

LEETON HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

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“Educating young people for active and responsible citizenship”

~~ PRINCIPAL'S REPORT ~~

On Thursday 22nd February Leeton High School hosted a BBQ for all our families to welcome in the 2018 school year. It was a fantastic opportunity to meet teachers, classmates and other parents and we appreciate the efforts and interest from our school community members who attended. Thank you to Maanu Alexander, Chevaughn Moore and Megan Davidson-Curtin for their wonderful performances which kept the crowd entertained and thank you to the parents and students who attended the Year 11 Assessment Information session held on the same night.

More on PBL at Leeton High School

Positive Behaviour for Learning is a whole school approach to encourage the best environment for learning, wellbeing and safety. Currently we are trying to establish what our community sees as the most important three values for our school to shape our behaviour expectations the will become our PBL focus. For example, the value of “respect” is defined so that students and staff know what “respect” looks like, feels like and sounds like in different classrooms and other learning settings and in social interactions in the school. We are very excited about the future of PBL in our school and how it can enhance our learning environment.

The Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Team took the opportunity to seek parent feedback on the values that will shape our expectations for behaviour at our Welcome BBQ. Thank you to the parents that have so far contributed their values in support of this exciting initiative. If you haven't already, there are more opportunities to contribute your thoughts on the values that should guide us on our Facebook page or school website.

<https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSfteXMLf8aoAF4M7.../viewform>
<http://www.leeton-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

Over the next few weeks we will seek student feedback on the values they want to see our school focus on in our fortnightly Wellbeing Sessions. Students are welcome to take the online surveys as well.

SRC Induction 9th March

Our Student Representative Council members will be officially inducted as the official SRC for 2018 at this Friday's assembly. Congratulations to all members from Year 7-12 for their initiative to be leaders in the best interests of our school community. Assembly commences at 11.00am.

Congratulations to Emily Jennings

Our very own Emily Jennings in Year 8 has been selected to participate in the Arts Unit Solo Vocal Camp in Sydney. Emily, who initially auditioned by video, will spend the week in Sydney furthering her enormous talent. Congratulations to Emily and her family on this exceptional achievement.

Year 7 Camp- Murrumbateman

There is a considerable amount of excitement at the moment as we draw nearer to the Year 7 Camp commencing on Monday 12th March and returning on Wednesday 14th March. Final payments are due by Wednesday 7th March.

Changes to the HSC Minimum Standards

Last week Education Minister Rob Stokes announced that there will be changes to the HSC Minimum Standards for Year 9 students onwards from 2018. Information has been attached to this newsletter and notes have been sent home with Year 9 and 10 students explaining the changes.

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Tell Them From Me Surveys 2018

Our school will again participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. More than 6,300 schools in Australia and around the world have used *Tell Them From Me* to survey 5.4 million students. Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our school. The survey is confidential, conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 12th March and 13th April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey has been sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Friday 9th March**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from:

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.

For more information, including sample online test questions, visit

www.educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/HSCminimumstandard

http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/images/pdf/TTFM_Student_Survey_FAQs_Parent_and_Carers_T12018.pdf

Eddie Woo 7th March

This Wednesday senior Mathematics students will have the opportunity to travel to Griffith Regional Theatre to listen to inspirational and globally recognised Mathematics teacher Eddie Woo. Eddie is currently Head Teacher Mathematics at Cherrybrook High School. His contribution to education has been acknowledged by his delivery of the national Australia Day speech this year. Eddie's lessons can be viewed on https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq0EGvLTyy-LLT1oUSO_0FQ

Eddie's regional visit to Wagga, Albury and Griffith will also feature on ABC's Australian Story later this year.

Sheldrick Shield 7th and 14th March

Leeton High School will compete against St. Francis and Yanco Agricultural High School in the upcoming Sheldrick Shield commencing Wednesday evening at Yanco Oval. Spectators are encouraged to wear their white sports shirts to support our Opens Girls League Tag and Boys League teams. It would be fantastic to see as many supporters there as possible.

National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

March 16th is the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. In keeping with our wellbeing focus our assembly will bring to light this important day. Bullying. No Way! wristbands will be available and a barbeque for staff and students will be on offer. More details to follow.

World's Greatest Shave

Also on the 16th March is the World's Greatest Shave to raise funds in order to support those suffering from cancer and their families (on behalf of the Leukaemia Foundation). We thank the generous students who will participate by getting their heads shaved at school for such a worthy cause. Donations can be made at:

<http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/leetonhigh>

Breakfast @ LHS

Breakfast Club has started again this year, operating on Tuesday and Friday mornings in front of the canteen. Please get yourself some breakfast for a better start to the day. Thanks to Leeton IGA for their very generous support.

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 AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students on achieving awards:

SILVER AWARD: Joseph Kiss (Year 9)

GOLD AWARD: Tahnee Walsh (Year 11)

EXECUTIVE AWARDS: Jayden Broadbent, Emily Pearce (Year 7), Jason Thomas, Saw Eh Htoo (Year 8), Marni Elliott, Alex Corneliussen (Year 9), Madison Teerman, Nathan Ryan (Year 10), Caitlin Garth, Jessica Murphy (Year 11), Tahlia Taylor and Emma Bush (Year 12)

~~ SCHOOL NEWS ~~

Homework Centre!

That time of the year is fast approaching again: upcoming assessment tasks. We have teachers available every Tuesday and Thursday available to help students at the homework centre in the school library. On Tuesday afternoons we have Maths staff available and Thursdays there will be a mix of TAS, HSIE, and English teachers.

Students are more than welcome to attend even if they have homework or assessments not aligned with those particular subjects. We encourage as many students as possible to attend and, as a result, see a greater improvement in the quality of assessment tasks submitted!

PS. There are snacks and drinks. ☺



SAVE THE DATE

School Photos will be held on Monday 19th March.

DOUBLE GOLD JACKET

At the end of last year Georgia Saddler received a Double Gold Jacket, this is the highest level to be achieved in our rewards system at Leeton High School.

Georgia has had success in both her academic studies and as a representative of Leeton High School in performing arts and in sport, and her talent, combined with dedication and drive to succeed, makes her an asset to our school.

She is a strong leader and a positive role model, who has been selected by her peers and teachers to represent Leeton High School as a School Captain.

Georgia is a determined person who has always applied herself with diligence both in and out of the classroom. She is a kind and compassionate individual who is a role model to her peers and the younger students in the school.

Congratulations, Georgia, on your achievements.



CAKE STALL

P&C will hold a Cake Stall at Sunrice Balloon Glow. Sunday 1/4. We hope you can assist with donations.

More information in next newsletter. (Enquiries: 04375360804).

~~ SCHOOL SPORT ~~

SOUTH WEST HIGH SCHOOLS ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Wednesday 21st February we took a 47 member swim team across to Lake Talbot to compete in the South West High Schools Zone swimming carnival. We had an excellent day both in and out of the pool. From this carnival, 40 of our students were selected to compete at the Riverina Carnival being held here in Leeton on Tuesday 6th March. We will have over 10 individual swimmers and 11 relays compete, vying for selection in the Riverina team to compete at the NSW CHS championships.

We had one student named as Age Champion; Flynn Anthony in the 12 years boys. Flynn dominated in the pool winning every single event he entered. Other outstanding performances came from Dion DeMamiel and Reece Grundy as individuals and our Boys and Girls All-Age really teams who blew every other team out of the water.

As a result of a massive team effort, the Leeton High School Swim Team were crowned SWHSSA Champions. This is the first time in at least 13 years we have won the title. We are currently trying to go back through records to find out exactly when we last won.

Congratulations to all involved and good luck at the Riverina Carnival.





DATES TO REMEMBER

Tue 6 March – Riverina Swimming – Leeton
 Wed 7 March – Year 7 Camp Money Due
 Wed 7 March – Dave Sheldrick Cup & Shield

Mon 12 March – Year 7 & 11's leave for Camp
 Mon 19 March – School Photos
 Tue 27 March – P&C Meeting 7pm School Library



Casual Canteen Assistant

Applications are invited for the position of Casual Canteen Assistant at
Leeton High School Canteen

Applicants must have experience with food handling, customer service skills, good communication skills and be willing to undertake any training as required. Pay rates are in accordance with current award conditions. Candidates will be required to have a current **Working with Children's Check** or are willing to obtain one.

Written Applications including a cover letter and resume can be submitted to Leeton High School Administration Office during school hours and should be marked: **Casual Canteen Assistant Application**

Applications will close Monday 19th March 2018



*The World's Greatest Shave is coming up!
Support our LHS team and The Leukaemia Foundation by donating
online at*

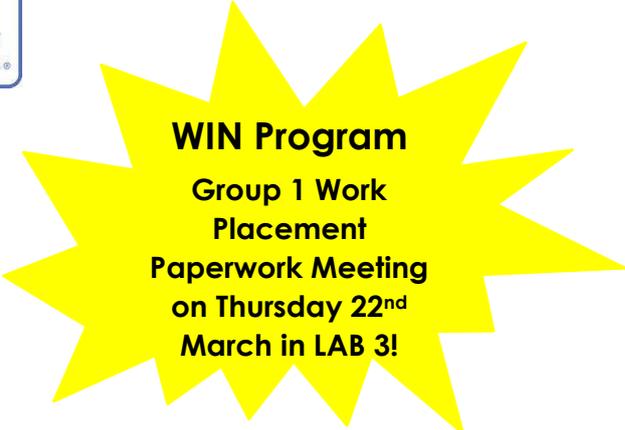
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*Our team has committed to shaving their heads in solidarity with those
who suffer from cancer on March 16th 2018.*

*What a great cause and a brave commitment for our students to make!
For further information, contact Miss Liz Danvers via the Front Office.*



With Ms Becker & Mrs Palmer



WIN Program

Group 1 Work Placement Paperwork Meeting on Thursday 22nd March in LAB 3!

EVENTS

Big Day In at CSU Wagga-Years 9-12

Wednesday 7th March

The BiG Day In™ is an IT careers conference designed by students for students. It is designed for both high school (Years 9-12) and University students interested in careers in technology.

Some of the speakers that will be delivering talks on the day will include: [Adobe Australia and New Zealand](#), [WiseTech Global](#), [Australian Government, ICT Entry-level Programs](#), [Westpac](#), Naomi Stuart, the founder of [Farm Pay](#) and Michael Nixon who was the winner of Regional Pitchfest. He will share his journey with students as he has just come back from Silicon Valley where he visited Facebook, Google and more!

White Card Course

Wednesday 28th March

Careers Central will be holding a white card course on Wednesday 28th March, this course is mandatory for anyone who works or wants to work in the construction industry. The cost of the course is \$100.

Please see Careers Central if you would like to attend.



Do you need help with a resume or cover letter? Come see us in Careers Central for help!

WIN Group 1 Work Ready Day

On Wednesday March 28th, our Year 10 WIN students took part in their Work Ready Day presented by Ron from Get Set. They covered various topics including; what employers expect, resumes and cover letters, confidentiality in the workplace, personal presentation and hygiene and mock interviews. The highlight of the day was the employer forum, where students could pose questions to local employers.



We would like to thank the following employers for sharing their experiences with our students: **Get Set, MEGT Australia, The Personnel Group, Leeton Shire Council, TAFE NSW, Exclusive Skin and Beauty, Cummins South Pacific, Malmet, Indulgence for Hair, Leeton Early Learning Centre, Dean Stanmore Electrical and The Leeton Hotel.**



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Minimum standard online test periods available for Year 10 students

- **Term 1:** 19 February to 23 March 2018
- **Term 2:** 21 May to 22 June 2018
- **Term 3:** 13 August to 14 September 2018
- **Term 4:** 5 November to 7 December 2018

*Students will decide with their teacher when they are ready to attempt each test.

For more information, including sample online test questions, visit www.educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/HSCminimumstandard



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CLASSES

Drama, Acting and Public Speaking

**LOVE DRAMA? WANT TO BE AN ACTOR?
WANT TO IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS?**

Enrolments are being taken for an introductory course in *Drama, Acting and Public Speaking* for secondary students. It is a 6-week course aimed at developing confidence on stage. This term, the course will cover posture and breathing, movement and gesture, mime, using your voice, speech and basic stagecraft. Limited spots available. There will be both group and solo work.

WHERE : LEETON COMMUNITY CENTRE
WHEN : COMMENCES 5TH OF MARCH UNTIL END OF TERM
TIMES : 5:45 - 7:30
COST : \$90 FOR COURSE, FULL PAYMENT FIRST LESSON
CONTACT LIZ ON 0418 293 054