

LEETON HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

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"Educating young people for active and responsible citizenship"

~~PRINCIPAL'S REPORT~~

Congratulations to Georgia and Ella Saddler who have been notified this week that they have been successful in gaining places in the NSW Public Schools Aboriginal Dance Company. Achieving selection in this dance company is an outstanding achievement and they now attend workshops at the Bangarra Dance Theatre studios in Sydney, perform at the State Dance Festival and Schools Spectacular later in the year.

One hundred Leeton High School students from Years 10, 11 and 12 attended the Western Riverina Tertiary Information Day and Careers Expo held at the Leeton Soldiers Club on Monday 16 June. The day was organised by Leeton High staff, Patricia Papalkar and Gwen Spadaro. Approximately one thousand students attended gaining insights and information from over forty exhibitors from tertiary organisation and major employers within our region.

Student reports for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 are currently being completed by staff. Reports will be distributed on Thursday 26 June and Parent Teacher evening. The evening will take place in the multi-purpose centre (MPC) from 5.00pm till 7.00pm. Parents, carers and students are invited to attend, collect reports, and discuss the progress of students. No appointments are needed merely turn up any time throughout the evening.

On Thursday 19 June school captains Annalise Ramponi and Tereapii Nikoro will fly to Sydney to attend the 2014 Secondary Schools Student Leadership Program. The students will spend the day at Parliament House, meet the Governor, and participate in a number of leadership activities. We would like to thank the Leeton High School P&C for sponsoring the student flights to Sydney.

Wednesday 25 June sees the Leeton Shire Council hosting an official flag raising for NAIDOC Week at the Leeton Visitor Information Centre. Students from Leeton High School will be in attendance at this ceremony.

Greg Horton, Principal

~~DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT~~

The **Year 7-10 Parent-Teacher Night** will be held on **Thursday 26th June** from 5pm. The format will be the same as in recent years, whereby reports will be available for collection on the night. There are no set booking times for interviews with teachers, therefore parents will have their 'appointments' on a 'first come, first served' basis. Please take this opportunity to become involved in your child's learning, since studies show that there is not greater mechanism for improvement than feedback.

Something that requires immediate addressing is that both students and caregivers are not always following correct procedures with respect to contacting each other on the school grounds. There is one simple rule which ensures the safety for all of our students:

"EVERYTHING GOES THROUGH THE FRONT OFFICE"

Please adhere to this if you are dropping and picking children up, dropping off money or materials or organising an interview with a member of our Staff.



The **Official Leeton High School Facebook page** is up and running. In 2014, there are few better ways to let our community know relevant information instantly. Additionally, there are so many good things that happen here on a daily basis, yet no one gets to know about it. Just ask your kids:

PARENT: "How was school today? STUDENT: "OK". PARENT: "Anything happen today?" STUDENT: "Nuh"

It is highly recommended for students, parents, staff and those about to choose a secondary school 'like' our Facebook Page if you wish to learn more about the good stuff we do here and/or to be updated with relevant information.

<https://www.facebook.com/LeetonHS>

The major concern with uniform are with respect to **incorrect footwear**. Black, leather shoes are not the whimsical fancy of our school but are a Government-imposed WHS requirement in any Science or TAS class. Secondly, is people not bringing their **sports uniform to PE classes**. If there is a problem, with bringing your sports uniform to class that day, please bring a change of clothes and a note. Please be advised that repeated failure to bring the correct equipment is a legitimate reason to be "Level Dropped", just as failing to bring books and pens to any other class.

Basically, if a student does not have correct uniform or a note from home explaining why, they will be given a **"Uniform Detention"**. If they don't turn up to that detention, they will be **"Level Dropped"**.

Again, if you have any issues with uniform on a daily basis, please follow the guidelines 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.

work as well as a number of teachers available to discuss any issues, concerns or improvements made by your child.

SCHOOL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students on achieving awards:

SILVER AWARDS: Abbey Grant (Year 11).

GOLD AWARDS: Kurt Bloomfield, Molly Wright, Elise Holt, Ella Saddler (Year 7), Georgia Saddler (Year 8), Mackenzie Saddler, Morgan Wilesmith (Year 10), Abbey Grant and Grace Green (Year 11).

EXECUTIVE AWARDS: Jacob Mills, Boyd Williams (Year 7), Georgia Saddler, Christopher Santos (Year 8), Emma Brindley, Tamika Poulson (Year 9), Jonte Schmetzer, Hannah Boardman (Year 10), Jenna McCallum, Yu Morioka, Tristin Johnson (Year 11), Stacey Catlin and Benjamin Hardie (Year 12).

DOUBLE GOLD RECIPIENT

Shaylah Elwin of Year 12 is the latest recipient of a Double Gold Jacket recently. Shaylah is a fantastic ambassador for Leeton High School and is currently one of the LHS prefects. She has always been willing to contribute her time, volunteering for many fundraising activities and numerous sports gala days and carnivals as an official. Shaylah is a talented young sportswoman who always demonstrates attributes of leadership and fair play. She is to be congratulated on this fantastic achievement.



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Andrew Morschel, Deputy Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

JUNIOR REPORTS 2014

This year, all junior reports will be issued to students at the Parent Teacher Interview evening on Thursday 26th June from 5pm-7pm in the MPC. If you cannot make this evening, they will be available to collect from the front office on Friday 27th June. There will be no appointment times for interviews. There will be refreshments and samples of student



ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

If your child is receiving ABSTUDY, you can contact Leeton High School Administration Manager, Mrs Sharon O'Callaghan or Aboriginal Education Officer Mrs Deseleen Morgan for information on using these funds.

NAIDOC

The national NAIDOC theme for 2014 is: **Serving Country: Centenary & Beyond**

This year's NAIDOC theme honours all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women who have fought in defence of country.

From our warriors in the Frontier Wars to our warriors who have served with honour and pride in Australia's military conflicts and engagements across the globe.

We proudly highlight and recognise the role they have played in shaping our identity and pause to reflect on their sacrifice. We celebrate and honour their priceless contribution to our nation.

MTE UPCOMING PERFORMANCES

The Music Theatre Ensemble is a new group formed this year to cater for all of our budding 'triple threats' (those students talented in singing, dancing and acting). It is a representative group that was chosen after auditions were held earlier in the year. This year, the group will be performing at Shine (the performing spectacular held by LCOPS (Leeton Community of Public Schools) in late August and KROP (Kids Rapt On Performing), a performance festival for schools in the Griffith Zone area.

KROP is to be held at the Griffith Regional Theatre. There will be a matinee and 2 evening performances on 31st July and 1st August. Tickets are now available from the Griffith Regional Theatre so if you would like to see our amazing Music Theatre Ensemble then give the theatre a call, it will be highly energetic and entertaining performance from our talented students.

SCHOOL NEWS

OPEN GIRLS NETBALL

On Wednesday 11th June 2014, the Open Girls Netball Team participated in a CHS Knockout Gala Day in Griffith. Leeton High played 2 games, one against Wagga Wagga High School, the other against Yanco Agricultural High School. Unfortunately in both games the Leeton High School girls went down, but the team played really well together, considering many had to back up after a State Championship Netball Carnival. Jenna McCallum, Brooke Hardie and Shaylah Elwin were strong in the defensive area. While Ruth Korovata and Grace Green's shooting efforts in the circle were solid. A big thank you to Georgia Dale and Emma Brindley for refereeing on the day. Also thank you to the parent drivers who also assisted on the day, it was greatly appreciated.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tues 24th June – Riverina Athletics
Tues 24th June – P&C Meeting 7pm Library
Thurs 26th June – Yr7-10 Parent/Teacher Night
Fri 27th June – Last day of Term 2
Mon 14th July – Staff return for Term 3
Tue 15th July – Students return Term 3

LEETON'S MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

In recognition of Refugee Week (15-21 June)

When: Sat 21 June, 2014

Time: 11am to 2.30pm

Where: St Francis College Grounds

This is the first time that Leeton Shire has held a planned event in recognition of Refugee Week. There will be sporting and social activities plus a free BBQ and cultural food.

ALL WELCOME

STUDIO 9 FITNESS

Want the kids to have some fun moving, dancing, cheering & exercising, while building confidence & self-esteem? Then bring them along to cheerleading. We make dance, movement & exercise a really fun & positive experience.

Friday 4-5pm "Dazzler's" for 5 to 10yr olds

Friday 5-6pm "All Stars" for 11yrs & over

Cost: \$12 per child

Where: Studio 9 Fitness

Centre Point Arcade Leeton

More Info: 0448 075004

FITKIDZ: Primary School Children

Tuesday 4-4.30pm - \$5 per child

TEENFIT: High School Students

Tuesday 4.30-5.15pm - \$8 per child

(both classes are a body weight based cardio & strength training class incorporating boxing and mixed martial arts)