

# LEETON HIGH SCHOOL

## Newsletter

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

### *~~PRINCIPAL'S REPORT~~*

Last Monday, 11 March, all students from 7, 8, 9 and 10 were involved in a Welfare Day. Students rotated through workshops throughout the day including- cyber safety; empowerment; welfare policy; team building; goal setting and sport; relaxation techniques. Special thanks to our visiting presenters:- School Liaison Police Officer Brooke Papasidero, Dimity Bagley, Dave Tabain, Bronwyn Smeal, and to the staff for their work throughout the day.

The keynote session for our Welfare Day involved Melinda Tankard Reist who is a renowned author and activist. Ms Tankard Reist spoke to the students about the sexualisation of girls within our society. Melinda Tankard Reist also ran workshops for staff from Leeton High School and St Francis College in the Leeton High School MPC in the afternoon. She then ran an information evening for interested parents and community members at the Stan Axtill Centre. Over 170 community members attended this outstanding presentation.

Students in Year 11 and 12 attended a workshop run by Ms Tankard Reist on Tuesday morning. This workshop was hosted at St Francis College and all senior students from both schools attended. Thank you to the organisers of the visit by Ms Tankard Reist, Rebecca Ormond (LHS) and Peter McPhee (SFC), for this excellent and well received initiative!

Thank you to the many parents, carers and students who attended our information meeting for Year 9 students about the DEC laptops program. The meeting was on Wednesday 12 March with over 90 people in attendance. Technical Support Officer, Karen Bartram, provided information about the laptops and outlined student and parent requirements. Year 9 students are currently in the process of receiving the devices.

Also on Wednesday LYNKS students attended the second training day for the 2013 LYNKS program. The day also involved interviews with business owners and volunteers. Work placements will be announced in the near future. Thank you to all employers and volunteers for taking the time out of their day to support the LYNKS students from all local high schools.

Congratulations to all students involved in the Riverina Swimming Carnival last week. Kellie Goman co-ordinated the

day and Leeton High students also acted as officials on the day. See also the article in 'School Sport' for outstanding results.

**Greg Horton, Principal**

### *~~DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT~~*

Schools across the state are under increasing scrutiny in many areas of their operation. One such area is "Workplace Health and Safety" (WHS), formerly OH&S. Student footwear is an integral part of this area and our school intends to meet these requirements.

Leeton High School, uniform code, included in our Prospectus provided to all students upon enrolment, clearly specifies that **BLACK ENCLOSED LEATHER SHOES** are part of our uniform. The Department of Education and Communities supports the concept of school uniform and the enforcement of uniform codes.

'Raben', 'Billie' style footwear and canvas covering footwear are **not** acceptable. Flat-soled shoes without cushioned support are not acceptable either, including for sport. Likewise 'skate shoe' style footwear is not acceptable.

From the date of this newsletter students have a four week moratorium to obtain correct footwear. This takes us until the end of term. During this time students without correct footwear will be exempt from detention. However, the WHS standards precludes students from participating in any practical classes without suitable footwear. This includes sport and PE lessons.

It must also be said that the quality of the school uniform adherence across the school has been of an excellent standard this year.

Attached to this newsletter are the photos of the school's current uniform requirements for your information. If 'Student Assistance' is required please contact the school. Also, if you have any questions please feel free to contact me at school.

Congratulations to the following students on achieving awards:

**Silver Diploma:** Georgia Saddler, Molly Pettersson, Chevaughn Moore, Alanis Wortley, Jorgy Eglinton, William Glennie, Tyler Dunn, Shelby Tiffin, Kody Collins (Year 7), Luke Sheppard (Year 8) and Tayla Smith (Year 10).

**Gold Diploma:** Daniel Riznic, Kyle McVittie, Madeline Warburton (Year 9) and Anna Poulsen (Year 11).

**Executive Awards:** Portia Mortimer, Kyle Tuckett (Year 7), Bryce DeMamiel Robert Rimmer, Trent Deaton (Year 8), Lucas Meline (Year 10), Annalise Ramponi, Vanisa Tabal (Year 11), Stephanie Gale, Anna Korovata, Jessica Catlin and Liam Warburton (Year 12).

**Scott White, Deputy Principal**

### **ANAPHYLAXIS – (taken from the P&C Journal)**

It is critically important for parents to advise their school as soon as possible if their child is diagnosed with a serious health condition such as anaphylaxis, asthma, epilepsy or diabetes or their condition changes (for example they become allergic to something else or their child has a severe allergic reaction outside of school hours). If their child is diagnosed with anaphylaxis parents need to:

- provide their school with the most recent ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis signed and dated by the child's doctor;
- assist the school to develop an individual health care plan for their child;
- work with the school to reinforce the risk minimisation strategies developed for use at school or during school related activities – such as being careful of what they eat;
- remind their children to tell a teacher immediately if they feel sick at school and reassure them they will not get in trouble by doing this; and
- remind their child if they carry their own adrenaline autoinjector of the importance of taking it to school each day and as specified in their individual health care plan.

### ***SCHOOL SPORT***

#### **RIVERINA SWIMMING**

On Monday March 11<sup>th</sup> the Riverina Secondary Swimming Carnival was held at the Leeton Swimming Pool. 11 Students from Leeton High represented the South West High Schools in both individual and relay events. Lucas Meline and Bryce Butler both qualified for a number of individual events at the NSW Combined High Schools (CHS) Carnival to be held from 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> April at the Sydney Aquatic Centre at Sydney Olympic Park. Bryce, along with Logan Cowling-Jones, Mackenzie Saddler and Kyle McVittie have also qualified in the 15 years boys 4x50m freestyle relay to be held at the state carnival. Good luck to these boys in Sydney.

30 other students from Years 9-11 elective PDHPE classes also assisted at the carnival by acting as officials. Thanks must go to these students who should be commended on their professionalism. Thanks also goes to Brooke Gilmour and Jacqui Marks who assisted with the administration and results, the NSW Swimming officials in attendance and all staff members and parents who assisted in some way.

### **ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

Our athletics carnival will be held in the last week of the Term, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April. If there are any parents that would like to help out on one or both days please contact the school on 6953 2122.

### ***SCHOOL NEWS***

#### **MATHEMATICS REMINDERS**

All Mathematics students in years 8 to 12 are required to have a calculator. The preferred calculator is a Casio FX82-PLUS and is available from the LHS front office.

There is still a number of textbooks that have not been returned from 2012. It would be greatly appreciated, if your child has a text from last year or previous years, that they get returned to the school library.

#### **Assessments**

In 2013 there has been a change to the assessment for Year 7 and 8. Most Year 7 and 8 classes have their Term 1 assessment task coming up. Year 8 - Monday week 9, Year 7 - Friday week 10.

Year 11 also have their first assessment task coming up, Mathematics and General Mathematics - Tuesday week 9, Mathematics Extension 1 - week 11.

#### **SCIENCE COMPETITION – JUNE 5<sup>th</sup>**

The 2013 Science Competition, a standardised test produced by the Educational Assessment Australia group of the University of New South Wales, is running again. Students get to practise their literacy, numeracy, problem-solving and knowledge based skills under exam style conditions. Students will receive detailed information on their performance. Entry fee is \$6.00 and payable at the front office. Get your entry in by May 1st. See your Science Teacher or the ICAS website ([www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/about](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/about)) for more information.

#### **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.

## 2LS

### (Secondary Learning Strategies)

The commitment to making the adoption of 2LS a whole school approach is well underway.

Last week a new body of teachers from our school attended a two day workshop to introduce them to the Riverina initiative. Susan Langley, Thomas Hartshorn and Naomi Stout (all from the Science faculty), Cheryl Kilpatrick (Maths) and Hilton Welsh (Social Sciences) attended their first series of six workshops.

All faculties have now had teachers participating in 2LS training, and most teachers will have received their classroom set of posters on the 'Super Six' strategies for learning by the end of this week.

Over the next few weeks parents will be informed about the **Super Six strategies**, so that you can both understand and perhaps use the terminology at home when helping your student.



The first strategy that parents and teachers can use is 'Making Connections'. Students are asked to connect the learning material to something in their own life – a text, an event, something that is happening in their own world. Encourage the student to ask what else have they read, heard or seen that will help them understand the new concept.

### DOUBLE GOLD JACKET RECIPIENTS

Two Year 12 students were selected to receive Gold Jackets at our formal assembly on the 5<sup>th</sup> March. These recipients were Anthony Nardi and April Irvin. Both students are wonderful ambassadors for Leeton High School involving themselves in all aspects of school life. This involvement and success was rewarded with this, the highest level of the school welfare system. Thanks also to their proud parents for attending the assembly.



### *HUNGRY HUT NEWS*

A huge thank you to all of those parents who kindly donated items for our afternoon tea on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March. The Hungry Hut was able to provide a lovely variety of yummy food for teachers from Leeton High and St Francis College for their information session with visiting speaker Melinda Tankard Reist

as part of LHS Welfare Day. Margaret Brindley, Cheryl Butler, Tracey Bullivant, Jo Gale, Linda Green, Jenny Meline, Jo Pianca, Sylvia Saddler and Sheree Wilesmith, your efforts to support our canteen and raise funds for our children through the P&C is greatly appreciated.

We are still seeking helpers in the Canteen for our athletics carnival on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April. This is always a fun day down at the ovals where you can lend a hand and get to see your children competing or just enjoy the friendly atmosphere of our athletics carnival. So if you have half an hour or more to spare please let us know as we would love to hear from you.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Wed 10<sup>th</sup>-Thur 11<sup>th</sup> April – Athletics Carnival

Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Mar – Good Friday

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> April – Easter Monday

Fri 12<sup>th</sup> April – Last day of Term 1

Mon 29<sup>th</sup> April – Staff Return for Term 2 – Pupil Free Day

Tues 30<sup>th</sup> April – Students Return for Term 2

### **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 NETBALL ASSOCIATION**

#### **Registration Day**

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March, Jarrah Mall, 9am-12pm

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, Leeton Stadium 5pm-7pm

Net Set Go – Kinder & Yr1 - \$80 (backpack with goodies is provided in price)

D Grade – Yrs 2&3 - \$80

C Grade – Yrs 4, 5 & 6 - \$80

B Grade – Yrs 7, 8, 9 & 10 - \$100

Competition starts 4<sup>th</sup> May 2013, runs for 11 weeks

Any queries please contact:-

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### **NEWSLETTER VIA E-MAIL**

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