

LEETON HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

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"Educating young people for active and responsible citizenship"

~~PRINCIPAL'S REPORT~~

The school leaders for 2015 were announced last week. Following elections across the whole school the leaders are:

School Captains:	Jenna McCallum	Lucas Meline
Vice Captains:	Grace Green	Joshua Nikoro
Prefects:	Mia Franic	Kate Norvall
	Luke Rimmer	Zoe Russell
	Nicholas Trifogli	Anna Wang

All 2015 leaders were inducted into their new positions at a special formal assembly on Friday 5 September. Congratulations to all students who nominated for these positions.

Electives for 2015 have been finalised this week with students in Years 8, 9, and 10 completing their elective choices. This is an important process as it allows students to select subjects that interest them, it also allows the school to commence its planning and staffing cycle for the upcoming year. Thanks to all students, parents and carers who have had input into this process.

All students in Years 7 and 9 have received their 2014 NAPLAN results this week. Students were issued with the results on Tuesday 2 September. It is very important for students, parents and carers to closely read through all the information provided as it highlights the strengths and areas for improvement for your child in both literacy and numeracy.

2015 Year 7 Year Adviser, Naomi Stout, visited local primary schools on Tuesday 2 September. Mrs Stout provided information and enrolment packages for students enrolling in Leeton High School in 2015. Mrs Stout and some former students from each school also provided general information about moving into high school.

Congratulations to all students and staff who were involved in "SHINE on Broadway". Over 400 students were involved from Leeton High School and 7 local primary schools. Comments from students, parents and friends have been overwhelmingly positive. It is great to see so many students enjoying themselves!

Year 12 students finish their formal lessons next week prior to commencing their HSC next term. This is a busy time for Year 12 with finishing coursework, revising and applying for positions. Year 12 finish the term with a formal assembly at school on Friday 19 September at 10.00am. This will be followed in the evening by the Year 12 Formal.

Greg Horton, Principal

~~DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT~~

In two decades of teaching, I have learned that the latter part of Term 3 is the most challenging for young people in terms of maintaining acceptable levels of behaviour and effort. Recently, I have received too many stories from teachers which can be summarised as follows:

"All I asked him/her to do was <insert menial insignificant action> and he/she carried on like a pork chop."

This is a most interesting simile, given that most of us have yet to see a pork chop literally 'carry on'. The sentiment, however, is that in any classroom situation, you will not be asked to do anything that is unnatural for a school environment. As the holidays approach, and beyond, ask yourself these questions:

1. **Did I hear what was being asked?**
2. **Is it unreasonable?**
3. **Do I really need grief over this?**

Then act responsibly.

DON'T BE A



PORK CHOP

The school sends letters home if your child has been away for 2 consecutive days and an explanatory note has not been received within seven days of returning to school. Regrettably, some parents and carers have been surprised to learn that these letters are being generated for students who are not making it to DEAR at the start of the day. This

constitutes truancy. The Home School Liaison Officer has been most vigilant in tracking absences at Leeton High.

Too many of our students are being "Level Dropped" for uniform issues both in school and in PE classes. This is so amateur! Here is yet another cut-'n'-paste reminder of how uniform works at Leeton High School:

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.

*With respect to **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. Repeat offenders will be "Level Dropped".*

Andrew Morschel, Deputy Principal

SCHOOL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students on achieving awards:

SILVER AWARDS: Vanisa Tabal (Year 12)

GOLD AWARDS: Carley Graham (Year 8), Elli Gill (Year 9), Kyle McVittie, Mackenzie Saddler (Year 10), Corey Graham (Year 11), Anna Poulsen, Vanisa Tabal, Allishia Gavel (Year 12).

SCHOOL SPORTS

DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri 19th Sept – Year 12 Final Assembly & Graduation Dinner

Fri 19th Sept – Last day of Term 3

Tues 7th Oct – Students back at School – Term 4

Wed 8th Oct – Fri 10th Oct – Year 7 Camp

Thurs 11th Dec – Presentation Night

LEETON JUNIOR CRICKET ASSOCIATION

Registration **mornings** at Leeton High School
Ovals

Saturday October 11th and October 19th

Milo Cricket for 5 to 8yrs
Under 10's, 12's and 14's

Follow us on Facebook @ Leeton Junior
Cricket Association

SQUASH

Leeton High School's Open Girls Squash team travelled to Dubbo last week to compete in the finals of the CHS Knockout. The girls played Tuggerah Lakes High School in their first match. All four players won their games convincingly.

Leeton progressed to the semi-final next where they played Dunedoo Central School. Two wins and two losses meant that the result went to a count-back with Dunedoo progressing to the final, as they won more sets.

Leeton played Tenterfield High School in the playoff for third where the girls scored a victory, with three wins to one. The final was eventually won by a very strong Parkes High School. Congratulations to all girls, Claire Quinlivan, Sarah Quinlivan, Esther Deeves and Siarne Deeves, on a great performance.

STATE ATHLETICS

Leeton High School had several Riverina Representatives attend the State Athletics Carnival at Homebush last week. Leeton High School students all performed well with many making finals and achieving personal bests. Well done to all students, as for some it was their first time at a State Carnival.

Congratulations goes to Madeline Warburton for her outstanding efforts in 16yrs Javelin gaining a gold medal (1st place) and Rhys Wilesmith in Opens Shot Put gaining a silver medal (2nd place).

SCHOOL NEWS

WANTED FOR THE AG PLOT

If anyone has any corrugated iron they would like to donate to the school, we are looking for some to cover in our chook shed. We need about 13 sheets 2.2 long and 4 at 2.3 long. Please contact Stuart Stout or Kevin Lehman at the school.

HELPING LEARNER DRIVERS BECOME SAFE DRIVERS

You can learn all the simple steps on how to teach a learner driver at a **FREE** two hour workshop.

The next workshop in your area will be held:

Time & Date: Tuesday 16th September, 6.30pm-8.30pm

Venue: Major Dooley Library

Book Now on: 0448 628 049