

LEETON HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

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“Educating young people for active and responsible citizenship”

~~PRINCIPAL'S REPORT~~

We are very excited to be starting the term with two outstanding teacher professional learning activities as part of our continued focus on literacy and numeracy. Firstly, on Monday 14 July staff participated in a workshop “Seven Steps to Writing Success.” The day was conducted by Ann Korab who is a well-known literacy consultant. The day focused on developing teaching skills on how to better teach writing to our students.

The second professional learning activity will take place next week. Leeton High School has secured the services of highly credentialed educationalist Ralph Pirozzo. Mr Pirozzo will be in the school for the whole week and working with different faculty groups each day. The title of his workshops is “Supporting teachers to thrive in mixed ability classrooms by differentiating the curriculum.” This is very relevant to Leeton High School and the skills learnt will be invaluable for staff and subsequently students. There will be some disruption to classes throughout the week with casuals taking some lessons, however it is felt that the overall gain for the school will far out way any disruption.

History Head Teacher Ralph Turton's last day was Monday 14 July. Mr Turton has retired after over 30 years teaching. We wish him a long and enjoyable retirement. Tracey Lourigan will relieve as Head Teacher for the remainder of 2014. We also welcome Joni Lucus to the history staff for the remainder of the year to take over Mr Turton's classes.

School Captains Annalise Ramponi and Tereapii Nikoro travelled to Sydney on Thursday 26 June to attend the 2014 Secondary Student Leadership Program. The students were initially to go on 19 June however there flights were cancelled, luckily we were able to reschedule. Annalise and Tereapii spent the day at Parliament House and Government House with the highlight being meeting the Governor Marie Bashir.

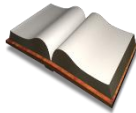



Leeton Community of Schools will be presenting “SHINE” this term during Week 7 (25-29 August). Students from Leeton High School and all local public schools will be participating in this wonderful event.

The Leeton High School P&C are conducting a pie drive as a fundraiser. Information with dates and prices accompanies the newsletter. Please support the P&C in this initiative!

Greg Horton, Principal

~~DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT~~

Welcome to Semester 2! For most of us this will involve expanding on and developing the successful foundations that were laid in Semester 1. If you are in the minority who were not happy with their Semester 1 Report and wish to do something about it then I suggest that you acquire and use the following pieces of equipment:

BOOK	PENS	COURAGE	BIG BOY PANTS
			
Something to write in and to keep your work in order. This will help before your next exam.	Something to write in your book with. Will keep teachers 'off your back' at the beginning of every lesson.	Don't do what 'everyone else is doing'. Have a crack! Your marks and comments will improve on your next report!	If something goes wrong, wear these. Be honest. Front up to detentions. End the issue before it becomes a drama.

Additionally, experience shows that being punctual to each class and having your mobile phone out of harm's way during any given lesson will avert any other classroom issue that may have hindered your progress last semester.

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. Do not just walk onto the School Grounds or meet your students at the fence. We are here to help, so please check into the school through the Office and we will promptly address your needs and concerns.

The major concern with uniform is with respect to **incorrect footwear**. Black, leather shoes are a Government-imposed WHS requirement in any Science or TAS class.

Secondly, is that people are not bringing their **sports uniform to PE classes**. We have no showers, so this practice is in the interests of personal hygiene and peer relationship issues that arise from neglect in this matter. This has been a big problem this year and strategies are now in place in order to rectify this disturbing trend. If there is a problem, with bringing your sports uniform to class that day, please bring a change of clothes and a note. Repeat offenders will be **"Level Dropped"**.

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"**. If you have issues arising from the inability to supply your student with correct uniform then I urge you to contact me personally at school.

Andrew Morschel, Deputy Principal

SCHOOL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students on achieving awards:

SILVER AWARDS: Kurt Bloomfield, Maanu Alexander, Jakeb Steele, Lara Cameron, Ryan Newman, Caitlin Garth, Monique Cooper, April Schmetzer, Caleb Watson, Kennedy Leach, Ally Bush, Kaitlyn Harrison (Year 7) and Abbey Grant (Year 11).

GOLD AWARDS: Jakeb Steele, Ryan Newman, Tarnya Schmidt, Caleb Watson, Kurt Bloomfield, Talise Rudd (Year 7), April Tabal (Year 8), Hannah Boardman, Michaela Jones Grieve (Year 10), Emily Glennie (Year 11) and Melinda Broad (Year 12).

EXECUTIVE AWARDS: Ally Bush, Jenna Elliott (Year 7), Chloe Baxter, Portia Mortimer, Siarne Deeves (Year 8), Edie Rudd, Toby Reynolds, Caleb Green (Year 9), Georgia Dale, Daniel Riznic, Mackenzie Saddler (Year 10), Natasha Didden, Luke Rimmer, Danyon Arnold (Year 11), Tereapii Nikoro, Laura Brindley and Kristy Wilkinson (Year 12).

SCHOOL NEWS

DRAMATIC MINDS FESTIVAL

One in five people aged 16 – 85 will suffer a mental illness during their life. *The Dramatic Minds Festival* aims to remove the stigma surrounding mental illnesses, especially those suffered by youths. Leeton High School's Year 10 Drama class entered this competition and performed late last Term. Students brainstormed interesting and relevant mental illnesses, from a list provided, and then developed performance pieces from this. Year 10 class was divided into two groups of 13, group one chose ADHD, an illness which affects many youths in Australia and aimed to show that resilience is important. Group two chose cyber bullying as students agreed that it is an increasing concern in today's society, affecting all students in one way or another. Students worked in a dedicated way to produce impressive play-building pieces and will perform them again for Eisteddfod in Week 3. Students gained a deeper understanding of the mental illnesses chosen and found the festival to be an enriching experience.

JUNIOR DEBATING

Congratulations to the Years 7 & 8 debating teams for their recent successes against Narrandera High (during Term 2). Year 7 (Acadia Lee, Tarnya Schmidt, Charlotte Maskus and Elise Holt) were very strong and are sure to be great competitors over the next few years. The team for Year 8 (Alex Pianca, Chevaughn Moore, Jaime Emerson and Cate Mooney-Rapley) worked together for the first time and were very capable and intelligent debaters.

MURRAY HARTIN'S VISIT

Murray Hartin's visit to Leeton High School was met with enthusiasm by the different groups he spoke with. The combined Year 10, 11 and 12 group were interested by his different performances of poetry. Murray told stories about Rinderella and her Prandsome Hince and riding a swag on an aeroplane. Students were encouraged to think outside the box when responding to creative writing during examination situations. Students gained a fresh perspective and creative fuel and we thank Murray for this.

SCHOOL SPORTS

RIVERINA CROSS COUNTRY

The Riverina Cross Country was held in Gundagai on Tuesday 17 June. Leeton High school had as many as 20 students eligible to run this year at the Riverina championships. We are very proud of the efforts that Carley Graham, Lara Cameron, Talise Rudd, Bryce Butler, Dayne Butler, Josh Baulch and Micheal Keech had made to commit to this event and give their best efforts representing the school. They were all brilliant on the day and special mention needs to be given to Michael Keech and Josh Baulch who have qualified for the State Cross Country championships to be run at Eastern Creek later in the year. Thanks to all the parents and carers for their

efforts in supporting these students as well. Much appreciated.

RIVERINA SQUASH

On the 24th and 26th of June, Esther Deeves, Siarne Deeves, Claire Quinlivan, Sarah Quinlivan and Jonte Schmetzer represented the Riverina at the CHS State Squash Carnival held at Thornleigh Squash Centre in Sydney.

Over the three day carnival all Leeton High School representatives participated both as individuals and as team members alongside other students from across the Riverina. During the carnival all students played at least 15 matches where they all performed at an excellent level. Due to their strong and consistent efforts both the Riverina boys and girls teams received bronze medals for placing 3rd overall.

On top of this team success, Claire and Sarah were both selected to represent in the opens and under 15's New South Wales teams at the Trans-Tasman School Squash Series held in Queensland during late August.

All players need to be congratulated on this outstanding performance as it is Riverina's strongest performance in years.



Esther Deeves, Claire Quinlivan, Jonte Schmetzer, Sarah Quinlivan and Siarne Deeves

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed 30th July – Pie Drive Orders returned with payment

Tue 12th Aug – Collect Pies from Canteen (3.30-5pm)

Wed 27th & Thur 28th – Shine Performance

STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE WIN PROGRAM



Daniel Riznic



Georgia Dale



Ed Warr



Hannah Pitt



Billie Millar