

LEETON HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

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"Educating young people for active and responsible citizenship"

~~PRINCIPAL'S REPORT~~

Thank you to the students, parents and carers who attended the Year 10-11 Information evening on Monday 12 August. This is an important time for Year 10 students who are considering returning to Year 11 in 2014. Selection of subjects is very important. Additionally to those families whose child is moving into the senior school understanding the changes and requirements for the HSC is also daunting. Members of the executive team will contact any student who was unable to attend, and their family, to discuss subject selections. Subject selections need to be finalised over the next few days.

Students in Year 8 and 9 will be asked to select elective subjects for 2014 over the next week also. Students are reminded how important it is to select carefully as many classes will fill up quickly.

Congratulations to all students who have participated in the Leeton Eisteddfod over the past week, some outstanding results have been seen.

A reminder that the LHSFest is to be held on Wednesday 28 August. LHSFest is our annual P&C carnival which runs throughout the morning. Any helpers are most welcome. The afternoon is taken up by the annual Leeton Idol competition. Many outstanding acts have nominated for this year's event.

Greg Horton, Principal

~~DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT~~

A friendly reminder that students need to provide explanation notes for absences within 7 days. After this time the school is not allowed to, by law, to amend the attendance register. The note only requires the student's name, date of absence, brief explanation and a parent /guardian signature.

Students who are going to be absent for a week or more, and know this in advance, can apply for an exemption. This will reduce the number of absences recorded on the student's report.

Following is another excerpt from the school's Welfare and Discipline Policy.

COMPUTERS AND THE INTERNET

You and your parents/caregivers must sign a "Computer Use and Internet Code of Behaviour Agreement." Consequences for inappropriate use may include:

- ❖ a warning
- ❖ withdrawal of use
- ❖ level 2 or 1
- ❖ suspension

depending on the severity and frequency of the misuse.

Students in Years 9 to 12 must also abide by the 'Laptop User Charter.'

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.

If you have any questions in regards to these policies please feel free to contact me at school.

Scott White, Deputy Principal

SCHOOL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students on achieving awards:

SILVER DIPLOMA: Tristin Johnson (Year 10), Destiny Nichols (Year 11).

GOLD DIPLOMA: Jorgy Eglinton (Year 7), Elli Gill, Dannielle Corney (Year 8), Destiny Nichols (Year 11).

EXECUTIVE AWARDS: Megan Chetcuti (Year 7), Taylah Simpson (Year 8), Samantha Sanderson-Brown, Kyle McVittie, Tahnee Thurgate, Madeline Warburton (Year 9), Corey Graham, Zoe Russell, Wyatt Morriss (Year 10), Jessica Savini, Benjamin Keith, Sally Boardman (Year 11), Jovern Tabal and Benjimin Nakubuwai (Year 12).

LEETON EISTEDDFOD PERFORMANCES – 2013

DANCING

On Wednesday 7th August the Leeton High School Ensemble participated in the Leeton Eisteddfod at the Roxy Theatre. The group performed a routine called "Give Me Love", which was choreographed by Sally Boardman.

The group was the only participant in the section. They were awarded 86 points and first place for the routine. The adjudicator praised the students for their well-rehearsed routine claiming 'it was one of the best high school routines' she had ever seen at an eisteddfod. She also commended the choreographer on some entertaining and challenging choreography.

This is the 8th year running that Leeton High School has won the secondary section. The ensemble should all be proud of their efforts. The ensemble included: Ben Marks, Luke Marks, Anthony Nardi, Ben Hardie, Sally Boardman, Claire Quinlivan, Hannah Boardman, Taylor Hunter-Boyd, Brooke Hardie, Paris Jennings, Edie Rudd, Hannah Bush, Dannielle Corney, Georgia Saddler and Dearne Hunter-Boyd.

WRITTEN EXPRESSION

Mrs Anthony's Year 8 English class entered the Leeton Eisteddfod writing sections this year in written expression, poetry or short story composition. Students were required to select a topic of their choice and compose to the word limit. Awards were given to the following students at assembly last week:

Monique Farlow, 1st in original short story writing (14-15 years)
Amanda Lord, 1st in an original short story (12-13 years)
Skye Bloomfield, 2nd in original short story writing
Chelsea Axtill, 2nd original poem and original short story writing
Emani Nakubuwai, 2nd poetry writing
Elli Gill, 3rd, poetry writing
Katie Wallet, 3rd short story writing
Emma Brindley, 2nd written expression.

Highly commended and excellent scores were also given to the following students:

Amber Williams, Edie Rudd, Caleb Green, Tamika Poulsen, Taylah Ronfeldt, Molly Jackson, Amelia Hyland, Elijah Ingram, Isaac Collins, Jacinda Rhodes-Boulter and Sarah Quinlivan.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Congratulations to Emma Brindley and Chelsea Axtill of Year 8 for their successful completion of the Public Speaking sections this year. Both students were required to complete a 5 minute speech on the topic "I Wish I Knew" and a 3 minute impromptu on "Dear Mr Rudd". Both girls represented their school with distinction. Congratulations to Chelsea on her award of third place overall.

These girls also competed in the Legacy Junior Public Speaking competition in Week 2. This was a tough line up and again they spoke with merit and improved feedback from the adjudicator.

DEBATING

Congratulations to the students from Years 7 to 10 who participated in the Eisteddfod on Thursday 1st August. They not only performed well on the day, but also worked hard in the preparation leading up to their debates. It was particularly rewarding to observe them as they encouraged each other, and praised the efforts of each group as they came off the stage. The Year 8 team:- Elijah Ingram, Chelsea Axtill, Emani Nakubuwai and Emma Brindley, achieved a third place in the Sub-Junior section; and the Year 10 team:- Grace Green, Zoe Russell, Jenna McCallum and Kate Norvall, were placed second in the Junior category. Grace Green was awarded the Debater of the Day trophy for her passionate arguments in the topic 'We Need to Protest More!'

DRAMA

Leeton drama students entered the one act play section of the Leeton Eisteddfod on Monday, August 5th. Year 9 and Year 10 entered two groups each and had 20 minutes to set the stage and perform their pieces.

Year 9 performed two school-based plays, John Marsden's 'So Much to Tell You' and 'Year 9 are Animals,' with confidence after many dedicated rehearsals. Most students had not performed drama on stage before and should definitely be proud of their efforts. Paris Jennings received highly commended for her acting on the day.

Year 10 performed two melodrama pieces, 'On Our Selection' and 'The Sunny South', based around bushrangers and colonial Australia. About half of the class studied drama last year and their experience allowed them to win first and second prize, performing with great emotion and excellent voice projection. Charlize Schoeman received highly commended for her outstanding acting.

All students represented the school proudly and we are looking forward to entertaining you at Leeton Idol.



SCHOOL NEWS

DOUBLE GOLD JACKET

During Education Week assembly on Tuesday 30 July, Jasmin Sahota was awarded with a Double Gold jacket. Jasmin is our 2013 School Captain and is a positive role model for all of Leeton High. She has represented Leeton High in athletics,

cross-country, as an artist, and of course as School Captain. Jasmin has always demonstrated strong personable qualities of kindness and empathy towards her peers and the staff and is a deserved recipient of this award.



SPEC TRIVIA NIGHT

The date has been set!

Friday 30th August
6:30pm for a 7pm start
Leeton High School MPC
\$10.00 per head (pay on the night)
Table of ten

Come and support our talented performers!!!

YEAR 12 – FINAL WEEKS

Year 12 should be immersing themselves in study and preparation required for their Trial exams, which started yesterday. They should all have their timetable for the examinations by now – if not they need to obtain one from the Front Office.

They are also busy with preparations for their final week of school, which includes a visit from a representative from the Board of Studies on Monday 16th September, a charity fund raising day on Thursday 19th and their final Graduation assembly on Friday 20th September, the last day of term, and followed by their Graduation Dinner that night at the Leeton Soldiers Club.

HAIRSPRAY PERFORMANCE

'Hairspray' the Broadway musical is currently being performed by Bidgee Theatre Productions in Wagga Wagga and last Thursday, 8th August, 50 students from Leeton High School were lucky enough to attend a matinee performance! A mixture of Year 9 and 10 drama and music students, and keen Year 8 students, travelled to Wagga where they had an early lunch and a relaxing trollop through the Botanic Gardens before travelling to the Civic Theatre, where the production was being staged.

Many students had seen the film version of 'Hairspray' but were pleasantly surprised as the play had more scenes. Everyone enjoyed the live music by the Kapooka band throughout the play. Drama students especially appreciated the

characterisation, clever stage setting and beautiful costumes and could relate to the performers and the pressure and nerves they may feel.

The production was an impressive display and the audience was filled with school students who created an excellent and encouraging atmosphere. Afterwards the cast appeared for question time and students from many schools asked multiple questions, we discovered that they had been rehearsing for 4 months and the actors were as young as 11 years old!

Overall, the day was enjoyed by the LHS students and it was an excellent opportunity to experience a live, large scale performance in a local area.

P&C NEWS

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.

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 12th Aug – HSC Trials Commence
Tue 27th Aug – P&C meeting – Library 7pm
Wed 28th Aug – LHS FEST

LEETON REPRESENTATIVE NETBALL TRYOUTS

Rep tryouts for 2014 Season will be held on Wednesday 21st & 28th August and Wednesday 4th September. Starting at 4.30pm sharp. All girls are to be there at least 10min early to register and have positions filled in.

Tryouts are for 12's, 13's, 14's, 15's & 17's. You must be turning that age in 2014, eg can be turning 12 next year (12 and under). The 12's and 13's will be playing in our Saturday competition throughout the year. Carnivals have not been finalised as yet. The 13's, 14's, 15's & 17's will be going to State Age Carnival which is a **3 day carnival**.

If you have any queries please contact Rachal on:-
0404 841826

LEETON VOLLEYBALL

Registration Night/Introduction Night

7pm Wednesday 4th September, 2013

Leeton Indoor Stadium

Individual or Team Nominations
Women's & Mixed Competitions

Competition starts Wednesday 11th September for 9 weeks (excluding school holidays), plus 2 weeks of finals

Competition times: 7pm women's, 8pm mixed
Cost (includes insurance): Adults \$90, under 19's \$70

Players from Autumn comp 2013 – adults \$50 and under 19's \$40

Further information contact Lorraine on 6955 2604 or 0428 731875

LEETON LITTLE ATHLETICS 2013-2014 SEASON

Season starts Wednesday 11th September 2013
Leeton High School Ovals 4.30pm

Registrations:

Wednesday 4th September 4pm-5.30pm
Saturday 7th September 10am-2pm

Both Registration days will be held at the LHS ovals

Cost is \$60 for 1st and 2nd child and \$50 for 3 or more children registered

Compulsory club singlets \$35 and shorts (not compulsory) \$45

All enquires to Club President Brendan Steele
0437 537 332 or BSteele@sunrice.com.au

And don't forget to like us on Facebook to be kept updated with all the latest information.

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:

CanAssist

Ph: 02 6953 6610

Integral Rural Financial Services

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