

LEETON HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

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“Educating young people for active and responsible citizenship”

~~ PRINCIPAL'S REPORT ~~

Welcome back to Term 4! I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new students and their families who have joined us this term. Also, we welcome Ms Madaleine Roseby who is our new Learning and Support Teacher replacing Mrs Naomi Bulter who previously held this position. Ms Roseby joins us from Murrumbidgee Regional High School.

This term will again be a very busy one starting with our Year 12 students who will commence their Higher School Certificate examinations on Tuesday 20th October. I would like to offer our best wishes to Year 12 for their HSC examinations.

HSC examination information and protocols for Year 12

The following information for students, outlining COVID examination protocols, is found on the NSW Education Standards Authority website:

<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/covid-19/coronavirus-advice/hsc/covid-19-safe-hsc-exams>
<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/covid-19/coronavirus-advice>

If you have a known illness, like hay fever, that has similar symptoms to the flu:

- Get a medical certificate from your doctor.
- Give your school a copy of the certificate.

Exam day protocols

- For entry to the exam room, you will be asked to confirm that you do not have any flu-like symptoms and are not required by NSW Health to self-isolate.
- If you develop flu-like symptoms during an exam, let an exam supervisor know and follow their instructions.

You must:

- Regularly wash your hands.
- Cough and sneeze into the crook of your elbow.
- Avoid touching your face.

You may also choose to wear a mask.

Exam rooms will be thoroughly and frequently cleaned. Hygiene supplies will be available and regularly re-stocked.

Do NOT attend the exam(s) if you have:

- flu-like symptoms (fever, cough, sore/scratchy throat, shortness of breath, loss of taste or sense of smell)
- been tested for COVID-19 and have not yet received your test result
- been directed by NSW health to self-isolate
- you tested positive for COVID-19.
- Do not return until you have a negative result.
- Provide your school with medical evidence. Use a telehealth service if you cannot see a doctor in person. **An SMS COVID-19 test result on its own is not sufficient evidence.**
- Your school will provide an illness/misadventure application for you to complete and sign.
- Once completed and signed, the school will submit your application to NESA.

At the time of a written exam...If you have flu-like symptoms:

- Do not attend the exam.
- Contact your school as soon as possible to tell them.
- Get tested — say you are an HSC student to get your results fast tracked.
- Do not return until you have a negative result.
- Provide your school with medical evidence. Use a telehealth service if you cannot see a doctor in person. **An SMS COVID-19 test result on its own is not sufficient evidence.**
- Your school will provide an illness/misadventure application for you to complete and sign.
- Once completed and signed, the school will submit your application to NESA.

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If you have tested positive to COVID-19:

- Do not attend the exam.
- Contact your school as soon as possible to tell them.
- Follow advice from your school and do not return until you have a negative result.
- Your school will provide an illness/misadventure application for you to complete and sign.
- Provide your school with a medical evidence. Use a telehealth service if you cannot see a doctor in person. An SMS COVID-19 test result on its own is not sufficient evidence.
- Once completed and signed, the school will submit your application to NESAs.

If you are under the direction of NSW Health to self-isolate:

- Do not attend the exam.
- Contact your school as soon as possible to tell them.
- Your school will provide an illness/misadventure application for you to complete and sign.
- Provide your school with evidence.
- Once completed and signed, the school will submit your application to NESAs.

What if I hear my school is closed due to a COVID-19 case?

- Only follow instructions from NSW Health or your school.
- If you are not directed to self-isolate, your school will advise you:
 - to attend your exam at the scheduled venue as it has been cleared to operate by NSW Health
 - to attend your exam at an alternative venue
- that your exam has been cancelled. Written exams will not be held online or rescheduled. If your exam is cancelled, your school will lodge an application for illness and misadventure on behalf of affected students.

Please contact the school on 0269532122 with any questions regarding HSC examinations, HSC examination protocols or student illness or misadventure affecting examinations. Please note all correspondence to students from Leeton High School during examination time will be through the student's Department of Education school email.

Year 9 poets excel

Congratulations to Jana Deaton, Madeline Irvin, Jessica Wells and Cathleen Metre who have had their poetry published in the Eastern Riverina Arts anthology 'ash, dust, air'. The anthology is a collection of teenage and young adult voices using the world around them as a stimulus. Our students had the opportunity to work in collaboration with author Gabrielle Tozer to refine and polish their final composition. Our school will receive a copy of the anthology as will the National Library, the State Library and NSW Parliament Library. What an outstanding effort from our students!

Athletics Carnival 2020

While the weather was not ideal, our Athletics Carnival was a great success with students having a most enjoyable day representing their house and cheering on competitors. Student participation and sportsmanship was very commendable. Thank you to Mr. Stout and Mrs. Turner for all their organisation.

Congratulations to our new Age Champions:

12 Years: Vula Wate and McKenzie Lee

13 Years: Kyson Freer and Ruby Miller

14 Years: Chase Lee and Taelah Simpson

15 Years: Beni Dakunibubului and Molly Gilmour

16 Years: Dan Hillam and Brooke Eglinton

17+ Years: Angus Crelley and Emily Wright



Congratulations to Mawson who were the winning house.

Gardening at Leeton High School

With the onset of beautiful spring weather, growing gardens across the school has taken off. Our Hands on Learning crew have established a native garden with the help of Mike Shultz from Riverina Wildflower who supplied 120 native plants for our garden. Thank you to Mr Shultz for his assistance. The creation of this garden has also been made possible through the Sustainability Grant secured by our school in 2019. The creation of a sensory garden has also commenced this term with

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the planting of beautiful lavender plants and an array of vegetables and herbs. This garden is maintained by students as part of our wellbeing focus and will continue to evolve in design. Thank you to our Welfare Team for promoting this great project to enhance our environment.

Years 7-10 Yearly Examinations

Year 10 yearly examinations commence this week. Students in Years 7-9 will commence their yearly examinations from 2nd-13th November.

Year 8 VALID assessment

Validation of Assessment for Learning & Individual Development (VALID) test for Year 8 students will be held on Thursday 29th October 2020. The test takes approximately 70 minutes. The VALID Science 8 test is an interactive, multimedia test completed entirely on a computer. VALID Science 8 contains multiple choice, short response and extended response tasks that are grouped around real-world issues, including scientific investigations. This is a diagnostic test, with tasks framed on Stage 4 outcomes and essential content in the NSW Science Years K-10 Syllabus.

Students will be tested on their:

- knowledge and understanding of science
- understanding and skills in the process of scientific investigation
- ability to evaluate evidence, make judgements and think critically
- ability to access information and communicate scientific ideas.

Students also complete a survey about their opinions, attitudes and values about science. Since students complete VALID Science 8 on a computer, each student needs to bring headphones or earbuds that plug into a school computer. Earbuds for an iPod or portable player are suitable. Results of the test will be available during Term 1 2021. Information about each student is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that the right to privacy of all students is maintained. A personalised electronic report describing the knowledge and skills demonstrated by students will be made available when ready.

Year 6 into 7 Transition Program

Despite the challenges of this year we have managed to link remotely with our partner primary schools to get to know our newest students and to share all the great things that happen at Leeton High School with them. With the easing of restriction this term we are now able to invite Year 6 students to visit us onsite. Information notes regarding our onsite visits have been provided to our primary schools to give to students. The dates for our Taster school visits are below.

School	Date	Time
• Leeton PS, Yanco PS and Wamoon PS	Thursday 19/11/20	9:30am – 3pm
• Parkview PS, Yanco PS and Wamoon PS	Friday 20/11/20	9:30am – 3pm
• Parkview PS, Yanco PS and Wamoon PS	Thursday 26/11/20	9:30am – 3pm
• Leeton PS, Yanco PS and Wamoon PS	Friday 27/11/20	9:30am – 3pm

An Orientation Day for all Year 6 students is planned for Thursday 3rd December. If you have not already, **please return enrolment forms to your primary school or Leeton High School's front office as soon as possible** to assist with our planning for 2021. Please contact the school on 0269532122 with any questions you may have about our Transition Program or enrolling in high school.

COVID Symptoms Update

To keep, our community safe, students (and staff) are required to produce a negative COVID test result and display no symptoms before returning to school. COVID test results can be emailed to the school's email account. In keeping with the updated school guidelines released recently, students displaying flu like symptoms will be sent home.

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. Keep yourself updated on the latest news and events 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

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Principal

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Tell Them From Me Parent Survey:

Leeton High School is again participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will close this coming Friday 23rd October. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated. I would like to thank those parents who have already completed the survey.

The survey can be accessed through the following link.

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/leeton>

Glenn Duggan

Deputy Principal (Teaching & Learning)

SCHOOL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students on achieving awards:

BRONZE AWARD: Daniel Bridge, Brielle Beaumont (Year 7), Abbie Doyle, Isabella Ward, Makiya Martin and Noumea Kember (Year 8).

EXECUTIVE AWARD: Travis Newman (Year 7), Isabella Ward, Eloise Crelley (Year 8), Rotalina Smith, Jessica Thomas (Year 9), Roxy McAliece, Meghan Davidson-Curtain (Year 10), Zachary Holliss, Rachael Wahba (Year 11) and Cooper Holmes (Year 12).

PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL

The school is now accepting cash payments but eftpos or POP would be the preferred payments if possible.

Eftpos is available at the front office or POP payments can be made through our school website (leeton-h.schools.nsw.gov.au then go to the "Make a Payment" tab at the top of the page)

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 19th–Fri 23rd Oct - Year 10 Exams
Tue 27th Oct - P&C Meeting
Tue 20th Oct – Wed 11th Nov – HSC Exams

Thur 12th Nov – Year 12 Assembly Presentation
Fri 13th Nov – Year 12 Grad Dinner

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~~ WELLBEING NEWS~~

Wellbeing Team

Hi everyone hope you have all had a good rest during the school holidays.

We want to introduce our *Wellbeing Team*

- Mrs Tracey Byrne - Head Teacher Wellbeing
- Pat Hubatka - Student Wellbeing teacher
- Joey Longford – Special Program Coordinator
- Jannette Dundon - Student Support Officer
- Mrs Sandra Richardson – Counsellor
- Mrs Deseleen Morgan – Aboriginal Education Officer

YEAR ADVISERS

- Year 7- Mr Sam Brown
- Year 8- Mr Dan McKenzie
- Year 9- Mr Jacob Storer
- Year 10- Ms Renee Arena
- Year 11- Ms Kylee Seabrook
- Year 12- Ms Jaimie-lee Northey
- SLSO-** Mrs Emily Langley, Mrs Mellie Fraser, Mrs Gill Morton, Mrs Tash Deaton, Mrs Rosetta Mercuri, Mrs Mel Snell, Mrs Libby Joy, Ms Michele White, Mrs Teneal Hammer, Miss Martelle Maguire,



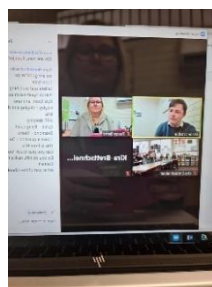
Leeton High school has been lucky enough to be involved in a pilot program with Rapid Relief Team. Smartt Cookie helps ensure hunger isn't a barrier to education for children who would otherwise go without. The Smartt Cookie is a nutritional option for children on the go! The *Wellbeing Team* in conjunction with students are taste testing and helping to improve the breakfast bar, which is very exciting.

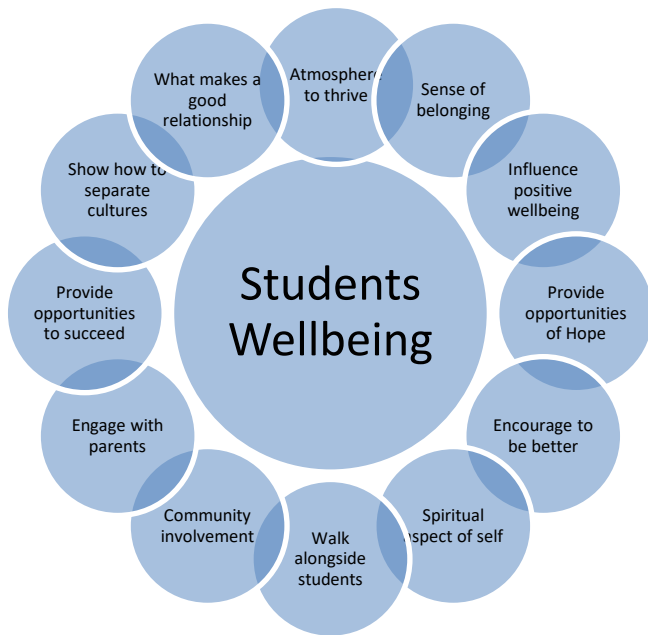


Year 6 into 7 2021 Transition

On behalf of myself and Mr Crosbie (Year 7 Adviser 2021), I would like to congratulate Year 6 students from Leeton PS, Parkview PS, Yanco PS and Wamoon PS on their mature behaviour over the last couple of weeks as we have been conducting our transition via zoom. They are full of wisdom regarding coming to high school and have had many wonderful questions to ask if they were unsure. All Year 6 students have participated in a number of activities regarding “who they are” and “positive mindset”. We are so excited to showcase their work in LHS front foyer. We look forward to our next catch up in week 7.

A reminder to parents to return the ‘student enrolment packs’ that were sent home either to the high school or your local primary school.





Students are the centre of our work and we want them to be mentally well while achieving at school.

- Improve the wellbeing, resilience and pro-social behaviours of students
- Enhance student learning and wellbeing outcomes
- Facilitate student referrals to internal and external providers

OCTOBER IS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

Have a look at the website from Black Dog Institute called BITEBACK. It has some great resources for everyone to participate in...

Join the Bite Back Mental

Fitness Challenge

- Six weekly challenges to help you improve your mental fitness, increase your happiness, reduce stress, improve your friendships and your focus.

THANK TANK

- Writing down the things you're grateful for can help increase your levels of happiness. In positive psychology terms, it's called practising gratitude. Write down the big and small things

that make you grateful and you'll feel a positive change in no time. Just. Write. Them. Down.

www.biteback.org.au



Joey Longford and Learning Links students have started the first part of the NEW sensory garden in the school. A **sensory garden** is a therapeutic space with a variety of smells, textures and visual sensory stimulation. A Sensory Garden helps students to become calmer and focus themselves so they can be better prepared for learning and interacting with others. Our Sensory Garden will develop over the coming months. Please come, have a look, and enjoy the peacefulness of this space.

Here are pics of the hard workers....



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With Mrs Goring & Mrs Palmer

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Work Experience

Students in Years 10 & 11 will be undertaking 1 week's work experience commencing the 30/11/20 or 7/12/20. Students who have not yet decided where they would like to be placed are encouraged to let the Careers office know as soon as possible. We are grateful to all employers in our local area who are willing to mentor and train our students, particularly during this very disruptive year.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Collier and Miller 2021 Apprenticeship Opportunities:

- Welding
- Fitter and Machining
- Sheet Metal

Collier and Miller are happy to take students for work experience in Term 4 2020.
Contact: Leslee at Collier and Miller on 6969 4500 for more information.

Apprentice Chef:

Limone Restaurant in Griffith is looking for a New Apprentice Chef.

Applicants must have a genuine interest in cooking and be very motivated and willing to learn.

Interested applicants need to email an Application/Cover Letter with Resume to Luke Piccolo at: lukepix@gmail.com

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SunRice Careers:

SunRice are currently advertising for the following positions:

- Value-Add Casual
- Year 12 Leavers Harvest Opportunities

To apply you will need a resume and a cover letter. For more information about these positions go to the following website: <https://careers.sunrice.com.au>



**Murrumbidgee
Irrigation**

WATER OPERATIONS TECHNICIAN TRAINEES

Griffith and Leeton, NSW location

We are seeking three motivated individuals to undertake a traineeship with our Water Delivery team. This position has an initial two-year term.

The successful applicants will: have good computer skills; have sound literary knowledge and skills; be well presented and have a willingness to learn; and a motor vehicle licence. Formal training in Water Delivery will be provided.

A Higher School Certificate and an aptitude for technology would be desirable. Mature-aged trainees are encouraged to apply. Options to assist with relocation may be available, if required (conditions apply).

Applications should include a Murrumbidgee Irrigation application form and current resume, with a cover letter addressing ability to meet the following criteria.

Ability to:

- follow defined Work Health and Safety policies and procedures
- communicate effectively in oral and written form
- provide excellent customer service and support
- demonstrate IT aptitude and capability
- work in teams to achieve business objectives.

For general application information, please contact Karen Robertson (HR Officer) on 02 6962 0200. For specific position enquiries, contact Lindsay Golsby-Smith (Senior Coordinator - Water Delivery) on 02 6962 0200.

Applications close: Sunday 25 October 2020

For detailed information about the position, and/or to **APPLY ONLINE**, please visit:

www.mirrigation.com.au/company/careers
www.countrychange.com.au/



Hi

RE: Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough

We are holding a Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough drive as a major fundraiser this term and we ask for your support. All the funds raised will go to installing water bottle filling stations & bubblers within the school.

Billy G's is an Australian family owned and operated business. There are ten (10) delicious flavours including their NEW Mint Choc and NESTLE® SMARTIES® cookie dough. There is even a cheese flavoured Doggie Dough for your special furry family members! The delicious cookie dough is only available through fundraising and is not sold in stores, so stock up!

Final Online and Cash Orders Due Friday 30th October (orders close at midnight)

Online Prize Ordering Closes on Monday 2nd November

Delivery Date TBC

How Do We Fundraise?

Students have now received a Billy G's Fundraiser order form with instructions on how to collect orders from family, friends and neighbours. **Students** can obtain orders in cash using the order form together with online fundraising

Students who sell 1 tub or more are entitled to an incentive prize for their efforts. But why not aim higher? You have the option to choose up to five (5) prizes and this will set your fundraising goal. Family and friends are your greatest supporters, so ask them first for support. You will reach your fundraising goal in no time!

How do we create an Online Fundraising Page?

Creating a fundraising page is easy as 1,2,3.

1. Head to www.cookie dough.com.au to create your Online Fundraising Page by clicking the "Register Now" button and fill in your information as a parent/guardian.
2. Choose your child's prize goals and create their avatar!
3. Share your child's online fundraising page with your family and friends via the "Share" section so they can start buying some Cookie Dough as well, How Easy!

There are great features in the online portal like creating your own avatar, selecting your prize goal and entering your cash sales!

Win a Dream Holiday worth \$10,000! Create an Online Fundraising Page at www.cookie dough.com.au, sell or purchase one tub or more of Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough and you will automatically go into the draw to win a \$10,000 Dream Holiday.

The Leaderboard Challenge - If you become the highest fundraiser in our **schools** leaderboard you will automatically go in the draw for the chance to win a Cruise worth \$5,000. How exciting! Let's get fundraising!

How to Order Prizes?

To reward your child for their efforts, they can choose incentive prizes based on the total amount of tubs sold.

1. Login to your Online Fundraising Page at www.cookie dough.com.au. Once the fundraiser has finished, click the 'ORDER MY PRIZE' button via the dashboard. Select up to five (5) prizes to the amount of tubs you have sold.
2. Complete the back-page of your order form and return to the school.

Thank you in advance for your participation. Happy fundraising!

Leeton High School P&C Association

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