Building upgrade and redevelopments

I am delighted and proud to advise that after making what has been described to me as ‘consistent, compelling and persistent’ representations to our department Le Fevre High is one of 5 schools to have been identified in the State 2015-2016 budget to receive monies towards a building redevelopment. I was delighted to receive a phone call from local member for Lee the Hon Steve Mullighan MP Minister for Infrastructure and Transport on Thursday 11th June advising me of this outcome. The next day I heard from our Minister for Education and member for Port Adelaide the Hon Dr Susan Close MP. Please see an extract of her letter to me below:

"Dear Rob,

As part of the 2015/16 State Budget, I am pleased to advise your school is one of the five schools to be allocated capital funds for major works. This project is part of a $50 million Schools and Preschools Capital Works stimulus package designed to generate local employment following the closure of the automotive industry.

This will involve an upgrade and refurbishment of your facilities. The other four schools to receive an allocation of funds under the Capital Works stimulus package are: Christies Beach High School and South Vocational College Disability Unit Christies Downs Primary School Fremont-Elizabeth City High School Swallowcliffe School P-7"

There will be a meeting very soon with DECD representatives to begin the planning of this development as it will occur within the 2015-2016 financial year. I will keep you informed of the details as they come to hand. I gratefully acknowledge the considerable support of our Governing Council and our Executive team in supporting my endeavours for this upgrade over several years!

 Refugees Week

The theme for this year is taken from the less well known second verse of the Australian National Anthem: “With courage let us all combine.”

We are reminded that on the issue of courage there is much to celebrate “when we remember the courage of refugees who have refused to deny their beliefs or identity in the face of persecution, fled their homeland and often endured terrifying and dangerous journeys only to face the cruelty of detention before working hard to make a new life for themselves and their families.”

Three often quoted myths are well worth refuting this week.

**Myth 1:** Australia accepts its fair share of refugees.

**Fact:** Australia ranks 22nd when compared with other countries that accept refugees. Developing countries, places that can least afford to do so, host about 80% of the world’s refugees.

**Myth 2:** Asylum seekers who arrive by boat are illegal.

**Fact:** Even if you arrive by boat without a visa it is still legal to seek asylum in Australia. The right to seek asylum is guaranteed under International law and Australian law. It is also against the law to punish asylum seekers for the mode, plane or boat, by which they entered the country.

**Myth 3:** Asylum Seekers who come to Australia are criminals.

**Fact:** The majority of asylum seekers who reach our shores by boat are found to be owed protection. 88% of asylum seekers who arrived by boat in 2013 were found to be refugees.
From the Principal cont

Fact about Le Fevre High: Did you know that Le Fevre High has 51 different cultural heritage groups represented in its student and staff population? Le Fevre High should be very proud of its record of welcoming new comers from all over the world into its community. I acknowledge the huge contribution that all migrant peoples have had to our community.

- **Launch of the Hobart:** Thierry Herman and I were invited to this event in recognition of Thierry’s tremendous contribution to the education of secondary students in Naval Architecture here at Le Fevre High as a part of our Maritime School programs. He has on various occasions been seconded to the AW Alliance.

- **Primary STEM visits:** We continue to have year 6 students from local Primary schools to participate in STEM activities here at Le Fevre. In week 8 we had a wonderful visit from the year 6 students from Le Fevre Peninsula Primary School. The program owes much to the coordination work of Assistant Principal, Mr Craig Bailey and the team of staff who so willingly put in the additional time to set up these visits. The participating staff this session included Laurence Fletcher, Eddie Grzeskowiak and Liam Narcys. We are continuing to work with our major Sponsor, Uni SA to develop ways for their undergraduate students and academic staff to be incorporated into this program.

- **Maritime Program/STEM:** Channel 9 did a great story on the restoration of the canon from the ‘Protector’ by our Maritime Engineering students as a part of a weather forecast recently. It is good to see our students noted for such activities. Similarly there was a feature on our involvement in the Adopt a Grave program at the Cheltenham Cemetery on Channel 7 too! Also Rod Hunter and Laurence Fletcher took a group of students to AMC in Launceston in week 9 of Term 2. Rod is going on leave/retiring mid-year and I am pleased to announce that Mr Liam Narcys will be Acting Maritime Leader for Semester 2. I sincerely thank Rod Hunter for his very considerable contributions to our school through his excellent leadership of the Maritime Program.

- **SEMESTER 2:** Students commenced Semester 2 smoothly thanks to the work of Jean Parry in finalising the timetable for this over recent weeks and Alastair Lupton and Liam Narcys who worked on this while Jean was on leave.

- **Girls Win McLeod Cup At Adelaide Oval:** I offer my congratulations to these students. Please see details on page 4 of this edition.

- **SAASTA / Port Power Cup:** Our boys’ team has again won the football component of the competition. Eight out of eight is a stunning effort!! Sincere thanks to SAASTA Coordinator Damien Coulthard and the Aboriginal Education team for all of their commitment to this program and their ongoing support for our students.

- **Retirement:** Marek Picheta retired on Friday 12th June. We thank him for the great contribution he made to our school over the Semester and we wish him well in his future endeavours.

- **International activities:** We had a group of 12 Indonesian Educators arriving for a week on 7 June. They were provided with Home Stay by our staff. This was a very successful visit.

- **Liam Narcys has now made his bookings to Mongolia in the October School break to participate in our sister school exchange program with School #45.**

- **Plans are well in hand for our trip to Laos and Cambodia. We will be undertaking some form of agreement with the LOTUS Orphanage organisation once we visit and see how it is all going.** They run 3 schools for orphans. Accommodation and all travel are now organised.

- **Training & Development days for 2015 and 2016:** Plans are now well under way for developing the program for 2016 to continue the themes of Growth Mind sets, and for our site IB unit development.

- **Special Soccer Academy Program:** We have now officially begun to phase out the Rugby League program and introduce a specialist Soccer program based on much discussion with our local Primary schools, the students themselves on transition and our current students. We have notified the Primary Schools and had significant enrolment interest regarding this new program. Finer details are being mapped out at Curriculum leaders’ level.

- **Drama performance: Midnight** (adaptation from Doctor Who episode)

- **Outstanding! Sold out both nights.**

- **Congratulations to Rita Papillo, students and staff involved in this great performance.**

- **Engineering Challenge:** Helicopter success! Our students won the helicopter design section of this annual competition.

**Rob Shepherd**
Principal
Le Fevre Girls Win The McLeod Challenge

On Friday the 15th of May, 2015 a team of 7 girls got together to play girls football against 12 other schools at the McLeod Challenge. The students from our school were Shania, Bianca, Debra, Kira, Nicole, Lecisha and last but not least Jasmine.

The McLeod challenge is part of the Adelaide Football Club’s Indigenous program led by Andrew McLeod and his wife Rachael. More than 250 Indigenous year 8 and 9 students take part in the round robin competition held at the Adelaide football Club in mid-May. Each school played at least five to six games and Le Fevre girls won 4 of our games. We played in the semi-finals against Westminster and Le Fevre High won by 4 points. The two top teams for girls and boys competed for the opportunity to play the grand final at Adelaide Oval for the prematch game before the Crows vs Freemantle game in the Indigenous round.

The Grand Final

On Saturday the 30th of May, 2015 the girls from Le Fevre High School plus Hannah from Le Fevre Primary participated in the Grand Final for the McLeod Challenge. At 4:30pm on a Saturday afternoon we met up at the southern entrance of Adelaide oval, and we then headed over to the change rooms to get ready for our Grand final game. We were playing the curtain raiser event for the Crows vs Freemantle game. Each half went for 10 minutes long, we (Le Fevre) were losing in the first half but then we pulled our heads in and started to score goals. By the end of the game we had won….. We were so proud! The final scores were as follows: For the boys, Henley High School 10 5 65 defeated Salisbury High School 5 2 32 and for the girls, Le Fevre High School 9 4 58 defeated Westminster School/Mannum Community College 5 10 40

In reflection, participating in the McLeod Challenge was a great opportunity for our girls. We got to play on Adelaide Oval and met some of the Crow’s players and we represented South Australia in the Indigenous Round before the Crows big game.

A big thank you to Alisha, Susan and Chelsea (Aboriginal Education Team) for making the time to take us to these events.

Written by Jasmine and Shania
Pastoral Care Corner:

This year I decided to hold the Biggest Morning Tea as a friend of mine has battled with Cancer in this past year. The impact on him, and his family and friends was big and we were grateful for all the information and support we received through the Cancer Council. It made me ponder on how many students; staff and their families have been impacted by cancer and thought it would be a good opportunity to give something back. Therefore on Thursday May the 28th we held the Biggest Morning Tea to raise money for the Cancer Council. The staff had donated money and enjoyed a lovely morning tea during recess time. The students were fortunate to have a wonderful lunch donated by Semaphore Uniting Church with 2 volunteers attending the school and supporting the 2 current Social Work Students and myself to hold the event. It was held in the Chill Out room with students donating whatever they could afford to enter the event and enjoy a lovely warm lunch, including Pizza bread, Muffins, cheese and crackers, pies and Pasties, Chips and drinks. The students were very grateful to the volunteers and staff that held the event and were well behaved. All together we raised over $200 for the Cancer Council which is a great effort. Thank you to all the staff, students, families and volunteers that contributed to this event.

Anita Jeffrey
School Chaplain

South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) Information Evening

Date – Tuesday 18 August 2015
Time – 6pm – approximately 6.30pm
Venue – Le Fevre High School Staff Room (Enter via Reception)

We invite parents to attend our SACE information evening. While the greatest benefit will be to parents of current Year 10s and 11s, all are welcome.

As your son or daughter commences planning for Year 11 or 12 we would like the opportunity to discuss with you the relevance and importance of the SACE. We encourage you to come along to meet with our SACE Coordinator, VET Coordinator and Apprenticeship Broker to hear about the structure and flexibility within the SACE, subject choice, university entrance, vocational education opportunities, apprenticeships and traineeships. It will also be a chance to ask any questions that you may have regarding your son or daughter’s senior schooling.

We look forward to seeing you on the Tuesday evening.
Dear Mr Bailey,

On behalf of the year six students at Le Fevre Primary school we would like to thank you for having the opportunity to participate in the STEM day at Le Fevre High.

We would also like to thank Mr Narcys, Mr Grzeskowiak and Mr Fletcher for their time in helping us to make our anemometers and weathervanes.

All the students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and more and more of our students now want to go to Le Fevre High.

We also thank you for the use of your Trade Training Centre for the day and the use of the computer room. Many of the students relished the opportunity to use tools such as the machines in the Trade Training Centre, the laser cutter and various others.

All of the students really enjoyed the opportunity to utilise a laser cutter, and the figures and symbols that the printer produced made our weathervanes all the better.

The lunch and recess provided was also greatly appreciated, it was delicious. Whoever cooked the food did well to cook so much in such a short space of time.

All the students went home to put their weathervanes in their gardens and on top of their roofs.

Many thanks,

Elliot on behalf of the Year sixes at Le Fevre Primary.
As part of their curriculum the Year 12 students in Stage 2 Society and Culture were required to design and carry out some kind of social action as part of a task this term. Working in a group they worked collaboratively to research a social justice or welfare issue and then decide on the action they would take. The work carried out by most groups was stunning, here are just a few.

Courtney and Tyler arranged a Facebook ‘event’ to collect donations for the Hutt St Centre. It attracted massive support from family and friends.

Marie (pictured with Year 8s), Chris, Joe and Mathew planned and ran a class for Year 8s, aiming to raise awareness of the causes of homelessness.

Caitlin and Harry used Fair-trade chocolate to raise peoples’ awareness of this brand and the ethical considerations we make as consumers.

Excursion
As part of our work in class a group of Society and Culture students paid a visit to the Youth Affairs Council of South Australia (YACSA). They heard about the work the organisation does as a peak body, representing both young people and the youth sector. Anne Bainbridge, Executive Director, spoke to students about the advocacy and policy work of YACSA and similar organisations, aiming to influence public policy and raise awareness of issues of particular relevance to young South Australians. This insight will hopefully be of great relevance to students as they embark on their major task, the Investigation, in Term 3.
We have a significant number of students participating in Vocational Education and Training (VET) at Le Fevre High School. From time to time there are stand out achievements that are wonderful to share with the school community. For the past year and a half Diana has been undertaking Certificate II Electronics through PEER VEET. This qualification has gained Diana credits toward her SACE, industry endorsed competencies and highly valuable experience. At PEER’s annual award ceremony last term Diana was awarded ‘Most Outstanding VET in Schools Student in Electrical for 2014’. Over the past 18 months Diana has clearly demonstrated the industry specific skills that will be required of her, but she has also showed an outstanding work ethic, drive and passion for this industry. These things are of great value and importance to employers and Diana is positioning herself well on a pathway into an electrical apprenticeship. Congratulations from us all Diana.

Sean Carey
VET Coordinator

People’s Choice Community Lottery
Tickets are now available to be purchased at Student Services or come in and take a book home to sell to family and friends
Le Fevre High School pocket 100% of each and every $2 ticket we sell

Entertainment Book  $65
Now available to be purchased at Student Services. Please come in and grab a book and receive great savings whilst supporting our school.

Le Fevre High School receives $13 with every book sold.
SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICESHIPS

The continued growth of the Trade Schools for the Future program reinforces that more students are taking advantage of the flexibility to commence their desired career pathway while completing their SACE.

Employers continue to appreciate the many advantages in commencing an apprentice or trainee in a part-time school-based capacity.

School-based Apprenticeships have become a preferred option with many employers who are seeking to train and take on part-time staff. It is a great opportunity for year 10 and 11 students who know their career pathway, to approach employers for apprenticeship and traineeship prospects.

For students, it is a chance to showcase their skills and start their formal apprenticeship contract, working on average 8-25 hours per week. They have the opportunity of earning wages and at the same time, accrue credits for Stage 2 of SACE.

If you are a student who has been successful in gaining a job or a work trial, contact Vicki Bryant, the school’s Apprenticeship Broker. Vicki’s job is to review the viability of the arrangement with all parties and facilitate the process. We will also ensure SACE credits can be recognised and that it can be supported by the school as part of the student’s learning plan.

If an employer is not seeking workers at this time, the student should leave a copy of their resume with them. Staffing situations can change within a week and to have an applicant’s contact details handy is a great advantage.

If you would like to learn more of this opportunity, make an appointment today to meet with your Apprenticeship Broker, Vicki Bryant, by contacting Nicole at Student Services, Le Fevre High School.

Start Your Career Now!
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.

Adelaide Olympic Football Club's

School Holiday Soccer Clinic for junior players U7-U16

Tues 14th - Fri 17th July (9am-3pm)
Jubilee Reserve
Sansom Road, West Lakes Shore

headed by FFSA officials & supported by FFSA licenced coaches
To apply to attend the soccer clinic please contact:
juniorssecretary@aofc.com.au
see aofc.com.au for payment options & registration forms

$140
AOF members $110

Recruiting now for 2015/2016 Season

ALL players, ALL grades, ALL ages, ALL skill levels

The Port Adelaide Softball Club uses fun activities, games and softball matches in a relaxed and encouraging environment to develop skills in ball acquisition, hitting and movement in young players; both boys and girls

Port Adelaide Softball Club

Mobile: 0457 717 756
Email: portadelaide@softballsa.com.au
Web: www.portadelaide.softball.org.au
Season: October to March (with break over January)
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

Please be advised that the SMS phone number for advising of STUDENT ABSENCES is 0427 186 710.

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.

2015 MATERIALS AND SERVICES CHARGE

Prompt payment of your account would be appreciated. Please contact the school if you require any assistance with payment options listed below -

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) or by BPOINT DIRECT DEBIT.

2015 SCHOOL CARD GRANT

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 2015 will be $299.00 for Secondary Students. Assessment for eligibility is made on taxable income for the 2013/2014 financial year. A new application for the School Card Grant must be completed and lodged each year.

Application forms and more information about the grant are available from the school, please call us.