

LEETON HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

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"Educating young people for active and responsible citizenship"

~~PRINCIPAL'S REPORT~~

Welcome back to Term 2. Year 11 students have commenced their mid-course exams today. These exams will continue until Monday next week. Students, parents and carers are reminded that all junior students have their mid-course exams commencing on Monday 20 May.

Leeton High School commemorated ANZAC Day at an outstanding ceremony on Wednesday 1 May. Many visitors were present from local Returned Service Associations. The ceremony led by School Captains, Jasmin Sahota and Liam Warburton, delved into the theme of music in war. Performances by Alice Johnson, Esther Deeves, Anthony Nardi, Martin Stevens and the school choir topped off messages from Year 12 history students.

This week will see the start of our Year 6 program for 2013. Year 6 students from all partner primary schools will be taking classes at Leeton High School on a Wednesday afternoon throughout Terms 2 and 3. Students will rotate through practical classes in woodwork, food technology, textiles, visual arts and Japanese. They will spend 3 weeks in each area rotating through all five by the end of Term 3. This has been a very positive activity over the past 3 years.

Term 2 will see a number of very exciting programs commencing for students. "Write it Right" is a literacy program which focuses on improving writing outcomes for Stage 4 (Years 7 and 8) students. We welcome Bobby Pengelly to Leeton High School to work on this project one day per week. Mr Pengelly will be working with both students and staff. The LYNKS program has commenced its work placement this term, with all students in the workplace for Term 2 and 3 on a Wednesday. SunRice has a mentor program commencing this term where they have offered ten students mentor positions within their company. Year 7 and 8 Aboriginal boys have commenced a very exciting program called "Bro Speak" aimed at developing cultural awareness and social skills and improving engagement.

Year 11 and 12 students are invited to a free information session on the importance of preparing and having a will. This workshop will be held at the Griffith Regional Theatre on 13 May at 7.00pm.

Greg Horton, Principal

~~DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT~~

Welcome back for Term 2. I hope all students and their families had an enjoyable break.

There have been some minor changes to two of our administrative procedures:

1. Students are to collect their uniform passes from the Front Office. They are to collect them by recess but it is preferred if this occurs prior to 9am. Ms Kilpatrick is now the Uniform Co-ordinator monitoring this aspect of our school.
2. Students wishing to apply for Silver/Gold Diplomas are to submit their Merit Certificates to Mrs Anthony.

It is recommended that students who arrive late for school (with a note of course!) read the "Student Daily Bulletin". Copies are located in the Front Office and on the breezeway notice board.

Scott White, Deputy Principal

SCHOOL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students on achieving awards:

Silver Diploma: Siarne Deeves and Brodie McGillivray (Year 7)

Gold Diploma: Jorgy Eglinton, Cate Mooney-Rapley, Montana Bell, Alanis Wortley (Year 7), Caitlin Troy and Mackenzie Saddler (Year 9).

Executive Awards: Christopher Santos (Year 7), Elijah Ingram (Year 8), Isabella Santos (Year 9), Jenna McCallum (Year 10), Esther Deeves, Braden Boots (Year 11) and April Irvin (Year 12).

BILL TURNER CUP

The Boys Bill Turner Cup Soccer team played against St Francis at the town ovals on Tuesday 9 April (last week of Term 1). They were out-played by a strong opposition, who dominated possession and field position. The Captain, Cody Peet, had a great game holding the team together at the back. Lachlan Hetherington made some great saves in goals and Robbie Rimmer, Zac Hanlon, and Daniel Riznic are to be congratulated for a magnificent effort all game. Congratulations to the whole squad who played with great spirit and sportsmanship.

Athletics Carnival

On Wednesday 10th April and Thursday 11th April, Leeton High School held its annual Athletics Carnival. Both days were quite warm but it did not deter student participation. Attendance for the carnival was high and students wore their house colours proudly.

There were many standout performances on the day with a record broken and one equalled.

Rhys Wilesmith recorded 41.16m in 16yrs Discus breaking D Ciavarella's 40.21m set in 1985.

Thomas De Paoli recorded 1.4m in 12yrs High Jump equalling M Burns 1.4m set in 1992.

Also new distances were recorded for events with weight changes for the equipment.

Age Champions at the carnival were:

12yrs – Montana Bell and Thomas De Paoli

13yrs – Nakeia McVittie and Robert Rimmer

14yrs – Hannah Keith and Cody Peet/Wade Johnson

15yrs – Madeline Warburton and Kylie McVittie

16yrs – Kirralee Zylstra and Tristin Johnson

Opens – Shaylah Elwin and William Evans

The winning House for the carnival was Smith House.

The 'Spirit of the Carnival' awards go to Katie Wallelt and Shaun Muller.

A big thank you to all the parent helpers who gave their time and assisted with the organisation and running of the carnival. It was greatly appreciated.

SCHOOL NEWS

TDP Regional Workshops – April 8th – 10th 2013

In week 11 of last term, three of our most talented performers, Alice Johnson, Anthony Nardi and Josh Nikoro travelled to Wagga to participate in the first regional Talent Development Project workshop to be held in the Riverina.

The workshops are a 3 day shortened version of the highly successful Talent Development Project which usually runs over 2 years and prepares talented performers from NSW Public

Schools with expert coaching in all aspects of the entertainment industry. They have been designed by Mary Lopez AM (Artistic Director Talent Development Project) and include professionals from the music theatre, contemporary/song writing consultants. The workshop all provided an opportunity for students who truly impressed the consultants to be invited into the 2013 TDP Program.

Each of the three students performed exceptionally well over the three days and received great feedback from the consultants. On the final day, all students performed a solo piece for the consultants and also had to arrange and present a group performance.

Both Josh and Alice thoroughly impressed the consultants and were listed as 'possibles' to move through to the next stage while Anthony Nardi was invited to join the program in September (by passing the initial audition process in May), which is an excellent achievement. Congratulations to all three students involved in the program.

GOLD JACKET RECIPIENT

Congratulations to Sarah Torbuck of Year 11 who was awarded a Double Gold jacket at a formal assembly in the last week of Term 1. Sarah is an excellent ambassador for Leeton High School participating in all aspects of school life with enthusiasm. Congratulations to Sarah on her outstanding achievement.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 6 May – Fri 17 May – Year 11 Preliminary Exams
Mon 20 May – Fri 31 May - Years 7 – 10 exams

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.

Thursday May 9, Leeton Junior Phantoms Rugby Union Club are hosting a visit from a Wallaby & Brumby superstar,
DAVID POCOCK.

David along with another Brumby team mate will hold a special training clinic at
Leeton No 1 from 7pm.

The clinic is for all of the Clubs junior players. Others are encouraged to attend to welcome David to our town.

Registrations can also be done on the night.

Further enquiries: Leanne Allen –
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