



Le Fevre High School



NEWSLETTER
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2014 Term dates:

Term 1
28th January - 11th April

Term 2
28th April - 4th July

Term 3
21st July - 26th September

Term 4
13th October - 12th December

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Coming events:

Wed 26 Feb
School Photos

Thurs 6 Mar
Yr 8 Immunisations
Yr 9 Boys Immunisations

Fri 7 Mar
Pupil Free Day

Mon 10 Mar
Adelaide Cup Public Holiday

Tues 11 Mar
Governing Council

Tues 11 Mar
Harmony Day Assembly

Wed 26 Mar
Open Night

Thurs 27 Mar
Street Smart Yr 10's

Tues 1 Apr
Participation Games

Fri 11 Apr
End of Term 1

From the Principal



Welcome to 2014, at Le Fevre High School. I take this opportunity to welcome all students, staff, parents and especially the new students and their families and staff members to the Le Fevre High School Community.

We have had a very positive and smooth start to the school year, with students settling in well. The school year has begun very successfully, with classes beginning from day 1 after an introductory assembly and home group orientation sessions. Our enrolments are steady again this year and we have around 600 students enrolled at present.

The Annual Report of the school for 2013 is available on our web page if you wish to see the very comprehensive data relating to last year's activities and achievements.

During the Christmas break we welcomed back Mr Dash Taylor and the students who participated in a very successful World Challenge visit to Laos and Cambodia.

In week 1 we had a short notice visit from the Premier, Mr Jay Weatherill and candidate for the electorate of Lee, Mr Stephen Mulligan who came to inspect the Trade Training Centre and the various Maritime Engineering and associated Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics programs.

As a school community we have many exciting opportunities unfolding before us including the new Partnership arrangements of DECD which replace the former Regions. Our new Education Director is Ms Deb Graham who is based at Flinders Park Education Centre.

This year we embark on our next three year plan for the school which will continue to focus on further developing our focus on learning through developments in the IB Curriculum,

SACE, literacy and numeracy activities and teacher professional learning capacity which underpins student learning and wellbeing. We will also be continuing with exciting developments with our Maritime programs and STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics) activities with our partner schools and our University partners over the ensuing years.

Over recent years our school has worked on a 'focus on learning' program which includes non-automatic promotion to the next year of study. This program is continuing again this year and further communication with the school community will occur throughout the year about this policy and the procedures in place to support student learning and achievement.

We have also continued to work with Ocean View College to formalise the sharing of a number of Senior School subjects effectively doubling the cohort of our Senior School options to our students.

We have only two new staff appointments to the school at this time:

- Ms Gabi Hirsch-Brown to Special Education and Flexible Learning
- Mr Tim Jobling to Special Education and Technologies

In addition Mr Troy Barker is now our Assistant Principal replacing Ms Sonya Johninke who retired at the end of 2013.

Outstanding Academic Achievement 2013 Stage 2 Results

I wish to acknowledge the very commendable academic results of the year 12 students of 2013. The students have performed well with over 90% completion of the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE), for eligible students, and over 95% success rate for eligible students in acceptance to tertiary placements; with students gaining entry into very competitive fields such as Law, Engineering, Research Science, International Relations,



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Psychology, Education and Intercultural Studies courses to mention a few. Congratulations to our senior students and the staff who supported them in achieving these fine results.

Our Dux, Christopher Chen received entry into a double degree in Engineering at Adelaide University after receiving a final ATAR score of 99.95. (the highest possible!). In addition he has been awarded the 'Principal's Scholarship' as the highest scoring Le Fevre student by the University of Adelaide. Also MJ Islam received the same final high ATAR and has been accepted into Sydney University to study Engineering. We are proud of their achievements and wish them all the best for their future endeavours.

Mr Dash Taylor, Mr James Dekort and Ms Anne Cheel, will be leading a very active Student Voice team this year. Members of this group are: Donna Deeley, Nicholas Parkes, Morgan Swanson, Jessie Bennett-Crockett, Blake Battersby, Ella Landreth, Connor Langley, Meghan Shaw, Sarah Shelton, Aoife Byrne, Joseph Collins, Huon Hammet, Justin Lang, Nathan Workman, Alexandra Contibas, Emily Cotton, Tyson Martino, Marc Wingard and Justin Bellchamber.

Congratulations to Gabi Aston, recent graduate of the school who is the first Indigenous female person to be a member of the Australian Women's Ice Hockey Team. Gabi is about to go to Shanghai to compete for Australia. She is a graduate of the Le Fevre Ice Hockey team. What a wonderful achievement!



In addition to the Student Voice team the Year 12 Student Ambassadors for 2014 who represent students at official school functions are: Travers Keeler, Travis Bancroft, Joshua Mancini, Nattapol Jiravi Jakkhana, Jasmin Broadbridge, Ashleigh Wilson, Alex Contibas and Demi McCormick. We congratulate these students on their important role for this coming year.

We have a very effective **Governing Council** that sees parents, members of the community, students and staff working together to improve student outcomes at Le Fevre High School. We could not achieve this impact without recruiting new members who, with their various skills and abilities, help us to add value to the school. The Annual General Meeting was held on 10th February and the members for 2014 are:

Hedley Reberger, Lisa Robson, Melanie Pudney, Sally Robertson, Sharryn Lunnay, Sue Lewis, Ian Hunter, Peta Pollard, Paula Workman, Julie Fannon, Rob Allen, Tracy Blamey, Narelle Mancini and Eunice Rodgers

Ex officio:

Rob Shepherd (Principal)

Staff Representatives in 2014:

James Dekort and Rommi Driscoll

Student Representatives:

TBA

I also thank sincerely and acknowledge the following retiring members from the 2013 Governing Council:

Monica Meade, Stephanie Thomson, Deb Mayhew and Padma Kudupudi.

A very important feature of this term's activities will be our **Open Night on Wednesday 26th March 5.00pm to 8.00pm**. Further information will be distributed about this important occasion and members of the current school community are cordially invited to attend and view our newly redeveloped facilities and programs. In addition I will be conducting Principal Tours for families after Open Day.

Congratulations to our students for the very cooperative manner in which they are responding to our uniform for years 8 to 12. Students have generally been highly commended throughout the community for their appearance. Any families experiencing difficulty in purchasing the new uniform items can contact me for a discreet discussion as to how we may be able to support you.

Please feel welcome to drop into the school to say hello and meet with me if you have not already done so.

I am looking forward to a great year with you all.

Rob Shepherd
Principal

**ALL VISITORS INCLUDING PARENTS ARE
REQUIRED TO REPORT TO RECEPTION
WHEN VISITING THE SCHOOL**

Severe Nut Allergy

Please be advised that we have at least one student in our school with a **very extreme allergy to PEANUTS**. We seek the cooperation of ALL school community members; that is ALL staff, ALL students and ALL parents to make our school safe for this person. The canteen has removed All PEANUT products. Similarly we have removed all peanut confectionary from the staff room. We seek the full cooperation of parents and students not to bring ANY peanut products into the school. This includes any muesli bars, loose nuts or products which list PEANUTS as an ingredient. It does not apply to products which have the label 'may contain traces of nuts or made on machinery that also processes nuts'. If you need any further information regarding this request please contact the Principal or Nicole Roach in Student Services. It is a very serious matter as PEANUTS are potentially fatal to this person.

Photo Gallery



Premier Jay Weatherill with Steven Mulligan, Thierry Herman and Rod Hunter, discussing the Maritime Engineering Programme



Chris Chen with Jane Danvers, presiding officer of the SACE Board



MJ Islam at the Merit Ceremony at Government House



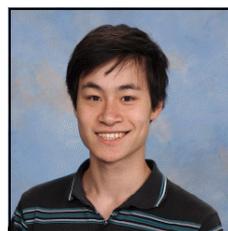
NIKKI ORROCK



MJ ISLAM



JOVANKA IVANIC



CHRIS CHEN



MELANTHA CARNEY

2013 Outstanding Academic Achievers

Year 8 Port Noarlunga Aquatics Day

Valentine's Day provided the platform for Year 8 Aquatics day. However, roses and romantic dinners were replaced by activities such as snorkelling, sailing, surfing and canoeing. Although we were met with some disagreeable weather, the rain didn't dampen the spirits of the Year 8 students that attended. The students seemed to spawn many new friendships and behaved in an exceptional manner.

Ty Duerden and Liam Narcys
Year 8 Coordinators



STUDENT

Grievance: is something unreasonable that you are not happy with and that you want to change. **If you have a grievance about something at school you can:**

- ◆ Speak to:
 - ◆ A parent/caregiver
 - ◆ A staff member
 - ◆ A counsellor
 - ◆ A year level coordinator
 - ◆ A Student Voice representative
- ◆ And work out what options are available;
- ◆ Take the action you have worked out;
- ◆ If the problem continues, return to the person spoken with originally to let them know this and to work out other options and take this action;
- ◆ If your needs are still not being met, talk to some other person mentioned above;
- ◆ Persist until you feel the situation is resolved;
- ◆ If the situation is still not resolved at this point then speak to the Principal or an Assistant Principal.

PARENT/CAREGIVER

Our reason for documenting a Parent/Caregiver Grievance Procedure is to keep communication between members of our school community as open as possible and to ensure there are appropriate channels to air grievances.

From time to time parents of Le Fevre High School students have concerns that need to be addressed and by following stated guidelines (that are known to parents and staff), specific issues can be identified and managed quickly and to the satisfaction of all involved. This is certainly our goal. Parents/Caregivers play an important part in the support network for the students.

All personal matters should be raised directly with the school through the Subject Teacher, Care Group Teacher, Student Counsellors, Coordinator, Assistant Principal, or Principal, in a confidential manner.

Please follow the steps outlined below when you have a grievance that needs to be raised:

1. Contact the teacher directly involved by phone or make an appointment when the teacher is available and can give you his/her full attention (generally before or after school).
2. If the issue is not resolved, make an appointment with the Year Level Coordinator, Curriculum Coordinator, Assistant Principal, or Principal (Ph: 8449 7004). Let them know what issues you want to raise as this shortcuts the process.
3. Meet with the Year Level Coordinator, Curriculum Coordinator, Assistant Principal, or Principal. This would be followed up with a phone call at later times to monitor the situation. It may also lead to further discussion between Parents, Teacher and Principal, or Assistant Principal. It may lead to involvement of other support, e.g. Student Counsellors, Community Support Agencies, Education Department Support Agencies.
4. If you still feel dissatisfied, phone or write to the Principal again to air the concerns. The Principal will then follow up until the issue is resolved.
5. If steps 1-4 have been followed and parents still feel dissatisfied, approach the Regional Office of Education, Western Adelaide (Ph: 8416 7300).

News From The Aboriginal Educational Team

The Aboriginal Education team welcome the new year 8 students to the school and look forward to working with you and your child / children this year. We hope that you as the parents and caregivers continue to encourage your children to access the range of support available at this school.

This year we will be holding tutorial support sessions for senior students and literacy programs and a Wednesday Homework Centre for middle school students. In addition to this your children also have access to the school Homework Centre which is run on Thursdays. We remind you that the teachers at Le Fevre will usually make the time to work individually with students who are interested in doing their best.

We are proud to say that in 2013 we had 9 Aboriginal students who completed their SACE. One of the key factors which contributed to their success was the fact that they made the most of the support provided at school. These students worked closely with their teachers and the Aboriginal Education Team in order to succeed. We congratulate Holly Fazulla, Jayde Vuchich, Rivva Karpany, Lillian Porta, David Murray, Coen Taylor, Peter Espie, Robert Young, and Kuam Gibuma on their achievement and wish them all the best with their future after school.

This year the Aboriginal Education Team consists of the following people.

- Chelsea Potter – Aboriginal Secondary Education Transition Officer (ASETO)
- Tony Wilson – Aboriginal Secondary Education Transition Officer (ASETO)
- Lina Ruggiero – Aboriginal Education Teacher (AET) and Indonesian Teacher
- Marija Poljak-Nikolic – Aboriginal Education Teacher (AET) and English Teacher
- Damien Coulthard – Co-ordinator, South Australian Aboriginal Sports Academy (SAASTA) and PE Teacher
- Susan Kauschke – EALD – Literacy support
- Margie Tilbrook – Aboriginal Studies Teacher

We can be contacted by phone 8449 7004 or email if you have any information or concerns that you would like to pass on to the school. You are also welcome to drop in or make an appointment to see us if you want to come in and talk to us about your child. We look forward to working with you.

ATSI FAMILY / COMMUNITY NIGHT

Please join us for a yarn and drinks and meeting with the staff team:

When: Monday 3rd March 2014

Where: Le Fevre High School

Time: 6.00pm

FIRST AID AND MEDICAL SUPPORT

STUDENTS WITH A MEDICAL CONDITION REQUIRE A HEALTH CARE PLAN These are specific to the student's medical condition i.e., Asthma, Epilepsy, Anaphylaxis etc. These Plans can be obtained from Student Services and must be completed by the parent and signed off by the Doctor.

STUDENTS ON MEDICATION Students must not administer their own medication, it should be given to Student Services in the original chemist packaging stating dosage information along with written consent from the parent.

If you have any questions in relation to managing Medical Conditions or First Aid support for your child, please contact the First Aid Officer at school.





HOW CAN YOU INCREASE YOUR OPPORTUNITIES OF GETTING YOUR JOB OF CHOICE THROUGH AN APPRENTICESHIP/TRAINEESHIP **AND** ACHIEVE YEAR 12 AND SACE?

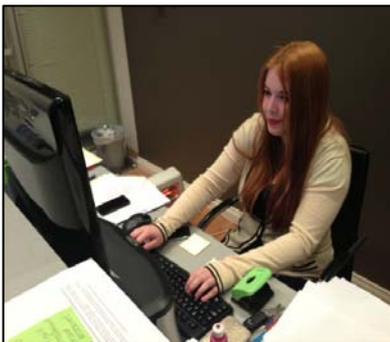
You can have less competition for winning a job in a school based apprenticeship/traineeship at school than when finishing year 12 and competing with applicants in the rest of the state! In fact, you could be the only person competing for the job!

The school's Apprenticeship Broker negotiates the attendance pattern between the school and your employer whilst you can earn up to 150 credits at Stage 2 level for your SA Certificate of Education.

The added advantage is that you will also be working off your contract term while you are at school and getting paid!

If the contract is not completed by the end of year 12, you **will continue** with your employer until the qualification is achieved.

Take a look at this student for their personal story:



Ashleigh Wilson is a Year 12 student at Le Fevre High School. She is employed with Doconade Legal and Migration and currently undertaking a Certificate III in Business (office administration) qualification to assist her complete her SACE.

For further information and assistance with school based apprenticeships contact, Vicki Bryant on 0458 564 603.

You can meet Vicki to assist with a school based apprenticeship by making appointments with Nicole in Student Services.

We wish to advise that the Hambours Uniform Shop will be closed on Friday 7th March 2014 to coincide with the Adelaide Cup Weekend.

Online orders may still be placed and we will attend to them upon our return on Tuesday.

OVERDUE TEXT/LIBRARY BOOKS

Text and Library books are valuable school resources. We ask that families search for any overdue books and return them to the school as soon as possible.



SMS SYSTEMS

The phone number for this service is **0428 937 348**. We encourage you to use this SMS service in advance to notify the school of your child's absence or lateness.



PLEASE NOTE: The event advertised below is not school operated but operated by an outside agency using school facilities. The school cannot guarantee the safety of students participating in the event, parents are responsible for the safety of their children at all times.



GOJU RYU KARATE DO
SEISHIKAN
A U S T R A L I A

Traditional Japanese Karate
Beginner classes starting soon
Every Wednesday 6:00-7:30pm
Le Fevre High School

Phone: 0437380400
Email: portadelaidekarate@yahoo.com.au

www.karateaustralia.com

DENTAL SERVICE

A new children's Dental Benefits Schedule for 2-17 year old started in January 2014. It is called the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider and welcomes babies, children and young people under 18 years.

Dental care is FREE for most children and the School Dental Service will bulk-bill Medicare.

Children who do not qualify for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule can still attend—a small fee may apply for each course of general dental care provided.

There are no waiting times at the School Dental Service. To keep your children's teeth and gums healthy we encourage them to attend the School Dental Service.

To locate your local School Dental Clinic, and for more information about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au

Are you having difficulties paying your school fees or managing other expenses?

IF so a financial counsellor can help you with:

- Options to manage living expenses including school fees, arrears and other debts
- Options for your overall financial position

Financial counsellors provide
FREE, CONFIDENTIAL, INDEPENDENT information
and counselling for people in financial difficulties

For information and referral to a financial counsellor in your area

Phone the Financial Counselling Help Line

 1800 007 007

or search online:

www.moneysmart.gov.au/managing-my-money/managing-debts/financial-counselling

The financial counselling service that is being offered and provided is independent of the Department for Education and Child Development and represents a relationship directly between the Financial Counselling Help Line and/or the service provider eg Uniting Communities and the individual. References to the financial counselling service do not constitute an endorsement by the Department for Education and Child Development. It is the user's responsibility to make their own inquiries prior to using the service

Financial counselling services are provided free of charge by not for profit organisations. Financial counsellors employed by these services are members of the SA Financial Counsellors Association (SAFCA)

Calling all high school adolescents! Flinders University Clinical Psychology PhD student, Kate Bartel, is conducting an online survey to find out all about your sleep! Whether you sleep well, or wish you slept better, we'd love to hear from you. The survey will take less than 30 minutes, and on completion \$1 will go to a charity on your behalf. For more information go to the link below, or contact Kate at kate.bartel@flinders.edu.au. Please go to the following link to participate https://flinderspsychology.asia.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_d4OR5OtIMrlsOhL

2014 SCHOOL CARD GRANT

School Card Grant – A new application for the grant must be completed and lodged each year. Eligibility for the 2014 School Card Grant is based on the applicant's combined family gross income for the 2012/2013 financial year. **School Card Grant** is a Commonwealth Government Grant for the purpose of paying **Materials & Services Charges** for eligible families. The amount of the grant in 2014 will be **\$290.00** for Secondary Students.

Assessment for eligibility is made on taxable income for the 2012/2013 financial year.

Categories for applications are –

- ◇ Low income earners
- ◇ Self employed
- ◇ Students receiving Independent Youth Allowance or Independent Disability Pension
- ◇ Veterans
- ◇ New Arrivals/Migrants
- ◇ Foster/Guardianship Children

Application forms for the 2014 School Card Grant are now available at the school. *Please bring your Centrelink Concession Card with you when making the application for the School Card Grant.*

2014 MATERIALS & SERVICES CHARGE

Governing Council has set the 2014 Materials and Services Charge (school fees) at \$410.00 per student.

Financial Statements have been sent to all families with outstanding accounts. It is expected that accounts for Materials & Services Charges are paid by the end of Term 1, 11th April 2014.

We appreciate that in some cases parents or students may find it difficult to pay the Materials & Services Charge. The following options may be of assistance –

- ◆ **School Card Grant** – Please refer to the section above which gives more detail about School Card.
- ◆ **Payment by Instalment** – Payment of regular amounts can be made to pay off your account. Please contact us to establish this process.
- ◆ **Centrepay** - If you are in receipt of any Centrelink payment ie., Family Benefit, Parenting Payment, Disability Support, you can choose to have money regularly deducted from Centrelink payments to pay for Materials & Services Charges. Centrepay is a direct deduction service that is voluntary and available at no cost to you. Application forms are available from the school or contact Centrelink for more information on 13 2490 or www.centrelink.gov.au

Payment of school accounts can be made in cash, by cheque or by using Visa or Master Card credit facility (in person or over the phone or by completing the credit card details on the statement and returning to school with your child), by EFTPOS or by using Bizgate (Visa & Master Card payments online via the school's website www.lefevrehs.sa.edu.au)

Prompt payment of your account would be appreciated. Please contact the school if you have any questions related to the above, we will be happy to assist.

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LE FEVRE HIGH SCHOOL
CREDIT CARD PAYMENT AUTHORISATION
ABN 46 522 360 921
2014 MATERIALS & SERVICES CHARGE
\$410.00

Card No: _____

Verification: __ __ __

Expiry Date:/.....

Card Holder's Name:

Amount: \$ 410.00

Signature:

Please Tick One:

Payment for: 2014 M & S CHARGE

MasterCard:

Student's name:

Visa Card: