

# LEETON HIGH SCHOOL

## Newsletter

Principal: Mr G R Horton

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*"Educating young people for active and responsible citizenship"*

*~~PRINCIPAL'S REPORT~~*

*~~DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT~~*

The NSW Government last week released part of its new funding package for schools under its Local Schools Local Decisions reforms for 2014. Funding is distributed under a new Resource Allocation Model (RAM). This means that more funds are being distributed directly to schools and we are able to better decide how the funds are allocated at a school level. Under this model Leeton High School, like most rural schools, has benefited with a significant increase in the funds allocated to us for supporting students with their learning. More announcements will be rolled out in the near future.

Congratulations to the students and staff that put together the Leeton High School display at the recent Leeton Show. As a result of their time and effort Leeton High School was awarded Best Secondary School Display. Well done to all involved.

Congratulations also to Year 11 student Bianca Green who has been selected to attend the Young Leaders conference in Sydney on the 29 November. Leeton Shire Council sponsor local students to attend this conference each year. This is a great achievement and we wish to thank Leeton Shire Council for their support of this initiative.

The school uniform policy states that "footwear such as track shoes, volleys, raybens, billies, thongs or sandals are **NOT** part of the school uniform, as safety regulations governing practical classes in Science, Food Technology, Agriculture and Industrial Arts forbid such footwear." Our concern is that if students are not wearing enclosed leather shoes for practical classes they are likely to miss out on part of their lessons. It is timely that I remind students, parent and caregivers of these concerns leading up to the start of the new school year. Please purchase "black leather shoes (enclosed)" when purchasing uniform for 2014.

Year 6 students will have their final Orientation activity in the lead up to entering high school on Wednesday 27 November when they visit Leeton High School for the day. A variety of activities are planned under the supervision of 2014 Year 7 Year Adviser Nic Turner.

**Greg Horton, Principal**

A gentle reminder that students are required to provide an explanation note for absences within 7 days of the absence. Failure to do so will result in 'unexplained absences' appearing on the student's report. It must be said that the response from reminder notices has gradually deteriorated this year. Your attention to this matter will be appreciated.

Four Year 9 students assisted with the worthwhile charity "Pink Ribbon Day" on Friday last week. The young ladies sold merchandise in the business area of our town and contributed towards the nationwide initiative. Well done and thanks to Courtney Bartram, Rheanna O'Connell, Tahnee Thurgate and Michaela Jones Grieve.

Good luck to all junior students in their upcoming exams.

**Scott White, Deputy Principal**

### *SCHOOL AWARDS*

Congratulations to the following students on achieving awards:

**EXECUTIVE AWARDS:** Tyler Dunn (Year 7), William Ormond (Year 8), Ryan Weston, Sherridan Williams (Year 10) and Benjamin Hardie (Year 11).

### UPDATE STUDENT DETAILS

Parents with students, who have ANY MEDICAL CONDITIONS, are required to contact the Front Office to confirm or update their details and medications. Students who suffer from asthma or allergies should carry their EpiPen or asthma reliever medication at all times.

All parents must inform the school when they have changed address, phone number or emergency contacts. In an emergency situation we rely on the information you have provided to be able to contact you quickly and provide treatment to your child. It is very stressful to your child when we are unable to reach you because information has not been kept up to date.

To update your information you can (i) ring the school or (ii) in writing by sending a note with your child.

### ***SCHOOL NEWS***

#### **UNI OF CANBERRA VISIT**

On Tuesday 15 October, tutors from the University of Canberra delivered a lesson to Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students as part of a new partnership between the university and school entitled "Aspire UC". The program is comprised of two school visits and a Year 9 visit to the university entitled "UC 4 Yourself Expo". During the program students are introduced to a range of options and benefits associated with higher education. In the UC 4 Yourself Expo, to be held in early December, students will experience a day in the life of a university student and will participate in an enriching education experience that will help to demystify university. Only students who have completed the two in-school sessions will be invited to attend the free excursion to the University of Canberra.

#### **PASS 'PEER TEACH WORKSHOP'**

On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October a group of Year 10 elective PASS students participated in a 'Peer Teach Workshop' at Leeton Pre-School.

All students enjoyed the 2 days where they taught Basic Motor Skills to the pre-schoolers. The Year 10 students are to be commended on their efforts, behaviour and representation of Leeton High School. Students that participated in the workshop included: Josh Nikoro, Jesse Fitzhenry, Jenna McCallum, Corey Graham, Lucas Meline, Luke Rimmer, Nick Trifogli, Danyon Arnold, Ryan Weston and Tristin Johnson.

#### **ENGLISH SHORT STORIES**

In the second half of Term 3, students in 7 English 1 worked through a narrative writing unit. Their goal was to write an original short story that included the concept of water, and submit it to the Leeton Show for judging. After five weeks of lessons on the structure and language features of narratives, students presented their stories for submission in the Secondary Short Story Section. Congratulations to the following:

First Place – Shelby Tiffin and Chevaughn Moore

Second Place – Rubie Wright

Third Place – Georgia Saddler

Highly Commended: – Georgah Pearce, Montana Bell, Carley Graham and Jorgy Eglinton.

#### **SCHOOL SPEC**

In just under a month, 29 LHS students will be in Sydney participating in the 30th Schools Spectacular. 12 dancers and 16 singers, along with Anthony Nardi who will be a featured artist, will be performing in this year's show '30 Spectacular Years'.

All students have been busy rehearsing for the event. The choir has weekly rehearsals on Sunday afternoons, the dancers have been learning choreography via video link and will travel to Wagga for a live rehearsal on 6th November and Anthony Nardi has been to a number of specialised rehearsal in Sydney over the past few weeks.

All performers should be practicing to ensure they reach the standard expected of this fantastic show.

Below are pictures of Anthony Nardi in his recent rehearsals. Picture 1: As part of the 'Seize the Day' segment and Picture 2: Working on 'Pure Imagination' with Schools Spectacular Musical Director Stephen Williams.



#### **2013 LAPTOP GRADUATION**

Year 12 students are welcome to bring laptops in to have the unlocking process started. You must return your signed "Transfer of Ownership" form with the laptop. Please ensure that you don't need your laptop for at least 5 days. All files will be deleted.

### YEAR 10 LAPTOPS

Warranty will be finished at the end of the year. If you have software issues or missing keys please bring your laptop to Mrs Bartram, TSO, this week.

### LHS SRC FUNDRAISER

The SRC has 4GB wristbands for sale at only \$12!! Available in: red, blue, black, green and purple. If you would like to purchase one please pay at the front office and take your receipt to Miss Scott in the English staffroom to collect your wristband.



*In our last newsletter there was an article about LHS students helping out at a Charity Day with the catering. Anna Poulsen also helped out on the day and her name was accidentally left off the original list.*

### GOLDEN APPLE DOCKETS

The Golden Apple docket promotion is running again this year. Please drop off all your dockets to the Front Office to support this great fundraiser.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Tue 29 Oct – Fri 1 Nov – Year 10 End of Year Exams  
Mon 4 Nov – Fri 15 Nov – Year 7-9 End of Year Exams  
Wed 27 Nov – Yr 6 Orientation Day  
Thur 12 Dec – Presentation Night

### SALVO'S YOUTH DRIVE FOR LIFE PROGRAM

A Driver Mentor Program run by the Salvation Army is being offered to young adults in Narrandera and Leeton to help them gain their 120hrs.

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2013

The first 5 sessions are free with a \$20 fee charge for continued sessions to meet vehicle running costs.

For more information contact: Kerrie Sander  
Phone No: 0409 118728

### SAFER DRIVERS COURSE

Designed by the Roads and Maritime Services for learner drivers under 25yrs who already have 50hrs real driving experience.

It will assist young learner drivers to:

- \*improve their own levels of safety when driving, by learning how to manage road safety risks.
- \*Increase current driving skills and acquire new ones through a combination of classroom learning and practical supervise instruction from a professional driving instructor.

After the successful completion of module one & two of the course the learner will receive a **20hr reduction in their log book.**

NRMA Safer Driving are holding this course on the following dates:

**\*November 14<sup>th</sup> & December 5<sup>th</sup>**

The course will be held at the Leeton Shire Library for a cost of \$140

Course numbers are limited to 12 people with a minimum of 9 required to run the course.

For further information & bookings visit the NRMA Safer Driving website at:

<http://www.nrmasaferdriving.com.au> or visit the NRMA Office

### THE BIDGEE BINGE PROGRAM PRESENTS

Drugs, Alcohol & Youth.  
With Paul Dillon

Paul is the founder and coordinator of 'Drug and Alcohol Research and Training Australia'. Having worked in the area of drug education for 25yrs, Paul has worked with the Australian Olympic Team and makes regular television appearances on Sunrise, TODAY and the 7PM Project.

Paul will be speaking to the community about the myths surrounding drugs and their use. The presentations will give accurate information on current trends around drug use in Australia as well as provide up-to-date research on best practice parenting in this area.

**SERVICE PROVIDER'S FORUM**  
10.30am-11.30am- morning tea provided

**PARENTS & COMMUNITY FORUM**  
7.00pm-8.00pm – supper provided

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Leeton Soldiers Club