

LEETON HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

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"Educating young people for active and responsible citizenship"

~~PRINCIPAL'S REPORT~~

Students in Years 7 to 10 have this week commenced their mid-course assessment period. Most subjects will have examinations during this time. Students have been provided with timetables and are well aware of the requirements of their subject. Following the assessment period reports will be collated and distributed at a Parent Teacher evening on Thursday 26 June. More information will be provided closer to the time.

Senior students have already completed mid-course examinations. Students, parents and caregivers are urged to attend a Parent Teacher evening on Thursday 25 May where they can discuss the progress of each student in the year to date.

Attendance is a focus for Leeton High School, especially this term, Parents and carers are reminded that a note or contact with the school is essential if your child is absent for any reason. Any concerns regarding attendance can be referred to the Principal or Deputy Principal. In addition, the DEC Home School Liaison team are currently working with the school to improve attendance. A parent survey is attached to the back of this newsletter if you are able please complete and return to the front office ASAP.

Congratulations to the students who have been elected by their peers as Student Representative Council (SRC) representative. The SRC is the key student body within the school. The 2014 representatives will be inducted at our formal assembly next week. Parents and carers will receive invitations prior to this event.

Students from all schools within the Leeton Community of Public Schools will again this year perform in a combined performance called "Shine". Leeton High School students are already busy preparing for this great event. "Shine" will take place in Term 3 on the 27 and 28 August.

Congratulations to all students who participated in the South West Cross Country held at Yanco Agricultural High School last Friday. Also to the students who attended the Riverina Squash trials, great effort from all involved!

Greg Horton, Principal

~~DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT~~

We are most fortunate, indeed, to have the unyielding support of our Home School Liaison Officer, who has been actively lending valuable assistance to the school with respect to monitoring attendance this term. One thing, however, has become apparent. The major concern is that people have left the school grounds with legitimate reasons and the full support of their custodians without signing out through the Front Office. Please adhere to the practices that are in place to ensure the safety of others.

This is not acceptable. As part of our legally binding "*in loco parentis*" duty-of-care, it is a requirement that all students are fully accountable at all times. If the school is suddenly placed in an emergency situation, it is not fair that someone has to risk their safety to search for someone who is not there. Partial truancy offences have increased as a result of improved tracking procedures.

It was a considerable pleasure to take our Year 10 WIN Program students to Yanco Ag High last Thursday for their training day. As it was pointed out on the day, it costs about \$1000/student to make this Work Placement program possible (via funding and various sources). Yet, this is the importance that we place on this program (based on the LYNKS model of the last 17 years). Our students were interested and their behaviour was impeccable as shown in the only non-blurred photo that I took on the day.



Interested and impeccable Year 10 WIN Program students listen to Estelle give them the good oil on Hairdressing at the WIN Program Training Day

Additionally, other Year 10 Students have been given the opportunity to partake in short courses at TAFE for the remainder of Term 2. A number of lads have chosen "Metal Art" on Mondays, which encompasses the basic skills of welding and metal fabrication, whilst "Business" has drawn the appeal of those wishing to gain some useful office skills on Fridays. As if anything productive happens in an office on a Friday? Ba-doom-tish!

Andrew Morschel, Deputy Principal

SCHOOL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students on achieving awards:

SILVER AWARDS: Elise Holt, Hannah Bennett, Charlotte Maskus, Blair O'Connell, Kai Schmetzer (Year 7).

EXECUTIVE AWARDS: Meg Gason (Year 7), Chevaughn Moore (Year 8), Tamaki Kohere (Year 9), Michaela Jones (Year 10), Zoe Russell (Year 11) and Christopher Bagley (Year 12).

SCHOOL NEWS

"AROUND THE WORLD IN 50 MINUTES" – MUSIC PERFORMANCE

On Tuesday 3rd June Leeton High will host this energetic and engaging performance and workshop. In this workshop, performers explore the instruments and music of different cultures throughout the world. It is an entertaining performance where students are also encouraged to participate in the music making. The performance is open to all Year 7, 8 and elective Music students (as well as students involved in any extra-curricular music groups).

The cost of the workshop is \$4.50. Notes will be distributed to all students this week. Payment is to be made at the front office by Monday 2nd June.

DOUBLE GOLD JACKET RECIPIENT

On Tuesday 6th May 2014 Tereapii Nikoro of Year 12 was awarded a Double Gold Jacket, this highest achievement in our school welfare system. Tereapii has been an active member of our school community throughout the past 6 years and is currently one of our school captains.

He has always achieved well academically, however it is in the fields of sport and performing arts where he has achieved most success. Through his involvement in the classroom, sport and performing arts, along with many other activities including community service and debating, Tereapii has enjoyed a well-rounded education at LHS.

He is a natural leader and a positive role-model for all younger students, and is a compassionate, caring and committed young man. Tereapii is to be congratulated on achieving this honourable award.



Tereapii Nikoro with his sister Joeleen and mother Charne Nikoro

INDIGENOUS DANCE WORKSHOP

On the last day of Term 1, Georgia and Ella Sadler attended an Indigenous Dance Workshop at Wagga Wagga High School. The workshop was organised by the NSW DEC Arts Unit and was run by well-known Bangarra Dance Company performer and choreographer Sidney Saltner along with other performers from the company. Both girls thoroughly enjoyed the experienced and were recognised as talented young performers, each being short listed for the NSW Public School Indigenous Dance Company. This is a fantastic achievement for these two girls who are only in Year 7 and 8. Should they be selected in the final company they will be working closely with people from the Bangarra Dance Company, and perform at many public events. Recently members from the 2013 company performed for Prince William and Princess Kate. Congratulations to both girls on this fine achievement



Ella & Georgia with dance group organisers



Georgia Saddler

Ella Saddler

SCHOOL SPORTS

AFL GALA DAY

Both the Senior Boys and Senior Girls AFL Teams participated in gala Days on Thursday 15/5/14.

The boy's team was well beaten in their first match, however they played strongly in the second match to defeat Wade High by 78 points to 36.

Best players on the day were Captains Nick Ronfeldt and Ben Hardie, Lucas Meline, Rhys Wilesmith, Bas Blackett, Corey Williams, Corey Graham and Tristin Johnson.

Goals were kicked by C Williams, B Hardie, C Graham, B Blackett and L Meline.

The girl's team lost both matches by margins of three goals but played well throughout the day.

Best were Jenna McCallum, Georgia Wallace, Brooke Hardie, Madeline Warburton, Ruth Korovata, Esther Deeves, Sally Boardman and Samantha Sanderson-Brown. Goal Kickers on the day were, Brooke Hardie and Taylah Ronfeldt and Haley Paterson produced the tackle of the day.

SOUTH-WEST CROSS COUNTRY

On Friday 16th May, the South-West Cross Country Carnival was held at Yanco Agricultural High School. The weather and location was conducive to a wonderful day and made the carnival a most enjoyable experience for competitors, teachers and parent spectators. Leeton High School had thirty six students competing across all age groups with Corey Williams winning the 18 years male section and Joshua Baulch winning the 13 years male section as well.

Many of our students have qualified for the Riverina Cross Country Carnival to be held later in Gundagai.

Mr Stout and Mrs Ormond wish to congratulate all of the students who ran on the day as they participated within the true spirit of sportsmanship and demonstrated the team spirit of those at Leeton High School.

RIVERINA SQUASH TRIALS

On Friday 16 May, Leeton High School sent 6 players to Wagga for the Riverina Squash Trials.

Our senior girls consisting of Esther Deeves, Claire and Sarah Quinlivan outclassed the rest of the field and were all selected in the girls Opens Team.

On top of this, Jonte Schmetzer was selected in the boys Opens Team and Siarne Deeves has the opportunity to represent the Riverina as an individual in the under 15's division.

These students will now represent the Riverina at the State Carnival on the 24th to 26th June.

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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

Mon 19th – Fri 30th May – Y7-10 exams
 Tue 27th May – P&C Meeting 7.00pm – Library
 Thurs 29th May – Yr 11 & 12 Parent/Teacher Night
 Fri 30th May – South West Athletics
 Thurs 26th June – Yr7-10 Parent/Teacher Night