

LEETON HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

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"Educating young people for active and responsible citizenship"

~~PRINCIPAL'S REPORT~~

Welcome back to Term 3! We start the term with some wonderful news. Claire Quinlivan (Yr 10) and her sister Sarah (Yr 8) have been selected in the NSW Under 15 Squash team. The girls were selected from performances in the open CHS Carnival held in the last week of Term 2. The girls now travel to New Zealand in August to represent NSW.

The Leeton High School Agriculture Plot has been improved with the construction of a greenhouse during the last week of Term 2. The greenhouse will allow students to propagate plants and grow vegetables all year round. Native plants will be grown for planting as part of our Fivebough Wetland project. The construction phase was jointly completed by Vet Construction students under guidance of Brian Martin; and Stuart Stout, Kevin Lehman and agriculture students, Bianca Lotito, Paris Jennings and Clare Hillman.

Students, parents and carers need to be aware of a number of traffic changes that have occurred during the holidays. Leeton Shire Council has constructed a traffic island in Myrtle Street near the top of the school. This has meant that "NO STOPPING" signs have been placed all along the southern side of Myrtle St. This will affect people being picked up after school. I would suggest that students be picked up in either Yarran Street or Mulga Street at the end of the day.

During Term 2 we trialled new arrangements for students who catch a bus home from school. Following the success of the trial these changes will continue. The key points to remember are:

- Students who catch buses at 3.26pm (ie. first buses) are to move straight to their bus as soon as the bell goes.
- Students for all other buses are to assemble in an orderly fashion in the concrete area between E Block (Science) and the Old Building, top quad and COLA area.
- Only students who catch buses are to remain in this area. All other students are to depart the school premises quickly once the bell has gone.
- As the bus arrives students are to move and line up behind the gate and wait for the instruction of the teacher to board.

Thank you and well done to all the students who attended the town flag raising ceremony for NAIDOC Week at the Leeton Visitors Centre on Wednesday 26 June. This was an important ceremony and well supported by local schools.

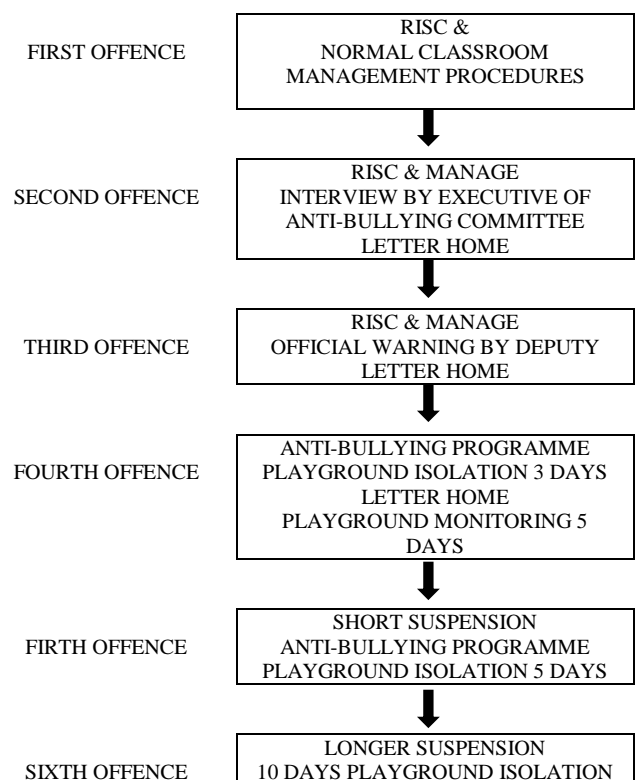
Greg Horton, Principal

~~DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT~~

Welcome back for Term 3. I hope all students and their families had an enjoyable break.

Bullying is an important issue and has been featured prominently again in the media lately. Our school has an anti-bullying committee that manages our school's policy. Following is a flowchart that outlines our school's response to reported bullying.

FLOW CHART TO DEAL WITH BULLYING



If you wish to discuss this aspect or have any questions please feel free to contact me at school.

Scott White, Deputy Principal

SCHOOL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students on achieving awards:

SILVER DIPLOMA: Joshua Lee (Year 8)

GOLD DIPLOMA: Rubie Wright (Year 7), Joshua Lee (Year 8), Quentin Alchin-Smith (Year 11) and Skye Torbuck (Year 12).

EXECUTIVE AWARDS: Montana Bell, Molly Pettersson, April Tabal, Isabella Hopwood, Kaliya Matthews (Year 7), Lillian Snell, Jaspal Gill (Year 8), Morgan Wilesmith, Mackenzie Saddler, Bryce Butler, Brooke Hardie (Year 9), Joshua Higgins, Abbey Grant and Grace Green (Year 10), Byron Black, Anna Poulsen (Year 11) and Anthony Nardi (Year 12).

SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to Annalise Ramponi of Year 11 who was awarded a Double Gold Jacket at a formal assembly on Tuesday 18 June. Annalise is an excellent ambassador for Leeton High School participating in all aspects of school life with enthusiasm. Congratulations to Annalise on her outstanding achievement.



LA TROBE UNIVERSITY VISIT

On Friday last week students from Year 11 travelled to La Trobe University, Wodonga for an experience of university life at a regional campus. Over 300 students from schools around NSW and Victoria took advantage of the opportunity to "test drive" a university course by selecting two workshops from a list of all courses available at La Trobe Wodonga. Students and accompanying staff were greeted with a delicious morning tea on arrival and a barbecue lunch was also provided. After the

day, most agreed that the experience helped to clarify their future course and career planning.

"TASTE OF TAFE"

On Tuesday the last week of term 2 all of Year 10 spent the day at Leeton TAFE for a "Taste of TAFE". Students elected to participate in two of six workshops, giving them an insight into possible TAFE subjects for study in 2014. As school subject selection will be coming up for Year 10 this term, this day was a timely experience. All seemed to enjoy the day which included a delicious barbecue lunch provided by the TAFE.

SUNRISE MENTORING PROGRAM

On the last Wednesday of term 2, 10 students from Years 10, 11 and 12 concluded their seven week industry mentoring program at the Sunrice Rice Mill. Students were awarded a certificate of participation and made a short presentation to Sunrice and their mentors about their experience. Andrew Connell from Charles Sturt University spoke to the students about university options, and Peter Kennedy from Leeton Shire Council spoke about transitioning into the adult work place. Both students and mentors said that it had been a positive experience.

SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR TRIVIA NIGHT – SAVE THE DATE

A trivia night has been planned to help raise funds for the 29 students attending the Schools Spectacular in late November. Please put a table together and come along to support our talented Performing Arts students. The night will include trivia, performances and raffles.

Date: Friday 2nd August (**please note change of date & time**)

Time: 6.30pm

Venue: Leeton High School MPC

Cost: \$10.00 per head - tables of up to ten people.

Food and drinks will be available.

Start planning your table now.

7 & 8 PREMIER'S DEBATING CHALLENGE

On June 4th, Leeton High School's Year 7 and 8 debating teams travelled to Narrandera to compete in the first round. Students travelled with Mrs Newsam and Miss Scott, preparing possible arguments and harmonic Taylor Swift beats on the ride over.

The Year 8 team, consisting of Isaac Collins, Emani Nakubuwai, Emma Brindley and Skye Bloomfield chose their debate and entered preparation time first. The team were arguing the affirmative of 'That school uniform should be abolished.' The Year 8's presented a strong argument and spoke very well in each role, but Narrandera High School presented some food for thought and came away with the win.

Up next was Year 7, who chose the same debate topic, 'That school uniform should be abolished,' also receiving the

affirmative point of view. The team consisted of Alex Pianca, Molly Peterson, Siarne Deeves and Zac Hill. This team presented creative ideas in an attempt to convince their audience, but again, Narrandera High spoke confidently and were successful in the debate.

A wonderful lunch was enjoyed before students returned to Leeton High School. The teams are set to debate Narrandera High School again before the Term's end. Watch this space!



Back row: Emma Brindley, Skye Bloomfield, Emani Nakubuwei & Isaac Collins
Front row: Zac Hill, Siarne Deeves, Molly Pettersson & Alex Pianca

SCHOOL SPORT

LEETON HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

During the last week of term 2 the Leeton High School Opens basketball team travelled to lovely Terrigal to take part in the CHS state knockout basketball finals series. The team was put into a tough group which involved Westfield Sports High School (Sydney), Maitland High School (Hunter) and Terrigal High School (Central Coast). The first game was a tough one. Despite the long drive the boys had to get up early to play the first game at 8.15! Not surprisingly LHS were slow out of the gate after a long drive but still managed to trim a 15 point deficit to 3 in the final term. Unfortunately the team ran out of steam going down to Terrigal High School in a tight opening game. The second game was a great effort by LHS. We dominated Maitland High School with great defensive pressure and were more clinical at the offence end of the court winning comfortably in the end. The third game was extremely tough. With not much fuel in the tank we played the well drilled and energetic Westfield Sports High School who ran us of the court winning comfortably.

That put LHS into a 5th/6th playoff against Armidale High School. In an entertaining game played in some great spirit LHS took the game deep into the final term only to lose out to a tall Armidale High School. A 6th place finish in the state is an outstanding achievement for a wonderful group of young men who represented not only their school, but the town of Leeton with great pride. Congratulations to Ben Marks, Luke Marks, Ryan Young, Dylan Schuette, Rhys Wilesmith, Luke Rimmer, Lucas Meline and Tereapii Nikoro who all displayed great courage and skill in getting to the finals and then exceeded my expectations when we got there. Well done!!! Coach Sims.

LHS V'S WAGGA INDIGENOUS TEAM

On the last Monday afternoon of term 2, an all age LHS Rugby League team played an exhibition match against an Indigenous team from Wagga Wagga. The game was played in great spirit with both teams displaying some skilful and tough Rugby League. LHS, under the leadership of Corey Graham eventually ran out winners by 22 to 8. All players that participated should be congratulated on their attitude and sportsmanship which made the match a success. Also well done to the senior boys, Corey Williams, Rhys Wilesmith and Tereapii Nikoro who done a great job officiating the match.

OPEN GIRLS SOCCER

Friday, June 7, the Leeton High School open girls' soccer team travelled to Wade High School to compete in the CHS Riverina knockout. Leeton's team consisted of a variety of Year groups, from Year 8 to 12, who warmed up enthusiastically, frothing at the bit after having been in serious training for almost 10 weeks!

The girls followed their leader, Jasmin Sahota onto the field with a strong defensive line, directed by Melinda Broad and Annalise Ramponi who cleared many goal attempts out of the park. Anna Poulsen worked hard in goal during the first half, sharing with Charlize Schoeman.

The team had not played together before, but soon developed some strong attacking plans. The forward pack was made up of Dannielle Corney, Shanay Pizzolante, Chelsea Axtill, Zoe Russell, Jade Smith and Kate Norvall who were surprisingly kept scoreless.

Controlling the mid-field was Grace Green, Haley Paterson, Anna Wang, Tamika Bell and Michaela Jones-Grieve, creating many attacking opportunities.

Wade won the game convincingly, with strong and well-developed attacking techniques and experienced players. Leeton High, still of high spirits enjoyed lunch and the ride home, thank you to Mr Hardie for driving the bus.

GIRLS SQUASH

At the end of last term Sarah Quinlivan (Yr 8) and Claire Quinlivan (Yr 10) travelled to the mid north coast to participate in the State Squash Championships. The girls were representing the Riverina at the carnival.

From the Championships the NSW Under 15's and Opens side was selected. Both girls were selected for the Under 15's NSW Team. The girls will travel to New Zealand for the next leg of the competition. Congratulations on their outstanding effort.

RIVERINA ATHLETICS

Next Friday Leeton High School athletics students will travel to Albury for the Riverina Athletics Carnival. Students are reminded to pay their levy and return notes and organise transport before Friday this week.

MICK'S BAKE HOUSE PIE DRIVE

Order forms are attached to the back of this newsletter. The order forms along with payment are due back at school by **Wednesday 31st July**. Pies can be collected from the canteen between 3.30pm-5pm on Tuesday 13th August.

ACKNOWLEDGE AN INSPIRATIONAL TEACHER

Would you like to acknowledge an inspirational teacher? Australian Scholarships Group are calling for nominations to the NEITA Awards for Inspirational Educators.

To nominate download a form at www.neita.com.au or call on 1800624487. Nominations close 31 July 2013. Say "Thank You" and nominate today.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri 26th July – Riverina Athletics – Albury
Wed 31st July –Pie Drive **Orders & Money** Due back at school
Tue 13th Aug – Pies to be collected

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 SOLDIERS CLUB SQUASH CLUB
JUNIOR SQUASH COMPETITION**

Junior Squash Competition commencing Saturday 27 July,
4pm

Nomination evening Saturday 20 July at 6pm
Soldiers Club Squash Court (behind Stan Axtill Centre)
All school age children welcome
Cost: \$15 for a 9 week competition (includes use of courts,
all equipment and coaching)
Contact: Scott Quinlivan – 0428 827044

Construction of the greenhouse at the LHS Ag Plot

