THE SNAKE MAN by Alex Peel Year 9

The other day, Raymond Hoser (The Snake Man) from the reptilian collection team called Snake Busters, came into our school Lynall Hall to tell us a bit about snakes and other reptiles. He brought in more than 30 different types of snakes and other reptiles. He also told us a little bit about snakes and his job in general. This included:

- Collecting snakes, crocodiles and other reptiles
- Day to day care of these creatures
- Habitat – where they live: under logs and piles of corrugated tine and steel
- Regular handling
- Recognition of different species
- What the eat – mice, rats and other small marsupials

The snake that I remember the most is the Copperhead. Raymond told us that they come in many different colours and you can tell that it is a copper head by the white lines in between the scaly design on its face. Most of the information I was already familiar with but it was a nice refresher.

THE SNAKE MAN by Luke Strachan Year 9

Raymond Hoser came to our school on the 26th of February 2007. He showed Pythons, Taipan, Tiger, Copperhead, Brown, Jaffas, Turtles, Blue Tongues and Stumpy Tails, all in the Science Room. Raymond Hoser came to our school because he was invited by Stuart Inchley our science teacher to teach and talk to us about snakes and other reptiles.

The reptiles Raymond Hoser introduced were snakes, turtles and lizards. The snakes eat mice and rats; the turtles eat tadpoles and little fish; Lizards have a wide diet ranging from mince to fruit. The reptiles he brought in are cold blooded and the snakes don’t blink. The snakes shed the skin in one whole piece but the lizards shed their skin in bits.

If you ever get bitten by a snake you should restrict the circulation of the entire limb. The snakes attack when they feel threatened or not safe. At the end of the show I held the two big Pythons and it was good and I hope he comes again but I thought the guy was unusual.

THE SNAKE MAN by Antal Miszlay Year 9

On Monday the 26th of Snake Busters brought snakes. Lynall Hall invited Raymond Hoser to give us a little presentation on reptiles and what you should do if you encounter a snake.

Raymond started the presentation with the Copperhead and to tell that it’s a Copperhead you need to look between the scales in the head to see if it has white between its scales.

Raymond told us about all these different types of lizards and showed us quite a few different type of lizards. He explained where they came from and what their diet is and also what habitat they live in.

Raymond also told us about first aid and if you ever need it to use it if you get bitten by a venomous snake. How you have to wrap a bandage around the bite and the limb so you can sustain that poison running through your bloodstream.

Raymond also told us that snakes can attack fast than the human eye can see. He also showed us the long necked turtle and how you have to hold them on the back on its shell or the front or else they will scratch you. Turtles eat tadpoles and little fish. At the end of the presentation we were able to hold all of these reptiles and even the huge snakes such as the Pythons.
Welcome back to the 2007 school year. An audit will take place on the 28th February.

The new 70 minute classes (4 period day) has been working very well with most staff and students saying that it is a lot better than the old seven period day. Classes seem to be a lot calmer.

Staff returned on Tuesday 30th February and Students returned on Wednesday 31st February.

I would like to welcome three new staff members to Lynall Hall, Kieran O’Dwyer, Peter Kavadias & Brendan Bailey who are all full time. Other staff who have been reappointed are, Deborah Bibby (O.8), Catherine Burke (1.0), Stuart Inchley (1.0), Kate Glover (1.0), Jessica Foeken (1.0), Fayre Walker (O.6), Rylie Connaughton (1.0) and Eva Grzebinska (1.0).

Joanna Karakousis (O.6) will return from family leave at the start of term 3 and Rhonda Whitaker has taken leave without pay for the year to work at the City school. Zita Pinda (1.0) will be based at our school as the Yarra Cluster Innovations and Excellence Coordinator.

Anthony Coen (O.6) and Ashley Naylor (O.4) have been employed as music support staff for this year and music will be offered to all students on both school sites. A program has been developed by the music staff and a large number of students have chosen to take part. The new music room will further enhance this program.

Phil Kakulas is taking leave without pay for the last two weeks of term 1, Drazen Stojakovic has been granted long service leave for the last week of term 1 & Lambis Englezos will be taking long service leave for all of term 2.

Stuart Edwards from Odyssey House Youth Services will be working at our school for two days this year due to increased funding. David Smith will continue with MIPS planning for students on Wednesday’s and we will still have the services of Catherine McKenzie from INNLEN working on VCAL link.

Unfortunately we are still waiting on a replacement for our SSSO worker who has been on work since the start of term 4 last year and our school nurse has also been on work since December last year.

Student enrolments are very strong with year 10, 11 & 12 class numbers well above our expectations for this time of the year. We still have some places in years 7, 8 & 9 but they are also filling up fast. Our overall numbers are around 120 students which is what we have planned for and our current staffing levels depend on this number of enrolments. The good sign is that most students are attending all classes and absences seem to have improved overall. It has been very good to see classes of around 25 students; however, we will require more furniture to cope with the increased student numbers. The Foods room floor and all exhaust fans were cleaned, the Gym floor was resurfaced, carpet cleaned and repaired throughout the school, all windows have been cleaned inside and out, student toilets repaired and repainted, new high fences installed to protect staff cars and to stop students from climbing the front during the school day. Students seem to be working harder and are more focussed on class work, staff feedback has been very good.

We have just received word that our Commonwealth Government submission for the “Investing in our Schools” grant has been successful for a new Music room to be built upstairs in our hall. We have received $68,785.75 which is less than the amount we asked for. I am not sure when we can start the project? I have spoken to the builder and he is ready to start when we get the go ahead. The Music room could be started and worked on during school hours as it should cause little interruption to our teaching programs.

The other major Commonwealth Government grant that will take place this year is the ‘Success for Boys’ Yarra Cluster grant of $55,500. Zita Pinda will be the Coordinator of the project with Lynall Hall acting as the lead school. The first staff in-service day is Tuesday 13th March at the Darebin Arts & Entertainment Centre. This will be followed by extensive ongoing staff development, the funding is for the 2007 school year.

Our Commonwealth Government “Water Resources” grant of $47,890 to install water tanks to use rain water for all staff and student toilets, to connect the school watering system to rain water and to install a special fish pond to increase the nutrient supply to our bush garden and the same water tank & fish pond will be installed at Nof. Our school will be fully water efficient and our water bills should be reduced in the long term. We have also undertaken the State Government water audit and have been recognised as being fully water efficient.

Over the school holiday we have had extensive maintenance work carried out on our Art room floor, which had rotten out and the lino lifted in a number of places. The cost was extensive and we hope to receive financial assistance from the Regional Office. Other works were to the fence and the school graffiti boards have been replaced and painted. A new sign has been installed along the brick wall in Highett Street to advertise our VCE, VCAL & VET school programs.

The new 12 seater school bus has been ordered and will be delivered in April, the bus will be housed within the current bus shed and an extension of the bus shed roof will be carried out in the near future to also accommodate our surfing trailer (which has our school surf boards and wet suits stored in it) and our other gardening trailer.

A full audit of all glass has been carried out and in the very near future the Department will undertake the repairs, our annual equipment audit was also completed last week. The phone system is still not completed and we hope that this will be finalised very soon. Most of the OHS issues that were identified by the auditor have been completed and a follow up audit will take place very soon. Stuart Inchley will undertake OHS training from Monday 26th February to Friday the 2nd March to assist Lambis Englezos with this task.

The Girls Leadership camp will take place from Tuesday 6th March to Thursday 8th March, staff attending are, Kate Burke, Kate Glover & Eva Grzebinska.

Kate Burke & Michael Hunwood will be attending an in-service to gain their Surf/Swimming Certificates from Monday 12th to Wednesday 14th February.

We are still without a sponsor for our Breakfast and Lunch program for 2007 and a number of people are seeking sponsorships. It looks as though Good Shepherd has gained a sponsorship for $15,000, but this is still to be confirmed. In the mean time we are charging students $1 per meal and our global budget will need to cover this budget line.

The Commonwealth Government have announced the National School Chaplaincy Programme. This gives schools the opportunity...
to apply for $20,000 to employ a school chaplain. As we already pay $20,000 to Good Shepherd for the services of Linda Hammond at N01, I am seeking a meeting with Good Shepherd to see if Linda could be funded through this programme.

The data for our Annual Report will be available on Friday 9th February and I will have the report written in the next few weeks, so I can present it to our March Council meeting and then deliver it to the Regional General Manager by the 31st March.

Our Annual Implementation Plan has been developed and was presented to the Regional General Manager in December last year, as yet we have not had any feed back. I have copies available for council members to also ratify.

John Shilliday and Judy Watt have produced a grounds report for the school gardens for council to review. John and Judy have also been working hard on the front garden and lawn area along with the bush garden in the school yard. I would like to thank them both for the work that they have done and the time that they have put into this project.

John Shilliday has also written a letter for council to discuss the Richmond Town Hall Precinct. Madelaine Wright is also responding to the Yarra Councils future plans for redevelopment of the Richmond Precinct.

Council needs to respond by Friday 2nd March.

School Council elections must be completed by the 31st March, so the next council meeting will be our Annual General meeting. The time line is as follows: Friday 9th February, Call for nominations.

   Friday 16th February, Nominations close.

   Friday 23rd February, Distribute ballot papers.

   Friday 2nd March, Close of ballot.

   Monday 5th March, Count votes and declare the poll.

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New Teacher Profiles

Kieran O’Dwyer

Age: 24

Subjects: Physical Education, Health, SOSE, 7/8 Home Group Teacher

Interests: All sports, especially football, cricket, tennis and basketball. I have spent time at the V.I.S as part of the swimming and water polo program. I also enjoy reading biographies that focus on great sporting achievements.

Past Teaching Experience: I have taught at Footscray City College and spent last year teaching at Lalor Secondary College. I look forward to incorporating my experiences into Lynall Hall Community School over the upcoming year.

Brendan Bailey

Brendan James Bailey was born on the 5th of July, 1979 at Stawell and District Hospital. Since then he has been to five different continents and swum in four different oceans, but still has no idea how to get from the city to Brunswick after the trams have stopped. His greatest claim to fame is asking Cathy Freeman out on a date at the 1996 Stawell Easter Gift. She said no. At Lynall Hall, Brendan teaches English and Psychology and is also part responsible for cooking lunch on Vegan Thursday. He is renowned worldwide for riding his bike while drinking coffee, having extremely awesome taste in music and generally being the best person you know.

Peter Kavadias

Age: 36

Subjects: Physical Education, Science, Health, 7/8 Home Group Teacher

Interests:

- Participated extensively in all types of adventure sports/activities. Some of which have included; climbing, snowboarding, trekking and mountaineering.

- Reading: Particularly enjoy reading all types of adventure novels based on real life accounts. Currently half way through Michael Pallin’s “Himalaya”.

Past Teaching Experience: As an RMIT graduate I have had the opportunity to teach at a number of school over the past 5 years. Some of these included; Debney Park Secondary College, Essendon - Keilor Secondary College, De La Salle College and Pascoe Vale Girls Secondary College. I am at Lynall Hall Community School as part of the “Graduate Teacher Program” and look forward to the challenge ahead.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held in the School Common Room on 20th March at 6pm.

If you can attend, please let the office know for Catering Purposes

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Important Dates to Remember

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VET Hospitality by Nim McIntyre

Nine students from year 10, 11, and 12 have enrolled in VET hospitality at Lynall Hall this year. We have had two sessions so far. The classes are on a Thursday from 1.30 till 5.30 with an hour of theory and three hours of practical cooking. The students are currently learning about health and hygiene and have already learnt how to julienne carrots and finely dice potatoes and have made a hearty minestrone. From all reports the students are enjoying their classes. Andrew Dexter from Inner Melbourne Vet cluster conducts the practical classes and I take the theory classes. The students will be on Work Placement for two weeks and complete their RSA (Responsible Serving of Alcohol) certificate later on this year.

Parenting Adolescents Course:
Testing times - 5 week course.

Contact: Parenting Australia 9261 8700
Venue: Kew
Tuesdays, 6.30pm – 8.30pm, 8th May 07 to 5th June 07
Phone for bookings and further details.

Home Group Teachers

A- Kate B, Peter, Kieran: Years 7 & 8
B- Nim, Phil & Barb: Year 9
C- Stuart, Brendan & Kate G: Year 10
D- Lambis, Kaye & Drazen: Year 11
E- Deb & Fraser: Year 12