Lesmurdie Senior High School is an exciting place for both students and staff. We have had a number of new enrolments across all year groups and we welcome these new students and their families. We also welcome back Carol Doohan [Deputy Principal Student Services] and Jacqui Nicoletto [Science Teacher] from long service leave.

The opportunities being provided for academic, sporting and cultural growth continue to be impressive and I would like to share some of these with you here. The Arts are flourishing at our school. Last term the series of Music Concerts organised by Music Teacher Breen Christie were very successful in showcasing both the variety and depth of talent we have in our school. Audience members really appreciated the performance skills of our Music students as they moved from solo to duets to ensembles. Our students certainly grew in confidence from the experience.

Drama and Dance students engaged in end-of-semester performances before the last holiday break and have now begun serious preparation for our entry in this year’s YOHFEST competition.

Year 12’s Patrick Bryce, Rachel Graham and Emma Grosvenor had art pieces entered in the state-wide Young Originals Exhibition, which is a real honour. One of Rachel’s works has been selected for Metamorphoses, another student exhibition.

Our Outdoor Education students have recently had great experiences and challenges on their camps down south; progressing their abseiling, mountain bike riding and paddling skills. Our Outdoor Education Coordinator Greg Taylor is the best operator that I have experienced in any school. He was recently acknowledged for his skills by Notre Dame University who have engaged him as a part-time lecturer in this field.

The aromas emanating from our Home Economic rooms are always inviting, but have been especially so of late as our Senior School Food, Science & Technology students prepare their three course winter menus for invited guests. Everyone who has attended one of these dinners has raved about the food and the service from our students.

One of the highlights of our Whole School assembly was the presentation of the 2013 Hasluck Leadership Award to Year 11 student Jade Gurney. Mr Ken Wyatt, Federal Member for Hasluck, was on hand to present Jade with her framed award and to speak glowingly about Jade’s leadership and communication skills. Jade will travel to Canberra later in the year, as Ken’s guest, to experience parliament, meet a range of political leaders and to gain a deeper insight into leadership. We extend warm congratulations to Jade as this is a competitive and prestigious award.

To wrap up this article – last term a team of independent reviewers conducted a detailed review of us as an Independent Public School [IPS] – the quality of our teaching, the quality of our learning environments, the quality of the programs and processes we have in place to look after the needs of students as individuals, and the quality of leadership across all areas in our school.

The two men who completed this IPS review could see clear evidence of the benefits of us setting high standards for behaviour and respect in our school. They went out of their way to point out that the focused and orderly learning climate here was very special and was not seen by them in all other schools – so well done. They reported to us that we need to work on sustaining the improvements achieved in some areas. This feedback was also very valuable and we will address these issues as we plan for the future. Overall though it certainly confirmed for me why I am so proud and pleased to be a part of this exciting school. The full IPS report is on our website.

John Stone, Principal
Congratulations to this month’s Student of the Month Award Winners.

Our Student of the Month Award is gaining momentum and has definite credibility with both staff and students. Last term we provided a sausage sizzle for the 207 students who had received multiple nominations for this award thus far. The August Student of the Month Award recognises students who have a very positive influence in their classes.

Mental Health Week
Lesmurdie Senior High School

is delighted to invite you to attend our Mental Health Expo in order to promote social and emotional wellbeing and raise our school’s awareness about mental health issues.

Mental Health Expo: Tuesday 27 August 2013, 2:00-3:00pm, in the School Library.
The following organisations will be present — Act Belong Commit, Arafmi, Black Dog Institute, Communicare, Headspace, Jade Lewis, Lifeline, Local Drug Action Group, Reconnect, YACWA, Youth Focus and Zero2Hero.

Mental Health Presentations: Tuesday 27 August 2013, see below for times, in the Performing Arts.

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Please call Tenille Wright, School Psychologist, 9291 1200 for more information.

RELIEF POSITION

Home Economics Assistant
Lesmurdie Senior High School is looking for people who may be interested in undertaking relief in the Home Economics area as a Home Economics Assistant.

- To undertake relief with the Education Department you must be prepared to obtain a Working With Children Clearance and a Department Screening Clearance.
- Role involves considerable physical work, preparing food for cooking classes and cleaning up after classes.

Please contact Lyn Harris on 9291 1200 for more details.

UPCOMING DATES

AUGUST

August 26-30  Mental Health Week

SEPTEMBER

September 9  P&C meeting 6.30pm
September 10  Senior School Dance and Drama
September 11  Themed Dress Day
September 12  Interhouse Athletics Carnival
September 26  Year 12 Dinner
September 27  Last Day of Term
OUR STUDENTS LEARN FROM SENIORS

Last semester our Year 8 English class read two novels where the emphasis was on myths, folklore and the passing on of vital information from one generation to the next, often through story-telling. This semester, we wanted to immerse our students in an Oral History Task giving them a real life opportunity to interview a Senior Citizen about what life was like for them when they were growing up.

My team teacher Crystal Thomas and our Education Assistant [EA] Ruth Carter and I were very impressed with how excited our students have been about the task and how well they have been working on devising questions, practising note-taking and honing interviewing skills. We have the sense that, even though they were a little nervous about interacting with an elderly person unknown to them, they have nevertheless found the experiences to be really enjoyable.

To overcome the nervousness, we organised for the mothers of four staff members’ – Ruth Carter, EA Colleen Ashby, English Teacher Emma Gallagher and John Stone – to come to school to allow our students to have a practice interview session, asking these four ladies about their past. This allowed students to gain confidence with their interviewing and note-taking skills and allowed them to see which questions need modification or amplification.

We then had 15 Senior Citizens arrive from local retirement villages. Here our students worked in pairs to interview one of these Senior Citizens, leading to the creation of a biographical report that will eventually be presented to each of these elders. After these interviews, the students served morning tea to their Senior Citizen.

We think that this has been a fantastic inter-generational experience, one that should be memorable for all involved.

John Stone, Principal

VISITING AUTHORS

Lesmurdie Senior High School students received a visit from the Australian author Julia Lawrinson. She talked to us about her life and how it was being an writer. We learnt how she enjoyed reading at an early age and how that interest began to develop into a career. She started off writing a journal and writing fiction stories with her best friend. Being a writer back then was discouraged, as all people were farmers and policeman. In High School she was kicked out and although she didn’t think studying was bad, she didn’t like school and the rules.

She talked about her books and the process of writing and editing a book. She read out a few pages of her own books to show us what her writing style was like. She uses her own experiences to help her and likes to use Australian places as inspiration. She also likes to write about teenagers and their lives. Her stories can be humorous, or they can be historical. It was a very fun experience meeting this talented author. We all enjoyed listening to her!

Leo Luo, Year 8
Hi everyone! My name is Ugo Apuzzo, I am sixteen and I come from Naples, a quite large city in the south of Italy. If I had to describe my Italian life I would probably say that it’s “noisy”: that’s how we are! We usually speak loudly, scream sometimes, and, whenever we can, we start talking and talking to everyone, also to people that we don’t know! My typical Italian day is more or less like that: I wake up in the morning at about seven o’clock, go to school (that is very different to the Australian one) at 8 o’clock and come back home for lunch. Then I do my homework and (if I have the time) I go out for a while before my basketball training to see friends at the cafes or just along the streets of the city centre.

As you can see we have very different ways of leading our lives, and recognising that is probably one of the reason I am here. I think that an AFS experience makes you more mind-opened and I will never forget it. I think that it’s good because already now, even if my experience is still lasting, when I wake up in the morning I know that it doesn’t exist only the reality I live in, and there is not only one way of thinking or doing things, as well as there is not a best way to do them.

Here everyone is very kind to me, from the family who’s hosting me to the teachers, although I make their lessons slower because of my gaps in the language! I’m enjoying very much this trip so far and I have to thank everyone for that, hoping that the situation will be the same until the end of my stay here.

P.S. I didn’t mention the family because I don’t know if they were glad to be mentioned...I will anyway ...thank you so much to the Barnard Family, especially Stephen, my host brother, who have been so welcoming and supportive.

Bonjour, my name is Alexandre Wajntraub and I am from a town called Gradignan, in Bordeaux, France. I am on exchange for one month and am being hosted by a family in Lesmurdie. I am 17 and have just finished High School and sat the Baccalaureate Examinations. When I go back to France I will study at a Technical University for two years before attending the National School Of Aviation (ENAC), in Toulouse to become a civilian pilot.

I have really loved my time at Lesmurdie but it has been too short. It is a town like my home town, close to nature. I have enjoyed visiting Lesmurdie Falls and going biking. At home I live near the forest and enjoy cross country. I also play and coach badminton.

Lesmurdie Senior High School is very different to my school. I can’t believe you get laptops. The content of my classes is the same but the techniques are very different. In France the teacher stands at the front and talks a lot. If you want to learn you listen, if not no one cares. Here teachers really believe in the students and discuss things with them.
My name is Elisabetta Gloriotti, I’m sixteen years old and I’m from Italy. I live near Milan (in a town called Melzo). I’ve never done an exchange experience. I’ve only travelled with my parents in different states in Europe such as Austria, France, German and Switzerland.

I decided to try this experience because I wanted to live for some months in a different country where there is a different culture; to know other people, to try to live without my parents, to become mature and independent, and because I like travel and seeing new places. I think the experience that AFS (or Waati) offers to us is unique and it serves to open our mind.

Here, I’m hosted by Pamment family. My host sister helps me a lot to integrate into the school and to know her friends. I thank them so much for their hospitality. In Italy the school is very different than here, because there are a lot of high schools of different types and we can’t choose the subjects. Here the school is more concentrated about the subject’s practice while in Italy it is about the subject’s theory. For example we don’t have cooking, unfortunately!

In my free time during the week I study (sometimes I go out. On Saturday, after school and in the evening, I go out with my friends and we usually go to eat a pizza or to the cinema. On Sunday I study, sometimes all day or just in the morning, and then I go around the town or to the park. In summer we ride a bicycle. Instead, here the teenager’s life is concentrated on sport.

I have come here to study English too, because in Italy it is very important to know a second language, especially if you want work or study abroad. I like Australia so much because here there is so much more space. There aren’t high buildings, just a big flats and a lots of parks, vegetation and animals. Another difference is … in Italy it is so fast paced, very frantic in fact. However here I see that people are more laid back and relaxed about things. Furthermore, here the teenagers have a part time job, while in Italy it is very difficult to find a job because we don’t have a diploma or a degree yet.

I hope, you’ll visit Italy because there are a lots beautiful places too see!
Attendees at the annual LEAP Morning Tea for current Year 11 and 12 students who had graduated LEAP in Year 10 enjoyed a fascinating talk from guest speaker Leon Smith, Astrophysicist with Scitech.

A few weeks later, our 2015 LEAP hopefuls sat aptitude tests for acceptance into the LEAP program. More than 170 Year 6 students and 200 Year 5 students are competing for 32 places in each year group.

Offers will be made in September.

ICAS COMPETITION

Congratulations to all students who entered the International Competitions and Assessments (ICAS) Science Competition. Lesmurdie Senior High School achieved outstanding results with two High Distinctions, 15 Distinctions and 44 Credits. Congratulations to:

High Distinctions
Year 10
Ben Clark
Ethan Glossop

Distinctions
Year 8
Thomas Brockway, Braydon Douglas, Austin Guthrie, Brock McGregor, Elliott Pretl,

Year 9
Nathan Minderman, Amelia Tavenor, Justin Walker,

Year 10
Trent Bosley, Calum Christie, Rachel Glossop, Michael Marjot, Cory McIvor, Mitchell Scott, Keiran Stockley

Science of Cells

A very novel 3D model of an animal cell

Year 8 students in Mr Woolf’s Science class demonstrated their understanding of plant and animal cells in creative way. Some students baked cakes while others created models or posters. Students then presented their creation to the class, explaining the structure and function of parts of cells.

Lance Woolf, Science Teacher

Year 10 award winners Ethan Glossop, Cory McIvor, Calum Christie, Michael Marjot (front row) Trent Bosley, Rachel Glossop and Kieran Stockley

Year 9 Award Winners Justin Walker and Amelia Tavenor (absent Nathan Minderman)
In 2013 Year 11 Geography is being offered as part of the Hills Education Precinct. This initiative involves the subject being delivered from Darling Range Sports College and televised to Lesmurdie and Kalamunda Senior High Schools via a video and audio link.

At the beginning of this term all three schools came together for a field trip to the Perth Hills and to the Fire Education and Heritage Centre in the Perth Central Business District. In the Perth Hills, the students examined an old fire site from the 2009 wildfire that affected the surrounding areas of Kelmscott and Roleystone. At the site, the students collected data to analyse the effects of the fire on the environment and the community. At the Education and Heritage Centre the students viewed a series of exhibits that focused on natural hazards in Western Australia, as well as getting the opportunity to use some of the emergency response equipment.

MetaMORPHosis, a Central Institute of Technology exhibition open to Year 11 & 12 Art students and the Young Originals, a Western Australian public secondary schools exhibition open to Years 8 to 12 focus on outstanding art works selected from young artists state-wide. These selections acknowledge the excellence and originality of secondary school students undertaking studies in the art and design disciplines.

These photos display the submissions made to these exhibitions by students at this school and are an indicator of the quality and talent of our young artists, here at Lesmurdie. Congratulations and keep up the good work.

Linda Valdrighi, Art Teacher

Brent Kupsch, Head of S&E Darling Range, HEP Coordinator Geography
AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL HISTORY COMPETITION

During Term 2, twenty seven of our Year 10 students volunteered to participate in the Australian History Competition. This competition attracted 18,000 competitors this year from all over Australia this year.

Our students enjoyed success in this competition last year and once again our students have produced results to be proud of. We had the following certificates awarded:

- Distinction: 4
- Credit: 9
- Merit: 7
- Participation: 7

The students enjoyed the competition, which gave them an opportunity to test their knowledge and skills against other students across the nation. Here are some of their thoughts on the competition:

'It was a good exercise in applying our knowledge and skills in a new situation'.

'I was surprised how well prepared I was to answer the questions. I enjoyed the challenge of the competition'.

All students who took part will receive certificates of their achievement and they can proud of continuing the tradition of excellent performance of Lesmurdie Senior High School students in this competition.

Andrew Armitage, Head of Society and Environment

CGEA TRIES A TRADE

Our class had the opportunity to attend the Try a Trade courses at Thornlie Polytechnic West. We went for three days, there were 11 of us. On the first day we had an induction to learn all about the subjects we doing and about safety (OHS). We also did painting. We had our own makeshift house and had to paint half the room one colour and the other half in another colour. We learnt how to cut in, use brushes and rollers and clean up our equipment.

The next two days we spent in the workshop and we constructed a tool box which we took home. We also learnt how to mark, measure and cut, how to air nail and use other equipment.

It was a fun and interesting three days. We were presented with a certificate at the end of our time there. It really helped give us an idea of what these trades do and work out whether or not this is what we want to do.

Jane Gray and the CGEA class
Mental Health Week

Australian International Music Festival

In the recent school holidays Lachlan Guthrie, Rachel Kirkman, Joel Neeling and James Martin (Yr12 2012), travelled with the Perth Hills and Wheatbelt Band on a very successful thirteen day tour of Sydney and Canberra where they won a Gold Award at the Australian International Music Festival.

They also became the first ever visiting band to play at a changing of the Federation Guard Closing Ceremony at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra. This comes on the back of some of our musicians travelling to Hawaii in 2012 and China in 2010.

‘It was pleasing to see the unifying power of playing music together in action’ said director Peter Hind … ‘with students from eight schools coming together for only six rehearsals and achieving so much in two weeks.’

The band is a combined schools band with students from Lesmurdie SHS, Kalamunda SHS, Kelmscott SHS, Northam SHS, Narrogin SHS, York DHS, Northam PS, Helena Valley PS and Mundaring Christian College.

Program of Events

Monday
Band and Dance Performance
Performing Arts

Tuesday
Boost Juice - recess
EXPO
Library

Wednesday
Relaxation
Performing Arts
Yoga
BS2 Library
Zumba
Dance Studio

Thursday
Year 12 Volleyball Comp
Gym
Army Rapper/ Balloon Twisting/ Fruit and Veg sculptures
Corral

Friday
Cheerleaders and Sausage Sizzle
Corral

Winning musicians Lachlan Guthrie, Joel Neeling and Rachel Kirkman on the steps of the Opera House
FISHING IS BACK

Great news everyone, Fishing Club is back for 2013. And it’s bigger and better than ever before. Last year we conquered the fishing jetty at Woodman Point. This year we are planning to take on the South West on a two day fishing wilderness expedition.

Fishing Club meets weekly in E29 on Monday lunch times. We gather to talk fishing, eat together and make new friends – all of whom love fishing, would love to love fishing, or just want something to do during lunch! So, if you’re keen then turn up to Fishing Club this Monday – You’ll have a WHALE of a time!

Thanks also to the Walliston Deli for their ongoing support.

Grant Collins, (Chaplain)

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YEAR 12

12 August - Applications opened for public University entry through TISC
2 September - Applications open for TAFE entry through Training Admissions
26 September - Graduation Dinner
30 September - Closing date for University applications, including The University of Notre Dame
24 October - Farewell Assembly
25 October - Final day for Year 12s
6 December - Presentation Evening, Round 1 closing date for TAFE applications

Class of 88 Reunion

When: Saturday 31st August 2013;
Where: Kalamunda Hotel;
Time: 6:00pm
Cost: $25.00 (to cover room hire and food) to be paid into
BSB: 306188
Acc No:0047466;
Acc Name: Christine Hills.

These details are also on the Lesmurdie SHS Class of ‘88 Facebook page.

SENIOR SCHOOL TUTORIALS

MATHS

2CD/3AB C6 Wednesday after school
3CD C4 Wednesday recess
3CD and others C5 Wednesday after school

SCIENCE

Human Biology C3 Wednesday after school
Chemistry D11 Wednesday after school
Biology D8 after school

SOCIETY & ENVIRONMENT

History E18 Monday and Tuesday after school
Economics E15 Thursday after school

40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Kelmscott SHS is inviting all past students, teachers and support staff to come and celebrate the KSHS 40th anniversary.

SUNDAY
20TH OCTOBER 2013
11:00AM-4:00PM

KELMSCOTT SHS
CNR THIRD AVE & CAMMILLO RD

Look forward to:

• Meeting old classmates and teachers
• A walk-down Memory Lane - visit the school library to see the displays
• Plenty of food and drink (wine, beer, soft drinks) available
• Commemorative items for sale - mugs, port, pens etc.
• An "assembly" with past principals and students
• Photographer available for "year group photos" with newly discovered old friends

To make your day extra special:
We are especially looking for old photos or other interesting items from your KSHS days.
Please forward any jpeg photos to: Lesley.Rigby@education.wa.edu.au
Find us on Facebook!

Please pass on this message to all your friends and classmates from your Kelmscott years.
Looking forward to seeing you there!
YEAR 10 BASKETBALL TEAM

Our school sporting teams have achieved extremely well this year both in terms of overall results and in the important area of sportsmanship.

I had the pleasure of coaching our Year 10 Boys Basketball team through to the state finals this month, where we achieved a very creditable third placing. Both in the lead-up to the day in training sessions and at the carnival itself, I was impressed with the boys’ level of commitment, sportsmanship and sense of team work. The success we enjoyed on the day was largely due to the level of dedication each of the team members demonstrated. There was a clear sense of pride from each boy in being a representative for both our school and family values.

John Stone, Principal

JUNIOR BASKETBALL CARNIVAL

A fantastic day by our boys and girls basketball teams with both teams finishing with a very honourable third place. The girls team drew with winning school Helena College but lost to Swan Christian by 4 points to miss out on a place in the finals. The boys team played out for 3rd place winning convincingly. They were only beaten by the overall winner, Mazenod College by 7 points in the Round Robin draw. Overall, the games were very close and hard fought for. Our Year 8 teams did fantastically well, playing up against a number of Year 9 competitors.

Thanks to the parents for coming and supporting their child and the teams.

Bec Thompson - Bowness, HP&E Teacher

NETBALL SELECTION

Year 10 student Courtney Kruta travelled to Launceston, Tasmania as a member of the 15 and under State School Girls Netball Team.

The team had a very successful competition, just losing the grand final to Queensland.

Courtney has since been selected in the 15 and under Australian Team.

Along with two other girls from WA, Courtney will travel to Adelaide for this International competition.

YEAR 8/9 AFL GRAND FINAL

After finishing the season undefeated our lower school team played Darling Range at Steele Blue Oval. The day was very wet and slippery as the wet weather continued for most of the game. The first half was dominated by not only rain but also a very different looking, strong Darling Range midfield.

At half time the scoreboard was not pretty, but the Lesmurdie team were known for the strong fighting qualities and this game was to be no different. Unfortunately the very slippery and wet conditions made it hard too difficult to totally overcome the half time deficit.

Although we out scored the opposition in the second half, the final siren found us to be 16 points behind our opposition. The performance in the second half was a great credit to all the boys endeavours and I’m very proud of the way our players finished the game.

Final Scores:
Darling Range 5 goals 5 behinds 35 points
LSHS 3 goals 1 behind 19 points

Best Players: All of the team. Special mention to Brett Quinn for his best on ground performance. Well done to all squad members for a great AFL season.

Nick Neates, Head of HP&E
Lesmurdie Senior High School is always happy to promote the successes of our students. Please contact Katharine Harrington on 9291 1245 or by email at katharine.harrington@education.wa.edu.au with information and photographs.

STAGE 3 OUTDOOR EDUCATION CAMPS

Dwellingup was the centre of attention for Year 12 Outdoor Education students as they smashed their way through four days of mountain biking and kayaking. The trails were torn up at the Turner Hill and Marrinup circuits by the likes of Luke Bunton – King and Simon Higgs as they burnt through a myriad of jumps, drops and tight turns. After completing some of the best mountain biking that WA has to offer, the students entered the water for some pulsating kayaking on the Murray River. With river levels perfect, the students negotiated a series of Grade 2 and 3 rapids fighting hard to stay in their kayaks after bashing through large walls of water and serious drops.

Compliments go out to the students for being the most amazing groups I have ever taken out on an Outdoor Education expedition. Their conduct and enthusiasm was a credit to themselves and to Lesmurdie Senior High School. I am very proud and fortunate to have enjoyed these experiences with them.

Greg Taylor, Outdoor Education Teacher

Interhouse Athletic Carnival
Thursday 12 September
Ern Clarke Reserve
All students are expected to attend