

LEETON HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

P.O Box 843, LEETON 2705

Ph: 69532122

Fax: 69535085

leeton-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

ABN: 22 761 278 122

Principal: Mr G R Horton

Issue No: 1

Term: 1

Week 1

Monday 4th February, 2013

"Educating young people for active and responsible citizenship"

~~PRINCIPAL'S REPORT~~

I would like to welcome all members of our school community back to the 2013 school year. We return following a number of very exciting events occurring since our last newsletter. These included: the Leeton Community of Public Schools joint production "Shine" being named event of the year at the 2013 Australia Day awards ceremony on 26 January; Rhys Wilesmith named the Young Achiever and Joeleen Nikoro Young Citizen of the year at the 2013 Australia Day awards ceremony; Anthony Nardi singing the national anthem at the Australian Youth Olympics opening ceremony at the Sydney Entertainment Centre on 13 January.

All students returned to school during last week. We welcome 87 Year 7 students to commence their secondary education at Leeton High School. Additionally 82 Year 11 students have returned to commence their senior studies. We have only two permanent staff changes, we welcome Mr Robin to Leeton High School teaching special education in our Support Class. This follows Miss Secomb's transfer to the south coast on the last day of the 2012 school year. Mr Sleeman has been appointed as School Counsellor. Mrs Welsh has taken leave for the 2013 school year and her position in the TAS faculty will be shared by Ms Hynard and Ms Fitzpatrick. Welcome to all new staff.

A focus for us this year is improving communication with parents and guardians. It is important for students and parents to know what is happening at the school. I urge parents to contact the school if they have any concerns or wish to find out about programs. Each Year Group has a staff member, the Year Adviser, who coordinates their schooling. The Year Adviser is generally the first point of contact. However if you are unsure please simply contact the school office and they will organise who to speak to.

Additionally we are holding a Community evening on Tuesday 19 February. This will provide students and parents with the opportunity to meet the staff and discuss the programs at our school. A free sausage sizzle, displays and entertainment will be provided. The event will go from 5pm -7pm.

The P&C have worked with SRC and staff representatives during 2012 to design school hats for this year. The school hats look great and are available from Brad's Mensland. The P&C have

also provided school hats to all incoming Year 7 students and I would like to thank them for this wonderful gesture.

Greg Horton, Principal

~~DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT~~

Welcome back to all students. I hope you and your families had a great holiday. I also hope all students are ready for a busy and productive 2013.

I will use this first newsletter to inform/remind our parents/carers of the usual house-keeping matters.

- ❖ If a student is late for school, a note explaining why needs to be given to me upon arrival.
- ❖ If a student is not in full school uniform, a note explaining why needs to be given to me upon arrival.
- ❖ If a student has been absent from school a note needs to be given to me within 7 days so our records can be adjusted accordingly.

If you have any questions regarding the operation of our school please feel free to contact me.

Congratulations to the following students on achieving awards:

Gold Diploma (from 2012): Amber Williams (Year 7), Mackenzie Saddler, Zachary Hanlon, Jonte Schmetzer (Year 8), Emily Glennie, Haley Paterson, Zoe Phillips, Lachlan Hetherington (Year 9) and Scott Trolldahl (Year 11).

2013 Award Winners: Morgan Wilesmith (Year 9) and Nicola Frost (Year 12).

Executive Awards (from 2012): Taylah Simpson, Jacob Preston (Year 7), Rheanna O'Connell, Breanna Hornung, Bryce Butler (Year 8), Anna Wang, Owen Hyland, Danyon Arnold, Dylan Napier, Joshua Higgins (Year 9), Jessica Savini, Byron Black (Year 10), Hayden Golz and Stephanie Hanlon (Year 11).

In newsletters this term the guidelines on how to obtain our awards will be explained.

Scott White, Deputy Principal

SCHOOL NEWS



Accelerated reading will continue during English classes this year in both Years 7 and 8. The program was introduced in 2012 to Year 7 students and was very successful in that it promoted regular reading in a positive and supportive environment. The results indicated an improvement in reading ages and comprehension strategies for over 85% of the participants. Students learn to choose books at their appropriate level and then complete a short comprehension quiz and after a number of successes at that level, they are then promoted to the next level. This year there will be many opportunities to gain rewards and positive praise for their effort and we encourage you to talk to your children about their reading material and success with the program. Please feel free to contact your child's English teacher at any time for an update on your child's reading progression. Thank you to the P&C for their continued support.



DEAR will continue for the whole school from 9am and all students are required to bring in their own reading material. DEAR stands for **Drop Everything And Read** and is about 18 minutes each day of silent, sustained reading. It is important that all students arrive at school in time for this class and not be arriving late as it interrupts the students in this task. Also roll marking occurs at this time of the day.

HUNGRY HUT NEWS

Firstly a huge welcome to all of our new families joining Leeton High this year and welcome back to those families returning. We trust you enjoyed the Christmas break. 2012 was a huge year for the Hungry Hut thanks to the support of students and staff of Leeton High and we are looking forward to another great year this year. All monies raised are put back into facilities for the students so the more profitable the canteen is the more benefits for our students.

We would like to welcome anyone who would like to volunteer their time in the Canteen whether it be an hour or a whole day we would love to see you (and so would your kids ☺) This can be on a regular basis or whenever you would like to pop in. Give us a call on 69532841 if you would like to find out more. Also, we would be grateful for any donation of fresh fruit or produce. For example oranges, eggs, bananas, lemons etc. Our hours are 8.30am-2.30pm Monday to Friday so you can drop off then or send it in with your child to give to us if that would be easier.

Our menu is currently being updated and will be attached to the next newsletter. If you would like a copy of our existing menu please give us a call on 69532841 and we will arrange for one to be sent home with your child.

If anyone has any ideas for new items for our menu, please feel free to pop in or give us a ring with your suggestion as we are always looking for healthy new ideas.

Canteen Supervisors

MEGAN DAY

MICHELE DIEBERT

SHARON ELWIN

SCHOOL SPORT

LHS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Leeton High School will be holding their annual Swimming Carnival on Wednesday 6th Feb 2013. The carnival will officially start at 9am with roll marking so all students need to ensure they are at the pool by this time. Entry for all students will be \$2.00 and everyone is reminded to support their Houses by wearing their House colours. The pool kiosk will be open throughout the day and Year 12 will be running a sausage sizzle.

Any students wishing to enter the 200m freestyle event will need to be at the pool ready to swim by 8:15am (earlier if they wish to warm-up). All students wishing to compete in the 200m must register with a PDHPE teacher by lunch time on Tuesday if they haven't registered already.

All House Captains and prefects are asked to be at the pool by 8am to help set up tents, tables and chairs and help pack everything away at the end of the day.

Any parents who are able to assist on the day are more than welcome and should contact the LHS administration office.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed 6th Feb – Swimming Carnival

Tue 19th Feb – Community Evening 5pm

Tue 26th Feb – P&C meeting – 7pm Library

LEETON-WHITTON FOOTBALL/NETBALL CLUB

2013 Registrations

Wednesday Night 9 a side football & SWJFL under 11's, 13's, 15's netball & Auskick

Friday 8th Feb 5pm-7pm @ Irrigation Specialists Oval

Saturday 23rd Feb 9am-12pm @ Jarrah Mall

Junior Football & Netball enquiries Patrick Burke 0427 413894

Auskick enquiries Travis Doyle 0418 684236

Full payment at the time of registration

All new players to bring their birth certificate

LEETON JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE

2013 Registrations

Under 7-Under 14 Rugby League Players

Under 7-Under 16 League Tag Girls

Saturday 9th Feb, 9am-12pm @ Jarrah Mall

Saturday 16th Feb, 9am-12pm @ Jarrah Mall

Full payment at the time of registration

All new players must bring their birth certificate.

All enquires: Aliasha McDonald

0418 968387

Or Matt Van Buuren 6953 7347