

LEETON HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

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“Educating young people for active and responsible citizenship”

~~PRINCIPAL'S REPORT~~

This week Year 12 students commence their Trial HSC examinations; we wish them all the best in these important examinations. Many Year 12 students have been busy completing major works or putting final touches on performances for their practical components of the HSC. These major works are due for marking over the next couple of weeks.

Last week was an outstanding week for Leeton High School. Firstly, the Open Rugby League team defeated Fairfield High School 34-12 to reach the quarter finals of the state knockout, University Shield. Next Leeton High School play Canterbury Boys High, in Sydney. It was great to see the support from all the students and community members who attended the game. This certainly lifted the team!

Secondly, the Leeton High School debating team reached the Riverina final, being defeated by Murray High School. Congratulations to Zac Hanlon who was the selected in the Riverina Debating team to debate at the State finals in Sydney later in the term. Leeton High School also hosted debating workshops for students from across the area during the final series. The workshops were run by members of the State debating “flying squad” who passed on some wonderful tips and skills for the students.

Many thanks to the parents, students and staff who hosted students from our sister school Tondabayashi High School. The Japanese students concluded their visit to Leeton last Tuesday. The students and staff had a wonderful time with many highlights, including Altina Wildlife Park, farm visits, cultural day. Thanks again to all host families and to coordinator Shirlee Rowland.

Last week we welcomed Luca Derumier. Luca is a Rotary exchange student, he is from Belgium and will be staying in Leeton for 12 months. Luca has joined Year 11 and will follow this group into Year 12 in 2015.

The Leeton Eisteddfod is well underway and students have been involved in many events, including dance, debating, public speaking. Students continue to participate in this great event for the next week. Well done to all involved.

Parents and carers are reminded that the Leeton High School newsletter can be sent to you via email. If you would like this newsletter to be sent fortnightly to your email account please contact the front office and leave your email address.

Greg Horton, Principal

~~DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT~~

It has probably been mentioned, but last Thursday was probably the best day at work EVER! Apart from our lads donning their “Big Boy Pants” and handing out Rugby League schooling to the fancied Fairfield High side, the opportunity was taken to invite the whole school to watch. Our kids’ behaviour was nothing short of impeccable and the excitement level of the teachers and students was outstanding.

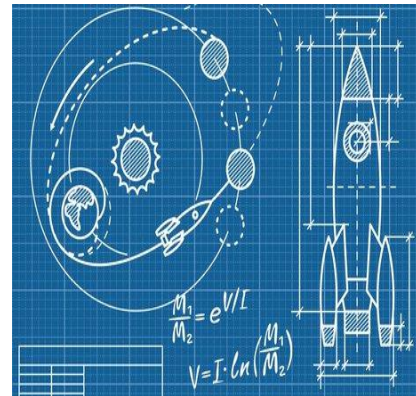
Firstly, good Luck to our year 12 students who are undertaking their Trial HSC Exams over the next two weeks. Admittedly, luck does not have too much to do with formulating a student’s School Assessment marks for their HSC. The system is established in such a way that those who prepared early for and strived to complete assessment tasks to the best of their ability will prevail. Fortunately for those who are realising that this does not apply to them, there is time to claw those marks back in the lead-up to the formal exams.

A number of students have been “Level Dropped” simply because of failure to adhere to our **Uniform Policy**. Briefly it goes like this:

- IF YOU ARE NOT IN UNIFORM, YOU NEED A NOTE FROM HOME EXPLAINING WHY.
- TAKE THAT NOTE TO THE FRONT OFFICE AND GET A BLUE UNIFORM PASS.
- IF YOU DO NOT DO THIS YOU WILL BE PLACED ON UNIFORM DETENTION.
- IF YOU DO NOT GO TO THIS AFTER TWO CHANCES, YOU WILL BE LEVEL DROPPED

IT IS NOT ROCKET SCIENCE.

HERES A PICTURE OF ROCKET SCIENCE FOR COMPARISONS.



On the down side, one of the issues confronting schools since their invention is that of classroom behaviour whenever casual teachers are present. Here in Leeton, casual staffing is hard to come by, so to ensure that we can attract and keep these teachers and to avoid having classes on minimal supervision in the playground, our students have been told that harsher-than-usual penalties (with respect to our Level System) will be issued. The self-discipline that our footballers showed in their last two games must serve as an example to all of us.

Andrew Morschel, Deputy Principal

SCHOOL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students on achieving awards:

SILVER AWARDS: Isobel Frasersmith and Jakeb Steele (Year 7).

GOLD AWARDS: Siarne Deeves (Year 8) and Annalise Ramponi (Year 12).

EXECUTIVE AWARDS: Tarnya Schmidt (Year 7), Dominique Nunn (Year 8), Shanay Pizzolante (Year 9), Brooke Hardie (Year 10), Joshua Nikoro (Year 11), Allishia Gavel (Year 12).

SCHOOL NEWS

DOUBLE GOLD JACKET

On Tuesday 29th August, Anna Poulsen was awarded a Double Gold Jacket. Anna was recognised for her contribution to Leeton High School through community service and volunteer work, her sporting representative duties and her commitment to learning. Anna always strives to achieve her best and is a worthy recipient of the highest award within our school merit system. Congratulations Anna.



DEBATING

Last Thursday, 31 July, 16 students participated in the Debating section of the Eisteddfod. It was a day not without its problems, with a valuable team member absent due to illness and every team working with new members. Despite this, the Years 9 & 10 teams both won their debates with the Year 10 team coming second in the Junior Division. Zac Hanlon won the 2014 Junior Debater trophy. Congratulations to the Year 7 & 8 teams who worked very hard on their debates and included some outstanding public speakers. They are the future of debating for Leeton High, destined for much success. Many thanks to Skye Bloomfield, Caleb Watson and Isaac Collins who stepped in to debate at the high school level for the first time. Special thanks to Chris Santos who volunteered as a replacement for an ill member, and had never debated before. Ms Lourigan appreciated all of your outstanding efforts and good behaviour in Madonna Place.

PREMIER'S CHALLENGE DEBATING

On Wednesday and Thursday of last week, the Riverina finals were held in the Leeton High library to determine the Riverina Champion Year 9/10 debating team. This year was well attended with over 45 students from visiting schools to both compete and participate in workshops run by the 'Flying Squad' – the team from the University of Sydney who run the Premier's Challenge. The event was organised by Mrs Newsam and ran successfully, with both teachers and students appreciative of the excellent tuition and the food supplied by the Hungry Hut. Leeton High's Year 10 team won the semi-final but was defeated in the final. Congratulations to Zac Hanlon, who was selected to represent the Riverina in a State team at the end of the year.

AUTHOR VISIT

On Thursday the 31st of August Leeton High welcomed J.C. Burke to the school to give creative writing workshops to some LHS students. Ms Burke is the author of 'The Story of Tom Brennan', a prescribed HSC text that the Year 12 Standard Class has chosen to study. Ms Burke worked with the Year 12's, helping them with their essay techniques, particularly, in relation to the novel. This provided the seniors with a thorough understanding of the text and information needed to succeed in the HSC examinations. Workshops were also presented with Year 11 students and some Year 8 and 9 students to further develop their creative writing skills. It was a very successful day and the opportunity for the students involved was greatly appreciated.



KROP

On Thursday 31st August and Friday 1st September the Leeton High School Musical Theatre Ensemble (MTE) participated in KROP – Kids Rapt on Performing at the Griffith Regional Theatre. Esther Deeves, Josh Nikoro and Talise Rudd performed the National Anthem at the start of the show and are to be congratulated on the way in which they performed this official duty.



The MTE is a representative group selected earlier in 2014 made up of talented singers, dancers and drama students. They have been working hard on their item 'Nicest Kids in Town' from the musical Hairspray since mid-way through term one. The MTE performed in three live shows over the two days and wowed audiences with their lively routine each time. The group will be in action again at 'Shine on Broadway' presented by LCOPS in week seven of this term, tickets are available at all public schools now.

SCHOOL SPORTS

RIVERINA ATHLETICS

27 students attended the Riverina Athletics carnival in Albury on Tuesday 5th August.

Many Students produced outstanding performances, achieving personal best results. A number of athletes qualified to attend the Combined High Schools NSW Carnival in Sydney during the first week of September. The following 16 students qualified in individual events or relay events; Josh Baulch, Jenna Elliott, Sophie O'Connell, Hannah Bennett, Tom DePaoli, Montana Bell, Reanna Gilmour, Kyle McVittie, Jonte Schmetzer, Courtney Bartram, Hannah Keith, Nadine Hollies, Rhys Wilesmith, Madeline Warburton, Ben Hardie and Shaylah Elwin.

A highlight of the day was seeing Rhys Wilesmith set a new record in the Senior Shot Put, breaking the old record by 40cm with a personal best throw.

P&C

If you ordered pies they can be collected from the canteen on Tuesday 12 August between 3.30pm-5pm. Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 11th Aug – Fri 22nd Aug – HSC Trial Exams
Tue 19th Aug – University Shield in Sydney

Tue 12th Aug – Collect Pies from Canteen (3.30-5pm)
Wed 27th & Thur 28th – Shine Performance



Transport NSW is launching an online service for families who wish to apply for the Private Vehicle Conveyance (PVC) subsidy.

A brochure can be picked up from the Front Office at the High School or you can go online www.transport.nsw.gov.au/pvc for more information.

UNIVERSITY SHIELD WINNERS



Back Row: Coach Garry Wilesmith, Chris Bagley, Ben Hardie, Kye Reynolds, Braiden Hogan-O'Brien, Tereapii Nikoro, Rhys Wilesmith

Josh Nikoro, Lachlan Eldridge, Seth Russell, Corey Graham, Manager Dave Killen
 Front Row: Isaiah Traynor, Tristin Johnson, Lachlan O'Connell, Corey Williams, Shane Williams, Baz Blackett, Jesse Fitzhenry,
 angle, Josh

