

LEETON HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

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Week 2

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“Educating young people for active and responsible citizenship”

~~PRINCIPAL'S REPORT~~

Term 2 has commenced in earnest. The school held its ANZAC Ceremony on Tuesday 29 April. The ceremony was attended by a number of Returned Service people. This is greatly appreciated by the students and staff of Leeton High School. The theme of the ANZAC Ceremony was “Children in War” with history students reading out a number of accounts written during WW1. Thank you to the Leeton Cadet Corps for their involvement in the ceremony.

Wednesday 30 April we completed our Athletics carnival, postponed from last term. Congratulations to all involved on a great day. Please see the report later in the newsletter for information about age champions, record breakers and the winning house.

Forty Year 10 students from Leeton High School and Yanco Agricultural High School will be participating in a new work placement program called “WIN”. Several of these students have completed a WHS White Card course on Tuesday 29 April, prior to work placement in May. Students will also participate in a work readiness training day on 15 May in preparation for work placement.

Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will be attending Cyber Safety workshops on 15 May. School Liaison Police officers will be conducting the sessions. We have regularly sought assistance from the police regarding cyber safety and the sessions are very informative.

Thank you to the many students and staff who helped with the Leeton High School float and the SunRice festival on Easter Saturday. A big thank you to Richard Whitechurch for driving the truck for the school float.

Students and staff have returned this week from a very exciting excursion to Japan. Students spent time at our sister school Tondabyashi High School in Japan, sharing time with students and with families. A visit such as this provides a great insight into different countries and cultures for our students. Special thank you to teachers Shirlee Rowland and Damian Bush for their organisation and supervision.

Year 11 students have commenced their mid-course examinations this week. The examinations will continue for 6 days. Students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 are reminded that their mid-year assessment period commences on Monday 19 May. Parent teacher evenings will follow these, more information will be sent closer to the date.

Greg Horton, Principal

~~DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT~~

Firstly, I would like to give a huge shout-out to the large number of students who represented Leeton High at the Anzac Day march. We respect that it occurred during the school holidays and praise you for your efforts to don your uniform to honour those who have given far more than any of us today may ever be required to. It is also pleasing to know that many of our students were also present at the Dawn Service that morning. An extra mention must be given to Tereapii Nikoro and Annalise Ramponi, who did a sterling job reading the names of those on the cenotaph.

At the end of Term 1, we trialled a new arrangement in the playground whereby the Upper and Lower Quad areas were open to everyone in Years 8-12. In order to gather a better idea of the effectiveness of this strategy this has been extended into the first 2 weeks of this Term, as rain and senior exams did.

During this time, students and staff were given the opportunity to provide feedback via a simple survey. The range of responses covered all bases between “This is the greatest thing ever” and “This is the dawn of the Apocalypse” but on average we found that:

- The students like it.
- Staff are divided in their opinions
- At no stage in the foreseeable future will the Year 7 area be open to the whole school.

The next step in this process is to evaluate the trial and discuss its future in a meeting of the school executive.

As winter approaches uniform issues are appearing, mainly with respect to jackets. I understand that there are currently issues with supply of the LHS "Sloppy Joe", so I propose that any parents and guardians who are currently unable to fulfil this need, simply write a note to cover their child for an extended period of time, in accordance with the "Long term Issues" in the table 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.

Have a great Term 2!

Andrew Morschel, Deputy Principal

SCHOOL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students on achieving awards:

SILVER AWARDS: Tarnya Schmidt, Cooper Newman, Tamara Bartram, Felicity Allen, Molly Wright, Talise Rudd, Nakkita Smith (Year 7), Maddison Ford, Megan Grigg (Year 8).

GOLD AWARDS: Jenna Elliott, Talise Rudd (Year 7), Isaac Kelleher, Santo Celi, Megan Chetcuti, Siarne Deeves, Maddison Ford, Dearne Hunter-Boyd, Molly Pettersson (Year 8), Elli Gill (Year 9), Levi Dicker (Year 10).

EXECUTIVE AWARDS: Talise Rudd, Lauren Young, Ryan Newman (Year 7), Jorgy Eglinton, Isaac Kelleher (Year 8), Dannielle Corney, Trent Deaton, Codey Davidson (Year 9), Shaun Muller, Zachary Hanlon, Rheanna O'Connell (Year 10), Nicholas Trifogli, Grace Green, Rachel Stewart (Year 11), Quentin Alchin-Smith and Melinda Broad (Year 12).

SCHOOL SPORTS

GIRLS SQUASH

On Friday 2nd May the LHS Open Girls Squash team travelled to Temora to play the next round of the CHS knockout. The team, consisting of Claire Quinlivan, Sarah Quinlivan, Esther Deeves and Siarne Deeves, had a landslide win not dropping a single game in the 4 matches. The girls should be congratulated on their splendid sportsmanship and commitment to the game. Well done.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL RESULTS

On Wednesday 30th April LHS held its second day of the athletics carnival.

There were many standout performances on the day with 3 records broken:-

Rhys Wilesmith threw 14.63m in the Open Boys Shot Put breaking Brad Robertson's 1995 record of 13.61m and he also threw 42.38m in the Open Boys Discus breaking Mark Ciavarella's 1983 record of 39.06m.

Madeline Warburton threw 34.69m in 16yrs Girls Javelin breaking Jasmine Frazer's 2002 record of 28.04m.

Age Champions at the carnival were:

12yrs – Talise Rudd and Deegan Whiteman
13yrs – Montana Bell and Josh Baulch
14yrs – Nakeia McVittie and Robbie Rimmer
15yrs – Hannah Keith and Wade Johnson
16yrs – Madeline Warburton and Jonte Schmetzer
17yrs – Shaylah Elwin and Ben Hardie

The winning House for the carnival was David followed by Mawson, Hunter and then Smith.

The "Spirit of the Carnival" was awarded to Stacey Catlin (Year 12) and Sam Manley (Year 7).

Participation Award winners were Madeline Warburton (Year 10) and Mitchell Gavel (Year 9).

A big thank you to all the parent helpers who gave their time and assisted it was greatly appreciated.

SCHOOL NEWS



The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an everyday part of the school calendar since 2008.

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four areas (or 'domains') of:

- Reading
- Writing
- Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- Numeracy.

NAPLAN tests skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time through the school curriculum. All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will undertake NAPLAN tests next week during school time. Letters informing parents of the changes went home late last term. If you have any questions or would like to discuss exemption for your child, please contact Melissa Anthony via the front office.

For further information, you can access the following website: <http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support/parent-carer-support.html>

ENGLISH SYMPOSIUM

During last week Mrs Anthony and Mrs Newsam escorted the Year 12 Advanced English students to Sydney to participate in the HSC Symposium for Hamlet. This was a 3 hour performance at the Seymour Centre which detailed the play, its themes and characters as they are assessed by the BOS. Additionally, the students attended the NSW State Library for a tour and workshop on the resources available to HSC candidates, they were also allowed to get themselves to the various universities around Sydney to see the facilities available at UTS, USYD and UNSW. It was a highly valuable experience and much fun for all. Everyone concerned behaved exceptionally and made their teachers extremely proud.

PAUL STAFFORD VISIT

Last Friday 2 May, as part of the LHS Literacy focus, author Paul Stafford visited the school and presented some writing workshops to all Year 7 and Year 8 boys. Paul had visited the school in 2013 and had been invited back this year. Paul showed students that they are all capable of coming up with creative ideas. By working in small groups, they were able to build on a basic concept for a book, film or even a game.

At the end of sessions students presented their ideas to the rest of the class group. Some class groups were going to continue working on their concept during the English classes.

There will also be a follow-up with one group via a video conference later this term.



Paul Stafford with some of the Year 7 students

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

Mon 5th – Mon 12th May – Year 11 Preliminary Exams
Mon 19th – Fri 30th May – Y7-Yr10 exams

CYSTIC FIBROSIS DISCO FOR JUNIORS & TEENS

Date: Friday 9th May

Venue: Platform Lounge, Racecourse Rd
(formerly MIA Social Club)

Times: Juniors – Kindergarten to Yr 6 – 6pm-8pm

Teens – Yr 7 to Yr 10 – 8.30pm-10.30pm

Cost: \$5

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

PHOTOS FROM THE CARNIVAL





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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 _____