

# LEETON HIGH SCHOOL

## Newsletter

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

### ~~PRINCIPAL'S REPORT~~

2014 has seen Leeton High School secure funding to support a number of literacy and numeracy initiatives. We have employed Sarah Fitzpatrick to coordinate this program. Ms Fitzpatrick will be involved with students developing Personalised Learning Plans and identifying their literacy and numeracy needs. Additionally she will be supporting staff in the identification of students and making adjustments to their learning to better develop student skills. Year 7 students have been working with a similar program in primary school, where they plot the level of their literacy and numeracy. We plan to continue this into high school.

Schools are continually trying to look toward new ideas to better support the students in our care. This year Leeton High School currently has five students in Year 11 or 12 who are participating in School Based Traineeships or Apprenticeships. This means that the student participates in work placement each week and TAFE while completing their HSC as well. The students gain a TAFE credential and an HSC when they finish their schooling. The areas current students are employed are construction, business services (2), plastering and a butcher. For more information on school based traineeships please contact Careers Adviser Mrs Papalkar.

Congratulations to Corey Graham (Year 11) who last week represented Riverina in the Combined High Schools Open Cricket carnival held in Sydney. Riverina played four games during the week against Hunter, Sydney South West, Sydney West and North West. Riverina won two of their four games to finish sixth across the state. Corey batted well scoring 28 and 25 against Sydney South West and Sydney West respectively. He also took wickets in two games.

Thank you to all the families who have returned the updated contact and medical detail forms requested at the start of the year. These are vital for our records in case medical information, phone or email contacts have changed.

Reminder to all families that the first Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) meeting for 2014 will be held on Tuesday 25 February 7.00pm in the school library. All parents and carers are welcome to attend!

**Greg Horton, Principal**

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

It is with a smile that I can report that uniform standards around the school are at pleasing levels, and I thank Ms Cheryl Kilpatrick for her diligence in administering this aspect of school life. As a parent, I understand that circumstances can work against us in our attempts to send our kids off in the right gear. Here's a list of things to do whenever this occurs.

<b>INCORRECT UNIFORM THAT DAY</b>	Write a short note explaining why → Give it to your child → They will take it to the Front Office.
<b>LONG-TERM UNIFORM ISSUES (including COST)</b>	Ring the school → Ask to speak to the Deputy Principal. → Voice your concerns → We'll work something out.

Simple. There are, however, a couple of uniform myths that have to be cleared up at this point.

<b>'AS LONG AS MY SHOES ARE BLACK...'</b>	No. They have to be <b>BLACK LEATHER SCHOOL SHOES</b> . These cover all the WHS laws and requirements of our Technology facilities and Science Labs. This applies to any school in NSW.
<b>'IF I HAVE P.E. I CAN WEAR MY SPORTS CLOTHES...'</b>	Myth. The expectation is that students will be given time to change within the lesson times. Besides, polyester is pretty unforgiving re: odour. Do you or your mates want the lingering aftermath of some physical exercise in a classroom in summer? No thanks!

These are mutually agreed school rules. It has to be said that failure to comply with these standards may result in being asked to complete theory work during practical lessons and/or attending Uniform Detentions. These are, however, pretty easy to avoid if lines of communication with the school remain open.

In conclusion, I have learned that the 'Hungry Hut' canteen makes home-made food using produce grown from the Ag plot. How awesome is that?

**Andrew Morschel, Deputy Principal**

## *SCHOOL SPORTS*

### LHS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February Leeton High held their annual swimming carnival. We were blessed with a beautiful 32 degree day and all students got in and had a great day. Around 50 students have qualified for the South West Carnival to be held in Narrandera on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> following their performance at the school carnival.

Age champions were as follows:

	Boys	Girls
12 years	Riley Moore	Talise Rudd
13 years	Dayne Butler	Ella Saddler
14 years	Bryce DeMamiel	Georgia Saddler
15 years	Wade Johnson	Elli Gill
16 years	Bryce Butler	Paris Jennings
17 years	Lucas Meline	Annalise Ramponi

House Championship results:

4<sup>th</sup> – David House – 1117

3<sup>rd</sup> – Mawson House – 1586

2<sup>nd</sup> – Hunter House – 1696

1<sup>st</sup> – Smith House – 1994

In addition, awards were presented for “Spirit of the Carnival” to students who were involved in all aspects of the carnival. These were awarded to Elli Gill and MacKenzie Saddler both of Year 10.

Huge thanks must go to the parents and ex-students who volunteered their time to assist at our carnival. Congratulations to all students involved.

Students who have qualified for the South West carnival are reminded that their notes and money are due by Tuesday 18/2/14.

## *SCHOOL NEWS*

### LHS MERIT SYSTEM

Students may receive class awards from their teachers. When they have 3 class awards these are taken back to the teacher and a “Big Blue” certificate will be given to the student. Big Blues are also given out for School & Community Service and also for Sporting & Cultural performances.

To gain a **Silver Diploma** 3 Merit Certificates (Big Blues) from any category can then be handed into Mrs Anthony (Head Teacher, English). Only one Silver Diploma is awarded to any student.

To gain a **Gold Diploma** 6 Merit Certificates (Big Blues) are required. At least one must be a School/Community Service, and another must be Sporting/Cultural. The others can be made up of Academic Awards. An ‘Executive Award’ can substitute for any Merit Certificate. For your first Gold Diploma you can use your Silver Diploma (this will equal 3 Big Blues). All Certificates are to be handed to Mrs Anthony.

When they have reached 2 Gold Diplomas a **Double Gold Diploma** will be awarded. After that, Gold Diplomas are awarded.

The final and highest award given is the **Double Gold Jacket**. 12 jackets are awarded each year. Generally the older students who have made consistent and major achievement over their school years are the recipients.

All awards are handed out on assembly.

### ‘TACKLING BULLYING’ PRESENTATION

The school was visited this week by two Canberra Raiders players, Jeff Lynch and Edrick Leu to talk to the whole school about the effects of bullying. Through the ‘Tackling Bullying’ program run through the NRL, the students watched a video about bullying, and then the two Raiders players talked about their different experiences with bullying in their younger years. Students were then able to ask questions, followed by a push-up and dance competition to lighten the mood. Finally students were able to get posters signed and photos with the players. All students enjoyed the presentation and we would like to thank the NRL and especially the Canberra Raiders players, Jeff and Edrick.

### 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.



## *P&C NEWS*

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Feb – SW Swimming Carnival - Narrandera

Tue 25<sup>th</sup> Feb – P&C meeting 7pm School Library

### LEETON JUNIOR PHANTOMS RUGBY CLUB

#### REGISTRATION DAY

Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup>, 9am – 12pm

Jarrah Mall

Under 15's, 13's & 11's - \$55

Under 9's & 7's - \$20

All new players need to bring their birth certificate.  
Training begins Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March from 6pm-7pm

For any enquiries contact Quinten on 0488 535247



## FUN AT THE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

