

LEETON HIGH SCHOOL Newsletter

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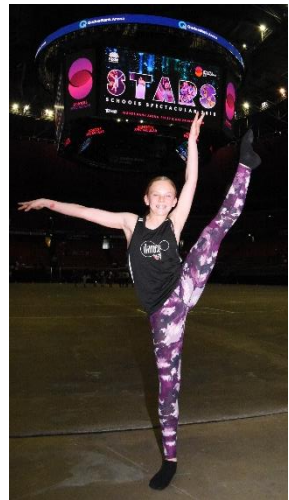
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“Educating young people for active and responsible citizenship”

~~ PRINCIPAL’S REPORT~~

Leeton High School will again feature strongly at this year’s Schools Spectacular to be held on Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd November at Qudos Bank Arena at Sydney’s Olympic Park. The theme for the 2019 Schools Spectacular is *STARS* and our performers will shine brightly in a galaxy of more than 5500 stars drawn from public schools across NSW.

Our very own Emika Gooley, in Year 9, is one of forty feature performers to grace the stage along with our contingent of talented students making the trip to Sydney with Emika. Emika has had an outstanding year being selected as part of the NSW Public Schools Dance Ensemble for the third straight year and as feature dancer will also join the Contemporary Dance Ensemble as well. We wish all our performers the very best and thank our supporting staff and parents and carers for their incredible effort and commitment in assisting our students to get to this level.



Congratulations to the very talented Maria Tynan, in Year 10, who attended the Riverina Conservatorium of Music 2020 Scholarship Auditions and Presentation evening on Saturday 26th October. Maria Tynan was awarded an Advanced Gold Award for Piano, which includes a scholarship for study at the Conservatorium in 2020. What a wonderful achievement for this very talented young musician. Maria is pictured here with her teacher and Riverina Conservatorium of Music Director, Hamish Tait. We look forward to hearing about Maria’s future achievements in the music world.

Congratulations to Acadia Lee, in Year 12, who is the very worthy recipient of a Dean’s Scholarship to study at Wollongong University. Acadia has been an outstanding student at Leeton High School and is a very deserving beneficiary of this prestigious scholarship. Best wishes to Acadia and all our Year 12 students who are nearing the end of the Higher School Certificate examination period which concludes for our students on 11th November.

Years 7-10 Yearly Examination Period

Year 10 Yearly Examinations will be held this week with Years 7-9 Yearly Examinations to be held over the following two weeks from 11th -22nd November. Students have received their examination timetables. Additional timetables are available from the front office. Our Positive Behaviour for Learning focus for the term has explored being a learner. Students have been able to learn about various study skills and strategies to assist them in the lead up to these final exams.

Hands on Learning

Our Hands on Learning shed has now been completed and students did a fabulous job of setting up the kitchen area and stripping some pallets for later use to create tables and chairs for the dining area. We have had a great response to this initiative with thirty five students self-referring allowing us to run two start up groups with an established waiting list to join the program at a later date. If you require more information about this program, please contact myself or Mr Stout on 0269532122.

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Welcome Mr Storer to the Science/PDHPE Faculty

Mr Jacob Storer will commence at Leeton High School on Monday 11th November after his successful appointment to the PDHPE vacancy left by Mr Dan McKenzie, who will commence his role as a Special Education teacher here with us. Mr Storer is from North Geelong Secondary College and brings a wealth of experience to this role. We warmly welcome him to Leeton High School.

Minimum Standards Testing

From the 25th November, students in Years 10 and 11 who have yet to meet the Level 3 benchmark in the Reading, Writing and/or Numeracy Minimum Standards tests will have the opportunity to achieve these benchmarks. The link provided has sample tests to assist student to prepare for these. If you have any questions regarding these tests please contact me on 0269532122.

<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/hsc-minimum-standard/online-tests/what-to-expect-in-the-tests/sample-test-questions>

Positive Behaviour for Learning Week 3 Prize Draw

The below students have been acknowledged for demonstrating our PBL values by being respectful, responsible learners at our PBL draw last Friday.

Year	\$10 Canteen Voucher	\$20 Canteen Voucher	\$30 Canteen Voucher
7	Nikita McIntosh	Connor Cregan	Jaxon Poulson
8	Jhie Grundy	Codey Schmetzer	Libby Aliendi
9	Rebecca Connell	Awais Khan	Jarraah Brain
10	Petra Toia	Amy Ryan	Nathan Baulch
11	Dion DeMamiel	Mikayla Boots	Jesse Horsfield

Year 7 2020 Small School Transition Program 4th– 22nd November

Year 7 2020 Transition Day Wednesday 27th November (all schools)

Year 7 2020 Enrolment Forms

The return of enrolment forms to the front office would be greatly appreciated so we can determine the number of Year 7 classes and staffing required for 2020. Enrolment forms are available from the LHS front office and from our school website

<http://www.leeton-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

Breakfast Club and Homework Centre @ Leeton High School

Breakfast Club is on every Tuesday and Friday morning. Toast and a variety of spreads and fresh fruit is available. A huge thank you to the Golden Apple for supporting us with this great start to the day.

Our Homework Centre will run on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3.30pm – 4.30pm in the Library. Teachers will be available to support students with homework, assignments and assessment tasks. Students are welcome to access the internet for educational purposes via the computers in the library.

Leeton High School recognises and values the importance of communication between home and school. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the school on 69532122. Stay in touch with the happenings at Leeton High School via the School Website <http://www.leeton-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/> or our Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/LeetonHS>.



Mrs Meagan Crelley
Principal

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~~DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - TEACHING & LEARNING~~

I take this opportunity to sincerely thank all parents who took the time to complete the 'Tell Them From Me' Parent Survey. The Executive Leadership team have engaged the services of, Samuel Cox, from the Centre for Educational Statistics and Evaluation (CESE) to help assist the school to analyse the results from the student, parent and teacher surveys to identify emerging issues and to plan for improvement. A quick perusal of the results reveals a number of key themes identified by parents, to which I will touch on below.

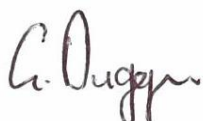
A number of you expressed a desire for the school to refocus its efforts on students demonstrating high potential and giftedness. The school is aware that giftedness and talent resides in a number of domains, which includes: intellectual, creative, social-emotional and physical. We also recognise that high potential students are found among students of all backgrounds.

In June 2019, the new High Potential and Gifted Education Policy (HPGE) was announced by the Minister for Education. The policy will be operating in all public schools in NSW by day 1, Term 1, 2021. As a school, we will have 18 months to familiarise ourselves with the policy, engage in professional learning and plan for implementation.

To build capacity and expertise in this area prior to the mandated roll out of the new policy, we have submitted an expression of interest to become an early adopter pilot school. If we are successful with this application, a case study portraying our journey in implementing the HPGE policy will be produced for use around NSW to assist other schools in their journey. We have fingers crossed on this front, but in any case, the school will be engaging purposely in with the new policy over the next 12-24 month period and further communication about the HPGE policy, can be expected from the school.

The school values and acknowledges the importance of effective parental and community engagement. This is highlighted in key documents such as the Australian Professional Standard for Principals, The National School Improvement Tool and the Schools Excellence Framework. The recent 'Tell Them From Me' parent survey contained an open ended question to garner responses on the different ways that we could get more families to participate at Leeton High School. We will assess the feedback with CESE and take action on where improvements can be made.

Last week, we were selected and interviewed as a shortlisted candidate in the 'Fair Education' funding grant. The grant, which would equate to \$70,000 over three years, will allow the school to create and deliver an innovative project focused on leading family and community engagement to improve student learning outcomes and learning experiences. We are hopeful on this front, however if not successful in our application, we will continue to align our day to day practices to principles of best practice.



Glenn Duggan
Deputy Principal (Teaching and Learning)

SCHOOL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students on achieving awards:

BRONZE AWARD: Victoria Glenn (Year 7)

SILVER AWARD: Emily Baulch (Year 7)

EXECUTIVE AWARD: Luca Deaton (Year 7), Jordan Lanceford (Year 8), Alexandra Glenn (Year 9), Maria Tynan (Year 10) and Sheridan Scali (Year 11)

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~~ SCHOOL NEWS~~

Halloween Fun

LHS celebrated Halloween all Week 3 in the library. The students had a great time watching movies and playing various games during recess and lunch. On Thursday students and staff displayed their inner ghoul and got into the spirit of Halloween dressing up in their scariest garb. Some participants showed some exceptional cosmetic skills with some awesome and very realistic make-up work.

Congratulations to the winners of the Halloween costume competition. All entrants put in a super scary effort to look the part.

Overall scariest: **Libby Aliendi Yr 8**

Scariest Year 7: **William Gray Mills**

Scariest Year 8: **Molly Gilmour**

Scariest Year 9: **Eh Htoo**

Scariest Year 10: **Alison Moller**

Scariest Year 11: **Leigha Stafford**

Students also practised their creative writing skills by entering the short story/poetry competition. There were definitely future writers rivalling the likes of Bram Stoker, Stephen King and Edgar Allan Poe! Keep imagining and writing kids!

Congratulations goes to the short story winner, **Alax Patten-Taylor of Year 11** for his short story; and **Cheyenne Webb of Year 8** for her poem.

I hope everyone that joined in had fun, and I look forward to next year's spooky fun.

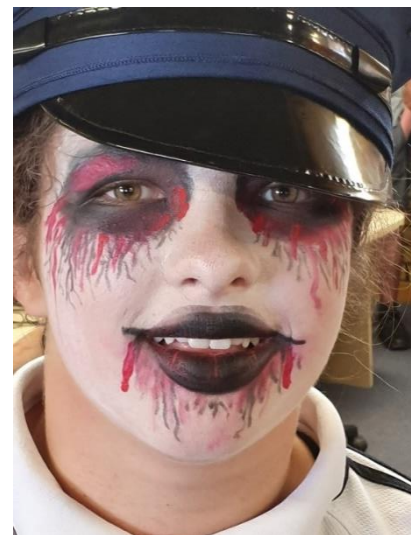
Mrs Stout



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DATES TO REMEMBER

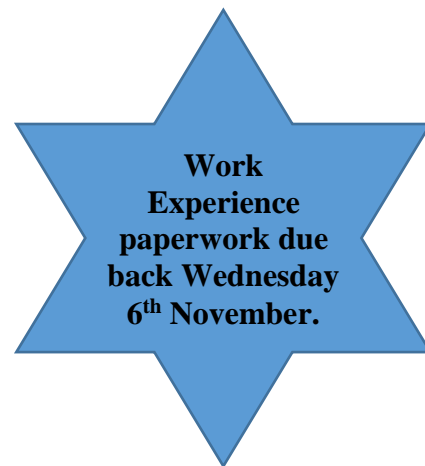
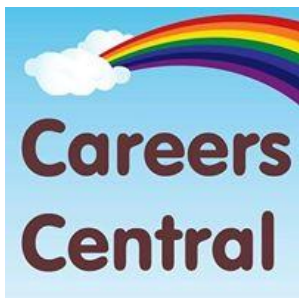
Thur 17th Oct-Mon 11th Nov- HSC Exams
 Tues 22nd Oct - P&C Meeting 7pm in Library
 Mon 4th Nov - Year 10 Exams
 Mon 11th Nov - Year 7-9 Exams

Fri 15th Nov - Year 12 Grad Dinner
 Tues 26th Nov - P&C Meeting
 Thur 12th Dec - Presentation Night
 Wed 18th Dec - Students Last Day of Term 4

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With Mrs Goring & Mrs Palmer

Expression of Interest

If you are interested in completing your First Aid Course, please come and see us at Careers Central. If we have supporting numbers, the course will run towards the end of Term 4.

UPCOMING EVENTS

18-22 November 2019	Work Experience Year 10
18-19 November	University of Canberra Excursion
2-6 December 2019	Work Experience Year 10

Work Experience

All students involved in work experience, please do not forget that your paperwork is due back completed by Wednesday 6th. If you need any help please come and see us.

PAST EVENTS

This week a group of year 10/11 boys participated in the school to work project 'Yeah the Boys'. The students participated in a workshop on Tuesday where students completed a career quiz based on their interests and goals. On Wednesday they participated in an industry tour to a variety of local businesses. All employees expressed the need for potential employees to possess a good level of LITERACY, NUMERACY and be RELIABLE. Thank you to Ron Arel from GetSet for coordinating the excursion and workshop. Also thank you to the following businesses for being generous with your time and advice: Southern Cotton, Freedom Foods, Malmot, SunRice, Cummins and JBS.



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Positions Vacant



APPRENTICE - HEAVY VEHICLE MECHANIC

Buslines Group is the largest rural and regional bus operator in NSW operating thirteen depots throughout NSW with over 380 buses and 16 taxis.

Griffith Buslines operates 15 buses and 11 taxis in the Griffith area. A position has arisen for an Apprentice Heavy Vehicle Mechanic to work in the modern well equipped maintenance facility at the Griffith depot. The successful applicant will be highly motivated and display a keen interest in the mechanical field. The applicant will undertake the Heavy Vehicle Mechanic course at Wagga TAFE.

The role offers experience in all areas of heavy vehicle maintenance in the bus industry as well as light vehicle experience with taxis and the opportunity to gain experience across the Group.

Applications should be directed to the Manager, Ms Sally Blair
sblair@griffithbuslines.com.au

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- ◆ Good problem solving skills
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- ◆ Be a team player
- ◆ Excellent study and work ethic

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Questions?

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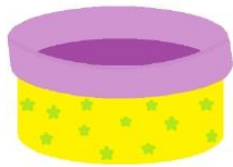
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Two Friends Leeton Sewing Classes for Kids



Sat 9th Nov
Baskets
9am – 12pm
\$45



Sun 10th Nov
Christmas Stocking
11am – 4pm
\$75



Sat 16th Nov
Journal Cover
9am – 12pm
\$45



Sat 23rd Nov
Felt Xmas Tags
9am – 12pm
\$30



Sun 24th Nov
Xmas Pyjamas
11am – 4pm
\$80 incl. Shirt



Sun 1st Dec
Car Fun Travel Bag
& Seatbelt Pillow
11am – 4pm
\$110



Sat 7th Dec
Christmas Stocking
11am – 4pm
\$75

- Ages 7+
- BEGINNERS WELCOME!
- No experience required!
- Machine available for use
- Includes all materials & equipment
- Includes morning/afternoon tea. BYO Lunch.

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