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"Educating young people for active and responsible citizenship"

~~ PRINCIPAL'S REPORT ~~

It has been a very busy fortnight since our last newsletter. The Year 7 camp has now come and gone with 75 students enjoying all that the Warrumbui Retreat and Recreation Centre had to offer. Teachers and students returned on Wednesday weary after an action packed time but all reports confirm that students were exemplary during the camp with the night bush walk being one of the many highlights. A great time had by all. There are a selection of photos available on our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/LeetonHS> for you to view.

Congratulations to the coaching staff and students on a very entertaining two weeks of football against Yanco Ag and St. Francis. While we didn't come away winners, the efforts of all involved should be commended. It was pleasing to see a growing band of supporters there to cheer on the Open Boys League and Open Girls League Tag teams which was much appreciated.

World's Greatest Head Shave!

Over the last few weeks 12 students have been securing donations to support the Leukaemia Foundation with the World's Greatest Shave. The goal was set at \$1800 by the group. I am exceptionally please to report that at last count today funds raised for this very worthy cause was well in excess of the \$2000 mark. It was a very proud moment to watch these young people lose their locks in the hopes of making a difference to the lives of cancer sufferers and their families. Also a huge thank you to our volunteer hairdressers Lisa Marks and Courtney Bartram who gave their time to support our students in their fundraising and to our students Tahnee and Morgan for getting on the front foot and bringing this important cause to our attention.

National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

Also on Friday we celebrated the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. With this year's theme being '['imagine a world free from bullying'](#)' we continue to address with our students the negative effects of bullying and the impact this behaviour has on the lives of young people and their families who are victims of this behaviour. Our fortnightly wellbeing meetings provides the opportunity for students to discuss and voice their thoughts on critical issues such as bullying. Bullying. No Way! wrist bands were worn proudly by staff and students and a free BBQ also marked this important occasion. The SRC did a wonderful job presenting to assembly a presentation on bullying and manning the BBQ on Friday. Well done!

NAPLAN Online Practice Testing

This year Leeton High School moves to online NAPLAN testing for students in Years 7 and 9. In preparation for this period which will be from 15th-25th May we are required to provide Year 7 and 9 students with a practice opportunity so they will be familiar with the new online process when the time comes. The practice test period is from 20th-22nd March and students will sit one test during this time. Any questions please contact the school on 0269532122.

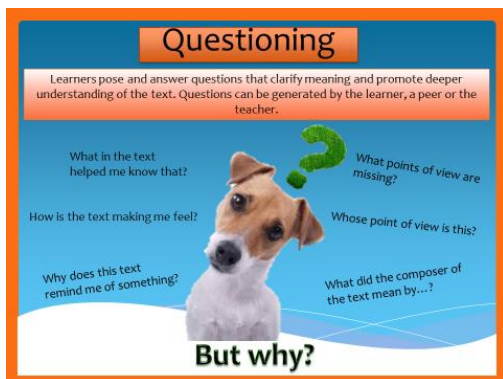
Best Start Trial Testing Year 7

As part of the Literacy and Numeracy 2017-2020 state initiative we have submitted an expression of interest to be involved in the Best Start trial testing for Year 7 which is to become compulsory in 2019. A range of test questions need to be trialled to assess their suitability as part of the Best Start Year 7 assessment package for use in secondary schools from 2019. Best Start Year 7 is a literacy and numeracy assessment package for schools to use in the first five weeks of Year 7. It is designed to assist teachers to identify students at risk of falling behind in literacy and numeracy and to more effectively target teaching for students.

The trial will benefit our current Year 7 students as our school will be provided with information including student responses and preliminary results. More information can be found at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/literacy-and->

numeracy-strategy/secondary-school-initiatives/best-start-year-7. Trial dates are from 3rd-13th April 2018. Students will sit the trial tests at school during class time. Any queries, please contact Meagan Crelley on 0269532122.

2LS Reading and Comprehension Strategies



We continue exploring strategies to support our students to improve their reading and comprehension skills. This week we begin a new strategy- **Questioning**. Good readers ask questions before, during and after they have read a text. Sometimes the question is answered in the text. Sometimes we have to use our own prior knowledge and what's in the text to help us come up with the answer. Sometimes the question may not be answered by the text at all and we have to find another source of information to help you.

Asking and answering questions helps us look for information, which builds understanding.

Attendance

Attached to this newsletter is the Compulsory School Attendance Information for Parents document. Please be aware of the implications for students who fail to attend school regularly in terms of their ability to keep up with their learning and in forming positive relationships with peers and teachers. Poor attendance also hampers students from successfully engaging in the many programs and initiatives our school has to offer.

Uniform

Our uniform requirements are available in our Prospectus on the School Website or from the school office. Most of our students wear our uniform with pride which is fantastic to see but please be aware that the sports uniform is only to be worn on Wednesday's for Sport or for PE classes which require students to participate in exercise. When not in practical PE classes, other than Sports day, students should return to their usual school uniform. **Female students are reminded that black shorts should be of modest length and leggings are not permitted as school uniform.** More information is provided in the Deputy Principal's report.

We have provisions for families who are unable to provide the essential elements of the school uniform so please make contact with the office if you require assistance with this.

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.

Homework Centre

Our Homework Centre with teachers being available to help with homework, assessment tasks and exam preparation. Computers are also available for school work. Opening times are 3.30pm-5.00pm Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Great opportunity to get on top of your work. Tuesdays is a great day to visit if you need help with Maths and Thursday will have English, Science, HSIE or TAS teacher there available to assist.

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

~~ DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT~~

With the change of seasons, usually comes a concurrent change in Uniform standards. This may affect your child's eligibility to represent our school, as we strive to raise the bar and strive for more in all aspects of student performance.

Here are some highlights from our revised Uniform policy

IF STUDENTS CANNOT FULFIL UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS:

If a student cannot attend in the correct uniform on any given day, then they must present to the Front Office prior to Period 1 (9.00am) **with a note from home** to receive a Uniform Note.

PERIOD 1 TEACHERS:

It is the responsibility of Period 1 teachers to record students who are out of correct uniform without a note.

CONSEQUENCES FOR BEING OUT OF UNIFORM

Daily uniform data will be collated by the Deputy Principal. The consequences for being repeatedly out of uniform, without an explanation, include:

- Being ineligible to represent the school in any extra-curricular activities, such as representative sporting teams and Creative Arts groups or performance ensembles.
- Being ineligible for attend non-compulsory excursions. All students must attend any excursions which constitute part of an Assessment Task.
- ***Students arriving to attend a non-compulsory activity out of uniform will not be allowed to attend and will remain at school in classes, as per timetable***
- Being ineligible to attend Gold and Silver Rewards Days
- Being ineligible for Executive Awards
- Being restricted from ascertaining Gold or Silver Levels on our Welfare "Level System"

ORGANISERS OF REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS & EXCURSIONS

Organisers of excursions are responsible for outlining uniform requirements to the students in their activities. All Sporting representatives will dress in sports uniform to represent Leeton High School in any CHS competition or other approved activity. For other excursions, it is expected that students will wear full school uniform, unless instructed otherwise.

With respect to the number of unexplained violations, the Deputy Principal will make contact with home after the 3rd unexplained violation. After the 6th unexplained violation on any term, students will be placed on the **Ineligibility List**, which covers all of the criteria listed above.

Students on this list will be flagged on Sentral as shown (right):

INELIGIBILITY LIST

CONCLUSION

If you have any issue regarding being able to equip your child in full Leeton High School Uniform, please contact the Deputy Principal on (02) 6953 3264 or via email

andrew.morschel@det.nsw.edu.au

SCHOOL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students on achieving awards:

SILVER AWARD: Madison Bischard (Year 8)

GOLD AWARD: Maddison Beaumont (Year 10)

EXECUTIVE AWARDS: Jhi Grundy, Tyson Collins, Cohen Matthews (Year 7), Calleigh O'Brien, Farwana Alizadah, Jhie Deaton (Year 8), Sarah Allen, Angus Crelley, Katelyn Mills (Year 9), Sharna Spicer, Julianne Rae Patenia, Zachary Sharp (Year 10), Christopher Ryan, Ryan Newman, Caleb Watson (Year 11), Riley Cowling, Chloe Richards and Chevaughn Moore



National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence

On Friday 16th March, Leeton High School took a stand with other Australian schools to unite with their communities to celebrate the eighth National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA).

The National Day of Action is Australia's key anti-bullying event for schools and in 2018. As part of this event schools were called to [imagine a world free from bullying](#). It is a positive day of action, bringing school communities together to help find workable solutions that address bullying and violence.

Here at Leeton High School, the SRC encouraged all students to think about how their actions affect others and make a positive change to stop bullying. All students received a 'Bullying. No way!' wristband and were treated to a FREE sausage sizzle provided by the SRC.



SRC Induction

On Friday the 9th March, the 2018 Student Representative Council was inducted at the whole school assembly. As the name of this team suggests, these are students who have been elected and are willing to represent the students of Leeton High School. They have been selected by the students for their leadership qualities, their approachability, and their potential to make meaningful, positive changes for our school.

This year a very strong group of students has been elected to the SRC; they have already put forward some incredible ideas. There's no doubt that this group will bring innovation, and a focus on the values of the school and community. They are open, receptive, willing and they keep a positive outlook.

Congratulations to Leeton High School's Student Representative Council for 2018!

Year 7: Dakota Boardman, Madeline Irvin, Barry Spicer, Callum Dunn.
 Year 8: Jhie Deaton, Eh Htoo, Alexandra Glenn, Emika Gooley.
 Year 9: Angus Crelley, Samara McMillan, Katelyn Mills, Emily Wright.
 Year 10: Jade Jennings, Madeline Price, Amelie Sachs, Sharna Spicer.
 Year 11: Tamara Bartram, Elise Holt, Molly Wright (Vice President), Riley Taskiran (President)



Leeton High School P & C

Welcome to 2018 from all at Leeton High School P&C!

Last week we learned of the exciting year ahead for our children at LHS. Meagan, Andrew and their team are focused on improving student's learning and school experience in new ways. Their new initiatives prioritise student wellbeing and building our school community. The P&C is very keen to support them. Last year the P&C contributed over \$35,000 to the LHS community.

Our first community fundraising event will be a "Cakes and Treats" stall during the SunRice Festival, we hope you can help in some way.

SUNRICE FESTIVAL BALLOON GLOW- Cakes and Treats Stall – Sunday 1st April. 4pm – 8pm.

How can your family assist us?

Donations of:

- Baked goods (muffins, cakes, slices, biscuits)
- sandwich plates
- lolly bags (or bought lollies we can put in bags)
- packaging – paper plates/cups/noodle boxes/treat bags in LHS black & white.

Individual portions of goods to a price point of \$2 or \$3 would be great!

If you donate larger items like whole cakes/batches of smaller biscuits/ tray of sandwiches we will arrange these in batches to the \$2 & \$3 price point using the packaging provided.

Non perishables (lollies/packaging) can be delivered to LHS office up until 3pm Thursday 29th March, or brought to AGM 27th March. **Baking** can be delivered to stall at the venue from 3pm on Sunday or to 2 Almond Road up until 2pm. Please call 0437 536 804 if you would like items picked up.



ALL help is appreciated – just do it the way it suits you and your family according to the time & talent you have available! We are mindful of your precious time and want participation to be easy for you.

If you DO enjoy organizing events or want to get to know some other parents just call to join the subcommittee or to help out on the evening.

Thank you all - any questions/suggestions call me on the number below

Fiona Cain-McAliece

Stall Coordinator 0437 536 804



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

Leeton High School P&C AGM

All parents and members of the student community are invited to attend our annual AGM

Date: Tuesday 27th March, 2018 at 7pm

Location: School Library

All positions will be declared vacant. Elections will be held for:

President
Treasurer
Secretary
Vice President *2

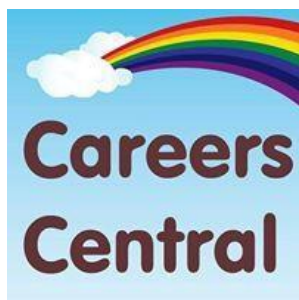
If anyone is not able to attend and they wish to nominate for any of the above positions they can submit their nomination in writing indicating position they wish to stand for and their acceptance if elected.

Nominations can be left at the Front Office clearly marked –
Nominations for LHS P&C

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tue 27th March – P&C AGM - 7pm School Library
Fri 30th March – Good Friday
Mon 2nd April – Easter Monday
Tue 3rd April – Return to School
Wed 4th-Wed 11th April – Year 12 Exams

Mon 9th-Tue 10th April – CHS Swimming - Sydney
Thur 12th (1/2 day) & Fri 13th April – Athletics Carnival
Fri 13th April – Last day of Term 1
Mon 30th April – Staff Return – Pupil Free Day
Tues 1st May – Students Return



With Ms Becker & Mrs Palmer



WIN Program

Group 1 Mock Interviews will be on March 29th in the Library. Stay tuned for more details.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

This course is now full, but Careers Central is looking at holding a second course later on in the year. Please see Careers Central if you would like to put your name down on the waiting list.

Australian Defence Force Gap Year Program-Year 12

Australian Defence Force Gap Year applications for 2019 have opened. This is a unique opportunity for students to try out a career in the Navy, Army or Air Force and get a feel for a military life without committing for a longer period.



Through an ADF Gap Year students will:

- * Gain valuable skills and work experience
- * Enjoy a great salary package plus free healthcare
- * Live a varied, active and healthy lifestyle
- * Make friends with like-minded people
- * Get the opportunity to see more of Australia

In 2019 there are 14 roles to choose from, ranging from admin to artillery and even flight crew, plus this year ADF are offering 30 Army Officer roles - places are limited.

If you are interested in this exciting opportunity, please see Ms. Becker in Careers Central.

Congratulations to Ben Hottes-Tweedale on securing an Apprentice Chef position at Leeton Hotel!

PAST EVENTS

Big Day In at CSU in Wagga

On Wednesday 7th March, Careers Central took 17 students to the Big Day in IT Conference at CSU in Wagga. What a fabulous day they had! All of our students came away from the event feeling super inspired by the amazing presenters, which covered a variety of IT related topics. Some topics included IT Startups, preparing for the future of workplace, entrepreneurship, cyber security, hacking for good and lifelong learning. We cannot wait for Big Day In 2019!



Big Day In at CSU in Wagga

On Thursday 15th March, LHS were lucky enough to have the University of Canberra come to visit us! They delivered a Raising Aspirations program to a group of Year 9 students where they completed a University 101 online module. UC also took the time to meet with some of our senior students during lunchtime, to answer questions about life at UC. We would like to thank UC for taking the time to visit us and we look forward to seeing them at the Riverina Careers Expo that will be held at Leeton High in June.



YEAR 7 CAMP



Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to [complete their schooling](#).

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Policy library*

The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Wellbeing and Learning* website

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

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Leeton Multicultural Support Group &
Leeton Shire Council invite you to:

Harmony Day Lunch

Sunday 25th March 2018

12:00 – 2:30pm

at the
Leeton Multipurpose
Community Centre



Come and enjoy the food from different cultures
and the pleasure of meeting new friends

The colour for Harmony Day is orange.

Harmony means friendship, peace, unity, understanding, compatibility,
cooperation

Harmony Day gives us a chance to think about our acceptance and
respect for the differences of others around us.

Harmony Day gives us an excuse to celebrate the diversity and
differences within our Australian multicultural society.

For more information, please contact –
Robyn Hutchinson: phone 0400 481 979



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