

# LEETON HIGH SCHOOL

## Newsletter

P.O Box 843, LEETON 2705

Ph: 69532122

Fax: 69535085

leeton-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

ABN: 22 761 278 122

Principal: Mr G R Horton

Issue No: 12 Term: 3

Week 4

Monday 3 August, 2015

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

### *~~ PRINCIPAL'S REPORT ~~*

All Year 7 and 8 students received information about the “Bring Your Own Device” (BYOD) program at Year meetings last Tuesday. Students were given a copy of the Student User Agreement and Device Specifications. In this initial period of BYOD we are asking all Year 7 and 8 students, parents and carers to read the information provided, then sign and return to Student User Agreement to the Front Office asap. This should be done before they begin to bring their own device to school.

Additionally, students in other year groups who would like to bring a device for use in class may do so once they obtain, sign and return a Student User Agreement to the school. To assist parents and carers the school has placed a copy of the Leeton High School Policy relating to BYOD and other information about the program on our school website.

Planning for 2016 has commenced this term. We are currently calculating our anticipated numbers for 2016. This anticipated numbers figure is then sent to the Department who in turn use these figures to allocate staffing. Additionally, later this week Year 10 students will receive information regarding Year 11 2016. All Year 10 students who are planning on returning in Year 11 and their parents and carers are invited to an information evening on Wednesday 12 August commencing at 6.00pm.

Congratulations to all students involved in the combined Leeton Schools Education Week event held at the Roxy on Thursday 30 July. What a great way to showcase public education in our town. All local schools provided one performance and announced Education Week awards. Leeton High School Captains Lucas Meline and Jenna McCallum compared the ceremony with their counterparts from Yanco Agricultural High School. Leeton High School's dance ensemble performed a wonderful number titled “Poker Face”. Award recipients were School leaders Lucas Meline, Jenna McCallum, Josh Nikoro and Grace Green; staff member Kerry Hardie and P&C Secretary Carrie Stewart both of whom have spent many years supporting the students of Leeton High School.

**Greg Horton, Principal**

### *~~ DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT ~~*

For students in Year 10, the important process of Year 11 Subject Selection is approaching. Our Subject Information Night is Wednesday, August 12, and is vitally important for our HSC Class of 2017. If nothing else, remember the following:

1. Pick the subjects you will like.
2. Don't worry about what other people choose.

Other snippets of information will be given to students as required.

Check our Facebook page for further information on this and other good things that we do around here.

Uniform for well over 90% of Leeton High School students is not an issue. However, we have had a small number of students coming to the Front Office for a Uniform Note with reasons like “I don't like wearing it.”

Gee, that sucks. So does your excuse. From next week onwards, **no one will be issued a blue Uniform Pass without a note from home.** The following policy will still continue:

- ✓ If you are out of Uniform without a note from home, you are placed on a Uniform Detention
- ✓ If you forget to attend one day, you must appear the next day or you will be 'Level Dropped'

With our new Sentral system, we know who is out of Uniform by 9.20am. Kids, if you know that you have a Uniform Detention coming, please feel free to come to the IBM Room to fulfil your Detention requirements.

Unexplained absences are still a problem. Please remember to send a note in with your child upon their return to school. Unexplained absences (including lateness) certainly capture the attention of our Home School Liaison Officer, and a number of referrals have been completed last week with more to come. The Board of Studies recommends 85% attendance or above as being desirable for giving your child the best opportunity to learn and succeed at school. If you do the maths, any more than 8 days absent in a 10-week term (50 school days) theoretically represents strangled opportunity.

Those on Level Cards are bound to uphold the conditions attached to it. The slender minority of students who end up on cards must get their teachers to sign and comment on their performance each lesson. At the end of the day these cards must be returned to me. For those on 'Blue cards', I am asking for better results in this area and will state that recurring card non-compliers could find themselves "level dropped" to "Pink Cards". Sort this now!

To conclude, I will reiterate what I say in conversations and on Assembly. "If people talk to each other, things get solved." If you think that we at Leeton High School can help you and your child's learning in any way please let us know.

**Andrew Morschel, Deputy Principal**

## *SCHOOL AWARDS*

Congratulations to the following students on achieving awards:

**EXECUTIVE AWARDS:** Abbey Snell (Year 7), Caitlin Garth (Year 8), Kyle Richards (Year 9), Elijah Ingram (Year 10), Lane Smith (Year 11) and Danyon Arnold (Year 12).

## *SCHOOL SPORTS*

### **GIRLS & BOYS SQUASH**

On Thursday 30 July the Open Girls Squash team travelled to Goulbourn to play Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College in the 4<sup>th</sup> round of the CHS State knockout. Claire Quinlivan, Tahlia Taylor and Siarne Deeves all had convincing wins over their opponents which allowed Sarah Quinlivan to rest after gaining an injury while training. This victory will see the girls enter the quarter finals in the coming weeks.

Leeton High School Open Boys squash team played Tenterfield High School in the 4<sup>th</sup> round of the CHS State knockout on Friday 31 July. The boys travelled to Dunedoo in central west NSW to play the games. In a very close contest the boys went down three rubbers to one. The team consisted of Jack Quinlivan, Cooper Holmes, Maanu Alexander and Zac Hanlon. This was a great effort as two of the boys are only in Year 7, well done to all the boys involved.

## *SCHOOL NEWS*

With the introduction of BYOD this term, the English classrooms have been using technology at a higher rate and we hope to develop this over the months ahead. Some apps that are being used or would be beneficial to complement your child's learning in English this term include:



\***popplet** - a mind map tool. There is a cost but the free app will allow you to create 5 free mind- map tools per month.



**iMovie**- Year 8 this term have an assessment task which includes creating your own film trailer on a genre. There is a small cost associated with this app but it will be used often in Term 3.



**Celtx**- this app has a free version which is limited in what you can access but is used for script writing. The Drama students would benefit highly from this as the formatting and script conventions are built into the app which will allow them to focus on the creative element. The free version is suitable for junior students but if in Senior Drama or English, students should aim to purchase the more advanced level which has more features.

**Kahoots** is another app or website that will be used by students in the classroom for revision and comprehension work that they will need to have on their device.

These apps are the iPad versions but are also available through googleplay.

### **LHS FEST/IDOL IS COMING**

**Wednesday 2 September.** Wristbands will be available to purchase from the front office. If wristbands are purchased before 31 August you will go into a draw to win a prize.

FEST commences around 9.30am and will finish around 12.30pm. Students then go into the MPC to watch/participate in IDOL.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Mon 10 Aug – HSC Trials begin  
Wed 12 Aug – Year 10 to Year 11 Info Night  
**Mon 31 Aug – Pie Drive Orders Close**

Wed 2 Sept – LHS Fest/Idol  
Mon 7 Sept – Yr 11 Prelim Exams begin  
Fri 11 Sept – Pies Delivered

### **NEWSLETTER VIA E-MAIL**

Our newsletter will be going paperless, would you like to receive the school newsletter via e-mail? If so please fill in the following and send it back to the front office.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Yr: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

#### **LEETON HIGH SCHOOL JAPAN TRIP 2015**

#### **PIE DRIVE**

Leeton High School will be sending a group of students to Japan in December. As part of their fundraising students are running a Micks Bakehouse Pie Drive.

Forms were sent around to students last week. If you did not receive one and would like one they can be collect from the front office.

Orders are due back by 31 August and Pies will be delivered on the 11 September.

#### **LEETON VOLLEYBALL**

#### **Registration Night/Skills Night**

Wednesday 19 August at 7pm  
Leeton Indoor Stadium

Individual or Team Nominations  
Women's & Mixed Competitions  
Competition Starts Wednesday 26 August  
Costs (includes insurance): Adults \$100, U19's \$80  
Players from autumn comp 2015 Adults \$60 U19's \$50  
Contact: Lorraine 69552604AH or 0428 731875  
or Lorraine.kefford@bigpond.com