

LEETON HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

Principal: Mr G R Horton

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Week 10

Monday 9th December, 2013

"Educating young people for active and responsible citizenship"

~~PRINCIPAL'S REPORT~~

This is the final newsletter for 2013 and I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for their support this year. In particular I would like to thank the Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) for their hard work with fundraising and policy development. I would urge all parents and carers to become involved in the P&C so that they can get a better picture of how the school operates and have their say in the direction of the school.

Great news over the weekend! Madeline Warburton (9) has finished 3rd in the 15 Years Javelin at National All Schools Athletics titles held in Townsville. Madeline threw 39.00 metres which is also a personal best.

Staff have completed final reports for 2013 over the past few weeks. Year 10 reports were distributed to students last Friday, while students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will receive their reports this week. I would ask all parents and carers to read the reports closely as they will highlight both strengths and weaknesses of students.

I wanted to pass on to parents and carers that we will be farewelling our long serving Deputy Principal, Mr Scott White, at the end of 2013. Scott has been at Leeton High School for 19 years and has great empathy with the students and many links within the wider community. His work within the school and community will be greatly missed. We wish Scott well in his new appointment.

Three major events on the Leeton High School calendar will occur before the end of the year:

1. Our annual Presentation night takes place on Thursday 12 December. Presentation Night commences at 7.30 and as always highlights the wonderful achievements of our students.
2. Friday 13 December we are holding the annual Music, Art, Dance and Drama (MADD) Night. The doors open at 6.30pm and tickets are available through the Front Office.
3. Monday 16 December is Rewards Day. Approximately 120 students who have achieved Gold or Silver level on the school welfare system will be attending this great day.

Student's last day for 2013 is Wednesday 18 December. The school will be open on 19 and 20 December as staff training days.

Dates for 2014:

Tuesday 28 January Staff return

Wednesday 29 January Years 7, 11, 12 return

Thursday 30 January Years 8, 9, 10 return

Once again I thank all for a great year in 2013 and wish everyone a great Christmas and an enjoyable break!

Greg Horton, Principal

SCHOOL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students on achieving awards:

SILVER DIPLOMA: Jack Robbie (Year 9)

GOLD DIPLOMA: Ryan Pitt, April Tabal, Alexander Pianca, Georgia Saddler, Montana Bell, Christopher Santos and Kody Collins (Year 7).

EXECUTIVE AWARDS: Ethan Lord, Chloe Baxter, Kody Collins, Summer Hughes, Gabriella Davidson (Year 7), Jacinda Waters (Year 8), Billie Lee Millar (Year 9), Mia Franic (Year 10) and Bianca Green (Year 11).

Changes to Sport for 2014

A number of changes have been made to the Leeton High Schools policy on sport, which will affect how sport is run in 2014. These changes include:

Dismissal from sport - Students will have their name marked off, then dismissed from the sporting venue. They will make their way home or directly to the bus stop. Any parent/guardian who wishes for their child to be escorted back to school can contact the sports organiser or have the student bring in a note. The student will then walk back to school with staff each week. A note will be distributed to all students on the first day back next year, explaining these changes.

Seniors on sport - Currently Years 11 and 12 are required to attend iStudy on Wednesday afternoons during sport. In 2014 Year 12 will continue with this arrangement, while Year 11 students have the opportunity to be involved in sport as assistant/mentors. Students who have an interest or skills in a particular sport can apply to help on Wednesday afternoon. Year 11 students are reminded they are either at iStudy or have applied to be a sports assistant/mentor.

Extreme Weather Activities - In the case of days with extreme weather, the sports afternoon will still run. Students will choose an alternate activity for that week which will be located in a covered area. Details for these events will be provided early Term 1, 2014.

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SHED DEDICATION

This Friday, the school will hold a small dedication ceremony in memory of our farm assistant, Henry McGill. Henry passed away earlier in the year, and it has been decided to dedicate our new shed at the Ag plot in his honor for over 20 years of service to the school. The ceremony will be attended by his widow Diane, his two children and a number of students from Years 9 and 10.

YEAR 12 ATAR BREAKFAST

The annual ATAR Year 12 breakfast is on again, 8am on Thursday 19th December. This is an opportunity for Year 12 to have a last breakfast at school and get their ATAR scores when they are released at 9am online.

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

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

PaCE

Parental and Community Engagement Program

Family Fun Day Expo!

A Free Family Event

*Free Sausage Sizzle

*Kids Amusement Rides and Jumping Castle

*Face Painting

*Traditional Indigenous Games

*Service Providers attending with information on Family Services and Education

*Free Transport – Pick up and Drop off points

All community members welcome to attend Number 1 Oval (next to basketball stadium)

Saturday 14th Dec, 2013

4pm-7pm

Opening Ceremony commencing at 5pm

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