

LEETON HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

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“Educating young people for active and responsible citizenship”

~~ PRINCIPAL'S REPORT ~~

Students and staff returned to school with much anticipation and excitement last week. I would like to warmly welcome the many new students and families joining our school for 2018 especially Year 7 who we really look forward to watching grow as the newest members of the Leeton High School family. The wearing of correct school uniform is exceptionally pleasing and students are congratulated on taking such pride in their uniform.

2018 sees some significant structural changes to the school day. We commenced the year with a new timetable moving from eight to five periods, which has been well received by both staff and students. This structure ensures less movement around the school and more learning time, especially with the removal of DEAR following feedback from the staff, student and community surveys administered last year. We have also moved to two 30 minute breaks, also a popular change, allowing for more time earlier in the day to participate in physical activity which is essential for health and wellbeing. Assemblies have also moved to Fridays on a fortnightly basis. The alternate fortnightly timeslot allows for us to focus on delivering student wellbeing sessions in Year Advisor meeting times. Wellbeing continues to be an important concern for all schools and Leeton High School wants to ensure that we are offering the best possible support to all our students.

There have been some significant changes to the staff at Leeton High School this year. We farewell Mr Brendan Sims, Mrs Sue Langley, Mr Brian Martin, Miss Jade Phillips, Mrs Grace Stockwell, Mrs Sue Mc Bean, Mrs Julie Dean and Mrs Tania Speer and thank them for their contribution during their time here.

We welcome to our teaching staff Miss Liz Danvers (TAS), Mr Walter Tregoe (Mathematics), Mrs Alanya Skewes (English/CAPA), Miss Hayley O'Connell (English/CAPA), Mr Jonathon Scanu (TAS), Mr Grant Forrest (PDHPE) and Mrs Sally Doig (Science). We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful team of teachers.

This year we continue with our whole school literacy focus to improve our students' ability to better comprehend what they are reading and to improve their ability to write. Leeton High School recognises that effective literacy and numeracy skills are essential for individuals to meet the demands of school, tertiary study and the workplace and enables our students to successfully undertake day-to-day tasks and engage meaningfully with their community. We achieved improvement in the key NAPLAN areas of Reading, Writing and Numeracy with more students achieving proficiency in these areas which is very satisfying.

2LS or Secondary Learning Strategy continues to be an important tool used at Leeton High School to support students to improve their reading and comprehension. Over the next few weeks we will focus on the key skill of **Predicting**.

Predicting is a useful reading strategy as it helps us think about what to expect when we read. What we know already (our prior knowledge) also helps us to predict. Better readers keep making predictions and adjusting them all through their reading.

HSC Minimum Standards Online testing comes into effect this year for Year 10 students who did not meet the Band 8 standard in Reading, Writing and Numeracy in the 2016 NAPLAN tests. In term 4 2017 we took the opportunity with the students who did not meet this standard to access the practice online tests available to build their knowledge and confidence in what is to be expected this year with the 'real' online tests. Students will have two opportunities a year in



Years 10, 11 and 12 to pass any tests needed. They will also be able to take them for a few years after they leave school to gain their Higher School Certificate.

Students don't have to sit or pass all tests at once. When students pass an online test, they don't have to sit it again. More information will follow closer to the first test window. The following website also provides handy information for you and your child.

<http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/about/initiatives/stronger-hsc-standards/minimum-hsc-standard/online-tests>

Our annual **swimming carnival will be held this Wednesday 7th February** from 9am. Best of luck to all competitors and we hope to see a great showing of team spirit. Families are most welcome to attend.

Leeton High School would like to welcome all families with a barbeque to be held at 6pm on Thursday 22nd February. It would be fantastic to see as many families as possible. There will also be an Information/Question session for Year 11 students and parents regarding the Higher School Certificate commencing at 7pm.

Leeton High School recognises and values the importance of communication between home and school. If you have any questions on any issue, please do not hesitate to call me on 6953-2122. Stay in touch with the happenings at your community high school via the School Website <http://www.leeton-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/> or our Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/LeetonHS>.



Mrs Meagan Crelley, Principal

~~ SCHOOL NEWS ~~

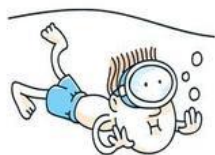


SAVE THE DATE

School Photos will be held on Monday 19th March.

~~ SCHOOL SPORT ~~

LHS SWIMMING CARNIVAL



LHS Swimming Carnival is to be held this Wednesday 7 Feb 2018 at Leeton Swimming Pool. Entry into the pool will be \$3.50.

200m freestyle will be held at 8:00am. All other students to arrive by **9am for roll marking**. Lots of races and novelty events will be held on the day. All parents welcome.

House Colours

SMITH

MAWSON

DAVID

HUNTER

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) is one of the key learning areas within NSW Public Schools. Our school's PDHPE program aims to help our students develop and lead healthy, active and fulfilling lives.

Our school PDHPE program covers a wide range of educational matters including relationships, drug use, sexual education, child protection, nutrition, road safety, resilience, fundamental movement skill development, and physical activity. Some of the content of the program deals with sensitive issues. The school recognises this by teaching about

these issues within the context of a developmentally appropriate program by providing information to you about our programs.

The PDHPE program aims to encourage students to make informed decisions about their lifestyle taking into account the values of family, culture and religion to which they belong. The school program will be implemented in a manner that supports the role of parents and caregivers, and reflects the ethos of the school community.

Below is an outline of the sensitive topics covered within each year group. Please feel free to contact the PDHPE staff should you have any concerns or queries about the content your child will be studying within the course this year.

Year 7

- * Bullying and harassment
- * Adolescence and change (puberty)
- * Drug Use
- * Changes & Challenges (dealing with change, loss & grief)

Year 8

- * Drug Use
- * Exploring Risks
- * Sexual health
- * Relationships (abuse and power)
- * Mental Health

Year 9

- * Drug Use
- * Eating Disorder
- * Body image
- * Resilience
- * Relationships
- * Sexual health
- * Relationships (abuse and power)

Year 10

- * Drivers awareness and safety
- * Safe Celebrations – Sexual Health and Drug Use
- * Out in the Real World
- * Mental Health
- * Health Promotion (including issues affecting young people such as road safety, drugs & alcohol and sexual health)

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed 7 Feb – LHS Swimming Carnival
Wed 21 Feb – SW Swimming Carnival – Narr
Mon 19 March – School Photos

WHAT DO THESE SIGNS MEAN?



You
**CAN
STOP HERE
FOR 2 MINUTES
ONLY**

- You can drop your child off here but you must either stay in the car or within 3 metres of the car.
- Mobility sticker permit holders may stop for up to 5 mins.



You
**CANNOT
STOP HERE**

- You cannot drop your child off here.
- Medical or other emergency stopping only is permitted.



You
**CANNOT
STOP HERE
unless driving a bus**

- Children cannot be dropped here unless they are arriving by bus.

Hours of operation may apply to some signs.
This means that the restrictions apply for those times only.



LEETON JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE

**2018 registrations are now open for
5 – 14 year old Rugby League Players
5 – 16 year old League Tag Girls**

Registration cost is \$100 and includes:

1 X LJRL Socks

1 X LJRL Playing Shorts

1 X LJRL Jersey (handed out at presentation)

LJRL are an Active Kids participant sport.

Go to playnrl.com to complete registration

Saturday 10th February, 9.00 am – 12.00 noon @ Jarrah Mall
& Saturday the 17th February 9.00 am – 12.00noon @ Jarrah Mall

All registration enquiries to Kristy Jackson 0409 833 218



HOGS FOR THE HOMELESS

Group 20 Juniors OAK 9's

Friday, 23rd February 2018

LEETON NUMBER 1 OVAL COMPLEX, PALM AVENUE LEETON NSW

Group 20 Juniors OAK 9's

WHO: U12'S AND U14'S NINES TOURNAMENT

GROUP 20 JRL CLUBS

GAMES KICK-OFF FROM 4:40PM

Meet and Greet

LEETON SOLDIERS CLUB

MEET AND GREET THE H4H @7:30PM

**FEATURING BRAD FITTLER, TIM BRASHER,
DANNY BUDERUS AND JOSH PERRY**