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## ~~ PRINCIPAL'S REPORT ~~

Thank you to all students and parents who contributed to our float at the SunRice festival parade on Saturday. We really appreciate the time people generously gave from their Easter weekend to represent Leeton High School. A special mention goes to Dale Teerman of Teerman's Transport for driving the truck and Ian Draper for supplying our seating, in the form of hay bales.

Leeton High School P&C also held a Cakes and Treats stall at the Balloon Glow on Sunday. Thanks to all volunteers who also gave their time to operate the stall and to those who baked goods or supplied sweets to feed the hungry hoards. All funds raised goes back into the school so thank you again for your support.

### **LHS welcomes new staff members for Term 2**

Welcome to Miss Lewanna Kenton who has been permanently appointed to Leeton High school as our new Head Teacher Science. Miss Kenton is currently employed at Nepean Creative and Performing Arts High School and will join us next term. Thank you to Miss Crossley who has undertaken this role during Term 1. We also welcome Mr Daniel McKenzie who will fill the PDHPE position vacated by Mr Sims last year. Mr McKenzie is currently at Griffith High School and will also join us next term. Thank you to Mr Forrest for taking on this role during Term 1.

### **World's Greatest Head Shave!**

The final donation count has come in! Initially it was hoped that our wonderful head shave volunteers would raise \$1800 to support the cause. We have actually raised \$3937.00, which is such a fantastic effort. Thank you to all who made donations and of course to the students who participated.

### **Best Start Trial Testing Year 7**

This week Year 7 commence the trial Best Start testing as part of the Literacy and Numeracy 2017-2020 state initiative. A range of test questions will be trialled to assess their suitability as part of the Best Start Year 7 assessment package for use in secondary schools from 2019. A note was sent home last week. Any questions please contact the school on 0269532122.

### **Year 12 Mid-Course Examinations**

Best wishes to Year 12 who commence their mid-course examinations on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April. Examinations conclude the following Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April. Please ensure you follow the appropriate process outlined in the HSC Assessment Booklet if you are unable to attend your examination, otherwise penalties will apply.

### **Athletics Carnival**

Just a reminder that our Athletics Carnival will be held on the last two days of term on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> April. The carnival will commence Thursday afternoon and conclude at the end of the school day on Friday.

### **Canteen News**

Don't forget online ordering is available through our school website for ease of recess or lunch ordering.

### **Breakfast @ LHS**

Breakfast Club operates 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

Leeton High School offers a great opportunity to get on top of homework, assessment tasks and exam preparation with our Homework Centre open to all from 3.30pm-5.00pm Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. 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 69532122. 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>.

Have a happy and safe holiday.



Mrs Meagan Crelley  
Principal

## SCHOOL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students on achieving awards:

**SILVER AWARD:** Anthony Flynn (Year 7)

**EXECUTIVE AWARDS:** Callum Dunn (Year 7), Hugo Gerhardy (Year 8), Emily Wright (Year 9), Jesse Horsfield (Year 10), Joshua Baulch (Year 11) and Andre Holtzhausen (Year 12)

## ~~ SCHOOL SPORTS ~~

### ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The Leeton High School Athletics Carnival will be held on the school ovals on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April (1/2 day) and all day Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April, starting at 9am.

Students are to wear their sports uniform on the Thursday and House Colours on the Friday.

**DAVID      HUNTER      SMITH      MAWSON**

The 100m heats and finals (depending on numbers) will be held on the Thursday afternoon along with one field event rotation. All other events will be held on the Friday.

The 1500m will be held early Friday morning at 8.15am and students are asked to put their name down with Mrs Turner by Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April. The high jump will be held during sport time this week and it is for competitors only. Only those students who have previously competed, have participated at a Little Athletics Level and who meet the qualifying heights are eligible.

A canteen will be run on the Friday only.

Students will be notified of more carnival procedures when rolls are marked on the Thursday before coming down. Any questions please don't hesitate to ring the school for more information.

## RIVERINA GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March Leeton Golf Club again played host to the Riverina Schools Sports Association Secondary Golf Strokeplay Championships and selection trials. 19 students from all around the Riverina, including 5 from Leeton High School, showed up, teed up and had a fantastic yet, at times, challenging day on the superbly manicured layout in beautiful golfing weather.

The local contingency of Hayden Mahalm, Caleb Watson, Kai Schmetzer, Callum Dunn and Tom Allen acquitted themselves admirably, represented Leeton High School with due pride and demonstrated the exemplary sportsmanship and etiquette we have come to expect from our sporting representatives.

A huge congratulations is extended to all the students in attendance on the day. The Riverina team will compete at the All Schools Team Championships at Riverside Oaks Golf Resort in Week 10 of Term 2.

**Mr Di Salvia** (Riverina Golf Convener)

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed 4<sup>th</sup>-Wed 11<sup>th</sup> April – Year 12 Exams

Mon 9<sup>th</sup>-Tue 10<sup>th</sup> April – CHS Swimming - Sydney

Thur 12<sup>th</sup> (1/2 day) & Fri 13<sup>th</sup> April – Athletics Carnival

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> April – Last day of Term 1

Mon 30<sup>th</sup> April – Staff Return – Pupil Free Day

Tue 1<sup>st</sup> May – Students return to School



### FUNERAL NOTICE

The relatives and friends of the late

**JAMES INGRAM**

**'Uncle Jimmy'**

Of Leeton

Dearly beloved husband of  
Lorraine.

Loved father of Coellie, James,  
Raymond, Jacqueline, Shaine,  
Tanya, Bo, Peter, Nicole and  
Simon.

Are respectfully invited to attend **James's** service at

**St Peter's Anglican Church in Leeton at 2:30pm**

**on Friday the 6th of April.**

At the conclusion of the service the cortege will proceed  
to the **Leeton Cemetery.**

You are then invited to please join us for light  
refreshments at

Wattle Hill Park to celebrate the life of Uncle Jimmy.

Food will be provided but we do ask if you could BYO  
chairs and drinks

as well as gum leaves from your country for the burial  
service.

## Education on Wearing seatbelts on buses

Dear Parent,

More than 350,000 students across rural and regional NSW travel on school buses each day, covering more than 50 million kilometres each year.

On the 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017 the NSW Government announced a program to install seatbelts on all rural and regional buses. This program expands and accelerates the recommendation of the NSW School Bus Safety Community Advisory Committee, on which parents, schools and key stakeholders were represented. The Seat Belt Program now involves both replacing older buses with new buses fitted with seatbelts, as well as retrofitting seatbelts to buses.

While bus operators and drivers can remind passengers of the need to wear seatbelts (via signs, etc) it is the legal responsibility of passengers, including students, to wear the seatbelt provided. This letter is to ask parents and carers to please remind their children of the importance of wearing seatbelts when they are fitted to the child's school bus.

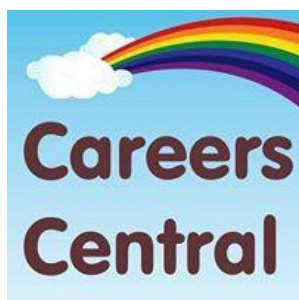
Bus drivers are obviously not permitted to physically secure a seat belt for a student. Instead, they have been instructed to deal with any refusal by a student to fasten their seatbelt under TfNSW's Guidelines for Managing School Student Behaviour on Buses. Under these Guidelines the failure by a student to wear a seat belt is classified as "Unacceptable Behaviour" and is subject to penalties, including the suspension of travel on the bus, for repeat behaviour. A copy of these Guidelines is available from the TfNSW website:

[www.transport.nsw.gov.au](http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au)

With the recent commencement of school for 2018, we are asking parents and carers to remind their children of the importance to secure their seatbelt on the school bus (where provided). This will help reinforce in children's minds the need to wear their seatbelts securely each day and will ensure maximum safety for children on the daily commute to and from school.

We trust that you will assist in this important safety initiative.

Yours sincerely  
Local Bus Operators



With Ms Becker & Mrs Palmer

### WIN Program Group 1

**Signed paperwork is  
due this Thursday  
the 5<sup>th</sup> April!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

### **Western Riverina Careers Expo**



The Western Riverina Careers EXPO will take place at Leeton High School on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 9.30am-2.30pm. The event is bigger and better than last year with over 80 exhibitors for the students to visit and gain valuable information relating to their career path choices. This year we have a wide variety of local industries as well as job networks, gap year options, volunteer experiences and a huge presence of tertiary providers. Leeton High School's Years 10-12 will have allocated time slots to attend during the day and all other years have the opportunity to participate during lunch. EXPO is **'Open to the Public' 1.00-2.00pm** and we encourage all parents and carers to come and experience what the EXPO has to offer.

### **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.

### WIN Program Group 1

**Pre-placement meeting on  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April!**



## **PAST EVENTS**

### **WIN Program Group 1 Mock Interviews**

On Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> March WIN Group 1 students took part in mock interviews as part of the WIN Program process. We are very proud of every student that took part and we hope that each student gained valuable feedback from this process. We would like to thank the following employers and community members for taking the time out of their busy schedules to interview our students: Ron Arel-GetSet, Vanessa Pages-Pages on Pine, Gwen Spadaro-Leeton High School and Jacqui Walsh-TAFE NSW. Thank you!



### **Tax File Numbers**

Any student will need a tax file number if he/she starts work (part-time and full-time) and all students planning on a tertiary education require one when they start. Students must now apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post office.

To apply, visit <https://auspost.com.au/id-and-document-services/apply-for-a-tax-file-number>.