

LEETON HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

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Week 6

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"Educating young people for active and responsible citizenship"

~~DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT~~

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Year 12 students have completed their HSC examinations, with the final examination concluding on Wednesday 6 November. Students are now busy signing out and waiting for results to arrive. HSC results are available on Wednesday 18 December.

Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 are in the middle of their assessment period. Examinations conclude on Friday 15 November. Parents and carers are reminded that reports for all students from Years 7-10 will be distributed during Week 9 (2 December- 6 December).

2014 school captains, vice captains and prefects attended the GRIP Leadership Conference in Albury on Wednesday 6 November. Student leaders from across the region were involved in activities surrounding themes such as: Being a Leadership Group of Influence, Succeeding in Student Leadership, How to Maximise Student Involvement. Well done to all involved on what was an outstanding day. Thank you to Tracey Lourigan and Dimity Bagley for transporting students to the event.

Year 10 students have had the opportunity to complete a first aid certificate on 11 and 12 November. Students have been given the opportunity at a significantly discounted rate. Well done to all those who took up the opportunity. Thanks to Careers Adviser Trish Papalkar for organising the course.

Thank you to the 10 Leeton High School students who helped run activities at the Whitton Public School Multicultural Day held on Friday 1 November. This is a great opportunity to support our partner primary schools!

Congratulations to the girls who have this week completed the "Sistaspeak" program. Certificates will be distributed at the formal assembly on Tuesday 12 November. The girls have been involved in the program for the past eight weeks involving activities around culture, team work and social skills. Thank you to mentors Elizabeth Morgan and Vicki Fermor, also staff Stephanie Scott, Mel Snell and Deseleen Morgan.

Greg Horton, Principal

At the completion of exams there is a tendency for people to 'wind down' until the end of the year. It is important that students continue to work in class as expected and continue to follow the normal routines and practices. Our expectations of students behaviour do not diminish and the usual consequences for misbehaviour will continue to be applied.

At the completion of exams staff will write reports and the absences of students will be recorded. Please ensure that any unexplained absences are attended to by the end of this week. Explanation notes are still required up until the last school day.

There are many activities planned for students for the remainder of the year. It is important for the 'daily notices' to be listened to and acted upon to make the most of the opportunities that become available.

Scott White, Deputy Principal

SCHOOL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students on achieving awards:

SILVER DIPLOMA: Kye Reynolds (Year 10) and Chris Bagley (Year 11).

GOLD DIPLOMA: Megan Chetcuti, Siarne Deeves, Georgia Saddler, Carley Graham (Year 7), Mackenzie Saddler, Morgan Wilesmith, Matthew Bagley (Year 9), Joshua Nikoro, Jade Smith, Corey Graham, Kate Norvall (Year 10) and Anna Poulsen (Year 11).

EXECUTIVE AWARDS: Riley Cowling-Jones, Shane Nikoro, Cate Mooney-Rapley, Codey Davidson, Ryan Pitt, Jorgy Eglinton, Shelby Tiffin, Krystal Carroll (Year 7), Sarah Quinlivan, Dannielle Corney, Mitchell Gavel (Year 8), Hannah Pitt, Caitlin Troy, Kyle Newman (Year 9), Jade Smith (Year 10), Tereapii Nikoro, Laura Brindley, Rhys Wilesmith and Gabrielle Napier (Year 11).

CAREERS WEBSITE

When looking for ideas for young people the Leeton HS Careers website has lots of information about jobs, courses, pathways into tertiary learning, defence careers and much more. Students and their families can search the "Post School Options" tab for current information about universities and courses now available, apprenticeships, Police careers, ADFA, Youth Allowance and more; or the HSC/ROSA tab to find out more about the Board of Studies requirements or download past HSC exam papers. It includes newsletters and a secure area for students with a resume template. There is even a tab just for parents! Find us at www.leetonhighschoolcareers.com.

AN EVENING WITH NADIA WHEATLY AT SYDNEY UNI

Earlier this year, Nadia Wheatley presented a series of workshops in schools in Leeton, Narrandera and Griffith. Nadia's book 'My Place' is studied by HSC students, and her presentations included information on this book as well as tips for creative writing. Her most recent book 'Australians All' accounts for the lives of a variety of young Australians, and the way their stories impacted on the history of our country. This book will be a great resource for the new Australian curriculum.

Leeton High School Teacher Librarian, Peta Newsam, was invited to attend an evening with Nadia at Sydney University, part of which was an "in conversation" (informal questions and answers about the book and the processes involved in researching for it) with journalist and television presenter Carolyn Jones. Nadia also answered questions from the audience. Nadia must have really enjoyed her week in our area with our students, as Peta was introduced as a person from the wonderful week she had in the Riverina.



Elijah Ingram receiving some helpful hints.

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.



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.

LEETON REPRESENTATIVE BASKETBALL TRIALS FOR 2014

TUESDAY 12th NOVEMBER, 2013

Girls & Boys

U12's (born 2003 & 2004) – 4.30pm

U14's (born 2001 & 2002) – 5.30pm

U16's (born 1999 & 2000) – 6.30pm

U18's (born 1997 & 1998) – 7.30

(all players must attend if interested in playing in teams for 2104)

Bring a Basketball & drink bottle

For inquiries contact: Lisa Schmetzer 6953 6365

Or

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DATES TO REMEMBER

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