Congratulations to our Year 12 Class of 2013. From all of us at Leeming Senior High School, we wish you success and happiness in your future years.

Leeming Senior High School has had the most fantastic year. From outstanding Year 12 results at the start of the year to our lower school end of year reward day at the end. Congratulations to all our students that have made it a successful 2013.

Year 11 students have already received their reports. If you have any concerns about any subject on the report please contact the classroom teacher or the Head of Department. You can do this by ringing the school or going through the contact section on our website. It is important that all concerns or changes are organised this year in preparation for 2014.

If you have a child in Year 8, 9 or 10 their report will be sent home with your child on Tuesday 17 December. All students absent on that day will have their reports posted home by the end of that week.

One of our biggest events of the year is our valedictory ceremony. This year it was held at UWA on 27 November. Congratulations to all the students that attended. On behalf of the school, I wish the valedictory class all the best in their future endeavours. Thank you to Jade and Jason for their leadership role in 2013 and their fantastic speeches at the valedictory.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and community members that have been involved in either the P&C or School Council this year. As the saying goes "many hands make light work." Early next year both groups will be calling for parents to become involved. This does not mean you have to take on a committee position.

As the last newsletter for the year I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and a safe holiday period.

Mr B. Wallwork
Principal
VALEDICTORY DINNER

On Wednesday November 27, the year 12 cohort of 2013 said their last farewells to secondary education. It was an amazing night, a fitting celebration of achievements from the last five years at Leeming Senior High School. Students wore their robes and sashes very well, with staff getting into regalia they may not have used for many years. Overall, the feel of the evening was one of support, camaraderie and relief that students had finally made it!

The University of Western Australia and Winthrop Hall was an appropriately grand backdrop for the formality of the evening. Leeming’s Jazz band, led by Phillip Hatton did a great job in easing everyone into the night with drinks on the lawn by the reflection pond. In fact all the musical items, from Ian Tay on Piano to the band Indecision performing one of their own songs, were a credit to the school.

Mr Wallwork set the ceremony off on a positive note with his speech looking towards the future. Before long, all the awards were handed out and students were about to receive their graduation folders, but not before an address from the head boy, Jason Heard and head girl, Jade Crow. These two fine students did a great job representing their classmates and I’m sure all who heard their speeches would certainly agree that they were a great choice to lead the cohort. Mr Devenish also got the chance to address parents and students and hopefully encouraged everyone to look a little differently at tomatoes and the truth.

A big thank you has to go to everyone that attended the night. The Valedictory is a celebration of student achievement but also a chance to say thank you to parents for their tireless work and acknowledge that getting a child through high school is a team effort. A massive thank you should also go to staff and parents that helped setup and pack up as well as those who helped in preparation of the evening. When the Valedictory runs smoothly, no one knows how many hours of work and behind the scenes preparation go into it. So to Fiona Michaelson, Trevor Welsh, Damon Atthowe, Mark Williams, Vance Bryan, Jean Nankivel, Geoff Garnett and Brendon Wallwork, Thank you.

Finally, Well done year 12’s! While school may be out for summer, for most students school probably won’t be out forever. Good luck in all your endeavours, whether it be study, travel or work!

Mr L. Devenish
Year 11 and 12 Coordinator
## TERM 1 PARENTS PLANNER 2014

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Students resume 28 April 2014
SALE OF CASIO CLASSPAD CALCULATORS

Year 10 students enrolled in Stage 2/3 Mathematics courses in 2014 (such as MAS 3AB, MAT 3AB, MAT 2CD, MAT 2AB) will need to purchase a graphics calculator as a means to achieving the course objectives.

The booklist recommends students purchase the new Casio Classpad 400 calculator, which retails for around $230. It is the latest model of graphics calculator produced by Casio.

The school has stocks of the (now redundant) Casio Classpad 300 calculator, which remains an approved calculator for all courses in 2014/15. The Mathematics Learning Area is currently offering these calculators for sale at $90 a unit. Moreover, we have new copies of the supporting manual ‘How Do I ….. on a Casio Classpad’ for only $5 (an ideal resource to help students master the calculator).

Parents wanting to purchase these second hand units (all in excellent condition with new batteries) should pay the $90 (or $95 with the manual) at the Accounts Office, after which the Mathematics Office will distribute the units. There are only limited stocks!

RETURN OF TEXT BOOKS

Most students in years 8, 9 & 10 were issued with text books (or homework books) at the beginning of the year to supplement their class work. It is time to return all books to the classroom teacher. Parents and students are requested to search the home and ensure these valuable resources are returned to school no later than 13 Dec 2013.

YEAR 12 SUBJECT AWARD WINNERS

It was encouraging to witness so many subject and whole of school award winners at the recent Valedictory Ceremony. The mathematics award winners were well deserved and provided further evidence of the school’s commitment to recognising and rewarding Excellence.

Mr M. Daws
Head of Department, Maths

THE MEANING OF ALGEBRA

For a smile, see the photo below:

SOMETHING ODD!

• Add the first two odd numbers. ie. 1+ 3 = 4.
  Notice that: 4 = 2 x 2 or 2²
• Add the first three odd numbers. ie. 1 + 3 + 5 = 9.
  What do you notice about the result?
• Try adding the first four odd numbers. Look for a pattern of results!
• Try to explain a quick way to add the first ten odd numbers.
It’s been a relatively quiet month in the Health & Physical Education Department now that the major carnivals have been completed. We have however entered teams in Inter-school Triathlon and Super 8’s Cricket in November.

Mr Boughton took 4 Triathlon teams to Champion Lakes in Kelmscott on November 7th. It was a great team effort from everyone that participated. The highlight performance on the day was Karla Goy’s swim where she was the second person out of the water and Jenae Southern led the cycle for a period of time.

Mr Welsh took 3 teams to the Super 8’s Carnival at Harold Rossiter Park in East Victoria Park on Nov 21st. We entered a Yr 8 Boys, a Yr 9 Boys and a Yr 8/9 Girls teams in the one-day carnival which has a focus on participation and team work. There were runs, wickets and catches galore and everyone involved had a great time.

Mr Blaxell
Head of Department, Physical Education
STUDENT LIMERICKS

The Man from Ryde
There was a man from Ryde
He loved to stay inside
He was very lazy
His vision grew hazy
He ate too much and he died
by Ezra McKerney

The Lady from Zee
There was an old lady from Zee
She was a big fan of that Glee
When Cory did die
She cried and she cried
And shouted loudly at the TV
by Ezra McKerney

A woman who once heard a mouse
A woman who once heard a mouse
Ran screaming away through her house
She sent in the cat
To dispose of the rat
only to find it was really her spouse.
by Isabella Arteaga Guadarrama

The English Department has been extremely busy over the last few weeks, with the Year 12 ATAR examinations in the Central Area. All classes have been sent off to other rooms and this has provided some disruption for our lower school. However, as everyone is quite used to this the impact has been minimised by carefully planning and preparation.

Similar planning and preparation was used to power the Year 12s toward success. Five Study Skills seminars were offered by the English Department, after the Year 12s had finished their school program, with one hour intensive examination strategy sessions on Reading, Writing and Viewing at both Stage 2 and Stage 3. It was gratifying to see 55 students take up the opportunity and we are sure these intensive programs allowed participating students to achieve their potential in each section of the exam. We look forward to acknowledging their performances when the results come in.

The lower school have also been working very hard and are to be commended for their achievements. We have included here some examples of outstanding work, with Storyboards by Monica Deita and Amy Harburn from Mr Faulds’ Year 9 English class, demonstrating particular strengths in the transfer of narrative skills from one medium to another. Similarly, AEP Year 8s Nikki Dimas, Harshita Lawania demonstrated great creativity in creating concrete (shaped) poems [see attached]. Limericks have also been a popular form and some student work is shown below.

We encourage all Years 10 and 11 students to use the upcoming holiday time well, reading novels and viewing films in preparation for their new courses next year. The break is an excellent opportunity to ‘get ahead of the game’ and time spent during the holidays will be a good investment towards their personal study goals. Emails will be sent in the near future advising of the texts that will be studied in 2014 that would be desired holiday reading and viewing, so watch out for those. If you have any queries about these holiday preparation activities, please contact me by email and I’d be happy to follow up and provide additional detail.

We, in the English Department, wish all our students and their families a Merry Christmas and a good holiday break.

Leanne Longmire
Head of Department English
Shaped Poems

Oh, rat-tus, Pussius, you are the k
that knows it all yor n
part is
as big as a lion’s-de
spite being very small
Don’t every change, you’re never dimmen.......

Shaped Poems

when i look
at you, i see beauty;
see purity. To protect
you— it is my duty. you are th
e source of life to us all. Wh
en i need air— it’s you i call.
look at you so tall, so gre
en. Where ever you are wha
tever you do, you’re a
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so be
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Niko Dimas

Laughed with you like a yellow sun, Because you take my breath away. You are a happy treasure. You are my happy, you are my sunshine. You are my everything. You are my go-to person. You are my comfort. You are my reason for living. You are my world. You are my everything. You are my everything.

Shaped Poems

Hanshila Lowanina

Storyboard

Names: Amy Harbin

Date: 12-7-15

Period: 7

Doctor’s Notes

1. The patient is experiencing symptoms of a cold.
2. The patient should rest and take appropriate medication.
3. The patient should drink plenty of fluids.
4. The patient should take over-the-counter medication for fever and pain.
5. The patient should avoid contact with others.

Shaped Poems

Hanshila Lowanina
Dear Parents and Guardians,

Can I please bring to your attention a range of preparatory educational classes available to your child/children in the lead up to the start of the 2014 school year.

The Mastermind Australia 2014 Preparation Program is scheduled to run from Sunday January 19 to Friday January 24. The broad range of programs is set to include a Study Skills course for all year 8 students entering high school for the first time as well as sessions for both middle and senior school students. The senior program is the same as the one which was so successfully delivered to a number of our Leeming Senior High School students in 2013.

The younger year 8 students who are entering high school will be engaged in a course more focused on the problems encountered by less mature individuals who have little or no knowledge of how to plan their study for the year ahead.

Middle School (year 9 and 10) students also have the opportunity to revise and consolidate their mathematics knowledge and writing skills.

There is a more comprehensive and specific range of programs available for WACE/ATAR (year 11 and 12) students.

The cost of the program is $140 per subject – six hours of teaching – but our Leeming Senior High School students are eligible for an early bird discount of 10% if enrolment and payment is made before 20th December 2013.

I have included a copy of the Mastermind Australia 2014 January Jump Start Program enrolment form in this newsletter.

Alternatively, you can find further information regarding these sessions at:

E – academicpathways@mastermindaustralia.com.au
P – 9486 1377
M – 0488 102 907

I can recommend these educational sessions as a very useful support mechanism in preparing your child/children for the academic rigours of the 2014 school year.

Kind regards (and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year),

Mr V. Bryan
Student Services and VET Manager – Year 11 and 12
P – 9310 1300 ext 257
E – vance.bryan@education.wa.edu.au

- Booklists and Parent Information Package
  - Please have look on the School Website www.leeming.wa.edu.au for the Booklists and the Parent Information Package for 2014.

- The 2013 Surveyor Year Book
  - The Surveyor will be available for collection in early 2014. Families will be notified via email or sms when this is ready to be collected.

- Email Addresses
  - Please ensure you notify Administration if your email address changes, as most communication sent out by the school is by email.
Course Dates 2014

January Preparation Program
19/01/2014 to 24/01/2014

April Revision Program
Second week of the holidays
21/04/2014 to 25/04/2014

July Revision Program
Second week of the holidays
14/07/2014 to 18/07/2014

October Revision Program
Second week of the holidays
06/10/2014 to 10/10/2014

Contact

For more information about any of our courses including the on-going Master Classes contact Master Mind Australia.

Master Mind Australia
P.O. Box 1734
West Perth 6872

Phone: 9486 1377
Mobile: 0488 102 907
Email: academicpathways@mastermindaustralia.com.au

mastermindaustralia.com.au

“ This course offers students a ‘window’ into what they can expect in their new courses in 2014 and enables them to prepare for success.”
I wish to enrol in Master Mind Australia's 2014 January Jump-Start Program:

AUSTRALIA

Application:

Student's name: ______________________
Address: ____________________________
Postcode: ____________________________
School: ______________________________
Year in 2014: _________________________
Parent/Guardian’s name: ________________
Phone: (h) ______________________ (w) ____________ (mobile) ________

I enclose/authorise full payment of $140 for each subject or study skills or essay writing class. (All classes are 6 hours of tuition)

A cheque/money order is enclosed.
OR
EFT
Account name: Master Mind Australia
BSB: 306 044
Account No.: 0437415
Description:  Master Classes Student’s Last Name

OR
Please debit my Visa/Mastercard.
Card type:     Visa     Mastercard
Cardholder’s name: ____________________
Card number: _________________________
Signature: ____________________________
Expiry date: / _______________________

The January Jump-Start Program which is open to students from all Western Australian schools will be held on the Willetton Senior High School campus. The session will be held in the Science Block from 9am to 3pm. Please ensure students are on time for the session.

SESSION ONE
Sunday 19 to Tuesday 21 January 2014

Saturday 19 January to Monday 21 January 2014

Sunday 19 January to Friday 24 January 2014

WILLETTON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
Gain a head start for Year 11 and 12... January School Holiday Courses

The Academic Enabling and Support Centre within The University of Notre Dame Australia is again providing low-cost school holiday courses mainly for students commencing Year 11 and 12 in 2014. Detailed enrolment information is online at www.nd.edu.au/january  Places are limited.

Courses include:

- Level 2C/D Mathematics
- Level 2A/B English
- Level 3A/B English Literature
- Level 3A/B Phys Ed Studies
- Grammar & Punctuation
- Study Skills (Year 12)

- Level 3A/B Mathematics
- Level 3A/B English
- Level 3A/B Human Biology
- Chemistry Calculations
- Study Skills (Year 11)
- Study Skills (Parent’s Night)

Johnny Moran Karate teaches karate classes to children and adults in the local area.

A special offer for the school’s students - 4 WEEKS FREE beginners karate lessons!

Classes are held after school and are a great way for children of all ages to learn self-defense in a fun and safe environment and for adults to get fit.

Karate has many benefits which include confidence, respect, discipline and fitness.

Call now to take advantage of this 4 week trial.

0402 830 402

MASTER MIND AUSTRALIA – ACADEMIC PATHWAYS

JANUARY JUMP-START PROGRAM

Study Skills – Essay Writing – Subject Revision

For all students from Year 8 - 12

This revision program aims to prepare students for term 1 (2014) before the academic year begins. The classes will revise those important components from the 2013 syllabus that are vital for success in the new-year. The program will also preview what students can expect in their courses in 2014.

Courses will be conducted at:

Christ Church Grammar School, Hale School and Willetton Senior High School

For more information consult our web-site or call.

Dr Robert Hallam at Master Mind Australia on 9486 1377

www.mastermindaustralia.com.au
Wow how this year has flown buy. I know we say that at the end of every year but it does doesn’t it? We now have ever decreasing days as we count down to the silly season, otherwise known as Christmas.

So I thought I would highlight some tips for you all so we can finish this year well and approach this special time of the year as clear headed as possible.

There are two main areas that I think we all need to watch.

Releasing your Anger and Frustration – it’s all right that we all feel these emotions, you’re not alone.

Here are some great ways to let out the pressure appropriately

• Exercise, walk, jog, run, swim, hit, throw etc.
• Blow up balloons, tear up newspaper.
• Remove yourself for a while, cool down, you can then think clearer. When you’re a hot head your brain can’t rationally think.
• Look out your eyes and see how far you can see at the sides, with your peripheral vision, if its not very far keep concentrating on this really hard to expand your vision and this diversion alone will calm you down. You can do this any where and at any time with out anyone noticing but works best with regular practice.

Dealing with stress and anxiety creatively

• Stop and focus on slow deep breathing for as long as you are able.
• Do some pet therapy, they love unconditionally remember.
• Remind yourself of some happy times, recall what could you see, smell, taste, tough. Hold that memory in your mind for as long as you can.
• Be with a friend.
• Watch a funny video.
• Read out some jokes and have a good laugh.
• Go shopping and buy a little treat.
• Go for a swim, bath or shower, you’ll cool down and feel better.

Bringing our Secret into the light (Henri N)

We all have secrets: thoughts, memories, feelings that we keep to ourselves. Often we think, “If people knew what I think or feel, they would not love me.” These carefully kept secrets can do us much harm. They can make us feel guilty or ashamed and may lead us to self-rejection, depression etc.

One of the most important things we can do with our secrets is to share them in a place, with people we trust. When we have a good way to bring our secrets into the light and can look at them with others, we will quickly discover that we are not alone with our secrets and that our trusting friends will love us more deeply and intimately than before. Bringing our secrets into the light creates community and inner healing. As a result of sharing secrets, not only will others love us better but we will love ourselves more fully.

To all the staff, students and their families may you all have a very happy and safe Christmas and new year. See you 2014.

From Bettina Carter
Chaplain