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*“Educating young people for active and responsible citizenship”*

*~~ PRINCIPAL'S REPORT ~~*

Year 11 students, parents and carers are invited to the mid-year parent teacher evening to be held in the school library from 6.00pm to 7.00pm on Thursday 28 May. All students, parents and carers are urged to attend the evening where mid-year reports will be distributed and staff are available to discuss progress in the year to date in Preliminary HSC subjects.

Students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 are continuing their mid-year examinations this week. These will continue until Friday 29 May. Parents are reminded however that many examinations are in class time and when students do not have examinations they attend normal classes.

Year 6 students have commenced the popular Wednesday afternoon lessons at the high school. Currently approximately 100 Year 6 students are attending and participating in lessons in Japanese, woodwork, food technology, music and visual arts. This program will continue weekly until near the end of term 3.

Congratulations to both the open girls and open boys squash teams who have both won through to be Riverina champions in their respective state knockouts recently. (see report later in newsletter). Also to Courtlyn Tuckett (Yr 9) who has been selected to audition as a featured dancer at this year's School Spectacular.

Congratulations to Year 12 student Corey Graham who has made it through to the final of the State Training Awards to be held in Wagga next month. Corey is completing his Electro technology course through Leeton Campus of the Riverina Institute of TAFE. Nominated initially by his teacher he then had to go through an interview process prior to final nomination.

**Greg Horton, Principal**

*~~ DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT ~~*

Junior Exams are in full swing and hopefully all of our students will get what they have worked for. On Assembly, I asked that all students respect the Examination Room Environment and am pleased to note that this has been observed better than last year.

Remember that Examinations are only a part of overall Assessment for your students. I have noticed that far too many people are receiving letters for unsubmitted assignments and N-Letters for failing to complete course requirements.

This is abysmal.

There are three things that the Board of Studies asks you to do to attain the various levels. Rather than give you the official wording, it translates to read the following:

1. Turn up.
2. Have a go and submit all of your assessment tasks.
3. Don't carry on like an idiot.

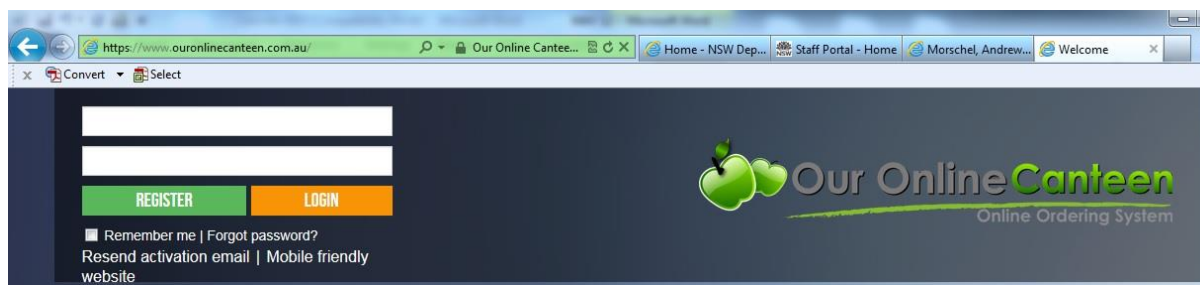
Point 3 is a concern for a small minority.

Point 1 is a concern for some. A few children are getting off the bus, yet failing to attend school. Please note that the safest place for your kids is here. We are endeavouring to contact parents of serial offenders to try and work together to get your child's

education back on track. Additionally, if your child is absent, please send a note outlining the reason(s) why upon their return. Alternatively, contact the Front Office on the day and we can amend our records promptly. In conclusion, failing to address Point 2 is inexcusable. If you receive one of these letters, discuss it with your child. Please contact the school with any concerns or questions that you have after that.

Another reminder that Leeton High's "Hungry Hut" Canteen has leapt into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century by providing parents and students with an online ordering service. Students were given a flier outlining the easy process you can take to set up this convenient service. It all begins by registering on the webpage below and selecting Leeton High School:

<https://www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au/>



The good news is that the food being served is still the same awesome quality!

School uniforms are great. They take out the 'what am I going to wear?' debate, look presentable and are made from durable fabrics that adhere to WH&S guidelines. The best thing about them is that teachers tend to treat you a bit differently if you are wearing one.

**Andrew Morschel, Deputy Principal**

### ***SCHOOL AWARDS***

Congratulations to the following students on achieving awards:

**SILVER DIPOLMA:** Blayne Thompson, Trent Petrie, Cooper Holmes, Molly Donohoe, Jorja Sink Crowe, Makayla Broadbent, Sheridan Scali, Mikayla Boots, Karen Chetcuti, Michael Wang, Julianne Patenia (Year 7) and Kane Deaton (Year 8).

**GOLD DIPLOMA:** Amelie Sachs, Julianne Patenia (Year 7), Brianna Gray-Mills, Jakeb Steele (Year 8), Megan Chetcuti, Shelby Tiffin (Year 9), Elli Gill, Phoebe Franic, Vanessa Hyde, Emma Brindley, Bryce DeMamiel, Isaac Collins (Year 10), Taylor Hunter-Boyd and Sarah Bush (Year 11).

**EXECUTIVE AWARDS:** Maddison Beaumont, Bree McKellar (Year 7), Jade Poulson, Joshua Baulch (Year 8), Gilbert Didden, Molly Pettersson (Year 9), Isaac Collins, Emma Brindley (Year 10), Hannah Keith, Georgia Green (Year 10), Brianna Celi and Georgia Wallace (Year 12).

### ***SCHOOL SPORTS***

#### **OPEN GIRLS SQUASH VICTORY**

On Wednesday 13 May, Leeton High School Open Girls Squash team defeated Young High School in a hard fought battle to become Riverina Champions. Tahlia Taylor and Siarne Deeves came up against very difficult opponents and unfortunately lost their games in 4 and 5 sets respectively. However, Claire and Sarah Quinlivan then convincingly defeated each of their opponents by winning in 3 sets. As Riverina Champions the girls will now participate in the next phase of the CHS Knockout competition.

### **ZONE CROSS COUNTRY**

About 30 Leeton High students travelled out to Yanco Ag on Friday 15 May to compete in the South West Zone Cross Country. We had a very successful day, finishing 4<sup>th</sup> overall and two students winning Age Championships. Kelsey Bandy won the Girls 13 years, while Josh Baulch won the Boys 14 years. Hannah Pianca came second in the Girls 12 years as did Carley Graham in the Girls 15 years. Other students finished in the top six, which will see them also move onto the Riverina Championships to be held on Friday 12 June at Gundagai. They were:- Bree McKellar, Dion DeMamiel, Blayne Thompson, Dayne Butler and Micheal Keech.

### **BUCKLEY SHIELD RUGBY LEAGUE**

Leeton High played the first round of the Buckley Shield Rugby League on Monday 18 May. They played two matches on the day, having a 10 all draw with Yanco Ag High School in the first match and then defeating Wagga High School 36 to 10 in the second. The whole team played exceptionally well considering the lack of preparation, with Tom DePaoli, Kody Collins, Shane Nikoro and Koby Eglinton being standouts on the day. The team will now progress to the next round in Griffith.



### ***SCHOOL NEWS***

### **DOUBLE GOLD JACKET**

Congratulations to Claire Quinlivan of Year 12 who was awarded a Double Gold jacket at a formal assembly on Tuesday 19 May. Claire is an excellent ambassador for Leeton High School participating in all aspects of school life with enthusiasm. Congratulations to Claire on her outstanding achievement.



### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Thur 28 May – Year 11 Parent/Teacher night  
Fri 5 June – SW Athletics at Griffith