

LEETON HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

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"Educating young people for active and responsible citizenship"

~~PRINCIPAL'S REPORT~~

Year 12 students commenced their Higher School Certificate (HSC) examinations yesterday. Students will be sitting these examinations at various times until 7 November. We wish Year 12 students all the best for their HSC. Students, parents and carers are reminded that if, for any reason, students' performance is affected on the day of an exam they must inform the Board of Studies Presiding Officer or the Principal.

Congratulations to Year 12 on their wonderful fundraising efforts this year. This culminated in them fundraising "up the street" of their last day. Students decided to raise money for the Leeton Branch of MS Society. Year 12 presented a cheque for over \$4000.00 to representatives of the Leeton Branch of the MS Society at their final assembly. Many thanks also to the Leeton business and community people who donated to the students.

Thank you to the parents and carers who returned the "Bring your own device" survey distributed in the last week of last term. This will provide valuable information for our decision making over the next few weeks.

Year 7 students have spent 3 days last week attending a camp at Forest Lodge Tumbarumba. Sixty five Year 7 students, 10 Year 11 leaders and staff were involved in a variety of activities aimed at developing teamwork and leadership skills. Excellent reports have come back from staff. Congratulations to all involved. Thanks to Year adviser, Nick Turner, and staff for giving up their time to supervise students over the three days.

Term 4 is a very busy term for students. Of special interest is the fact that all students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will soon have examinations. Year 10 commence their examinations on 27 October. While other years fall over the two week period from 3 November to 14 November.

Rhys Wilesmith (Year 12) and Madeline Warburton (Year 10) participated at All Schools Athletics Carnival over the weekend. Rhys threw a PB in the Shot Put and just missed out on a medal finishing 4th. Madeline threw in the 16 girls Javelin and came away with a bronze medal. Well done to both of these students.

Greg Horton, Principal

SCHOOL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students on achieving awards:

SILVER AWARDS: Daniel Barton, Christopher Ryan (Year 7) and Riley Cowling-Jones (Year 8).

GOLD AWARDS: Christopher Ryan, Daniel Barton (Year 7), Esther Deeves, Destiny Nichols and Darcy Single (Year 12).

EXECUTIVE AWARDS: Travis Collins, Laura Shelton, Olivia Eisenhut (Year 7), Carley Graham, Cate Mooney-Rapley, Gilbert Didden (Year 8), William Ormond, Taylah Ronfeldt, Tiffany Keech (Year 9), Jack Robbie, Tahnee Thurgate, Alyssa Dundas (Year 10), Marcel Muller, Kate Norvall (Year 11), Gabrielle Napier, Alesha Kelly and Nicholas Ronfeldt (Year 12).

~~DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT~~

The start of any Term brings with it a fresh opportunity to build on the success and to rectify the negative aspects of the past. Statistically, the probability of a student doing this in Term 4 is greater than others. The weather is warmer and the end of the year is in full view.

It also means that there are exams approaching. Year 10 exams are on Week 4 and Years 7-9 exams are in Week 5-6. It is Week 2 now.

While our exams are on, far away at the North Pole, Santa and his busy elves are knocking up bulk Christmas presents for all of the good boys and girls. Students of Leeton High, I give to you my **flawless 5-point plan** for scoring some sweet merch on December 25.

1. **Start revising for your exams NOW!**
2. **Get better marks than you would if you didn't revise.**
3. **Take your improved results home to your carers and show them. Plant the seed in their mind that you are having a real 'big-boy-pant'-wearing go!**
4. **Behave well in class, so your teacher has to write an awesome report comment on your Semester Two report.**
5. **Present the indisputable evidence contained in your report to your carers along with your Christmas list.**

The law states that your parents will 'have a word' with Santa and you may just clean up! Just remember, Santa's always watching.....



With respect to **sports uniform to PE classes**, if there is a problem, with bringing your sports uniform to class that day, please bring a change of clothes and a note. Repeat offenders will be "**Level Dropped**". This happened to a few individuals last term.

If this is a deliberate ploy to get out of having to make an effort, then the real problem goes far beyond school requirements and an unhealthy habit of placing things in the 'too hard basket' is emerging in your life, i.e. you are becoming **soft**! Our aim here at Leeton High is "Educating young people for active and responsible citizenship".

Unfortunately, the real world is a tad less forgiving than what you are getting here at school.

In conclusion, now is the time to change. Embrace the challenge.

Andrew Morschel, Deputy Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

PRE-SCHOOL VISIT

In Term 3 on Friday 5 September 40 children from the Leeton Pre-school attended Leeton High School's Agriculture plot for an excursion. The children were split into 3 groups with 6 members from Year 10 (Clare Hillman, Billie-Lee Millar, Tahnee Thurgate, Paris Jennings, Ed Warr and Charley Paterson) who showed the children around the different areas. Each child was able to sit on the tractor, held and fed the chickens, explored the plant beds and greenhouse and went for a demonstration with the cattle crush. They also transplanted a strawberry each to take home. Some children took seedlings to plant in their own gardens at the pre-school. Everyone had a great time and we thank the Year 10 students for their help on the day.

DOUBLE GOLD JACKET

In Term 3 on Tuesday 9th September, two Year 12 students were presented with Double Gold jackets. Darcy Single and Laura Brindley were both recognised for their outstanding achievements in all aspects of our school during one of their final assemblies before graduating.

Both students have been actively engaged in all facets of our school and the wider Leeton community, volunteering their time and events and fundraisers and participating in all that has been on offer. Laura and Darcy have both experienced great sporting success during their six years as well.

Darcy and Laura have both been valuable and well-liked members of the Year 12 cohort and Leeton High School and are to be congratulated on this fine achievement.

STATE DANCE FESTIVAL

During Week 10 of Term 3, Taylor Hunter-Boyd of Year 10 travelled to Sydney to participate in the State Dance Festival held at the Seymour Centre. Taylor performed as part of the NSW Public School Dance Ensemble, this prestigious ensemble formed earlier this year following a video audition process open to all schools across NSW outside the Sydney metropolitan area. Taylor attended rehearsals in the days leading up to the festival and was involved in four public performances throughout. This is an outstanding achievement and invaluable performance experience. Taylor will also perform as part of this ensemble at the 2014 Schools Spectacular in November.



SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR

The LHS Vocal Group and Dance Ensemble are busy preparing for the 2014 School Spectacular to be held in late November. The choir have received their music and will start Sunday afternoon rehearsals this week in preparation. The dance ensemble will soon receive video links for their choreography before attending live rehearsals at Wagga Wagga High in late October and mid-November.

MITCHELL SPADARO WORKSHOPS

In the second week of the holidays we were lucky enough to have Mitchell Spadaro again volunteer his time to work with a group of talented LHS dancers. His experience and insight is invaluable and his work will be performed by the group at MADD night later this term. Thanks Mitch.



Back Row: Sam Pianca, Hannah Boardman, Georgia Saddler, Ella Saddler, Shelby Tiffin
Front Row: Taylor Hunter-Boyd, Mitchell Spadaro, Dearne Hunter-Boyd

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 27th Oct – Year 10 Exams Commence
Mon 3rd Nov – Years 7, 8 & 9 Exams Commence
Thur 11th Dec – Presentation Night
Fri 12th Dec – MADD Night
Wed 17th Dec – Last Day for Students