 18 March** - Whole School Assembly
- **Friday 20 March** - Grade 10 Leadership Conference - Student Leaders
- **Friday 27 March** - Grade 10 Mock Interviews
- **Monday 30 March - Thursday 2 April** - Grade 10 Work Experience
- **Monday 30 March - Wednesday 1 April** - Grade 9 Camp
- **Thursday 2 April** - Student Free Day - Grade 10 students will participate in Work Experience

Mental Health Support Services

Support is available from the following 24 hour telephone services
 Lifeline 131114, Kids helpline 1800 55 1800 and Headspace for online and telephone support – 6335 3100 or headspace.org.au.



Teddy Bears Picnic

Where: **“Pop Up Library”**

Pirate Park East Devonport

When: **Saturday 14th March, 2015**

Time: **10.30 – 11.30am**

Together let's celebrate the success of the “Pop up Library” and create a time and space to bring people together to celebrate the joys of reading and sharing books with our children.

There will be a shared story reading, we will play some games and enjoy or morning tea together and take home a book from the “Pop up Library”

What to bring: a book to swap in the “Pop up Library” some morning tea and a picnic blanket.

Contact: Tammy and Lucy Milne for further detail 0488385971 or [facebook.com/pop.up.library.EastDevonport](https://www.facebook.com/pop.up.library.EastDevonport)

school immunisation program (may be administered at GP practices if not received via a school program)

SCHOOL YEAR

VACCINE (ANTIGEN)

Year 7 (routine program)

Boostrix (dTpa)

Gardasil (HPV) (3 doses at 0, 2 and 6 months) (d)

Varilrix or Varivax (e)

Year 9 (catch-up program 2014 only)

Boostrix (dTpa)

Gardasil (HPV) boys only (3 doses at 0, 2 and 6 months) (d)

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Acting Principal

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