

# LEETON HIGH SCHOOL

## Newsletter

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

### ~~ PRINCIPAL’S REPORT ~~

#### Leeton High School Leaders 2021

Last Friday, our 7 Prefects elect, Brooke Eglinton, Emily Wright, Angus Crelley, Petra Toia, Emma Wallett, Lewis Cain-McAliece and Nathan Baulch delivered their School Captain speeches. All candidates spoke beautifully and I know all those who were present to listen were extremely impressed by the genuine and heartfelt nature of the speeches. This team of leaders are an outstanding group and I am extremely confident that they will do a wonderful job in their respective roles and as a team.

I congratulate Petra Toia and Angus Crelley who have been elected as our School Captains and Brooke Eglinton and Lewis Cain-McAliece who will be our Vice-Captains. Again, I extend my appreciation to the entire team for their commitment to our school and for having the courage to nominate for a leadership role. I look forward to working with this team to continue to make our school the best that it can be.



#### Platinum Jacket Presentations

Today, four very worthy Year 12 students received their Platinum Jackets as the pinnacle of our Merit Award system. I would like to congratulate Abbey Snell, Hannah Pianca, Cooper Holmes and Michael Wang for their consistent demonstration of our school values and for being fine ambassadors for Leeton High School.



#### Year 11 Yearly Examinations

Year 11 Yearly Examinations will commence Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September. Students have been provided with their examination timetable. If a student is unwell or experiences a misadventure which prevents them from attending school on the day of the scheduled examination then please contact the school. Information regarding illness and misadventure can be found in the 2020 Assessment Policy and Procedures Handbook for Year 11 students. 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>

#### HSC Music Performance – Amelie Sachs

Usually our school would host a HSC Performance Evening showcasing our Music and Drama students. This allows the family and friends of our Year 12 performance students to see the HSC pieces they have been working on and giving our HSC students another opportunity to perform. Unfortunately, this year we have been unable to do that due to COVID restrictions. That did not deter our very own Amelie Sachs who presented her full performance program, to a good (COVID conscious) crowd of family, friends and supporters last Thursday evening. Thank you to the Leeton Town Band and to the Leeton Community Church for providing Amelie’s performance venue. Congratulations to Amelie on her wonderful performances which greatly impressed the audience and best wishes to all our HSC performance students.



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## Leeton High School 2021-2024 School Plan Community Consultation Survey

2020 is the final year of our current School Plan. Our focus over the last three years has been driven by our three Strategic Directions: Excellence in Learning, Excellence in Teaching and Excellence in Leading. We are seeking your feedback to help us evaluate what we've done, how well we've done it and what we need to do next to achieve the goals of our Strategic Directions. As a school we are currently working through a situational analysis to provide key information and evidence to evaluate our progress over the last three years and to provide clarity on what should be the focus areas of our new School Improvement Plan. Your feedback is an important part of this information gathering process. The link to our [LHS 2021-2024 School Plan Community Consultation Survey](#) is found on our school facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/LeetonHS/photos/a.706147972764745/3290189301027253/?type=3>

Thank you if you have already completed this short survey. Your feedback is important to us.

### Positive Behaviour for Learning Update

Since our last PBL draw in Week 6, students have been working through school expectations of using appropriate language and taking a refresher course on the expectations of our Mobile Phone and Device Policy which calls for 'Off and Away' of phones and devices while in class as per teacher instruction. We have also been looking at the concept of gratitude which can be defined as the "quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation; and to return kindness" (Oxford Languages). Showing gratitude can have a profound effect on any human being and promotes a positive environment of acknowledgement, respect and appreciation.

Our Week 6 PBL prize winners are listed below. Well done to these people for demonstrating our values of being respectful, responsible, learners and to all Leeton High Students who model this behaviour consistently. This year our students have earned an impressive 17,312 positive acknowledgements for being respectful, responsible, learners. What a great place to learn and work!

Year	Sportspower Voucher	Brad's Voucher	Canteen Voucher Fuel Voucher Year11/12
7	Hannah McAliece	Shaniqua Pawa	Taylah Axtill
8	Noumea Kember	Brayden Fesja-Sexton	Bill Curry
9	Jayke Meldrum-Ward	Jayke Meldrum-Ward	Jordan Lanceford
10	Hugo Gerhardy	Rebecca Connell	Emma DeMamiel
11	Sarah Seymour	Cameron Downie	Angus Crelley
12	Abbey Snell	Paige McWhinnie	Abbey Snell

### 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 ([Leeton-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Leeton-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)). 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  
Principal

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## **SCHOOL AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following students on achieving awards:

**BRONZE AWARD:** Evan Johnston, Ruby Miller, Diana Wormleaton,, Adrian O'Brien, Brody Wallace, Hayley Myers (Year 7), Charlize Simcoe, Neve Richardson, Farhad Hussaini, Neive Davies, Chelsea Clark, Isabella Ross, Tamika Rourke (Year 8), Adele Thompson (Year 9) and Shamaeel Saifi (Year 11).

**GOLD AWARD:** Jessica Wells (Year 9)

**PLATINUM AWARD:** Jessica Wells (Year 9)

**PLATINUM JACKETS:** Abbey Snell, Michael Wang, Cooper Holmes and Hannah Pianca (Year 12)

## **PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL**

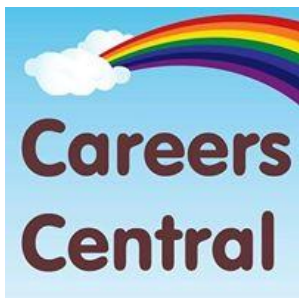
The school is now accepting cash payments but eftpos or POP would be the preferred payments if possible.

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

## **REFUNDS FOR YEAR 7 & 9** **EXCURSION**

Students were provided with refund forms for these activities last term.

Forms still outstanding have been re-issued. Please return these to the Front Office by the end of Term 3 (25<sup>th</sup> September) so the refunds can be processed. Thank you



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With Mrs Goring & Mrs Palmer

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### *Courses*

**White Card** – 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020

Notes and payment to be returned by 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020. Cost \$100.

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### WIN Program

We were again able to meet up with some of our students in their place of employment. Students are doing really well and enjoying every day of their work experience.

A reminder, WIN students please ensure you return your work journals each week to Mrs Palmer for signing off. Enjoy your next few weeks of work experience.



Brooke Schmetzer – Leeton Early Learning Centre



Mikayla Curtis – Department Of Primary Industries



Teneal Preston-Warr – Leeton Early Learning Centre

## Work Ready Program

A work ready program was delivered last week to students who will be participating in work experience in Term 4. Due to Covid-19 disruptions to pre-existing work experience programs, we have opened up work experience to Year 10/11 students this year.

As per NSWDOE policy, schools must prepare students before they start workplace learning. The preparation includes safety in the workplace, employer expectations and what to do if students need help.

Our employer expectations portion of our training was presented by local business owner Vanessa Pages from Pages on Pine restaurant. Vanessa provided valuable insight on presentation, customer service and employee attitudes. Thank you Vanessa!

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Pat Cirillo Air Conditioning in Griffith is looking for an **Air Conditioning Apprentice**. Interested students need to be reliable, punctual very eager to learn as well as good communication skills.

Students will be required to attend TAFE in Griffith.

If you are interested, email a Resume to Pat at [admin@cirilloair.com.au](mailto:admin@cirilloair.com.au) or call Mobile: 0429 625 267

**Apprentice Welder** Griffith (2 positions)

**Apprentice Fitter and Turner** Griffith

**Apprentice Fitter and Turner** Leeton

For more information call Frank Valenzizi at GetSet Leeton on 69538727 or go to their website [www.getset.org.au](http://www.getset.org.au)

## Collier and Miller 2020 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.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Thur 17<sup>th</sup> Sept - Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept – Year 11 Prelim Exams  
Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Sept – last day of Term 3

Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept - P&C Meeting  
Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Oct – Staff & Students return for Term 4



**Murrumbidgee Region**  
**Vinnies Community Sleepout**  
23 October 2020

Vinnies Murrumbidgee Region is joining the first ever virtual NSW Vinnies Community Sleepout and seeking your support to assist those in need in our local community.

On Friday 23 October, participants across NSW will sleep out at home in their cars, backyards or couches and come together in a state-wide effort to help those in regional communities who are doing it tough.

From the devastating droughts to the brutal bushfires and now a global pandemic, townships far and wide across NSW have been hit hard. It's why we need your help more than ever.

The night will be live streamed connecting participants from twelve locations across NSW. That means everyone can sleep out – no excuses! And we'll be doing it together as an entire state. **JOIN NOW** and register as a team with your family, school, sports club, business or join as an individual.

All funds raised from the Murrumbidgee Region Vinnies Community Sleepout will go towards Vinnies Care and Support Centres in Narrandera, Leeton and Griffith, providing vital support to those in our community who need it the most.

To join or donate visit [www.vinnies.org.au/communitysleepout](http://www.vinnies.org.au/communitysleepout)





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**Tell Them From Me student survey:  
Information and consent form for  
parents and carers**

7 September, 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

This term, our school is taking part in the *Tell Them From Me* student survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help them improve. The survey is completed on-line and is run by an independent research company, **The Learning Bar**, which specialises in school-based surveys.

Staff in schools will **not** be able to identify individual students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Where fewer than five students respond to a question, the results will be suppressed. The survey typically takes 30 minutes or less to complete and will be administered by the school during normal school hours. Once the surveys are completed by students, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days.

This survey will help our school better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will help the school identify what works to improve student outcomes.

Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. Your child will not take part if either you or your child do not wish. If, during the survey, your child is uncomfortable, he/she can choose to stop the survey at any time. The majority of questions in the survey can be skipped.

If you **do not want your child to take part** in the survey, please complete the attached form and return it to Leeton High School by Friday 18 September 2020.

More information about the survey and the research is available in English on the CESE website: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

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Dr Jenny Donovan  
Executive Director  
Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation

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## ***Tell Them From Me Student Feedback Survey non-consent form***

If you **do not want** your child to participate in the student feedback survey, please sign this form and return it to the school by Friday 18 September, 2020.

**I DO NOT** give consent for my child/children to participate in the ***Tell Them From Me student feedback survey.***

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Year of student 1

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Year of student 2

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Name of student 3

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Name of student 4

Year of student 4

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Name of parent/carer .....

Signature of parent/carer .....

Date .....

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