## Principal’s Report

**From the Principal**

**Staffing:** Jean Perry is continuing on LSL in UK for all of Term 4 and Alastair Lupton has again been appointed to the acting AP role.

- The Acting Sciences Coordinator role is being performed by Yanny Kwok.
- Troy Barker has been on four weeks leave as his wife is unwell after the premature birth of their daughter Claire. We send our congratulations and good wishes to them all. Ben Jones has been Acting AP Curriculum during this time and Liam Narcys has been acting HPE Coordinator.
- We welcome back Lina Ruggiero after her recovery from her knee injury.
- I am pleased to announce that Ty Duerden and Andee Kalatzis have joined us this term: Colin Fraser in Maths/IT and Michelle Rappa in Maths while Tsam Kakas has returned from LSL.
- The SACE Coordinator position for 2015 onwards is currently advertised and we have received applications which we will be announcing as soon as possible.
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**International activities:** We had a day visit from the owners of Sekolah Pilar Indonesia (Pak Iwan and Ibu Trias) in the first week of term.

- The Indonesian teachers all went to Bali for the Australian Indonesian Language Teachers conference which was held over the holidays. Sarah was a presenter at this conference.
- Plans are proceeding well for the trip to Laos and Cambodia. We have approximately 12 students going and currently we are awaiting the passports of the intending travellers so we can book the airline tickets before the end of this year.
- I will be presenting at a conference in New Caledonia between 11 and 15 November, along with Guy Tunstill from DECD on language reclamation processes in South Australia.

**Facilities:** We are now awaiting quotes and consultant reports for upgrades to our admin building and the P1 prefabricated buildings.

- Our Governing Council Chairperson, Rev Ian Hunter has recently also signed off on a second Education Care Brief which we submitted during the last school break which is seeking DECD to redevelop our science laboratories and replace the remaining prefabricated buildings except for P1.

**Kaurna Activities:** We have finished filming a documentary to be used in DECD schools and at the languages conference in New Caledonia entitled: The Aboriginal Experience, the Le Fevre story, which features many past and present students and the unique place Le Fevre High has had and continues to have in Aboriginal Education and achievement at a national level.

**NAPLAN:** student results were distributed at the end of the term. Should you have any enquiries please contact the care Group teacher of your child.

**SEDA Soccer and Cricket Academy:** We are still in discussions with DECD on suitable arrangements for this potentially exciting adjunct to our programs here at Le Fevre High. At present we are hoping for a 2016 start to these options.

**End of year arrangements:** A range of letters have been prepared by the Year Level teams to give very detailed information about all the activities coming up for the students in each year level. Please refer to these as they arrive home via your son or daughter.

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### Coming events:

- **Fri 14 Nov**  
  - Last Yr 12 Exam
- **Tues 18 Nov-Thurs 20 Nov**  
  - Year 11 Exams
- **Tues 18 Nov**  
  - Awards Assembly
- **Fri 21 Nov**  
  - Year 11 Transition
- **Mon 24 Nov**  
  - Governing Council
- **Thurs 27 Nov**  
  - Final day Yr 10s on exemption
- **Fri Nov 28**  
  - Pupil Free Day
- **Mon 1 Dec**  
  - Yr 7 Transition and Parent Information Night
- **Wed 3 Dec**  
  - Yr 12 Graduation—Elder Hall 7pm
Update re Chaplaincy Program: The State Government is supporting the continuation of this very important program. Our school is pleased to continue and support the very valuable work of Anita Gisborne.

Regards

Rob Shepherd
Principal
Year 12 Breakfast, Morning Tea and Halloween
Year 11/12 Indonesian Excursion

On Monday, 27th of November, the Year 11 and 12 Indonesian students visited Al Khalil Mosque on Torrens Road, then had lunch at the new North Adelaide Indonesian restaurant “Ketut’s Kitchen”. At the mosque, the students listened to a talk about Islam in Adelaide and the world and the daily operation of the mosque. The students were very attentive and answered and asked questions which reinforced the learning they had done about Islam in Indonesia. They were then given some refreshments before we left. They all found the inside of the mosque very beautiful and expressed that they liked this part of the excursion. It was great to be able to have a chat about this worldwide religion, and be able to challenge some of the ideas which are presented in the media.

After the mosque, the students ate at Ketut’s Kitchen. The food was delicious and plentiful! We were given lots of plastic containers to take the left-over food home. It was a lovely way to end the day and a great way to celebrate the year for all of the Year 11s and 12s of whom we are extremely proud.

Kylie Hill and Sarah Craddock

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Anti Cancer Council Fundraiser

The Year 11 cohort has shown its generosity over the first part of this term by donating chocolate to the Anti Cancer Council Fundraiser. All chocolate donated has been placed in a basket and carefully gift wrapped as the prize for the raffle.

All money raised will go directly to the Anti Cancer Council and the raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 18/11/2014.

Tickets are 50 cents each or 3 for $1 and can be purchased at Student Services.

Craig Bailey and Kylie Hill
Year 11 Care Group Teachers
A taste of durian usually follows the market excursion for our Year 10 Indonesian students, but this year there were no durian! Not to worry! We made up for this on Tuesday 28th of October as all the Year 10s gathered outside of Home Ec to see, touch and taste durian, the “King of Fruits”. Students were brave and tried the fruit. Some tolerated it, a couple liked it, and many needed to get rid of it from their mouths as quickly as possible! It is always interesting to ponder why and how tastebuds develop in different countries to suit the foods which surround them. Students commented on the interesting smell of the fruit, the way it looked inside and its flavour, which many agreed was a cross between mango and onion. Yum! It is always wonderful to bring new experiences to the world of our students and today, they embraced this beautifully!

The Indonesian Faculty

On the 6th November at the University of Adelaide Mentor Teacher Awards ceremony, Andrea Corston was successful in the category Rolemodel Mentor Teacher 2014!

She was nominated by Grace Gowers, my pre-service teacher from earlier this year. She was with me through School of Languages, but work-shadowed Andrea at Le Fevre throughout that time too.

Photo shows Dr Linda Westphalen from the School of Education presenting her award.

It was good to see nominees from a wide range of schools including country schools, primary, secondary, private and public. It was an enjoyable event!
Year 10 Maths Experience

Jake and Alanna were given the opportunity to spend a day at the Uni SA, Mawson Lakes campus, where they spent a rewarding day at the Maths Experience. They were introduced to fun and games, maths style. They had an opportunity to look at TREV, the solar powered car, and spent time viewing our galaxy and its neighbours at the Planetarium. The students were made aware of the many and varied careers that involve mathematics, for example, Business, Psychology, Meteorology and Geoscience. They also met five professionals who discussed their profession and how mathematics has taken them to where they are now: a computer systems engineer, an electrical engineer, a software engineer, a defence scientist and a pilot. Take some time to look into how much fun mathematics can be and how it can help you in the future.

*Maria Kontopoulos*

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Tour of the HMAS Newcastle

During ‘Navy Week’ Mr. Hunter organised a senior naval officer to visit our school, along with five navy technicians to talk about careers in the navy to our VET Engineering students and other interested students on Wednesday 22/10/14. The presentation of career paths in the Navy was so interesting the students listened attentively. Each of the six guests had different aspirations of career qualifications and diverse backgrounds that led them to join the Navy. What was so amazing from each speaker was their love of the sea and the Navy lifestyle along with the extensive travel to remote destinations around the world. The friends these people met in the Navy built relationships that they will have for life. The great camaraderie and team support was a common point from all the speakers. We were invited by the senior naval officer to go down to Techport and board the HMAS Newcastle, an Adelaide Class frigate, for an in-depth tour of the ship. Our focus was on engineering which meant that we got to see the working functions of the vessel. The HMAS Newcastle is powered by two gas turbine engines which is a marine version of a 737 jet engine. It also had two V-12 turbo diesel engines to generate the electricity to run the ships control systems. We saw all the working parts of the ship that general public tours would never view.

To sum up the visit, Le Fevre High School students and staff were privileged to have the visitors come to talk to us at school and then have the opportunity to board the ship. The schools’ links with the Navy, defence and the maritime industries in the Port Adelaide region give our VET Engineering course a real focus on career paths that can lead to long term and rewarding employment opportunities for our students.

*Chris Chrisakis*

VET Engineering Teacher
One and All Voyage Report
Maritime Pathway students completed their Certificate 2 during a 4 day voyage on South Australia’s tall ship the One and All. This further contributed to their coxswain knowledge during the school holidays voyage. Twenty students with 4 teachers spent 4 days and 3 nights at sea applying maritime operations and learning to sail this traditional sailing ship. Weather was good to the crew and fair conditions kept most well. This was the final part of the 2014 Maritime Pathway Certificate 2 course that gave all the chance to practice maritime studies in boat handling, navigation, teamwork, engineering and safety.
A course was set south for Kangaroo Island followed by a visit to Snug Cove a small anchorage on the far west end of KI before returning via Stansbury to Port Adelaide.
This course is again offered to students in 2015 who have an interest in any aspect of maritime studies. This course gives students an insight into the range of Maritime related pathways available nationally and internationally. This experience compliments other programs such as the Maritime Engineering VET course at Le Fevre High and Electrotechnology VET courses.
Students wishing to do these VET courses need to see their VET coordinator to enrol. Details of these courses can be found on www.wats.sa.edu.au

Visit the Le Fevre High Website to see more photos of this year’s voyage

Le Fevre Maritime Engineering VET Class
The current class continues to gain skills and knowledge in a range of engineering areas. This course this year in the Trade Training Centre has proven to give participants a clear advantage with job and apprenticeship opportunities. Two students from this course have commenced further training at a local marine engineering company who now look to students in the course as potential apprentices. The course is also recommended for students considering engineering degrees with the practical experience and knowledge standing well for their future university studies.

URGENT: Students need to see their VET coordinator to enrol with some opportunity remaining to join next year’s class.

The Australian Maritime College (www.amc.edu.au) are the premier providers of Maritime Education in
- Seafaring
- Engineering
- Maritime Business International Logistics
- Marine Environment
Le Fevre High School as the Maritime School of SA recommends and supports the LEADING LOGISTICS program commencing in 2015 at the new Harbour View Campus in Port Adelaide. This is a Certificate 3 in Logistics Business. Further information is available from Ocean View College and supported by AMC.

Rod Hunter
Maritime Project
**IBMYP Graduation Ceremony (week 7)**

The IBMYP Graduation will be conducted on Thursday 27th November from 1:45 pm - 3:15 pm and this is also the final day of school for Year 10 students that have exemption. All Year 10 parents are invited to this ceremony in the Performing Arts Centre from 1:45pm-3:15pm where Personal Projects will be on display and Baccalaureates will be awarded.

**Focus on Learning/PLP and Year 11 Maths preparation (week 8)**

It is vital that students entering the senior school are completely prepared with the necessary skills, knowledge and attitude for success. Some students need more support to do this. So that all students can have the best start, we have a program in week 8, **December 1st until December 5th**, which will give students a chance to catch up and achieve a sound grade and understanding. This Focus on Learning program will provide time and support for students at risk of not achieving satisfactory grades. It will also provide an opportunity for students who have not achieved a C result or better in their Personal Learning Plan (PLP) this year so that s/he will not need to repeat this subject in 2015. The Personal Project is a requirement of our school for all year 10 students as it develops independent learning skills over an extended period of time, and supports time management and research skills. The Personal Project is self-initiated and gives the student a chance to showcase their independent learning, as well as developing necessary skills for the SACE.

Year 11 Maths A, B and C preparation will occur on Monday and Tuesday of this week.

**Youth Opportunities (week 8 and 9)**

Youth Opportunities will continue to run up to and including week 8 with the Graduation Ceremony being held on Monday 8th December at 2:00 at Le Fevre High School.

**Exemption (week 8 and 9)**

Year 10 students who have arranged part-time/causal employment, training courses, work experience or other specific circumstances over this time, such as extended holidays with parents, and have completed their PLP, Personal Project and are not candidates for Focus on Learning can **apply** for exemption from attending school from **Monday 1st December to Friday 12th December 2014**. The process requires:

- A note from the parent/caregiver indicating support for their child’s exemption application
- An Application for Exemption from School form completed and returned to their care group teacher (provided with this letter)
- Approval by the Principal

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**West Lakes Shore Primary School and Le Fevre High School Science Technology Engineering (STEM) and Maths Day 27/11/2014**

During term 3, Sue Toone, Principal at West Lakes Shore School began working with Rob Shepherd and Craig Bailey to develop links in the areas of STEM and transition.

The focus of the discussion centred on creating more STEM opportunities for their students and staff and how we could use this to transition more students to LFHS.

As a result of this we will be having their Year 6 cohort attend the very first STEM day on 27/11/2014 for a whole day.

All students will be investigating the theme of 'Wind', including measurement, speed, design and the manufacturing of an anemometer. This will be a complete STEM experience for the Year 6 students over the course of the day.

**Craig Bailey**

Assistant Principal

Student Wellbeing/Innovative Programs
It is with gratitude and thanks that I am able to report on the Year 11 students that have kindly volunteered to donate blood during October and November.

Blood is vital to life and for many people, blood donors are their lifeline. Currently only 1 in 30 people in Australia give blood, but 1 in 3 people will need blood in their lifetime. Most of the blood is used to treat people with cancer and other serious illnesses. Plasma contains very important proteins, nutrients and clotting factors which help to prevent and stop bleeding. It is the most versatile component of your blood and donated plasma makes up to 18 life-saving products that help patients with trauma, burns and blood diseases. Your platelet donation helps patients with low platelet count or non-functioning platelets who are bleeding or at high risk of bleeding. This may occur during high dose chemotherapy, bone marrow transplantation, major surgery, liver disease or severe trauma.

Below are photos of the students who have donated and Le Fevre High School will continue to provide the opportunity for students to participate in this most valued Community Service activity.

**Craig Bailey**
Assistant Principal
Student Wellbeing/Innovative Programs
Term 3 Stage 1 Legal Studies Class

In Term 3 our Stage 1 Legal Studies class visited two of our important legal institutions. First we took a trip to North Terrace and into Parliament House. Our tour took us through the House of Assembly and then to the Legislative Council. Penny, our guide, explained the history of the building, connected what we were seeing to things we had learnt in class and then took us to Old Parliament House. Here we were lucky enough to meet our local member for Lee, Minister Stephen Mulligan, who spoke to us about his role in representing the community and creating legislation. Before heading back to school we had the opportunity to witness the MPs in the lower house during question time.

The second visit that we made was to the Adelaide Magistrates Court. In class we had been learning about the hierarchy of courts, court structure and what happens in a courtroom. It was really great to take the theory and see a courtroom in action, as well as learn a bit more about the different people who work in the courts. Our education officer guide Peter was really interesting to listen to and helped make sense of what can seem a really complicated process.

Since these visits the students in the class have been working hard to get their heads around differences between criminal and civil law, completing their inquiries into an area of the law and they have just started their exam revision. They have worked hard this semester, but hopefully have enjoyed some parts along the way too.

Sean Carey

Grave Visits Help Students Dig History

Le Fevre High School students recently attracted very positive media attention. A collection of Year 9 students who were involved in the Adopt-a-Grave scheme have been seen in both the newspaper and on television. Students were filmed for a segment of the ABC 3 program Behind The News. This was first aired on Tuesday the 4th of November. Students were also highlighted in the Advertiser in the Education section on Tuesday, the 28th of October. Various Messengers, including Portside, also ran articles.

The Adopt-a-Grave scheme involves helping maintain various grave sites at Cheltenham Cemetery. It was instigated in partnership with the Adelaide Cemeteries Authority, and based on a similar program they are running at West Terrace Cemetery.

The program started with an excursion of two Year 9 Humanities classes. They went on a tour of the cemetery. There they learnt of some fascinating local characters such as Saucy Sarah and the 6 O’clock Reverend. Students then went to the local History Room at Port Adelaide Library. With the help of Meredith Blundell, they discovered more about the life and times of local people at the turn of the 20th Century.

All Year 9 students were then invited to participate in the scheme. Twenty students volunteered to help maintain a selection of gravesites. They have been on two excursions to clear debris and do minor restoration work such as revitalizing ironwork with fish oil. These students will also be going on an excursion to the State Library and the Migration Museum later in the year for more research opportunities.

The students not only learnt more about the significance of the history of Port Adelaide, they also felt it was important to contribute to the local community. The students worked very hard and did Le Fevre High School proud.

We will be continuing this scheme next year, and look forward to introducing our 2015 Year 9 cohort to this fascinating experience.

Rachel McLaine
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.

FIRST AID AND MEDICAL SUPPORT

All textbooks issued to students must be returned in good order and condition BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. An invoice will be sent to you in the New Year for any texts not returned.

SMS SYSTEMS

We are currently undertaking changes in our SMS service and will advise of the new number to text student absences to when available.

STATIONERY

As we start to plan for the New Year ahead, we are pleased to announce that we have partnered with Staples for Back to School 2015.

To take the hassle out of Back to School ordering, we have selected items from the Staples Back to School range which you can order through Staples’s secure online Back to School ordering platform and have the delivered straight to your door or workplace.

How to order:
1. Log onto www.staplesbacktoschool.com.au
2. Type in our Schools ID which is 866704 to access a list of items that we have selected.
3. Follow the prompts to place your order.

If you would also like to add any other products from outside the list of items that we have selected, feel free to include them in your order. For more information, please refer to the FAQs on the Staples Back to School website, or contact the dedicated Staples Back to School customer service team on 1800 268 625.

School Canteen

Students will be able to make purchases using EFTPOS in 2015.
The Materials and Services Charge for 2015 will be $420.00 per student and is payable at the commencement of Term 1 2015. Please be advised that the outcome of the recent poll of our community in respect to 2015 Materials and Services Charge was positive, with the majority of respondents in favour of legally recovering the higher amount, known as the “prescribed sum”. We would like to thank our school community for contributing and participating in this process.

NEW GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES TO ASSIST FAMILIES manage their finances has resulted in DECD and our school banking institution working together to provide new and improved services to ENABLE PARENTS TO PAY FEES AND CHARGES BY DIRECT DEBIT.

THE NEW PRODUCT WE CAN NOW OFFER OUR PARENTS IS CALLED BPOINT. Parents can authorise direct debits from a preferred account, savings, cheque or credit card, on a regular day that is suitable for the payment of school fees. The direct debit stays in place for the period of time nominated by the parent. This method of payment can be used to pay for camps, excursions and larger school projects. There is a simple agreement form to complete to establish the process. Please call us for more information and assistance.

PAYMENT OF 2015 M AND S CHARGE CAN BE MADE ON Tuesday & Wednesday January 20th and 21st from 9 am-12 noon and 1-4 pm. Payment can be made in cash, cheque, EFTPOS, Visa or Master Card in person or over the phone or BPOINT as described above.

Other options listed below may be of assistance to you -

BIZGATE is an online payment system developed to provide parents/caregivers with the option to make school payments over the web, using credit card (Visa and Master Card only). Log on to the school’s website: (www.lefevrehs.sa.edu.au) and enter ‘Online payment Option’. Please note – you must have the ED ID Number (on your tax invoice for M and S Charge) of the student/s for whom you are making payment.

CENTREPAY - If you receive a Centrelink payment for Family Benefit, Parenting Payment or Disability Support, you can choose to have money regularly deducted from your Centrelink payments to pay for Materials and 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

SCHOOL CARD GRANT is a Commonwealth Government Grant for the purpose of paying Materials and 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. Categories for applications are –

- Low income earners
- Self employed
- Students receiving Independent Youth Allowance or Independent Disability Pension
- Students receiving Dependent Youth Allowance or Dependent Disability Pension
- Veterans
- New Arrivals/Migrants
- Foster/Guardianship children
- International Students
- Student qualified for Abstudy

Application forms for the 2015 School Card Grant will be available at the school on the days of fee collection, Tuesday and Wednesday January 20th and 21st 9 am–12 noon and 1–4 pm. Please bring your Concession Card with you when making the application for the School Card Grant.

We are able to process credit card transactions over the phone or by return of the credit card payment authorisation slip below. Just complete the details on the slip and return it to school for processing.