Stuart Rushton – the journey goes ever on…

Stuart came out of retirement nearly three years ago to help out at School and in particular to manage the School’s operations, and while he may be physically retiring from his official duties at the school he will always be integrally connected with the school, it’s purpose and it’s direction.

Stuart’s list of contributions to the school cannot fit into one newsletter, but one of his outstanding attributes as an individual was to carry within the spirit of Leonardo Da Vinci: always creative, always artistic and always scientific. A truly ‘Michael Man’ of this age.

Problems were only there to allow creative people like Stuart to find solutions, and his solutions were always inspiring and full of wisdom.

In a previous life, Stuart flew Royal Australian Air Force Caribou transport aircraft, while he now drives out in his Land Rover truck.

Stuart will be returning to his busy life in Arcadia after Term 1 this year. We all wish him well, but know we’ll still see plenty of him around School in his role as a Lorien grandparent.

It is what Stuart has left behind that will affect the school forever. Our thanks are insufficient.
LORIEN MARKETS
The Market committee has decided to reduce the number of market days to two this year - May and November. Consequently, the advertised markets in March and August have been cancelled.

PLAYGROUP
Due to restructuring, Playgroup will not be running in Term 1, but we are expecting will be fully operational from Term 2. Thank you for your understanding.

SCHOOL PARKING
As the New School Year has started it seems timely to remind everyone of the internal egress and parking rules. It also is apparent that traffic signs, which are placed for student safety, are not being adhered to.

In the morning:
• kiss and drop rules apply in the top driveway
• parking in the top car park for early childhood parents
• NO PARKING OR DRIVING DOWN THE BACK

In the afternoon:
• parking is allowed down the back for early childhood parents only
• Primary school children are escorted to the bus shelter where they are to be collected
• please do not leave your car unattended in the bus pathway in the afternoon
• parking is available along Old Northern Rd from the school’s northern boundary

Early childhood parents need to be aware that High School lessons run from 8.45pm until 3.15pm and distractions and interference in these lessons by parents talking outside classrooms and little children running around and playing on the field is unacceptable.

Please try to be mind-full of the lessons and the safety of the students.

Also all driving within the school grounds needs to be at 5kph.

All parents need to remember that there is no playground duty after school as teachers are on bus duty and that playing back after school is not permitted. Children need to be collected quickly and efficiently at the end of the school day.

Thank you for cooperation.

AFTER SCHOOL TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS
Also, a reminder please that if you need to advise children of changes to their after school/travel arrangements, please CONTACT THE OFFICE BY 1pm. We need to pass on these messages to teachers by the start of afternoon lessons, to ensure they reach the children. Thank you.
PARENT LIBRARY

We have a Parent Library with resources on a range of topics (parenting, Steiner education, play etc). The collection is in the school library, and is open for parents to access on Fridays from 2.45-3.30pm. Membership is $20 (a one-off payment).

If you can’t visit, enquiries can be sent to melissahm@lorien.nsw.edu.au

2017 OPAL CARDS

Most students or parents/guardians won’t need to apply for the School Opal card if they held a 2016 School Travel Pass. However, a new application is required (if not already submitted) if:

- the student is just starting school or has not had a pass for travel before.
- the student has progressed from Yr 2 2016 to Yr 3 2017, or Yr 6 2016 to Yr 7 2017
- the student needs to be able to travel to multiple home addresses because of a shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

If your details have changed, for example changing schools (other than moving from Years 2 to 3 or Years 6 to 7), your address or your name, then complete an application to update your details.

Applications must be made by a parent or guardian for children aged 15 years and under. Applications must be made by the student if aged 16 years or older.

For all information including forms:

MUSIC TEACHERS  
For individual lessons to Classes 4 and up**

If your child would like to commence private tuition, please contact Barbara Webb to discuss options and costs.

Barbara Webb  violin  0416 058 752  bwebbmusic@gmail.com
Kevin Adams  guitar, ukulele, drums  0405 482 310  bwebbmusic@gmail.com
Timothy Teylan  saxophone & clarinet  0423 619 053
Harry Day  trumpet  0430 130 451  su.choung@gmail.com
Su Choung  piano  0423 514 412  adrienne@magicmirror.com.au
Adrienne Alexander  flute  0435 910 807  sabellavalerie@gmail.com
Sabella Osborne  singing
MIDDLE SCHOOL – HIGH SCHOOL
Parent Information Evening
Thursday 16th February – 7.30 pm
‘The Lorien High School Journey’

This welcome and information evening is for parents of Classes 5,6,7 and all High School classes.

Other interested parents are welcome to come, and students from Class 10, 11 and 12 are also invited.

The gathering will be held in the Performance Hall and we hope to be finished by 9.00pm.

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We hope that as many parents as possible will attend this information evening to help us build a stronger High School Community.

TERM 1~ IN THE CLASSROOMS

Class 1 are settling into their first Primary classroom and extensive play area, with thanks to their teachers and families who came along to a holiday working bee to prepare for their grounds for the start of term. The class has been enjoying their swimming and pool safety lessons in the school pool.

Meanwhile Class 2 are adjusting to play in the more shared spaces of the lower primary, along with classes 3 and 4.

Class 4 are embarking on the Primary instrument program, beginning with violin lessons. We look forward to their recitals later in the year.

Class 5 has their first Main Lesson in Meteorology and all things weather, timely considering the fluctuations we’ve already seen in two weeks of term! Painting and drawing in Block lessons support the Main Lesson themes.
The class is also enjoying middle lesson Cultural Studies with Melody, Literacy and Maths Skills with Tracey, Mandarin with Fei and Library with Melissa, as well as afternoon sport and swimming. A busy program!

Class 6 first Main Lesson is Geology, middles are Writing and Spelling including the production of a newsletter, Math revisions and practice, while their Block lessons explore geometry and world maps. Their musical focus this term is on the challenge of recorder work in parts.

Class 7 is immersed in the classics of English Literature and the legends of King Arthur, which they will interpret through their own creative writing.

Architecture, geography and cultural studies this term will be referenced through a walking tour of some of Sydney CBD’s more interesting sites.

Class 8 are making a strong start on their High School PDHPE and Outdoor Education program with a trip in Week 4 to Surf School.

Maths, English and Language to History and Ethics. Art, technics, swimming and movement will occupy the Block lessons.

Class 9 has similar Main lesson subject areas with Geography, Chemistry and Maths, middles including English and Block lessons in Movement and Art. Kayaking is a focus, with weekly lessons at Penrith Whitewater Stadium.

Class 10 are also on the water, with small vessel sailing lessons at Balmoral laying the groundwork for their later year trip where they will sail/crew on a tall ship. In the classroom Drama is a focus, with the challenges of Play-Building culminating in a class performance in week 7. Other subject areas include Geography, Maths, English, and the first experience of VET (Vocational Education Training) options.

Class 11 Marine Studies likewise components in and out of the classroom, including the achievement of an Open Water Dive licence and ocean sailing. English, Maths, Drama, Art and VET will also be explored.

Main lessons this term are Chemistry, History and English, middles range from
COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

TRANSPORT HELP WANTED:

• We have a new school family driving from North Rocks, wondering if another family can help buddy/share the driving workload. Please contact Marcel Raffoul 0417 464 412 or marcel_raffoul@yahoo.com Thank you.

FACEBOOK GROUPS:

• Lorien Community: www.facebook.com/groups/LNSCommunity
• Buy/Swap/Sell/Promote your Business: www.facebook.com/groups/LNSSellSwapGiveAway/
• Lorien Novalis Alumni page: https://www.facebook.com/groups/LNSAlumni/

P & F SHOP
OPENING HOURS
Monday to Friday: 9-10am
We have a few sizes available, but are awaiting our new stock shipment of Sunshadow indoor slippers.

All welcome! No experience necessary
All enquiries to: donna.sherman@bigpond.com

P&F MEETINGS
TERM 1
Monday 13th Feb (Wk 3)
7.30pm Novalis College Room
Mondays, Week 2 of terms:
Term 2 ~ 1st May
Term 3 ~ 24th Jul
Term 4 ~ 16th Oct

You can contact the P&F at any time via pandf@lorien.nsw.edu.au

If you are booking travel with FLIGHT CENTRE at Round Corner please mention Lorien Novalis School upfront and request they ‘kick-back’ from your booking to the school fundraising account. Thank you
2017 SCHOOL YEAR
2017 School calendar/planners are now available at the office

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There is a knighthood of the 21st century
whose riders do not ride through the physical forests as of old,
but through the forests of darkened minds.

They are armed with a spiritual armour,
and an inner sun makes them radiant.

Out of them shines healing.
Healing that flows from the knowledge of the human being as a spiritual being.

They must create an inner order, inner justice, peace and conviction
during the darkness of our time.

They must learn to work side by side with the angels.

~ Karl Koenig ~