

LEETON HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

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"Educating young people for active and responsible citizenship"

~~PRINCIPAL'S REPORT~~

This week all parents and carers are invited to our annual Community Evening. The Community Evening will take place on Thursday 20 March from 6.00pm – 7.00pm in the Multi-Purpose Centre (MPC). The aim of the Community Evening is to highlight some of the programs running at Leeton High School in 2014 and to allow parents to meet the staff and discuss their child's progress and the school in an informal setting. The evening is especially important for parents and carers of students new to Leeton High School. A free sausage sizzle and drinks will be available to all.

All Year 7 and 11 students received Interim Reports last Friday. These reports are only meant to be brief and highlight strengths and weaknesses that have arisen at this early part of the year. If parents and carers would like to contact the school to discuss the progress of their child following the reports please contact the school and arrange a meeting through the Year Adviser. Year 7 Year Adviser is Nick Turner, Year 11 Year Adviser is Rebecca Ormond.

Leeton High School is working very hard to improve attendance. We have had an attendance audit recently carried out by Home School Liaison staff. They identified a number of students whose attendance is already causing concern. A member of the school staff may well contact parents to discuss attendance with these families. A second issue has been raised which we need parent support. That is please make sure notes are provided for any student who is absent from school. Please read the information on Student Attendance later in this newsletter.

The first round of the Arrive Alive Rugby League and League Tag competition takes place this Wednesday, with Leeton High School taking on Yanco Agricultural High School at Yanco Sportsground. Games commence at 6.45pm. All support is most welcome.

Greg Horton, Principal

~~DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT~~

"Am I Suspended?"

I have been asked this question a number of times lately. By students. At school. Wearing school clothes. The answer is usually "No", for this very reason.

So why are they asking? Suspension is very serious and represents 'Level 0' of our Welfare System. Regrettably, there have been a number of incidents lately, which have led to students being suspended, having fallen through the Level System. To avoid such things, follow these tips.

TOP SCHOOL TIPS

Turn up to every class. Bring a pen and book, too.

Have a go at the work.

Listen before speaking. Especially to staff who are trying to show you the way out of a bad situation.

Don't assume anything. Ask a staff member if you are not sure.

Stay out of other people's business. Especially if they are doing something wrong.

Secondly, in the very near future, the students will receive the Revised Edition of the **Welfare and Discipline Policy (Student Edition)**. The students have perused the "Rights and Responsibilities" section and could find nothing that needed rectifying. You can read all about Suspension Procedures and the Level System in that booklet.

It was a bit cold on Monday and a few sneaky hoodies and track tops emerged from storage. We understand that with growing children, people will be stalling the purchase of LHS winter merchandise until the last possible moment. That's fine, just follow the uniform procedures that have been republished below.

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

Don't wait too long. Our Mediterranean climate-type will dictate cold mornings from this point on.

Andrew Morschel, Deputy Principal

SCHOOL SPORT

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our athletics carnival will be held in the last week of the Term, Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th April. If there are any parents that would like to help out on one or both days please contact the school on 6953 2122.



RIVERINA SWIMMING

On Friday 7th March 2014, around 60 LHS students attended the Riverina Secondary Swimming Carnival as both competitors and officials. Around 30 students represented the school in both individual events as well as relays and all did so proudly. Leeton High School finished fourth in the inaugural 12 x 50m mixed relay, a relay featuring each schools 6 fastest boys and girls. The best of our individuals was Bryce Butler of Year 10 who finished 1st in the 200m freestyle and 2nd in the 50m and 100m freestyle. These results have led to selection into the Riverina team to compete at the NSW CHS carnival to be held at Sydney Olympic Park in early April.

A huge thanks must go to all our students to acted as officials, your positive attitude and professionalism are to be commended, with many of you staying back until nearly 5pm on a Friday afternoon to assist.

Congratulations to all students involved.



Lucas Meline diving off the blocks

YEAR 7- 9 LEAGUE TAG

On Tuesday 11th March LHS sent a team to the Year 7-9 League Tag Gala Day in Griffith. The girls had a successful day overall and will progress to the next round of competition in Wagga on the 1st April. In game one the girls faced Lake Cargelligo Central School winning 10 nil in a close encounter. Talise Rudd scored a try off an individual line break, and Elli Gill scored off a great ball from Caitlin Poulson after she drew the defender beautifully. Shanay Pizzolante converted the second try.

In game two the LHS outfit was up against Marian College. This time the girls blew the opposition off the field taking it out 30 nil. Elli scored again, along with Edie Rudd, Tamara Bartram, Nakeia McVittie, Siarne Deeves and Caitlin Poulson. Shanay again kicked two conversions and Talise kicked one.

In game three the team faced Coleambally Central School in a playoff to see who would represent at the next level. Leeton were again too strong taking the game 20 nil. Try scorers in this game included Jorgy Eglinton, Elli, Nakeia and Shanay. Shanay and Talise kicked one conversion each.

At the end of the day the girls voted for player's player with Captain Edie Rudd just missing out and sister Talise taking the honour.

The girls are to be commended on behaviour on and off the field and we wish them all the best for the next round.



back row: Tamara Bartram, Caitlin Poulson, Reanna Gilmour, Edie Rudd, Siarne Deeves, Jorgy Eglinton, Nakeia McVittie
front row: Dannielle Corney, Shanay Pizzolante, Hannah Bush, Elli Gill, Taylah Ronfeldt, Talise Rudd and Ally Bush

SCHOOL NEWS

HOMEWORK CENTRE

LHS Homework Centre for 2014 began last week on Tuesday 11 and Wednesday 12 March. Over twenty students from Year 7 to 12 have returned their Homework Centre consent forms, and Year 7 students who attended were able to utilise Library resources and receive assistance where needed, to continue working on their current assignments.

It is a great opportunity to have a quiet place to read or study, to use resources that you may not have at home, or

have access to some individual help. If you did not receive the information letter and consent form please contact the office.

We look forward to seeing your child at the Homework Centre.

YEAR 12 FUNDRAISING

Throughout the year, Year 12 will be fundraising for their chosen charity, MIA Branch MS Support Group. On the 25th 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 have been distributed in DEAR or the one below can be used (at the end of this newsletter). These slips are to 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.



All orders must be in by Friday 21st March.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

If your child has to be absent from school, you must tell the school and provide a reason for your child's absence. You can do this by sending a note in with your child, ringing the school or sending an email to the school. The Department of Education's policy is that explanation must be provided within 7 days of the absence.

If you need to speak to someone about your child's attendance, please ring the school office and ask to speak to your child's Year Adviser.

In New South Wales, all children from six years of age are legally required to attend school or be registered for home schooling. After they complete Year 10 and until they turn 17 years of age, students then have the following options. They may also be in:

- full-time further education and training (e.g. TAFE, traineeship, apprenticeship);
- full-time, paid employment of an average of 25 hours per week; or
- a combination of both of the above.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

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.

On Friday 7th March Alana DeMamiel kindly offered to prepare and sell Egg and Bacon Rolls at the Riverina swimming carnival at Leeton Pool with proceeds going to P&C. Alana, ably assisted by Laurinda Motion, Jo Pianca, Lara Poulsen and Anne Rimmer, started cooking at 7.30am and had exhausted their supplies by 10.30am. Thank you to Alana for her initiative and also Laurinda, Jo, Lara and Anne for donating their time. This great effort raised in excess of \$240 for our P&C. Thank you ladies.

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

Wed 19th March – Rugby League & League Tag – 6.45pm
Thur 20th March – Community Evening 6pm-7pm
Fri 21st March – All Pizza Orders to be in
Tues 25th March – Pizza Lunch
Tues 25th March – P&C Meeting – 7.00pm – Library
Wed 9th & Thur 10th April – Athletics Carnival

MULTI SPORTS CRAZY CAMP

Monday 14th April – Thursday 17th April, 2014

Sports and Recreation will be conducting its Multi Sports Crazy Camp for boys and girls between the ages of 10-13yrs at Borambola Sport and Recreation Centre

Contact Information and enrolment forms:
<http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps/>
or phone: 02-6928 4300

enrolment must be done by the 28th March.



Attention Boys turning 16 and 17 years of age this year.

The Leeton Phantoms Rugby Union Club urgently need players interested in playing the 2014 season.

Commencing Saturday April 5.

Training is Tuesday and Thursday 7pm at No. 1 oval.

All enquiries to Bart Challacombe 0428 248487

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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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ORDERS ARE DUE BACK ON FRIDAY 21st MARCH

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

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

Name: _____

Year: _____

Total Slices: _____

