

LEETON HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

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"Educating young people for active and responsible citizenship"

~~PRINCIPAL'S REPORT~~

Welcome back for the 2014 school year. Students returned on Wednesday and Thursday last week. We have a large Year 7 group this year with approximately 108 students; we also have many new enrolments in Year 11.

2014 sees a number of new permanent staff at Leeton High School. We welcome Andrew Morschel as the new Deputy Principal replacing Scott White who has moved to the Central coast after 19 years. Mrs Ingrid Koreneff is teaching mathematics replacing Josi Wood. Helen Welsh's retirement sees Ms Elizabeth Danvers join the TAS staff. In addition to these positions we also welcome Mrs Wendy Van Werven who has taken on the role teaching the Support Class.

The annual Leeton High School swimming carnival will take place on Wednesday 5 February. This is always a great day. All students are expected to be at the pool for roll call prior to 9am. Parents and carers are most welcome to attend. Students met in house groups on Friday 31 January to elect their House Captains and Vice Captains for 2014. Thank you to the students who nominated for these positions. They play a vital role in all sporting carnivals.

Twenty two Year 12 students have travelled to Wollongong today for a careers excursion. The students are participating in programs coordinated by the University of Wollongong with the aim of giving Year 12 students from across the state an insight into courses and university life. Thanks to Mrs Papalkar and Mr Hartshorn for organising and supervising students.

The first Parents and Citizen's Association (P&C) meeting for 2014 will be held on Tuesday 25 February. These meetings are held in the school library and commence at 7.00pm. I would urge parents and carers to become a member of the P&C as this is where you can find out what is going on at the school, participate in decision making and raise funds to support our students.

We are currently updating our records and as such we have distributed notes to all Year 10 and 11 students asking for medical information, contact details and e-mail addresses.

Please complete and return these forms to the front office by the end of this week (7 February).

Greg Horton, Principal

~~DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT~~

Firstly, I would like to wish everyone a happy new school year and wish them well for 2014. It is my absolute pleasure to have been given the opportunity to assume the Deputy Principal's chair and I look forward to the challenge of maintaining the high standards established by my former colleague, Scott White. Frankly, I could not be any happier with the support that I have received from everyone within the school community, and I will strive to pay back the faith that people have shown in my ability to do my new job.

Finally, it has been an absolute pleasure to learn of the range and quality of some of the programs and services that we have to offer our students. There are some brilliant and innovative things happening at this school. Do not let anyone tell you otherwise.

Andrew Morschel, Deputy Principal

SCHOOL SPORTS

LHS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

LHS Swimming Carnival is to be held on Wednesday 5th Feb 2014 at Leeton Swimming Pool.

200m freestyle will be held at 8:30. All other students to arrive by 9am for roll marking.

A sausage sizzle will be available on the day.

If any parents or family are willing to help out please contact Kellie Goman on 6953 2122

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) is one of the key learning areas within NSW Public

Schools. Our school's PDHPE program aims to help our students develop and lead healthy, active and fulfilling lives.

Our school PDHPE program covers a wide range of educational matters including relationships, drug use, sexual education, child protection, nutrition, road safety, resilience, fundamental movement skill development, and physical activity. Some of the content of the program deals with sensitive issues. The school recognises this by teaching about these issues within the context of a developmentally appropriate program by providing information to you about our programs.

The PDHPE program aims to encourage students to make informed decisions about their lifestyle taking into account the values of family, culture and religion to which they belong. The school program will be implemented in a manner that supports the role of parents and caregivers, and reflects the ethos of the school community.

Below is an outline of the sensitive topics covered within each year group. Please feel free to contact the PDHPE staff should you have any concerns or queries about the content your child will be studying within the course this year.

Year 7

- Bullying and harassment
- Drug use
- Adolescence and change (puberty)
- Changes and Challenges (dealing with change, loss and grief)

Year 8

- Drug Use
- Exploring Risks
- Sexual health
- Relationships (abuse and power)
- Mental Health

Year 9

- Drug Use
- Disorder eating
- Body image
- Resilience
- Relationships
- Sexual health

Year 10

- Health Promotion (including issues affecting young people such as road safety, drugs and alcohol and sexual health)
- Drivers awareness and safety
- Safe Celebrations
- Out in the Real World
- Mental Health

CHANGES TO SPORT FOR 2014

A number of changes have been made to the Leeton High Schools policy on sport, which will affect how sport is run in 2014. These changes include:

Dismissal from sport - Students will have their name marked off, then dismissed from the sporting venue. They will make their way home or directly to the bus stop. Any

parent/guardian who wishes for their child to be escorted back to school can contact the sports organiser or have the student bring in a note. The student will then walk back to school with staff each week. A note will be distributed to all students on the first day back next year, explaining these changes.

Seniors on sport – Currently Years 11 and 12 are required to attend iStudy on Wednesday afternoons during sport. In 2014 Year 12 will continue with this arrangement, while Year 11 students have the opportunity to be involved in sport as assistant/mentors. Students who have an interest or skills in a particular sport can apply to help on Wednesday afternoon. Year 11 students are reminded they are either at iStudy or have applied to be a sports assistant/mentor.

Extreme Weather Activities - In the case of days with extreme weather, the sports afternoon will still run. Students will choose an alternate activity for that week which will be located in a covered area. Details for these events will be provided early Term 1, 2014.

SCHOOL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students on achieving awards (from 2013):

SILVER DIPLOMA: Lonica Whitechurch, Portia Mortimer (Year 7)

GOLD DIPLOMA: William Glennie, Santo Celi, Shane Nikoro, Portia Mortimer (Year 7), Katie Wallett (Year 8), Bianca Lotito (Year 9), Kye Reynolds, Kate Novall, Nicholas Trifogli, Claire Quinlivan and Darcy Single (Year 11).

EXECUTIVE AWARDS: Ethan Lord, Chloe Baxter, Kody Collins, Summer Hughes, Gabriella Davidson (Year 7), Jacinda Waters (Year 8), Billie Lee Millar (Year 9), Mia Franic (Year 10) and Bianca Green (Year 11).

SCHOOL NEWS

LHS SRC FUNDRAISER

The SRC has 4GB wristbands for sale at only \$12!!

Available in: red, blue, black, green and purple. If you would like to purchase one please pay at the front office and take your receipt to Miss Scott in the English staffroom to collect your wristband.



THE WEeping CANDLE CUP 2013

In Week 10, amidst MADDness week, a team of four Year 10 Drama students travelled with Miss Scott to Albury to

compete in an improvisation challenge called, 'The Weeping Candle Cup.' Eight other teams met at Albury High School and enjoyed a group warm-up and catch up with students met at other Drama meets earlier in the year. After a rusty start, the LHS team, consisting of Grace Green, Bailey Heath, Jade Smith and Sherridan Williams, performed competitively in the challenge. They made it through the first round and received fourth place for their hard work! All students performed creatively and worked well as a team, congratulations.



Jade Smith, Sherridan Williams, Grace Green and Bailey Heath

P&C NEWS

HUNGRY HUT NEWS

A big welcome back to all of our returning families and also our new families for 2014. We trust you all enjoyed the break ☺ At the Hungry Hut we strive to provide a wide variety of food options for our students to enjoy. Attached is our Price List for Term 1 2014. The Hungry Hut is open for business at 8.30am on all school days. At this time students can purchase drinks and place Recess or Lunch orders. Placing an order ensures that our students will always get their food preferences. Orders for Recess can only be placed before school. Orders for lunch can be placed before school and also at recess.

The Hungry Hut is run by the Leeton High School P & C and all profits from the Canteen go back into the school for the benefit of our students. In 2013 P & C provided Hats and Diaries to all Year 7 students, provided funds for a reading program, assisted students who represented the state in various sports, paid for airfares for the school captains to attend a State Conference in Sydney and various other worthwhile causes totalling in excess of \$6000.

Anyone who would like to help in the Hungry Hut is most welcome. You can just pop in between 8.30am and 2pm on school days or give us a call on 02 69532841 between the times mentioned. Any assistance is greatly appreciated whether it be for half an hour or a whole day. Donations of goods is also accepted whether it be fresh produce, cans of beetroot, packets of flour, margarine or any other cooking items we will find a use for them.

If you have any questions or suggestion of items to add to our menu, please feel free to contact us.

Megan Day, Sharon Elwin, Michele Diebert

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed 5th Feb – LHS Swimming Carnival

Tue 25th Feb – P&C meeting 7pm School Library

Leeton-Whitton Football Netball Junior Club - 2014 Registrations

SWJFL under 11's, 13's & 15's footballers & under 11's, 13's and 15's netballer's
Wednesday 12th, Thursday 13th and Friday 14th
February at the Leeton Showground – Crows room upstairs from 5.30pm-8pm.

Rego for boys & girls \$90 per player
Full payment to be made at time of registration.

All new players to bring their birth certificate.
Any enquiries to Patrick Burke 0427 413894

LEETON JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE 2014 REGISGRATIONS

Under 7-Under 14 Rugby League Players
Under 7-Under 16 League Tag Girls
Saturday 8th Feb – 9am-12pm at Jarrah Mall
Saturday 15th Feb – 9am-12pm at Jarrah Mall
Rego Cost \$50 per player (\$45 for all additional family members)
Full payment must be made at time of registration.
Training starts Thursday 13th March 4pm at Leeton High School Ovals
all enquiries to Aliesha McDonald 0418 968 387 or Allan Jackson 0407 455 346

LEETON RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB 2014 Registrations

Registrations for all grades will take place at No 1 Oval on Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th February 2014 between 6pm and 7:30pm.

All new players will need to provide a birth certificate/passport or license for proof of age.

Cost of registration is \$100.00 which includes a training singlet, club polo shirt, cap/beanie, free entry to all home games and playing shorts/socks.

For further information contact: Sheree Wilesmith – 0427 606942 or Sharon Elwin 0427 532966

