

LEETON HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

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"Educating young people for active and responsible citizenship"



~~PRINCIPAL'S REPORT~~

Over the past two months we have received word that Leeton High School has been successful in two grant applications. Firstly, we have gained a grant to replace the external fence around the school. This project is currently at the tender stage. Secondly, we have gained a joint funding grant to refurbish the old and unused change room area above the school canteen. This space will be made into a modern study space for senior students. Work on this project has commenced this week and looks like being completed by the end of January.

A number of changes have been implemented for the start of the 2015 school year. We have a new head teacher, Elizabeth Murdoch, who will take up a new position in the school as Head Teacher Teaching and Learning. As a result of this our traditional faculties have changed slightly with English taking on supervision of Creative and Performing Arts. History and Geography will combine to form a HSIE faculty, found in the "Old Building". Science and PDHPE will also join and be based in the Science staffroom.

This week is again a very busy week. Thursday evening is our annual Presentation Night. All students, parents, carers and friends are encouraged to attend. The evening will commence promptly at 7.30pm in the MPC.

Friday 12 December will see our annual LHSFest take place from 1.00pm. This year LHSFest is different to previous years. Having to change the time of the year has meant that some of the rides are not available however the P&C have sourced some great entertainment for all to enjoy. Things like gladiator jousting, water slide, blow up boxing, ice cream van, photo booth as well as the usual soccer, canteen, and mini golf will all be available. This event is only for school students, however if any parents would like to help the P&C your assistance would be most welcome.

Friday evening is Music, Art, Dance and Drama (MADD) Night. Students have been busy preparing performances for the evening which commences at 6.30pm in the MPC (doors open at 6.00pm). Tickets can be purchased from the Front Office throughout the week.

This is the final newsletter for 2015. I would like to thank all the staff, students, parents and carers for their support throughout the year. Thank you to the P&C who have been very supportive and positive, particularly with the development of the upcoming school plan for 2015-2017. I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas break.

Greg Horton, Principal

~~DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT~~

Please ensure that we maintain uniform standards for the remainder of this year. If there is a problem with uniform availability, please contact the school. We recognise that people may be reluctant to replace shoes (for instance) prior to January, given that teenagers tend to grow quickly. If this is the case, please contact me at the school and we can sort a uniform pass for the remainder of this year.

If you do not have a Uniform Note (from the Front Office before school or at Recess, if you are late), then you will get a Uniform Detention. If you fail to attend then you may be 'Level Dropped'. If you keep missing these detentions and keep dropping through the Level system, you might end up getting suspended. It has happened. As I keep saying to the kids, if people talk to each other, then anything can be resolved.

As this is the last newsletter for 2014, I would personally like to express my gratitude to the multitudes who have helped make my return to Leeton High so rewarding. At this time of any school year, teachers will reflect upon the year's events and look to what can be done better in the following year.

The one thing that immediately comes to mind is that there is a small minority who hold the opinion that it is OK to simply attend school without a pen or paper, sit quietly and not do anything. Sorry, but if we are going to live up to our mission statement and 'educate young people for active and responsible citizenship', then the school will be taking a dimmer view of this in 2015. In life, one of the first lessons learned is that in order to survive and look after your family effectively as an adult, people have to work for a living. As a school, we should instil this core value into our students for

their future benefit. Please add 'pen' and 'book' to your Christmas wish list, folks. It's a gift that will keep on giving in 2015.

I urge all students to reflect on their year with the intentions of seeing how they can continue to develop and improve in 2015. Finally, I wish all staff, students and carers a safe and happy Christmas and holiday season.



Andrew Morschel, Deputy Principal

SCHOOL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students on achieving awards:

SILVER AWARDS: Weylin Taylor, Brianna Gray-Mills and Matthew Lord (Year 7) and Alyssa Dundas (Year 10).

GOLD AWARDS: Kai Schmetzer (Year 7), Alyssa Dundas and Shaun Muller (Year 10),

EXECUTIVE AWARDS: Molly Wright (Year 7), Emma Bush (Year 8), Mitchell Gavel (Year 9) and Bernardo Tabal (Year 10)

SCHOOL NEWS

MADD 2014

Matinee (Schools and Public) Show: Wednesday 10th December, 11am

Evening Show: Friday 12th December, 6.30pm

Tickets: Adults \$10, Family \$25, Concession \$7

Tickets available from LHS Front office



RIVERINA REGIONAL DEBATING

Zac Hanlon performed at School Spectacular in Sydney, then stayed in Sydney last week and changed his focus to debating.

Zac was a member of the LHS Year 9 & 10 team which debated in the Regional semi-final during term 3. He was selected by the Flying Squad from Sydney to be part of a combined Riverina Regional Debating Team. This team debated in Sydney against teams from other regions in NSW, in the Junior State Debating Championships.

For the first debate on Monday night Zac preferred to be team advisor, but for the next three debates Zac captured the audiences as third speaker and was a valuable member of the team which narrowly missed out on a place in the semi-final.

Congratulations to Zac for this fine effort.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thur 11th Dec – Presentation Night

Fri 12th Dec – LSH Fest 1pm-3.15pm

Fri 12th Dec – MADD Night

Wed 17th Dec – Last Day for Students

2015 Dates

Tues 27th Jan – Staff Return to School

Wed 28th Jan – Year 7, 11 and 12 Students Return

Thur 29th Jan – Year 8, 9 & 10 Students Return

TAX FILE NUMBERS

As of the 31st December, 2014 schools will be unable to apply for Tax File Numbers for students.

Students will have to apply online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post Office. More information can be found at ato.gov.au by searching 'QC27248'.

If students are unable to visit a participating Australia Post Office they will need to complete the application form Tax File Number – application or enquiry for individuals form (NAT 1432). More information can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for 'QC22604'.

LEETON SOLDIERS CLUB

Monster Christmas Toy & Ham Raffle
Sunday 14th December, 12pm

FREE FAMILY FUN
with loads of entertainment for the kids.
Plus a visit from Santa

