

# LEETON HIGH SCHOOL

## Newsletter

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*"Educating young people for active and responsible citizenship"*

### *~~PRINCIPAL'S REPORT~~*

It is with great sadness that I report to the school community the passing of our long time Farm Assistant, Mr Henry McGill. Henry passed away after a very short illness; his funeral took place on Monday 19 August. He will be greatly missed by staff and students alike. Please see information later in the newsletter.

The Leeton High School Open Girls Squash team have come second in the state in the CHS State Knockout. Last Friday, 23 August, the girls travelled to Sydney to play in the finals. They defeated Grafton HS to reach the playoff for gold. In the final Leeton went down to eventual State Champions Parkes HS. Congratulations to all girls involved in this wonderful achievement.

Thursday 22 August school captains, Jasmin Sahota and Liam Warburton, travelled to Sydney as part of the Secondary School Student Leadership Program. Jasmin and Liam flew to Sydney, visited Parliament House, went to Government House, and met the Governor Her Excellency Marie Bashir. This is a great experience and we would like to thank the P&C for supporting the captains by supplying air fares.

Year 8, 9 and 10 students have now selected electives for 2014. The next step in this process is currently underway, where Year Advisers and members of the school executive meet with any students who have clashes to discuss options available to them. Thank you to all students and parents for their support in this process.

Congratulations to Year 10 Food Technology students who catered a three course dinner for family and friends on Friday 23 August. The students prepared all food throughout the day, waited tables in the evening and guided guests through the commercial kitchen facilities. Outstanding feedback was received from all involved. Thanks to the students and staff members, Alana Hynard and Sarah Fitzpatrick for this great initiative.

School leader elections for 2014 will take place this week. All students who have nominated for leadership positions will address the assembly on Tuesday 27 August. Following this, elections will take place Thursday 29 August.

**Greg Horton, Principal**

### *~~DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT~~*

Throughout a year there are many occasions where the school needs to urgently contact home. Unfortunately we find out the hard way that student contact details are incorrect and/or obsolete.

If you have changed circumstances please contact our Front Office to update details. This includes both "Emergency Contact" which can also be vital in emergency situations.

In a previous newsletter we included our 'Flow Chart To Deal With Bullying'. It is also important to note that all students have responsibilities and these are listed below.

Students will be encouraged to:

- Report incidents of bullying to any member of staff.
- Understand the anti-social nature of bullying and the consequences of bullying (at school).
- Prevent bullying from happening wherever possible REPORT.
- Stand up for the victim without fear of reprisal.
- Behave appropriately, respecting individual differences and diversity.
- Behave as responsible digital citizens.
- Follow the Leeton High School Anti-Bullying Plan.

I hope all students enjoy LHS Fest on Wednesday and appreciate the efforts of the P&C in organising this fantastic day.

On Friday last week several of our students assisted the Cancer Council with "Daffodil Day". Many thanks to the following students who worked hard selling merchandise for this very worthwhile charity: Dearne Hunter-Boyd, Kaliya Matthews (Year 7), Taylor Hunter-Boyd, Paris Jennings and Kyle McVittie (Year 9).

**Scott White, Deputy Principal**

## ***SCHOOL AWARDS***

Congratulations to the following students on achieving awards:

**GOLD DIPLOMA:** Cate Mooney-Rapley, Ryan Pitt (Year 7) and Samantha Sanderson-Brown (Year 9).

**EXECUTIVE AWARDS:** Caitlin Poulson (Year 8), Rheanna O'Connell (Year 9), Haley Paterson (Year 10), Quentin Alchin-Smith, Allishia Gavel (Year 11) and Shannon Peacock (Year 12).

## ***SCHOOL NEWS***

### **FARWELL HENRY**

The Leeton High community has sadly seen the passing of a long serving member of staff. Henry McGill had been working at Leeton High for over 20 years as the farm assistant, where he has maintained the grounds and gardens, as well as carrying out general maintenance and repairs. Henry passed away on the 13<sup>th</sup> of August and his funeral service was held at the St Joseph's Catholic Church on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> of August.

Henry was a kind and friendly man who had great rapport with all the staff and students who knew him, especially those who had studied Agriculture.

When someone works in one place for so long, there are sure to be many stories. Some of these include: that the students were not allowed to pick any of the mulberries from the tree until Henry had picked his quota to make his mulberry jam; he couldn't understand why he had to attend a two day chemical users course just to use Round Up; if the fruit trees don't set fruit, just hit the branches with a rake (Henry's dad taught him that trick); Henry's favourite mode of transport around the school was the ride-on mower, whether he was going to the canteen or down to the ovals to turn on the sprinklers. Occasionally he did use it to mow the lawns.

Henry's other favourite equipment from the Ag plot was the wheelbarrow, as he found its alternate use as a reclining chair while enjoying a cup of coffee in the morning very satisfying.

The students have missed seeing Henry when they go to the Ag plot, saying the place is not the same without him.

Our deepest sympathies and condolences are given to Henry's family, Diane, Liam and Sinead. Henry will be dearly missed.

## **SPEC TRIVIA NIGHT**

The date has been set!

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> 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!!!

## **LHS Schools Spectacular Street Stall**

Saturday 7th September.  
Needed - Baked goods or other items that can be sold. If you are able to assist please drop baked goods etc at Leeton High School on Friday afternoon or at the Street Stall from 8:30am on Saturday the 7th Sept. Ingredient lists must be provided for all plates of food.

## ***P&C NEWS***

### **LHS FEST**

**LHS FEST** is on this Wednesday the 28th August. **HELP is still needed.** Can't come down and assist us on the day??? Do you have time to whip up some large decorated muffins for us to sell individually??? If so, it would be greatly appreciated. Just drop them off to the front office on Wednesday morning before 9.30am. We know there are some creative cooks out there amongst our students parents and carers so why not lend us a hand.

### **LHS FEST LATE MAIL**

Wrist Bands - Unlimited Rides \$25 - purchase @ the office NOW

Individual Ride Tickets - \$7

Drinks - Prices starting @ \$1

Lollies & Cakes - Prices starting @ \$1

Hot Food - Hamburger \$3, Kebab \$2.50, Sausage Sandwich \$1.50

All of the usual Teacher Games - prices start @ 50c

Hoop La - bigger and better this year - great prizes to be won

**NEW NEW NEW - PHOTO BOOTH - \$4 - have some fun with your friends, team up and get some wacky, crazy photos.**

### **MICK'S BAKEHOUSE PIE DRIVE**

Thank you to everyone who supported our pie drive. We raised \$983. The winner of the canteen voucher was Michaela Jones Grieve. Congratulations Michaela.

### **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**

Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Aug – LHS FEST

Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Aug – Spec Trivia Night

Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Sept – School Spec Street Stall

Fri 20 Sept – Year 12 Graduation Asseble & Dinner

### **FREE WORKSHOP FOR SUPERVISORS OF LEARNER DRIVERS**

Leeton Shire Council will be holding a free workshop for parents and supervisors of learner drivers at the Major Dooley Library on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. The workshop is held in conjunction with the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) and refreshments will be available.

### **Darlington Point Spring Festival**

Saturday 21 September 2013  
CWA Park 10am until 4pm  
Entertainment – Stalls – Kids  
Activities – Raffle – Car Show –  
Rood – Refreshments & Wine  
Tasting

Stall Information Contact  
Judy Welsh 6968 4333

### **JUNIOR TOUCH DEVELOPMENT CLINIC**

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September, Leeton No 2 Oval

The clinic aims to teach the basics of the game to children between the ages of 11 & 14 and offer them the opportunity to improve their skills. The clinic will be conducted by the Leeton Touch Association with assistance for the NSW Touch Association.

Limited positions available. Pick up the nomination information from Washington Furniture, Leeton Trophy and Gift Centre or from the Leeton Touch Association website.

Registrations close Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August.

For further information contact:  
Jackson Goman – 0428 525766

### **LEETON REPRESENTATIVE NETBALL - TRYOUTS**

Rep tryouts for 2014 Season will be held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August and Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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  
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