LCS Swimming Carnival. Students representing their 'House Colours'!
Supporting the transition into Secondary
On the 9th of February, Years 7 and 8 students embarked on an excursion to the Yarrangobilly Caves in the Snowy Mountain Region.

After a harmoniously chorused trip through Tumut and Talbingo the group arrived in style... although some had forgotten their shoes! However, with the excellent teamwork that was displayed throughout the trip, this issue was soon resolved.

Bernie (our tour guide for the caves) began the tour promptly by explaining the geographical forces that formed the limestone caves. After a short winding trek, the arrival at the cave mouth was marked by a cool 10 degree breeze, ‘nature’s air-conditioning’. Bernie continued the tour highlighting the remarkable formation of the calcium carbonate crystals and engaging the students in a few steep-stair climbs along the way.

Following the tour, and the return to the 37 degree day, the students and their teachers made a trip to the Thermal Pool. A leisurely stroll down the hillside saw the students greeted with a natural pool which they used to cooled off. Some were surprised by the slimy walls, others searched for the infamous local platypus and Eligh made friends with the local wildlife.

The crew headed back to Talbingo where the boys set their sight on the next day’s fishing spot and the girls set to constructing their tent! Teamwork came into effect again at dinner time, with all parties contributing. A special thankyou goes to Sasha and Sam for their fantastic chopping.

The next morning the students woke early (Thanks Jack!) to go fishing on the shore. Unfortunately, the only people who were successful were Connor, who managed to snag some weed, and Eligh who managed to snag Miss Buckley’s line.

The crew then ventured to the Snowy Hydro to gain an insight into renewable energy, how it is produced and regulated. From the site, the next stop was Talbingo Dam for another dip! Overall, the trip was a great success and enjoyed by all. All teachers would like to thank the students for the camaraderie and sense of adventure they displayed over the two days.

Miss Buckley
Building leadership
Peer Leadership Training
Last week, Year 10 and Years 5 & 6 completed two days of Peer Leadership Training. The training consisted of building team learning skills, leadership skills and understanding the module they will be teaching other students from LCS over the next two terms.

Peer Support
During Term 1 and 2 students will be involved in the Peer Support Program. Each fortnight, groups of Primary and Secondary students will meet with their Peer Leaders and work through a range of activities that focus on Relationships (Primary) and Resilience (Secondary).

This Fortnight in Peer Support…. 
Primary: Being Friendly
We are working on a module called Keeping Friends helping us explore the concept of friendship, build relationships and develop skills in empathy and critical thinking. Our first session enables the children to get to know everyone in their group, agreeing on how they will work together and interact cooperatively with others. They will also begin to think about the meaning of friendship. We encourage you to talk to your children about Peer Support each fortnight as it will help to reinforce the concepts learned in each session.

Secondary: Relationship Building
Students will learn to acknowledge their strengths and achievements, identify people who support them and learn how to view challenges as opportunity for growth.

Meeting in small groups allows meaningful connections to form.
For additional reading and resources to support your child please visit the parent tab on the Peer Support Australia Website. www.peersupport.edu.au

Mrs James & Mrs Fletcher

Secondary Team Learning

Year 5 & 6 on Peer Support…. 
Kiera – I’m looking forward to playing some cooperative games.
Alirah – I’m looking forward to being a leader.
Meg – We learnt about leadership, cooperation and empathy.
Tallis – I enjoyed playing some of the group games and getting to know everyone a bit better.
Vienna – I’m looking forward to working with the younger students and being supportive.
Syd- I enjoyed learning about leadership and respecting other people’s opinions.
Bradley – I’m looking forward to working with my Co-Leader and supporting our group.
Supporting Transitions
Riverina Access Partnerships (RAP)
Preliminary Study Day 2016
Lockhart Central School is fortunate enough to be linked to five other Riverina central schools, combined to make the Riverina Access Partnership. This gives Year 11 & 12 students the opportunity to study subjects of their choice and participate in video conferences to be supported by staff and other students.

Last Tuesday, six Year 11 students headed over to the Yanco Rural Studies centre to participate in a two day camp where we got to meet our teachers and classmates in person and have lessons. It was a great opportunity and we thank Ms Dunne, Mr White and Mrs James for coming along with us.

Erica Alchin

RED VERSUS WHITE

Sporting Opportunities
Lockhart Central School Swimming Carnival
Last Thursday, students, staff, parents and the wider community joined together at the pool to support and participate in the LCS Swimming Carnival.

We had a great afternoon, filled with team rivalry and cheers. Thank you to everyone who participated in the carnival and supported in running the event.

BUT….
Who won?
Was Red House the winner?
Or White House the winner?

The winner is…
Find out next week!

Mrs James
**Assessment Tasks**

**Week 4**
- Year 12 – Maths, English Standard

**Week 5**
- Year 12 – Legal Studies
- Year 9 & 10 – Textiles
- Year 7 & 8 – Science

**Week 6**
- Year 12 – Maths Extension, Music
- Year 9 & 10 – Science

**Upcoming Events**

**February**

**Week 4**
- 19th – Zone Swimming Carnival (Secondary)
- 19th – Southern Riverina Swimming Carnival (Primary) Lavington

**Week 5**
- 24th – 27th – Canberra Show - Ag

**March**

**Week 6**
- 1st – Senior Science Prelim Excursion

**Position Vacant**

- Do you have a LR Driver License?
- Are you free on Thursday’s 12.00 til 6.30pm?
- Are you interested in driving the school bus to TAFE and back?
- Payment negotiable.
- Please phone the principal ASAP for further details.

**Return Your Library Books!!!**

Parents and students, please check in your bags, under your beds, and in your cupboards for any overdue Library books and/or LCS textbooks. Please return them ASAP to the Library or Front Office.

**LFNC invites you to enter a team into our Business House Relay**

**Friday 26th February 2016**

Relay teams consist of 4 swimmers per team. Teams will compete in heats with the fastest times making it through to the final. Registration fees are $40/team. Enter as many teams as you like. Individuals wanting to swim are encouraged to register, we will help to make a team up for you. BBQ dinner & pool canteen available.

Registration forms can be obtained by contacting Megan McKenzie 0413835510.

All registration forms need to be returned by close of business Monday 22nd February.

**SWIMMING CARNIVAL CHAMPIONS**

**PRIMARY**
- JUNIOR GIRL 8-10 YRS: Kyesha Miller 33
- JUNIOR BOY 8-10 YRS: Damien Randall 48
- 11 YEARS GIRL: Alira Lub 48
- 11 YEARS BOY: Syd Brockwell 48
- SENIOR GIRL 12+: Meg Chandler 33
- SENIOR BOY: N/A

**SECONDARY**
- JUNIOR GIRL: Olivia McDonnell 40
- JUNIOR BOY: Connor Widdup 54
- SENIOR GIRL: Erica Alchin 30
- SENIOR BOY: Michael Greening 33

**WHO WON???

**RED HOUSE** Or **WHITE HOUSE**