

# LEETON HIGH SCHOOL

## Newsletter

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

### ~~ PRINCIPAL’S REPORT~~

#### Education Week 2020

Public schools across NSW celebrated public education during the week of Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August, with the theme, 'Learning together'. 2020 has been a challenging year for many reasons – drought, floods, bushfires and now the COVID pandemic influencing the way we learn and socialise. Despite these trying times we continue to learn together albeit in different ways. The use of technology has certainly increased dramatically in response to COVID and our technology skills have also improved significantly. Thank you to our school community for your ongoing support as we continue to work and learn together. I would also like to acknowledge our School Captains and Vice Captains Reece Grundy, Bree McKellar, Zachary Sharp and Amelie Sachs for their leadership during this very unusual year. Our leadership team were the recipients of Education Week awards at last Monday’s assembly.



#### Year 12 Trial Higher School Certificate Examinations

Year 12 students commence their HSC Trial Examination on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August. The examination period concludes on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August. The Trial HSC Examinations timetable was provided to students last Thursday. Additional copies are available from the Front Office, Year Adviser Ms Northey or examination co-ordinator Ms Arena. Study tips and additional support materials can be found at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/learning-from-home/hsc-central/hsc-student-hub/hsc/exam-tips>

Best wishes Year 12.

#### Year 9 Check-in assessment – Reading and Numeracy

The Check-in assessment is an optional online reading and numeracy assessment for students in Years 5 and 9. The check-in assessments will be available to schools in Term 3, Weeks 5 to 7 (17<sup>th</sup> August to 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020). Leeton High School has 'opted in' to the Check-in assessment. Students in Year 9 will undertake the check-in assessments in reading and numeracy in English and Mathematics classes during the testing period.

The check-in assessments supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.

The Check-in assessments are mapped to the NSW Syllabuses and National Literacy and Numeracy Learning Progressions.

The Check-in assessment includes two online assessments for students:

- reading assessment
- numeracy assessment

Please contact me with any questions regarding the check-in assessments.

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## Year 11 Prefect Nominations

As we move closer to the end of our current Year 12's time at school, the election process will start to determine our new senior leadership team which consists of our School Captains, Vice-Captains and Prefects who will commence their tenure Term 4 2020. Year 11 students interested in nominating for the opportunity to be a Prefect for 2020/2021 should see Ms Byrne our Head Teacher Welfare and Prefect Adviser for a nomination form. Nominations close on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August.

## Year 11 Yearly Examinations

Year 11 Yearly Examinations will commence the week beginning Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September. More information will be provided to students in the coming weeks. Study tips and additional support materials can be found at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/learning-from-home/hsc-central/hsc-student-hub/hsc/exam-tips>

## Year 6 into 7 Transition Program

Our Year 6 into 7 Transition Program commenced on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July with Zoom meetings organised to meet all our wonderful Year 6 students. While this is a different approach to our 'normal' Year 6 into Year 7 Transition Program we thoroughly enjoyed meeting our newest 2021 students. Last week Mr Crosbie, Year 7 Adviser 2021 and Ms Byrne, Transition co-ordinator, met with our primary schools again for a 'getting to know you' session which was awesome. Students received their enrolment packages as well. Please be prompt in returning the enrolment forms to your primary schools or feel free to drop them into the Leeton High School Office. See you soon Year 6!



## Year 8, 9 and 10 Subject Selections for 2021

Students in Years 8 and 9 received an emailed copy and a hard copy of their Subject Selections and Elective Course Outlines booklets last week. On Friday, Year Advisers and Head Teachers were able to provide students with additional information to explain more about the subjects on offer and to make the process of elective selections easier. Students will be supported to make their Elective choices for 2021 which will be completed online starting Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August. Year 10 will have an information session on Friday and will be able to make their subject selections also starting Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August. Please feel free to contact me with any queries about the electives on offer and subject selection.

## Student Support Officer

As part of the Department of Education's commitment to supporting wellbeing across NSW Public Schools, Leeton High School has had a Student Support Officer appointed commencing 24<sup>th</sup> August. Student Support Officers work within the school community to enhance student wellbeing and learning outcomes in partnership with the wellbeing team and the school counselling service. Student Support Officers provide individual and targeted wellbeing support and whole of school wellbeing initiatives and programs that are evidence-based. They have a pivotal role in working collaboratively with external agencies and creating referral pathways for students and families to child and family support agencies. We welcome Ms Janette Dundon to our Wellbeing Team.

## Boys Cultural Program

We have been extremely fortunate in having Mr William Ingram work with some of our students to explore Aboriginal culture, identity and goal setting for the future. I would like to thank Leeton Shire Council for allowing us to have this time with Mr Ingram which has been absolutely fantastic. We look forward to sharing with you more updates from the group.

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*Meagan Crelley*  
Mrs Meagan Crelley  
Principal

## REFUNDS FOR YEAR 7 & 9 EXCURSION

Students were provided with refund forms for these activities last term. If you have not received this form please contact the School. These forms need to be returned to the Front Office by the end of Term 3 (25<sup>th</sup> September) so the refunds can be processed. Thank you

### ~~SCHOOL NEWS~~

#### ***The Big Watermelon Experiment: Physics, Forces and Flying Fruit***

This August, schools across the nation will be imploding watermelons in the name of scientific discovery. The Big Watermelon Experiment was inspired by a popular YouTube challenge and seeks to answer once and for all the question: How many rubber bands does it take to implode a watermelon?

To celebrate National Science Week (15-23 August), Leeton High school is participating in this large scale science event which is being coordinated by Experimentary — a science education website run by former TV scientist Dr Rob Bell.

"While imploding watermelons might not sound highly scientific, there is definitely some science in there ... and we'll be using a lot of scientific principles along the way, and it is a lot of fun," Dr Rob said.

Schools receive learning materials, including videos and fact sheets to download. Before the experiment, students at each school will predict how many rubber bands they think will implode their watermelons based on the scientific principles outlined in the learning material.

During National Science Week, each school will conduct the experiment and share images and results on a national scale to compare the data. Our school plans to conduct the Watermelon Experiment at Lunch time on Thursday of Week 5. Students are very excited about it.

It's not just our school excited about the obliterated watermelons, Australian science icon **Dr Karl** loved the idea too and agreed to be the patron of the event. **Woolworths** have also come on board by providing schools with gift cards for their watermelons. And **Melons Australia** have offered to run an online talk with a watermelon farmer and seeds to be sent to schools after the event.

As of the start of August, 225 schools were registered to take part. That's a lot of messy science.

**For more information or schools to sign up, visit :** <http://experimentary.com.au/watermelon/>

### Extra bits

#### **Why watermelons?**

The watermelon implosion experiment is visually spectacular, giving students an exciting look into the world of science without the need for expensive equipment or complicated processes. For the media, it is an engaging and interesting way to talk about science – everyday objects being used to discuss science concepts (and of course it goes everywhere!).

#### **What is Experimentary?**

Experimentary is an online science resource for primary and middle school-aged children. Experimentary teaches science through experiments, helping teachers and parents deliver science to their students/children in an interesting and interactive way. In a broader sense, Experimentary is making a valuable contribution to the enhancement of STEM education in Australian schools, assisting teachers in science delivery and fostering a love of science in students.

Experimentary has recently been chosen as one of the 14 Future Minds Accelerator (FMA) start-ups. FMA is a brand-new Education Technology Start-up Accelerator, backed by Rio Tinto with support from Amazon Web Services.

[www.experimentary.com.au](http://www.experimentary.com.au)

Facebook: @experimentarydrob

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### **BREAD TAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS**

Ms Byrne, Head Teacher Welfare, is asking all staff and students to save their bread tags and bring them into school and donate them to help support charities using them to make wheelchairs for the less fortunate. There will be a box in the front office for you to drop them into.



Bread tags for wheelchairs is an initiative taking place at St George Hospital (SGH), aimed to encourage the separation of waste. Bread tags are recycled to fund wheelchairs in South Africa.

The aim is to:

- \*Reduce landfill
- \*Encourage separation of waste
- \*Help people less fortunate

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## SCHOOL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students on achieving awards:

**BRONZE AWARD:** Ruby Miller, Brielle Beaumont, Daniel Bridge, Skye Tuckett, Kulali Johnson, Cooper Lee, Angelina Salerno (Year 7), Georgie Dunn, Naz Dana Saifi, Kyrish Rayos, Tamika Rourke, Chayada Ekphatisawat, Noumea Kember, Makiya Martin (Year 8), Paiton Sainsbury, Jayke Meldrum-Ward (Year 9), Shamaeel Saifi (Year 11), Zachary Sharp (Year 12).

**SILVER AWARD:** Zachary Sharp (Year 12).

**GOLD AWARD:** Molly Gilmour (Year 9).

**EXECUTIVE AWARD:** Jack Morgan-Smith (Year 7), Neve Richardson, Connor Cregan, Raj Sahota, Kyrish Rayos (Year 8), Adele Thompson, Billy Reis-Burke (Year 9), Braith McCann (Year 10), Amy Ryan (Year 11) and Makayla Broadbent (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)

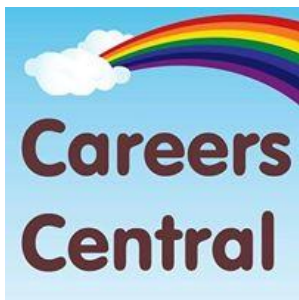
## DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Aug – Trial HSC Exams

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With Mrs Goring & Mrs Palmer

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### ***University Early Entry Programs 2020***

University of Wollongong: Open Now and close 14 AUGUST 2020

Charles Sturt Advantage: Open Now and close 31 AUGUST 2020

## WIN Program

WIN students went out into the work force this week and we would like to say a huge thank you to all the employers: Department of Primary Industries, Leeton Toyota, Townsend Bros Builders, Leeton Visitor Information, Murray Cod Australia Yenda, Creations by Leah, Leeton Early Learning Centre. All students enjoyed their first day and are looking forward to the following weeks ahead.

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