

# LEETON HIGH SCHOOL

## Newsletter

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

### ~~PRINCIPAL'S REPORT~~

A number of initiatives will come into place for 2014. We are commencing a Homework Centre each Tuesday and Wednesday. This opportunity is for all students. The Homework Centre will be open from 3.30-5.00pm in the Leeton High School Library; it will be staffed by a teacher and Learning Support Officer. This is a great opportunity for students to complete homework, assignments and study commitments. We plan on commencing the Centre next week Tuesday 11 March. Students will receive a note later in the week outlining rules and permission note.

Each year the P&C receive information regarding Student Accident Insurance. The P&C have asked me to forward this information to all parents and caregivers. Should you be interested in taking out Student Accident Insurance, we will have flyers available at the Front Office. It seems that the cost is around \$29.00 per student per year for 24 hours a day cover.

Last week we received confirmation of our staffing entitlement for 2014. We have had an increase in enrolments from the start of the year and this has meant that we have a slight increase in staffing for the remainder of 2014. In light of this we plan to add an extra Year 7 class across most subjects, thus reducing class sizes for Year 7. Additionally, we will add an additional English class in Year 11 due to large class sizes here.

Wednesday 26 February 56 students and two staff attended the second Vibe 3 on 3 day held in Leeton. Vibe 3 on 3 involves students in teams of 4 in many activities including basketball, dance, art, as well as healthy lifestyle exhibitors. A fantastic day was had by all, students were very positive and it is hoped this great event will return to Leeton again in 2015. Thanks to Kerry Hardie and Steph Scott for their organisation.

Greg Horton, Principal

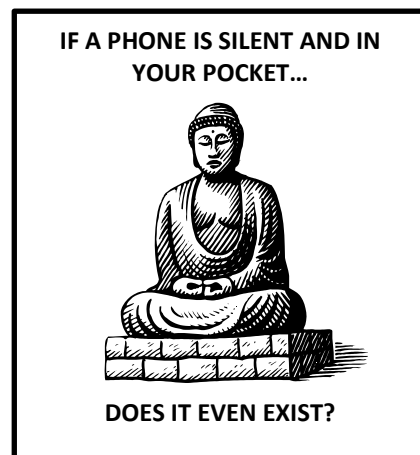
### ~~DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT~~

**Mobile phones.** Most people have them. Do they have a place in Education in 2014? Maybe.

Sadly, a handful of students are finding themselves in trouble from issues that begin with inappropriate use of mobile phones. We could, as a school, have a blanket "NO MOBILE PHONE" policy although I would like to think that we are more responsible than that.

Instead, I would like students to do what responsible adults do. In the classroom, simply turn your phones onto silent and leave them in your pocket.

If you think that you could use your phone for a genuine educational reason, then **ASK YOUR TEACHER FIRST!**



Additionally, **Uniform** standards are beginning to decline and people are finding themselves being "Level Dropped" despite the fact that there exists a simple process in place for anyone having uniform issues.

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

Finally, in the very near future, the students will receive the Revised Edition of the **Welfare and Discipline Policy (Student Edition)**. The only major change to the 2012 Edition is that currently, there is **NO ISOLATION ROOM** any more. Teachers have enough to do these days, without having to supervise kids who should know better.

Therefore, if a student is on Level 1 and continues to do the things that got them there in the first instance, then they may be dropped to Level 0. In other words, "suspended".

**Andrew Morschel, Deputy Principal**

### *SCHOOL AWARDS*

Congratulations to the following students on achieving awards:

**GOLD AWARDS:** Georgia Saddler (Year 8), Shaun Muller, Tahnee Thurgate, Bryce Butler (Year 10), Grace Green (Year 11) and Sarah Torbuck (Year 12).

**EXECUTIVE AWARDS:** Kurt Bloomfield, Daniel Barton (Year 7), Megan Chetcuti, Chase Morriss (Year 8), Isaac Collins, Skye Bloomfield (Year 9), Hannah Keith, Samantha Pianca (Year 10), Lucas Meline, Amanda Johnson (Year 11), Sarah Torbuck and Vanisa Tabal (Year 12).

### *SCHOOL NEWS*

#### **MATHEMATICS TEXT BOOKS AND CALCULATORS**

Mathematics students and their parents have always been concerned about the heavy Mathematics textbook that is lugged to and from school each day. Good news, with most texts books purchased having digital copies available; students no longer have to carry their heavy Mathematics text book. Students who have a tablet or computer at home that they can use to access a PDF are encouraged to bring in a thumb drive to get a copy of the text from their classroom teacher or ask their teacher to email the PDF to their department email address. The textbooks will remain at school and be used when required in the classroom. Any student that does not have access to a computer will be issued a text book and will be required to bring the text to and from school each day. If a student is issued a text book they are responsible for that text book.

Also a reminder to parents that all students are required to have a board approved calculator to use in class. These calculators are available from the LHS front office.

#### **YEAR 12 FUNDRAISING**

Throughout the year, Year 12 will be fundraising for their chosen charity, MIA Branch MS Support Group. On the 25<sup>th</sup> of March (Tuesday Week 9), Year 12 will be holding another fundraiser, The Big Pizza Lunch! They are selling pizza for a great price at \$2 for 1 slice or \$5 for 3 slices. Pre-order slips will be distributed during DEAR or the one below can be used (at the end of this newsletter). These slips can be returned to the front office with payment (correct money only). There will also be pizza for sale on the day in the top quad but there will be a limited amount.

#### **YEAR 12 MENTORING PROGRAM**

Week 6 marks the start of the Year 12 Mentoring Program at LHS. This program was set up to support and guide students during their HSC year by pairing them with a teacher of their choice, someone they can relate to and feel comfortable with meeting on a regular basis. The LHS Mentoring Program is not a structured program as such, more so regular meetings that can be tailored to meet the needs of each individual student. 23 Year 12 students have elected to be part of this program in 2014. If you would like more information about the Mentoring process, or would like to discuss the possibility of your son/daughter participating in this program, please contact Kellie Goman, Year 12 Year Adviser.

#### **RYDA**

On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> of February, Year 11 students participated in the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness course at the Murrumbidgee Agricultural Studies Centre. Students participated in a number of interactive seminars which focused on various aspects of their responsibilities as young drivers. Some of these were: hazards, distractions and risks both inside and outside of the vehicle, Plan B – Alcohol, drugs and fatigue as well as a seminar about vehicle safety. Two of the most powerful seminars of the day were the ones focused on stopping distances and the presentation by a crash survivor. Students realised the difference that something as little as 10km/h can make to their stopping distances and were shocked at the impact of the vehicle on the crash test dummy, even at low speeds. The story of the crash survivor was powerful and students realised how one accident can affect an individual for the remainder of their lives.

This course was heavily sponsored by Rotary and Leeton Shire Council, in partnership with other funding sponsors including BOC, Kmart and Toyota. We wish to thank Stephanie Puntoriero and all of the volunteers from the two Rotary clubs of Leeton for running the day.



Year 11 students at the RYDA presentation.



### **YEAR 10 EXCURSION – MELBOURNE**

Reminder: payments for the Year 10 excursion to Melbourne in August should be made on a regular basis to the front office. Believe it or not, there are no suitable night sporting activities in Melbourne on Friday 22 August so we have changed the dates of the excursion. We will depart Leeton High School at 8am on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August and depart Melbourne on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August, returning to Leeton by 4pm. There are still a limited number of places available. A \$50.00 deposit is required to secure a place for your child. Permission notes are available from Mrs Anthony in the English staffroom.

### **UNSW COMPETITIONS 2014**

Any student who would like to participate in the English, Spelling and Writing Competitions, please make a payment to the front office by the end of Term 1. The costs are as follows:

<b>English Competition</b>	<b>\$6.00</b>
<b>Spelling Competition</b>	<b>\$8.50</b>
<b>Writing Competition</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>

These competitions are an opportunity for schools, parents and students to have their work assessed by an independent body and there are detailed reports provided for student achievement. Certificates are also awarded for student participation. Any further enquiries should be directed to English teachers.

### **ENGLISH CLASSES 2014**

Novels have been issued to many students for their classroom study and I would like to remind parents of the importance of reading aloud and at home. These books are to be looked after by the student while in their possession and returned to the classroom teacher at the conclusion of the unit of work. Please encourage your child to read a page or short extract to you each night, or to discuss their school work with you as this is crucial for their understanding of the work being studied in class.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's English teacher at any stage if you have any concerns or questions. All students are reminded that they need their novels, a red and blue pen, their English workbook and learning journals and a ruler for every lesson.

### **ASSESSMENT BOOKLETS**

These have been issued to students last week and they detail all assessment tasks for every subject. This is a good way for you to assist your child with their planning of revision and school work in order to meet the requirements of each course. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact class teachers.

### **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.



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### **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**

Fri 7<sup>th</sup> March – Riverina Swimming Carnival - Leeton  
Tues 25<sup>th</sup> March – P&C Meeting – 7.00pm - Library



### LEETON PHYSIOTHERAPY CENTRE



Introduction to Sports Taping  
&  
Advanced Sports Taping

Cost \$140 (both courses, includes tape, handout & Certificates)

When: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March  
6pm-9pm

At: Leeton Physiotherapy Centre

Need to be 16+yrs  
Contact: Leeton Physiotherapy Centre to register  
6953 6960



### Catholic Debutante Ball

to be held **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June**

### **INFORMATION EVENING**

For interested debutantes and a parent will be held on  
**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March at Madonna Place**

Enquiries: Polly Greatz 6953 4023



### CYSTIC FIBROSIS DISCO

For Juniors and Teens

**DATE:** Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March

**VENUE:** Platform Lounge (formerly MIA Social Club)  
Racecourse Rd, Leeton

**TIMES:** Juniors – Kindergarten to Yr 6 6pm-8pm  
Teens – Yr 7 to Yr10 8.30pm-10.30pm

**ENTRY COST:** \$5  
Music by DJ ML

**Full lock-in with supervision, no persons will be  
allowed outside the premises until collected by an  
adult**

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### NEWSLETTER VIA E-MAIL

Would you like to receive the school newsletter via your e-mail? If so please fill in the following and send it back to the front office.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Types Of Pizza:	Number Of Slices:
Meatlovers	
Hawaiian	
Pepperoni	
Margherita	

**\$2 for 1 Slice / \$5 for 3 Slices**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Year:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Slices:** \_\_\_\_\_