

LEETON HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

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"Educating young people for active and responsible citizenship"

~~PRINCIPAL'S REPORT~~

The Leeton High School Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) held their annual general meeting on Tuesday 26 March. The executive for 2013 was elected with Jo Pianca taking over the reigns as President. Jo Gale was elected as Vice President with Carrie Stewart and Sharon Elwin elected again as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Congratulations to all elected as part of the P&C executive. Thank you to Jo Gale, 2012 President, for your leadership and hard work over the past 12 months.

Year 12 students commence their mid-course examinations today. These examinations continue through until the middle of next week. Year 12 students should use these examinations as a gauge as to how they are progressing in their HSC courses. These are the first of three important examination periods for them throughout the year.

We are currently reviewing the progress of Year 11 students following their interim reports. The vast majority of students are performing very well. However, Year Adviser Mrs Goman and I will be meeting with some students whose progress is of concern and working out a plan for them to improve performance prior to mid-course examination in May.

A number of our Year 9 and 10 Aboriginal students have this week commenced the first of three short courses run through the Murrumbidgee Rural Studies Centre. Staff at the Centre have offered our students this opportunity to gain valuable skills towards a Certificate II in Agriculture. The first short course is in Fencing and goes for three days 2, 3 and 4 April.

The end of this term is a very busy time for CHS sport. Students are involved in many CHS knockout tournaments including basketball, rugby league, soccer, squash, netball and swimming. Well done to all students involved. Congratulations to the League Tag girls who defeated Yanco Agricultural High School last Wednesday. Also to the open Rugby league team who put in a stirring performance against Yanco Ag. Remember that our Leeton High School athletics carnival will be held next week, commencing during sport time on Wednesday and continuing all day Thursday 11 April. All students are expected to participate.

This is the final newsletter before the term 1 holiday break. Parents, carers and students are reminded that students return from school holidays on **Wednesday 1 May**. Both Monday and Tuesday of that week are Staff Development Days.

I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday period.

Greg Horton, Principal

~~DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT~~

An evacuation drill was held on March 14th and proved to be successful. As is often the case, minor flaws were detected and our procedures have been amended accordingly. The next drill will occur without notice.

On our 'Welfare Day' students were introduced/reminded of our Student Welfare and Discipline Policy. Part of the policy is how students can earn Diplomas. Following is a summary of the requirements:

Silver Diploma: 3 Merit Certificates (big blues) from any area

Gold Diploma: 6 Merit Certificates. At least one must be School/Community Service, and at least another must be Sporting/Cultural. An 'Executive Award' can substitute for any Merit Certificate

Double Gold: 2 Gold Diplomas

Double Gold Jacket: Multiple Gold Diplomas. 12 jackets are awarded each year. Generally the older students who have made consistent and major achievement over their school years are the recipients.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at the school.

Congratulations to the following students on achieving awards:

Silver Diploma: Carley Graham, Megan Chetcuti, Rubie Wright (Year 7).

Gold Diploma: Shelby Tiffin (Year 7), Corey Graham and Claire Quinlivan (Year 10).

Executive Awards: Siarne Deeves, Reanna Gilmour, Georgia Saddler, Chevaughn Moore (Year 7), Caleb Green (Year 8), Zachary Hanlon, Daniel Riznic (Year 9), Megan Thomas (Year 11), Taylah Block, James Hayward, Hayley Reynolds, Jasmin Sahota and Kathleen Stuart (Year 12).

Scott White, Deputy Principal

SCHOOL SPORT

SENIOR BOYS SOCCER

On Wednesday 13th of March, the Senior Boys Soccer team played the 2nd round of the CHS Knockout competition. The game against Wade High School was held at the Leagues Club oval in Griffith. The first half was fairly even with Leeton showing real skill and teamwork. Anthony Trifogli and Luke Rimmer dominated in the mid-field, supported by Darcy Single, Nick Trifogli and Julian Mandaglio. Anthony hit the post and Michael Nardi had some good chances. The score was 2-0 to Wade at half-time. Injuries affected LHS in the second half and Wade ran away to win by 6-0. Captain William Ingram led the team positively all day and Quentin Alchin-Smith was committed in defence. The score did not reflect how well Leeton controlled the ball and constructed attacking movements through the middle of the field.

SOUTH WEST TOUCH GALA DAY

On Friday 15th March the LHS Open Boys and Girls Touch teams travelled to Ted Scobie Oval in Griffith to compete in the first rounds of the CHS Competition.

The girls team played Griffith High School in round 1. The young team played well, but unfortunately went down 5 – 1. They then faced a strong Wade High School team who were too good taking the game 9 – 0. Despite the score line, the girls improved from the first game and began to gel as a team. Round three saw the team take on RAP Schools (a combination of small schools from across the Riverina). Through excellent defence and great ball movement the girls came away with a 5 – 1 win. LHS team played Griffith High School again in a semi-final and it was by far their best game of the day, despite the 10 – 5 loss. The girls defended well and looked dangerous in attack, making Griffith High truly work hard in defence. Shaylah Elwin and Esther Deeves both put in strong performances and lead the team well as captains. Edie Rudd, who is only in year 8, was also a standout on the day. Congratulations to all girls on their performance.



Back L to R: Alanah Pitt, Grace Green, Edie Rudd, Taylah Ronfeldt, Shaylah Elwin, Claire Quinlivan
Front L to R: Laura Brindley, Esther Deeves, Anna Poulsen and Nakeia McVittie

The boys team had a successful day taking out the carnival and qualifying for the Riverina semi-final to be held on Monday 8th April. They took on Griffith High in the first round beating them 9 – 5, a great result for the team and a positive start to the day. In the second round they faced Wade High School losing 4 – 1 in a hard fought out game. The boys stepped it up a notch in the third game defeating RAP Schools 14 – 2 in a great display of touch. LHS faced RAP again in the semi-final winning convincingly again 10 – 0, demonstrating some great defence. In the final the boys played Wade High School who had beaten them earlier in the day, however, the boys played their best game yet pressuring Wade in both attack and defence. It was an excellent game to watch from both teams and in the end it was LHS who took the lead winning 5 – 3. This team was led by senior students Scott Troidahl and Tereapii Nikoro. All of the boys played well throughout the day, especially those boys new to the team.



Back L to R: Josh Nikoro, Luke Rimmer, Lucas Meline, Corey Williams, Tristin Johnson
Front L to R: Corey Graham, Bailey Wallace, Scott Troidahl, Tereapii Nikoro, Ben Hardie

A special thanks goes to the parents who helped transport students on the day and those students who performed refereeing duties.

FUTSAL

We departed from school at 4.50am to travel for 4 hours to Bathurst Indoor Stadium to play some pretty high class Futsal opponents from Mudgee High, Wellington High, Dubbo High, Orange High, and they were good.

The first game that the Open's team played was against Mudgee High. The end result was a loss of 7 goals to 1. The boys sat down and reflected on the strategies they needed to use to come back for the next game.

When they heard the under 16's had won their first game, their own spirits lifted. Wellington Opens would be the

chance they needed, and as it turned out it was what they needed. Wellington High folded under the pressure from Leeton High. Leeton Opens came back as a new team, with much enthusiasm and skill, great passing and shooting, their strategies began to work with a 5-4 win. The next 2 games were closely contested but lost 4-7 and 3-5. The Open Boys Team consisted of:- Byron Black, Quentin Alchin-Smith, Ben Keith, Julian Mandaglio, Anthony Trifogli, Nic Trifogli and Luke Rimmer.

This was Leeton High's first Futsal (indoor soccer) competition and the boys did well to be so competitive.

The under 16's boys won 2 out of their 4 games. Their results were as follows: 4-3 win against Young High, 6-2 loss against Cowra High, 5-1 win against Oberon High and a 6-2 loss against Mudgee High. The under 16's team consisted of:- Lachlan Hetherington, Danyon Arnold, Robbie Rimmer, Bryce DeMamiel, Lane Smith, Isaac Collins and Darcy Single.

Next year the teams will be much more cohesive and know exactly how to compete at a high level.

Thanks to the parents, Mr Arnold, Mr Hetherington, Quentin's Nan, Mrs Rimmer, Mrs Collins and Mrs DeMamiel, who came along and helped look after the students, it was much appreciated.

Thanks for all who participated and hopefully we can get futsal started in Leeton and at school soon. Mr R Smeal

RUGBY UNION TRIALS

On Monday 25 March four students attended the Riverina Open Rugby Union Trials in Wagga. Two students, Scott Troidahl (Yr 12) and Tereapii Nikoro (Yr 11) were selected in the Riverina team to play in the Combined High School (CHS) state carnival in Coffs Harbour in May. Congratulations to all boys who attended.

BOYS OPEN BASKETBALL

Last week the Open Boys Basketball team competed in a round robin making up the first three rounds of the CHS state knockout. The boys were convincing winners on the day. Defeating Hillston CS, Griffith HS and Narrandera HS. They now progress to the fourth round against Finley HS to be held in Term 2. The team comprises of:- Luke and Ben Marks, Ryan Young, Dylan Schuette, Rhys Wilesmith, Tereapii Nikoro, Lucas Meline and Luke Rimmer. Congratulations to all involved and to coach, Brendan Sims.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

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

SCIENCE COMPETITION – JUNE 5th

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) 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.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed 10th & Thur 11th April – Athletics Carnival

Fri 12th April – Last day of Term 1

Mon 29th – Tues 30th April – Staff return for Term 2 – Pupil

Free Days

Wed 1st May – 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.

NEWSLETTER VIA E-MAIL

Would you like to receive the school newsletter via your e-mail? If so please fill in the following and send it back to the front office.

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