

LEETON HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

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“Educating young people for active and responsible citizenship”

~~PRINCIPAL'S REPORT~~

Congratulations to the Leeton High School Open Rugby League team who have had victories over Yanco Agricultural High School and St Francis College over the past two weeks. These great results have secured the Dave Sheldrick Shield for Leeton High School for the first time since 2006. Leeton High continues in the Open Rugby League University Shield state knockout competition where they play Griffith High School in the next round.

Students commenced a new timetable on Monday 31 March. The timetable change has come about as a result of some additional staffing being made available. This has allowed us to create some additional classes in Year 7 and Year 11 English. Consequently class sizes in these groups have been reduced significantly.

Thank you to Careers Adviser Mrs Papalkar who has worked tirelessly to secure a new work placement program for Year 10 students. Similar to the former Lynks program, students can apply to join the Work Inspiration (WIN) program. Training days will occur early next term and work placement commences from mid second term and continues until the end of term 3. Leeton High School and Yanco Agricultural High School are both participating in this great initiative.

Tuesday 25 March saw the Leeton High School P&C hold its AGM. All positions were filled with Jo Pianca (President), Carrie Stewart (Secretary) and Sharon Elwin (Treasurer) continuing in the roles they held last year. Lara Poulsen was elected as Vice President for 2014. Congratulations to all office bearers.

Congratulation to Anthony Trifogli, Julian Mandaglio, Danyon Arnold and Luke Rimmer who were selected in the Riverina Open Soccer team following trials in Wagga last Monday 24 March. Well done boys!

Greg Horton, Principal

~~DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT~~

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This is the letterhead on all of our mail. However, we are currently existing in a school where our students are apparently not responsible enough to sit anywhere within the confines of our large playground areas.

Is this really the case? No one really knows, because students have been sitting in these designated areas for over a decade.

If we are serious and want our students to become actively responsible citizens, then as educators, we are obliged to give our students an opportunity to prove how responsible they are. I am convinced that we are ready to do this now.

For the remainder of Term 1, the Upper and Lower Quad areas will be open to everyone in years 8-12. Normal 'Out Of Bounds' areas still apply.

Year 7 students will still have their own area, since it is only the first term of their high school life and they are still, in reality, in a transition phase.

This trial will be evaluated by the staff at the end of this term, so that we can see exactly where our kids are in terms of responsibility. We will revert to our current system from the start of Term 2, while due diligence is being observed with the evaluation process.

I am hoping that this trial will be a success and that our students can rise to this challenge placed before them. In order to produce success, we need to give our students the chance to succeed first. I have the faith that they will.

Oh, did I mention uniform?

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.

Andrew Morschel, Deputy Principal

SCHOOL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students on achieving awards:

SILVER AWARDS: Jenna Elliott, Kurt Bloomfield and Ella Saddler (Year 7)

GOLD AWARDS: Jake Aliendi (Year 8), Jackson Preston, Bryce DeMamiel (Year 9), Bryce Butler, Coen Lourigan (Year 10), Rhys Wilesmith, Laura Brindley and Darcy Single (Year 12).

EXECUTIVE AWARDS: Felicity Allen, Kane Deaton (Year 7), Dearne Hunter-Boyd, Montana Bell (Year 8), Taylah Simpson, Elijah Ingram, Jaspal Gill, Tahlia Valenzisi (Year 9), Tamika Bell, Clare Hillman, Cooper Mortimer (Year 10), Georgia Wallace, Haley Paterson, Brianna Celi (Year 11), Jade Chilby, Sally Boardman and Darcy Single (Year 12).

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.



BOYS & GIRLS TOUCH

On Tuesday 18th March 2014 Leeton High sent two teams to compete in the South West Schools Touch Football Gala Day held in Griffith.

The girls' team started the day strongly against Yanco Ag, coming away with a 2-0 result. In the second game they faced the talented Wade High outfit and despite playing some great touch they went down 6-1, a score that did not reflect how

close this game was. In game three they were up against RAP (combined smalls schools through the Regional Access Program) and again they displayed great skill and sportsmanship, taking the game 4-0. In their fourth game the girls were really pushed by Griffith and had to work hard for the full 25min. In a seesaw of a game the girls were eventual winners 3-2. This was the first time in about ten years that LHS has managed to beat the GHS girls' team.

After finishing 2nd following the pool games, Leeton were drawn the play Griffith High again in a final in what was always going to be a close encounter. The girls worked hard for the win and a game that went down to the buzzer, but they managed a 4-3 win which was good enough for them to qualify for the Riverina semi-finals to be held in Wagga on the 31st March.

All of the girls played extremely well, displaying a high level of skill and sportsmanship. Shaylah Elwin played extremely well and led by example as Captain and Anna Poulsen was one of our best who was excellent defensively. The rest of the team included Esther Deeves, Laura Brindley, Grace Green, Georgia Wallace, Claire Quinlivan, Madeline Warburton, Brooke Hardie, Edie Rudd, Hannah Bush, Taylah Ronfeldt and Elli Gill.



back row: Brooke Hardie, Madeline Warburton, Georgia Wallace, Shaylah Elwin(c), Claire Quinlivan, Edie Rudd, Grace Green

front row: Laura Brindley, Hannah Bush, Taylah Ronfeldt, Esther Deeves, Anna Poulsen and Elli Gill

The boys also had a successful day. In their first game they faced a strong Yanco Ag team who really pushed the boys. They came up with a 6-3 win in the end as they started to play their own game and dictated the play. In game two LHS took on a young but skilful Wade High outfit, who in the end executed a more consistent game and took the win 4-3. Game three saw Leeton take on RAP who took the first points and looked dangerous early on. The LHS boys eventually found their rhythm and pulled ahead taking the game 7-2 in the end. In their final round game the boys played Griffith High School where they dominated 9-2.

The boys results were extremely close and in the end Wade, Yanco, and Leeton all finished on equal points, with Leeton taking first place on the ladder after a count back. Leeton

then faced RAP again in a final with the winner qualifying for the Riverina Semi's.

RAP again started strong and 12 minutes in led 3-2. Leeton finally took control of the game from this point scoring 2 great team tries before going on to blow RAP off the field winning 11-3. Corey Williams and Tereapii Nikoro were amongst the best and were commendable captains. Josh Nikoro, Shane Williams and Lucas Meline all demonstrated their skill and knowledge of the game following representative duties, however the other boys Tristin Johnson, Corey Graham, Ben Hardie, Chris Bagley, Matthew Bagley and Lachlan O'Connell all really stepped up to the mark and played some great touch.



back row: Corey Graham, Ben Hardie, Lucas Meline, Chris Bagley, Matthew Bagley, Lachlan O'Connell
front row: Shane Williams, Tereapii Nikoro, Corey Williams, Tristin Johnson and Joshua Nikoro

Congratulations to all involved.

BOYS & GIRLS SQUASH

On Monday 25 March both the boys and girls opens squash teams travelled to Finley to compete against Murray High School and Finley High School. The students participating were:- Esther Deeves (Year 12), Claire Quinlivan (Year 11), Sarah Quinlivan (Year 9) and Siarne Deeves (Year 8) and Maanu Alexander (Year 7), Jonte Schmetzer, Zachary Hanlon (Year 10) and Chris Bagley (Year 12).

The girls played Murray High School and were too strong and experienced for them. All 4 girls won in straight sets (3-0). The boys played 2 games against Finley High School. Unfortunately they lost both games and will not advance in the competition.
All students played well on the day.

SCHOOL NEWS

SENIOR DEBATING

The debating season has begun, with both senior teams competing at Temora last Tuesday. The Year 11 team, Grace Green, Zoe Russell, RJ Cranshure-Player and Rachel Stewart,

debated the topic 'That schools be allowed to make decisions for their own schools'. They were the affirmative and were convincing in their arguments. However, the negative team from Temora High were judged the stronger team and were given the win.

The Year 12 team had to compete against the strong Temora team, fresh from victory. Tereapii Nikoro was the capable new face of the team, as first speaker, Annalise Ramponi and Sally Boardman then followed, and were both eloquent, convincing and demonstrated their experience in debating by presenting strong arguments and ably rebutting the affirmative Temora team. They had a convincing win as the negative for the topic of 'That promoting gambling during sports broadcasts should be banned'.



Tracey Lourigan, Rachel Stewart, RJ Cranshure-Player, Zoe Russell, Grace Green.

Tereapii Nikoro, Sally Boardman, Annalise Ramponi and Hannah Boardman

STATE DANCE ENSEMBLE SELECTION

Leeton High School has received confirmation that Taylor Hunter-Boyd of Year 10 has been selected as part of the NSW Public Schools State Dance Ensemble. This is a prestigious group selected by the NSW DEC Arts Unit made up of students from across NSW who live outside the Sydney metropolitan area and cannot attend weekly rehearsal in Sydney. Taylor's selection followed an audition video recorded in February where she was asked to perform two contrasting contemporary routines. She will now attend a number of intensive workshops throughout the year as well as perform as part of this ensemble at major events including the Riverina Dance Festival, The NSW State Dance Festival and the Schools Spectacular. Taylor is the third Leeton High student in 7 years to make this ensemble. She is to be congratulated on this huge achievement.

CHESS REPORT

Last week eight students competed against St. Francis in the first round of the Country Schools Secondary Interschool Chess Championship against St. Francis College. Well done to all who played, especially our number one player Byron Black. Over the years Byron has had many very intense, long games and this was no different. After over two hours of concentration Byron had success. Unfortunately, we lost overall, but still get to compete in a losers round.

Congratulations also to the players who represented LHS for the first time. They all enjoyed the experience.

UPDATE STUDENT DETAILS

Parents with students, who have ANY MEDICAL CONDITIONS, are required to contact the Front Office to confirm or update their details and medications.

Students who suffer from asthma or allergies should carry their EpiPen or asthma reliever medication with them at all times.

All parents must inform the school when they have changed address, phone number or emergency contacts. In an emergency situation we rely on the information you have provided to be able to contact you quickly and provide treatment to your child. It is very stressful to your child when we are unable to reach you because information has not been kept up to date.

To update your information you can either ring the school or by writing it down and sending a note with your child.

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 9th & Thur 10th April – Athletics Carnival
Fri 11th April – Last day of Term 1
Mon 28th April – Staff Return for Term 2
Tue 29th April – Students Return for Term 2

DAVID SHELDRIK CUP WINNERS



Dave Killen(Manager), Josh Higgins, Tristin Johnson, Bas Blackett, Lachlan Eldridge, Rhys Wilesmith, Kye Reynolds, Ben Hardie, Braiden Hogan-O'Brien, Corey Graham, Seth Russell, Hayden Bright, Garry Wilesmith(Coach).
Koresi Waqanivalu, Lachlan O'Connell, Josh Nikoro, Corey Williams, Tereapii Nikoro, Shane William, Darcy Single, Chris Bagley, Jesse Fitzhenry, Isaiah Traynor and Yu Morioka

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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 _____