

LEETON HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

Principal: Mr G R Horton

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Week 8

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"Educating young people for active and responsible citizenship"

~~PRINCIPAL'S REPORT~~

This week we have our choir and dance ensemble in Sydney for the NSW Public School Spectacular. The students are leaving on Tuesday with final rehearsals Wednesday and performances Thursday, Friday and Saturday. This is a very busy schedule for all involved however the experience the students get from performing and being involved is wonderful. In addition to the choir and dance ensemble, Year 12 student Anthony Nardi will finish off his excellent year by singing as a featured artist including a number of solo performances. Congratulations to Anthony and we wish all involved good luck.

In addition to the students mentioned above we also have twenty students who are on Double Gold level travelling to Sydney later in the week to watch a performance of the School Spectacular. Each performance holds around ten thousand people. Congratulations to these students firstly on reaching Double Gold and secondly for putting their hand up to attend this exciting excursion.

Friday 15 November saw forty students travel to Parkview Public school to help with the Parkview Public School Fete. Students volunteered their time to assist Parkview staff and P&C in the running of many events. Thank you to all students involved and to Mrs Schmetzer for organising, your support is much appreciated.

Staff are busy finalising reports for students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. Reports will be distributed to students in early December.

Students on Gold and Silver will soon receive invitations to our annual Rewards Day. Rewards Days will be held on Monday 16 December.

Students, parents, carers and friends are invited to our annual Presentation Night to be held on Thursday 12 December in the Multi-Purpose Centre from 7.30pm. This is a special evening where we can highlight the positive achievement of the students in our school.

Greg Horton, Principal

~~DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT~~

Students are encouraged to make the most of the opportunities presented to them at school. On assembly last week the advice "do as you are told, the first time" was reinforced. When students are placed on levels they are not eligible to represent the school and miss those opportunities.

Our school motto "Qui non profit deficit" translates loosely into what is described above. By taking advantage of positive situations a student's school life and future life can only benefit.

Scott White, Deputy Principal

SCHOOL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students on achieving awards:

GOLD DIPLOMA: April Tabal, Dearne Hunter-Boyd (Year 7), Elli Gill, Emma Brindley (Year 8), Kyle Newman (Year 9), Darcy Single (Year 11).

EXECUTIVE AWARDS: Nathan Wilkinson, Brodie Jones Grieve, Irish Sasing (Year 7), Elli Gill, Toby Reynolds (Year 8), Kye Reynolds, Bailey Heath (Year 10), Brayden Heffer, Jesse Fullgrabe, Alice Middleton and Dillan McGillivray (Year 11).

SCHOOL NEWS

FIRST AID COURSE

Twenty eight students from Year 10 and 11 participated in a full Apply (Senior) First Aid Certificate course on Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th November. Provided by the Australian Academy of Life Saving NSW, the course covered CPR, anaphylaxis, emergency wound treatment and management, crisis identification and procedures, triage systems and

personal protection - amongst other things in the two day course. Students who participated in this valuable learning experience found it to be very full-on and fast paced, but also very enjoyable.

DOUBLE GOLD JACKET

Esther Deeves received a Double Gold Jacket in Week 5 of this term. Esther has been an active member for the Leeton High Community during her 5 years here, involving herself in sport, music and debating as well as her academic studies. Congratulations Esther on this fine achievement.



Kelsey Deeves, Greg Horton, Esther Deeves, Julie & Greg Deeves and Kellie Goman

LEETON "PROUD & DEADLY" INDIGENOUS AWARDS

Leeton "Proud & Deadly" Indigenous Awards to be held on Wednesday 4th December 2013, commencing at 6:00pm at Parkview Public School Hall.

These awards are in partnership between the Aboriginal Education, Riverina Region Department of Education & Communities & Leeton Local AECG.

The following participating schools/preschool/Early learning centres are:

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| *Leeton High School | *Leeton Public School |
| *Gralee SSP | *Leeton Preschool |
| *Yanco Public School | *Wamoon Public School |
| *Barellan Central School | *Parkview Public School |
| *Yanco Ag High School | |
| *Good Start Early Learning Centre | |

PAUL STAFFORD VISIT

Last Friday 8 November Year 8 and some Year 7 boys went to the library in different groups to work at the second phase of writing workshops presented by Paul Stafford. Paul discussed with the boys useful ideas and hints related to any form of writing. He stressed why it is necessary to write down all good ideas, regardless of whether it be for games, books, magazines, movies, TV shows, or even art. Working in small groups, a basic idea was chosen, then, with discussion each group elaborated on their idea and came up with a written plan. Some groups were proud of their achievements and

presented their concept to the others. Paul was able to show the boys that they can all use their imagination, develop ideas, and then put them into words. After the sessions were over, and at lunch time Paul was only too willing to answer further questions from the boys.



SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR ON THE NINE NETWORK!

The 2013 Schools Spectacular will be broadcast nationally on Channel 9. You can watch our students on:

Channel 9, Saturday 30 November 2013, with a replay on GO! Sunday 1 December 2013.

The Schools Spectacular features 3,600 students from 400 NSW public schools. It showcases the amazing talents of our students and teachers in an epic production of music, song and dance. This year is the 30th year of the Spec – one of public education's most colourful and inspiring entertainment events. Tickets to watch the Schools Spectacular live at the Sydney Entertainment Centre are available from Ticketmaster www.ticketmaster.com.au.

For more information on Schools Spectacular, check out www.schoolsspectacular.com.au.

SISTASPEAK PROGRAM

Sistaspeak is an initiative for female indigenous students, from Years 7 to 9, that aims to encourage positive educational choices, explores how to communicate effectively and provided opportunities for students to meet inspiring women from within the Leeton community.

The *Sistaspeak* program has been running at Leeton High School for 8 weeks with the help of Mrs Deseleen Morgan, Miss Stephanie Scott, Mrs Mel Snell and mentors, Vicki Fermor and Elizabeth Morgan. Together, we met a group of girls from LHS each Monday afternoon and undertook activities and creative projects together.

Early this term we were able to go on an excursion to Leeton's Goodstart Early Learning Centre and then travelled to the Griffith TAFE for a tour of the new hairdressing, beauty and early childhood facilities available. All the girls had a great day and were able to see possible career paths easily available to them. This excursion concluded the *Sistaspeak* plan.

program, which has been a positive and encouraging initiative within the school.

"SMALL STEPS" PROGRAM

For the past 6 weeks Year 9 students Georgia Green, Clare Hillman, Nadine Hollies, Michaela Jones Grieve and Samantha Pianca have been participating in the Good Start Early Learning Centre's initiative called "Small Steps". This has involved the students attending the Centre each Wednesday and interacting with the children. While on work placement the girls have been involved in all aspects of the Centre including preparing and providing activities, assisting in the playground setting up, preparing lunches and supervising the children. The girls loved their time at the Centre and appreciated the opportunity to learn more about Childcare and pathways into the industry.

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.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed 27 Nov – Yr 6 Orientation Day
Thur 12 Dec – Presentation Night
Mon 16 Dec – Silver/Gold Rewards Day
Wed 18 Dec – Students last day Term 4

2014 Dates

Tues 28 Jan – Pupil Free Day – Staff Return
Wed 29 Jan – Year 7, 11 and 12 Students Return
Thur 30 Jan – Year 8, 9 and 10 Students Return

Construction of the new shed at our Ag Plot. Constructed by Ag Teacher, Mr Stuart Stout, Construction Teacher, Mr Brian Martin, Ag Assistant, Mr Kevin Lehman and Year 10 Ag students.

