

LEETON HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

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"Educating young people for active and responsible citizenship"

~~PRINCIPAL'S REPORT~~

Thank you to the parents and students who helped at the P&C working bee on Sunday 19 May. Two new gardens and tidying across much of the front of the school were completed. I am sure there were plenty of tired and aching bodies on Monday morning. A reminder to all parents and carers that the next P&C meeting is next week on Tuesday 28 May.

Year 12 students have received mid-year reports. Year 12 students and their parents/carers are invited to discuss their progress and steps leading up to the HSC with staff at a parent teacher evening on Tuesday 21 May starting at 6.00pm in the LHS Library.

All students in Years 7-10 have commenced their mid-year examinations this week. These exams run at various times throughout a two week period.

We have received some exciting news Leeton High School is to receive funding to support the improvement of literacy and numeracy across the school. The program called Improving Literacy and Numeracy National Partnership. Some of the aims of the program are - whole school engagement with literacy and numeracy; monitor student and school literacy and numeracy performance; implement effective and evidence based teaching of literacy and numeracy.

I wish to remind both students and parents/carers that students are not to leave the school premises once they have arrived at school unless they have a note from home. No student should be driving a vehicle during the school day unless they have specific permission to do so.

Greg Horton, Principal

~~DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT~~

Students who are absent from school, need to provide a written explanation upon their return to school. The parent/guardian signed note should include a brief explanation of the reason for the absence. Please have these notes returned as quickly as possible.

Students are also encouraged to check the absentee printouts in the breezeway each week. They are posted up on the

Monday of each week. Any discrepancies need to be forwarded to myself so that amendments can be made. Once school reports are printed the records cannot be amended.

Each Week a \$10 "Canteen Voucher" is drawn on assembly. Students who are eligible are those that have made it to "Gold" level in our merit system. The school would like to thank the P&C for this encouragement.

Scott White, Deputy Principal

SCHOOL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students on achieving awards:

Silver Diploma: Ryan Pitt, Micheal Keech, Kyle Richards, Jaime Emerson, Shane Nikoro and Santo Celi (Year 7).

Gold Diploma: Thomas Bullivant, Christopher Santos, Shane Nikoro (Year 7), Chelsea Axtill, Isaac Collins, Dannielle Corney (Year 8), David Stuart, Charlize Schoeman (Year 10) and Stephanie Gale (Year 12).

Executive Awards: Hannah Bush, Wade Johnson, Katie Wallett (Year 8), Taylor Hunter-Boyd, Jonte Schmetzer, David Nicholls, Hannah Boardman (Year 9), Anna Wang, Makayla Boots (Year 10), Darcy Single, Christopher Bagley (Year 11), Emma Millar and Courtney Arnold (Year 12).

LEETON HIGH SCHOOL SQUASH NEWS

Recently both our squash teams have travelled across to Wagga Wagga to participate in the early rounds of the Riverina Knockout Competitions. On both occasions our Leeton High School teams have come home with very convincing wins, as our experienced members have been far too strong for the other schools.

Our open boys team, consisting of Will Evans, Martin Stevens, Zac Hanlon and Jonte Schmetzer, played on the 8th of May against Wagga Wagga High School. Our boys won 3 games to 1 as Will, Martin and Jonte all out played their opponents while Zac played out the closest game of the day. Best player of the day was Jonte as his opponent only managed to take a hand full of points from him.

On the 14th of May our Open Girls team consisting of Claire and Sarah Quinlivan, Steph Hanlon and Esther Deeves performed at an even higher standard. The experience and talent of the girls was evident from the very beginning of the day and as a result they were not even close to dropping a game against the lesser experienced Gundagai and Temora High Schools. All the girls played exceptionally however there was a standout game by Sarah, as she only lost one point for the whole game.

Congratulations to Claire & Sarah Quinlivan and Esther Deeves who have been selected to play in the Riverina Squash Team. They will play in the CHS Championships later in the year.

Mr Thomas Hartshorn

OPENS BASKETBALL

The Leeton High school opens basketball team has been enjoying success so far during the CHS knockout competition. Rounds 1 through 3 were combined into a gala day that was held at Leeton in Term 1. The boys were successful in winning that gala day and booked a date with Finley High school who had won through to round 4. Last Friday (10th May) the team travelled to Finley and were successful in winning through to face a difficult south coast region opponent in the next round. The boys played with great intensity and hustle and deserved winning on the day. The final score was 68-34 with outstanding performances from Ben Marks and Luke Marks (including a monster dunk!) and Ryan Young.

Coach Mr Sims.

YEAR 12 PARENT/TEACHER NIGHT

Year 12 parents are encouraged to attend the Parent Teacher evening on Tuesday night between 6 -7pm in the Library. The students have received their reports and it is a valuable opportunity to meet their teachers and discuss any areas of concern you may have, and have your students' progress clarified.

LAPTOP HARD-CASES

Hard covers for student laptops are available from our TSO, Karen Bartram. These provide good protection for their laptops. Don't miss out as there are only 10 left at a great price of \$15.

2LS

(Secondary Learning Strategies)

The basic premise of 2LS is *different classrooms, same kids!*

If teachers in schools can work collaboratively and collectively to build students' capacity to learn in any situation, then it stands to reason that the students that leave our school gate will be equipped to be life-long learners.

The aim of 2LS is to have all staff on board with the students talking the same language and sharing the same goals.

At the beginning of this term all staff were involved in a whole day workshop applying 2LS strategies to their own subjects.

In addition, an extra staff meeting has been added to our term in order to specifically work on 2LS.

Students should now be aware of some of the 'Super Six' as teachers gradually incorporate them into their daily teaching language.



The second strategy from the 'Super Six' that parents and teachers can use is '**Visualising**'.

Drawing as well as writing to demonstrate understanding can appeal to those students who are visual learners.

Visualising can be using one's imagination, making a mental picture of a character, storyline or concept. This can be used in all subjects and is a great way to introduce a new topic, revise and stimulate extended written responses.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 20 May – Fri 31 May - Years 7 – 10 exams
Tue 21st May – Year 12 Parent/Teacher Night
Tue 28th May – P&C Meeting 7pm - Library
Fri 31st May – SW Athletics - Griffith

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.