

LEETON HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

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“Educating young people for active and responsible citizenship”

~~ PRINCIPAL'S REPORT ~~

The past 2 weeks have been the toughest weeks for all members of our school community with the death of Stephanie Scott. The school has been overwhelmed by the support provided and offered from the Leeton community especially but also from across Australia. Students and staff returned to work last week and this was a difficult but essential process.

The school provided counselling support to students and staff initially during the holidays and then again last week, where a team of counsellors were on site. This counselling support will continue at school as necessary. Any student who feels counselling may help in any way is encouraged to make use of the support available.

The question of how the school might acknowledge Stephanie's contribution to Leeton High School in a permanent way has been raised by many people. This will certainly be done after seeking ideas from staff, students and parents in consultation with the Scott family. If parents and community members have ideas in this area please pass them on to the school via the Front Office over the next two weeks. Alternatively, you can send a message to our Leeton High School Facebook page.

Wednesday 22 April was the funeral for Stephanie and I would like to thank the school community for their consideration on this day. Many staff were wanting to attend the funeral and we were unable to run “normal” lessons. I am sure this caused many parents difficulties and we thank them for their patience. A large number of students and parents made the trip to the funeral and your presence was greatly appreciated. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our colleagues at St Francis College who provided a bus for Leeton High School staff to attend the funeral.

Friday 24 April saw our school commemorate ANZAC Day with our traditional school service. Once again our service was enhanced by the attendance of a number of returned service people. School Leaders Jenna McCallum, Lucas Meline, Grace Green and Josh Nikoro led the ceremony. This year's ceremony was highlighted by the choir singing “Advance Australia Fair”, Josh and Shane Nikoro singing the New Zealand national anthem, “God Defend New Zealand” and Claire and Sarah Quinlivan singing “Abide with Me”. The ANZAC ceremony was made all the better by the inclusion of our students who are members of the Leeton Cadet Corp. Fourteen cadets led by Matthew Bagley added a special feel to the commemoration of the 100 Year anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli. Thank you to Tracey Lourigan who planned and prepared our ceremony.

Thank you and congratulations to all the students who marched in the town ANZAC Day march on Saturday 25 April. Over 100 students marched with the school and many more marched with other organisations. It is great to see the involvement of our students and respect they show towards ANZAC and those who have gone before us.

Greg Horton, Principal

~~ DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT ~~

All of us here at Leeton High School will need time to recover from the tragic loss of our much-loved English/Drama teacher, Stephanie Scott. We do well to remember that, although we cannot make time go faster, we can assist with the healing process by drawing back to the basic premise of adhering to the routine that school provides. If we turn up with all of our equipment required for our lessons, then the day will progress seemingly quicker than if we are sitting around, doing nothing and getting into trouble for that as a result.

We have had immense amount of support over the last two weeks, yet we cannot be sure what we will need to provide for you in the immediate and distant future. It is important that people let me know which services or support they may require so that we can initiate a prompt response to these needs. Counsellors are available almost at will. Our Welfare teacher, Mr Pat Hubatka, has been outstanding over the last two weeks and deserves a special mention.

Through all of this time, our students have been impeccable. This was most evident in the fence tributes for Stephanie and with the large numbers who turned out to participate in Anzac Day services, both in Leeton and Whitton. Leeton High is very proud of you all right now.



We may have noticed that temperatures have dropped rather suddenly, which has brought out some average attempts at a school uniform. Of all of these items, nothing looks worse than the 'sloppy-joe-without-the-shirt-look' and the 'really-tight-tights'. If your child fronts with this apparel, they will be asked to go to the Front Office and contact you for a change of clothes before they will be allowed into class. Coloured track pants are in our sights too. Poor look. Ladies, I personally recommend the LHS black pants from WorkLocker. My eldest daughter even bought some to go to work in. That's how good they are.

With the new term, students now have a clean slate regarding PE Uniform. Remember, that they are needed for practical classes. Remember, that a 'Level Drop' applies for the third occasion without the required gear. If you have issues providing this or any uniform items on any given day, please provide an explanatory note for your child to take to the Front Office.

Andrew Morschel, Deputy Principal

SCHOOL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students on achieving awards:

SILVER DIPOLMA: Bree McKellar (Year 7) and Hannah Rhodes-Boulter (Year 8).

GOLD DIPLOMA: Shaun Muller (Year 11).

SCHOOL NEWS

HOMEWORK CENTRE

Just a reminder that our Homework Centre for Term 2 will begin again this week and run on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the Library from 3.30pm till 5.00pm. Students can use the school's resources, 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 did not register your student in Term 1 but would like to make use of the Homework Centre, please do not hesitate to contact LHS office or Library for a registration form.

YEAR 7 CAMP

At the end of last month 51 Year 7 and 16 Year 11 students attended camp at The Great Aussie Holiday Park on Lake Hume near Albury. The students took part in various activities that included rock climbing, archery and team-bonding tasks that involved the students using their problem-solving, cooperation, and communication skills. The Year 11 students were exceptional in their mentor and leadership role, giving great support and guidance to the Year 7 students.

The students had a great time at camp, strengthening bonds and making new friendships.

The camp would not have been a success if it was not for the support of my fellow teachers Sue Langley, Luke DiSalvia, and Sarah Fitzpatrick who accompanied myself and the students on camp. I would like to thank The Great Aussie Holiday Park for running the activities and providing the accommodation, and I would like to thank the Golden Apple IGA for supporting this venture and providing us with the food for the camp. Their service was greatly appreciated.

Naomi Stout
Year 7 Advisor

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 4 May-Fri 8 May – Year 11 Preliminary Exams



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 _____



Josh & Shane Nikoro



Claire & Sarah Quinlivan



Our Cadets talking to the special guests



Back Row: Matt Bagley, Michaela Jones Grieve, Riley Cowling-Jones, Daniel Fitzgerald, Micheal Keech, Tiffany Keech, Tom Bullivant, Elijah Ingram
Front Row: Kurt Bloomfield, Ryan Newman, Travis Collins, Sam Didden, Madeline Price, Sky Bloomfield, Reece Keech, William Kiker