

LEETON HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

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“Educating young people for active and responsible citizenship”

~~ PRINCIPAL'S REPORT ~~

The Leeton High School P&C have funded a visiting artist to work in the school from Tuesday 24 February until Friday 6 March. Artist in residence, Jason Wing, is working with students to design and paint a mural project outside the canteen area of the school. Jason will also work with staff on professional development activities and students to further develop their visual art skills.

Jason has offered to run two free workshops open to the public this week:

Thursday 5 March 6.00pm @ Leeton Shire Multipurpose Centre.

He will be joined by other artists to talk about Art and Artist in Residence programs.

Friday 6 March 5-8pm @ Leeton Shire Multipurpose Centre.

“Masterclass”, learn stencil based street art techniques that can be easily adapted to working with fabrics.

Thank you to all the parents and community members who attended the first P&C meeting for 2015 which was held on Tuesday 24 February. As in past years the P&C has received information regarding Student Cover health insurance. The front office at school has information regarding this very reasonable insurance for any interested families.

A reminder that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 24 March and this is the Annual General Meeting and that you need to have paid your two subscriptions prior to the meeting.

It has been great to see the involvement of students in many activities, in particular swimming, so far this term. It is important however to remember that students must catch up all school work they have missed while on excursions.

Parents and carers are again asked to let the school know if you change your contact details. In addition we are planning on moving newsletters to email later in the year. Please let the school know your email address so that we can forward newsletters to you electronically.

Greg Horton, Principal

~~ DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT ~~

Mind Matters is a mental health and wellbeing program which has been a proven success in a number of schools.

As the term moves on, it is evident that there are a couple of myths regarding school uniform that need to be addressed. Firstly, if anyone tells you that canvas shoes (black or otherwise) are acceptable uniform, then they are wrong. Similarly, anyone who says that girls can wear black jeans or tights instead of the designated black uniform pants is also wrong. If you have any questions regarding uniform please contact me personally at school.

Please remember to bring a **change of clothes to PE Practical classes**. In 2014, it was decided that people who fail to do so **three times in a term**, will be ‘Level dropped’. This has already happened to some of our students this year. Notes will be sent home after the **second offence** as a warning. If your PE clothes are unavailable on these days, please bring a **note** and some **appropriate clothes** to actively participate in.

Lateness to class is as disruptive to a lesson as some negative classroom behaviours. Given that we currently have a 38-minute period timetable, the effect of lost minutes is enhanced. Leeton High is taking a more rigid stance on this issue in 2015. Please note that persistent re-offenders can technically be suspended for continued disobedience, given that these individuals have been constantly reminded to get to class on time.

One of our goals in 2015 is to improve our monitoring of student attendance. If you are late to school, you need to get a 'Late Note' from the Front Office. If your child has to leave school during the day for any reason, you need to do 2 things:

- ✓ **Provide a note** for your child to bring to the Front Office before DEAR
- ✓ Collect them **yourself** from the Front Office at the given time.

A few incidents have occurred where people have collected their children without us knowing about it. Some received messages from their children, which did not go through the Front Office. This is totally unacceptable on the basis that we need to be able to account for all of our students at all of the time. This is based on procedures in emergency situations. Please help us to protect your children.

We are taking the use of our Facebook Page to the next level by adding Senior Assessment Tasks for the upcoming two weeks. All Year 11 & 12 students and their carers with a Facebook account should like this page today, to stay up-to-date with this highly important information

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



Andrew Morschel, Deputy Principal

SCHOOL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students on achieving awards:

SILVER DIPLOMA: Amelie Sachs (Year 7).

GOLD DIPLOMA: Claire Quinlivan (Year 12).

EXECUTIVE AWARDS: Amelie Sachs (Year 7), Felicity Allen (Year 8), Chase Morriss (Year 9), Javyen Ekei (Year 10), Caitlin Troy (Year 11) and Amanda Johnson (Year 12).

SCHOOL NEWS

UP-DATE STUDENT DETAILS

A reminder for parents/caregivers:

It is essential that the school is kept fully informed in regards to the following issues:

- Medical conditions & action plans
- AVO's
- Court orders
- Child protection
- Change of address

The school must be supplied with copies of all documentation involving the above issues for legal purposes, staff awareness, and above all for the safety and wellbeing of students.

Please forward copies of any of the above documentation to the front office ASAP if you have not already done so.

YEAR 7 CAMP

A reminder to Year 7 and 11 students going on the Year 7 camp to Albury in week 10 – the 2nd \$50 payment was due last Friday, February 20th, and the 3rd payment of \$50 is due this Friday, March 6th. Please keep up to date with payments as various invoices for the camp must be paid prior to the event. Please complete and return the camp permission note and medical form to the front office as soon as possible. If there are any concerns or problems please contact Naomi Stout, the Year 7 advisor and camp coordinator.

VISIT TO WOLLONGONG UNI

On the 2nd February 17 students from Year 12 travelled to Wollongong to attend the University of Wollongong's Discovery Days. There were over 5,000 young people from across the State who were able to find out for themselves about being a university student and living away from home. Students took part in workshops, tutorials and lectures and had a short taste of staying in student accommodation. A brief tour of Wollongong, its shops and beaches was also included, making a very enjoyable as well as informative excursion.

SRC MEMBERS

Congratulations to our 2015 SRC Team! The following students will be presented with their badges at Tuesday's assembly:

YEAR 7: Isobel Ryan, Julianne Patenia, Amelie Sachs, Hannah Pianca.

YEAR 8: Blair O'Connell, Mollie Wright, Cherish Kohere, Marni Cunningham, Kurt Bloomfield, Kane Deaton.

YEAR 9: Molly Pettersson, William Glennie, Tahlia Taylor

YEAR 10: Emma Brindley, Chelsea Axtill, Dannielle Corney

YEAR 11: Zac Hanlon, Adam Mitchell, Jaslyn Heffer, Georgia Dale, Georgia Green, Bryce Butler, Hannah Boardman, Morgan Wilesmith



ACCELERATED READING

Since being introduced into LHS in 2012, the Accelerated Reading program has been successful in increasing the reading age of the majority of students involved to a greater extent than what would be expected. In 2015 the program has now been extended to include all English classes from Year 7 to Year 9 for one period per week. With the program students are tested online, and a reading level established. During their lessons students select and borrow books at their reading level, and after finishing reading them, they answer some online questions. Student record reports are then generated and teachers can access these to track student progress, and, discover any Literacy needs of their class members.

There are other positives that have come out of the program. Some students, who previously did not enjoy reading, find a genre or an author that they do enjoy, and change their attitude to reading. There are also many cases where students have worthwhile book discussions with others who have read the same book. The software of the AR program has recently had an upgrade and this year teachers will be able to access even more diagnostic information in order to assist Literacy levels of our students.

HOMEWORK CENTRE

Leeton High School is again running the Homework Centre which started on Tuesday 24th February. It will be held in the LHS Library on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3.30 pm till 5.00 pm. Students will be able to make use of the school's resources to help achieve positive educational outcomes. Students can receive individual help in completing homework and assignment work, or, be able to work together for group assignments. The Centre can also just be used as a quiet place to study.

If you are interested in enrolling your child so they can attend when they have the need to, application forms are available from the school office or the Library.

SCHOOL SPORTS

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Thursday 19 February, 2015 LHS students participated in the South West Swimming Carnival. All students performed well on the day. LHS has 23 students who have qualified for the next level. Dion DeMamiel (Year 7) received 12years Age Champion and LHS finished 3rd overall at the carnival.

The Riverina Carnival will be run by Leeton High School to be held on Friday 6 March. There will also be around 40 LHS students helping out on the day with time keeping etc.

Good luck to all students who have made it to the next level.

CHS RIVERINA CRICKET

The week of the 16 February, Corey Graham and Luke Rimmer, both of Year 12, went to Bathurst to compete in the CHS Riverina Cricket Carnival. Corey was selected as Captain for the side. Game 1 they won against Sydney North. Riverina made 215, Corey made 66 runs, took 2 wickets and 2 run-outs. Luke got 2 wickets and 1 catch. Game 2 was against North West. Unfortunately Riverina only made 169 and North West pasted them 3 down to win. Corey made 13 runs and took 1 wicket. Luke also took 1 wicket. Game 3 was against Western. Western made 106 and Riverina passed them 7 down to win. Corey made 36 runs and took 1 catch. On the last day Riverina played Hunter in the finals. Riverina were defeated. Corey made 8 runs and got a run-out. Riverina finished 5th overall out of the 10 teams that participated in the Carnival.

Well done to both boys.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed 4th – Fri 6th Mar – TAS Excursion - Sydney
Mon 16th Mar – School Photos

Fri 6th Mar – Riverina Swimming, Leeton
Mon 30 Mar-Wed 1 April – Yr 7 Camp

NEWSLETTER VIA E-MAIL

Would you like to receive the school newsletter via your e-mail? If so please fill in the following and send it back to the front office.

Name: _____ Student Name: _____ Yr: _____

E-mail Address _____