

LEETON HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

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"Educating young people for active and responsible citizenship"

~~PRINCIPAL'S REPORT~~

This week is Education Week across public schools throughout NSW. This year's theme is *NSW Public Schools- Creating a Future*. Schools are being asked to celebrate stories of success within their school. The key point for this at Leeton High School will be through our formal assembly held on Tuesday 30 July. Education Week awards were presented to Benjamin Nakubwai and Stephanie Gale of Year 12 for their leadership and involvement in all aspects of school life. Both students are outstanding role models within the community. Mr Kerry Hardie was also recognised for his service to education at Leeton High School. Mr Hardie has successfully been involved in academic, sporting and cultural aspects of our school for many years. Congratulations to all award winners!

The Leeton Community of Public Schools has produced an Education Week supplement for this week's Irrigator. The supplement highlights key programs in all the public schools in our district. I would encourage all parents and carers to have a read of the supplement. Should any parent or carer want an additional copy we will have some at the school.

Year 10 students will soon be asked to decide on elective subjects for 2014. Students, parents and carers will be invited to an information meeting in Week 5 (in 3 weeks!) of this term where courses and senior curriculum structure will be discussed. All students who are planning on returning to Year 11 are expected to attend this meeting. Exact dates and times will be distributed at a later date.

Year 7 student Isaac Kelleher recently attended the Riverina Music Camp held at Broambala. From this camp Isaac was one of a number of students who have been selected to be part of the Riverina Schools Band Tour. The band will be travelling across the region from 14 September until 20 September.

Congratulations to all athletes who competed in the Riverina athletics carnival last Friday and well done to the 13 students who have earned the right to represent Riverina at the CHS Athletics in Sydney later this term. Congratulations also to the girls Open Squash team who have progressed to the final 4 teams in the CHS State knockout (see article later in newsletter). All wonderful achievements.

Greg Horton, Principal

~~DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT~~

Schools are required to remind students of certain school/department expectations. For this newsletter "Mobile Phones and Cameras" and "Prohibited Weapons" are included. The following is an excerpt from our "Student Welfare and Discipline Policy" that all students have received:

MOBILE PHONES AND CAMERAS

Inappropriate use of mobile phones/cameras will be treated the same as disobedient behaviour and this will be recorded on a RISC report. You must not have it switched on during lessons, nor use it to intimidate, harass or bully. Mobile phones/cameras can be confiscated if used inappropriately.

PROHIBITED WEAPONS

Weapons include:

- ❖ knives
- ❖ slings, catapults or slingshots
- ❖ knuckle-dusters, studded gloves or sap gloves
- ❖ blow guns and devices capable of projecting a dart
- ❖ whips of any kind
- ❖ kung fu sticks or nunchaka
- ❖ batons of any type
- ❖ spear-guns
- ❖ mace
- ❖ any defence or anti-personnel sprays.

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

On Friday 26th July, Year 7 and 8 students were treated to a performance by a company called Brainstorm. The show was called "Cyberia" and dealt with the effects of Cyber Bullying on young people. All students enjoyed the show and understood the message that was delivered. The school would like to thank the P&C who paid for this performance again this year.

Scott White, Deputy Principal

SCHOOL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students on achieving awards:

SILVER DIPLOMA: Alexander Pianca, Molly Pettersson and April Tabal (Year 7).

GOLD DIPLOMA: April Tabal (Year 7), Elli Gill (Year 8), Morgan Wilesmith (Year 9), Sarah Torbuck, Benjamin Keith and Quentin Alchin-Smith (Year 11).

EXECUTIVE AWARDS: Santo Celi, Dearne Hunter-Boyd (Year 7), Nakeia McVittie (Year 8), Paris Jennings, Adam Mitchell, Shaun Muller (Year 9), Zoe Phillips, Danyon Arnold (Year 10), Destiny Nichols, Stacey Catlin, Kristy Wilkinson (Year 11) and Martin Stevens (Year 12).

SCHOOL NEWS

EISTEDDFOD DEBATES

This Thursday 1st August, debaters from Years 7-10 will compete in the Eisteddfod. They have been preparing for their debates and will hopefully have a great day on Thursday, both in terms of enjoying the experience, and some success. Good luck to all.

YEAR 7 & 8 DEBATING

'That we should ban smart phones to people under eighteen,' was a topic debated between Leeton High School and Narrandera High School on Wednesday 17th of July. The Year 7 and 8 students from both schools developed intelligent and thoughtful arguments, with the LHS team consisting of Chelsea Axtill, Emma Brindley, Elijah Ingram and Emani Nakubwai, who won the debate convincingly.

'That we should ban all junk food advertising,' was another topic debated between the schools. Leeton High's team consisting of Alex Pianca, Zac Hill, Siarne Deeves and Molly Pettersson spoke confidently and developed an interesting argument, but Narrandera were too strong and came away with the win.

Year 8 students, Skye Bloomfield and Dannielle Corney were highly commended by the adjudicator for their professionalism and loud, clear voices. Congratulations to the winning teams and well done to all students involved in 7 and 8 debating, you represented the school with pride.

DOUBLE GOLD JACKET AWARD

Congratulations to Stephanie Hanlon of Year 12, who was awarded the Double Gold jacket on Tuesday 23 July at our weekly assembly. Stephanie has represented Leeton High in

swimming and League Tag, debating and as a dancer at KROP, School Spectacular and 'It Takes Two', Riverina Dance Festival and Leeton Eisteddfod. She has also participated in many school activities including MADD nights, Leeton Idol and at SRC fundraising events. Stephanie is a deserved recipient of this award, which recognises her valuable contributions to our school, as well as her consistent and focused academic efforts.



SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR TRIVIA NIGHT – POSTPONED

Due to a number of events within the School and the Community our Trivia Night has been postponed. A new date is to be advised in the near future. Our apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

SCHOOL SPORT

RIVERINA ATHLETICS

28 Leeton High students travelled to Albury on Friday to participate in the annual Riverina Athletics Carnival. Many students achieved outstanding results and all competitors achieved personal best standards. At the conclusion of the carnival 13 students had qualified in 1st or 2nd place, gaining entry to the New South Wales Combined High Schools Athletics Carnival to be held at Homebush in the first week of September.

Students to qualify for the State Carnival were:- Shaylah Elwin, Anna Poulsen, Ben Keith, Ben Hardie, Madeline Warburton, Robert Rimmer, Montana Bell, Chris Santos, Luke Parker, Ethan Lord, Tom DePaoli and Jonte Schmetzer and Rhys Wilesmith on submitted results.

Overall it was an excellent carnival and all Leeton High Athletes represented the school with pride.

GIRL'S SQUASH

On Friday the 26th July, Leeton High Schools girls squash team, consisting of Esther Deeves, Claire and Sarah Quinlivan and Stephanie Hanlon, travelled to Forbes to compete against Dunedoo Central School.

All four girls played strongly against an evenly matched Dunedoo. The day did not start off to plan as Stephanie was

unable to come home with a win, however, the next three games went Leeton's way. Sarah and Claire had to work extremely hard for their wins going to 4 and 5 sets respectively. The "Player of the Day" was Esther, as she was able to easily defeat her opponent with her high intensity game and strong serve. Esther was able to win in straight sets.

Congratulations to all the girls as they have now qualified to compete in the state finals on the 23rd August.

P&C NEWS

MICK'S BAKE HOUSE PIE DRIVE

Orders are due back at the school, along with payment, this **Wednesday 31 July**. Orders can be collected from the canteen between 3.30pm-5pm on Tuesday 13th August.

LHS FEST IS COMING

Wednesday August 28th is the date for our P&C fundraiser and we need your help.

Can you lend a hand on the day, bake some decorated muffins or maybe assist with preparation on Tuesday 27th? Any help would be greatly appreciated.

FEST commences around 9am and is all over by 1.30pm. P&C run a BBQ, Drink Van and Lolly Stall. It is always a great day for the students and a great way to raise funds for our school community.

If you feel you can help in any way please contact FEST Co-ordinator Sharon Elwin on 0427 532966 or phone the school office.

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.

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.

2LS

(Secondary Learning Strategies)



So far 'Making Connections' and 'Visualising' have been explained in past newsletters to help you to understand the common classroom approaches that Leeton High School are pursuing, by our involvement with 2LS.

All staffrooms have been supplied an excellent text that provides a variety of teaching strategies for the 'Super Six'. We have created work samples to share at special 2LS training sessions to implement in our lessons.

'Summarising' is a third strategy in the 'Super Six'. A summary is a shortened version of a text that contains all the main points.

Summarising is an important skill that helps us when we are researching, gathering and presenting information. It is a shorter version of a text that contains the main points, and it is essential for all students to be able to develop the skill of summarising.

Making summaries help students learn to sift out the main points of a text; to paraphrase rather than to plagiarise and to prepare for exams.

Creating visual summaries in 'Filmstrip summary boxes' or finding main words in a 'Key Word Hunt'; making 'Story Pyramids'; timelines or graphic organisers such as mind-maps are all forms of summarising strategies your child might do in class, and could do at home.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed 31st July – Pie Drive **Orders & Money** Due back at school
Thurs 1st & Fri 2nd Aug – KROP Performance
Mon 12th Aug – HSC Trials Commence
Tue 13th Aug – Pies to be collected
Wed 28th Aug – LHS FEST

SAFER DRIVERS COURSE

Safer Drivers Course has been designed by the Roads & Maritime Services. Establish safer driving practices for learner drivers under 25yrs.

- *Improve their own levels of safety when driving, by learning how to manage road safety risks.
- *Increase current driving skills and acquire new ones through a combination of classroom learning and practical supervised instruction from a professional driving instructor.

After the successful completion of module one & two of the course the learner will receive a twenty hour reduction in their log book (from 120hrs to 100hrs).

NRMA Safer Driving are facilitating this course on the following dates:-

- >Thursday 8th August
- >Thursday 12th September and
- >Thursday 10th October

The course will be held at the Leeton Shire Library for a cost of \$140.

Course numbers are limited to 12 people.

For further information and booking visit the NRMA Safer Driving website at:

<http://www.nrmasaferdriving.com.au>

MOYA GILKES CHILDREN'S CANCER TRUST

The **Moya Gilkes Trust Fund** has been established to provide financial support to families caring for children with cancer.

If your family is caring for a child who has cancer and is from the Leeton and Barellan area, you may be eligible to receive some financial assistance.

To maintain the integrity of the Trust, certain rules as to limits of financial assistance will apply.

For more information please contact:

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Integral Rural Financial Services

Ph: 02 6953 2700

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BRAINSTORM PERFORMANCE

