



# LEETON HIGH SCHOOL

## Newsletter

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*"Educating young people for active and responsible citizenship"*

### ~~ PRINCIPAL'S REPORT ~~

#### HSC 2020: COVID safe expectations of students

Please find attached the latest update for HSC procedures in keeping with health guidelines to best keep students safe during this time. Students have received a hard copy of this document and had a copy sent to their school email account.

Please note:

##### Screening for students with symptoms

- Students must not attend the exam if they are unwell
- Students will be asked upon arrival if they have any flu-like symptoms or if they should be in self-isolation under direction by NSW Health
- Students displaying flu-like symptoms or who advise they are unwell will be asked to leave the school and arrange to have a COVID-19 test
- Students with a clinical history/known illness that may appear like COVID-19 symptoms should be planning now and speak to their doctor/GP. The GP can provide written assurance – e.g. symptom the student presents on a normal basis.

##### Flu-like symptoms

Flu-like symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, loss of taste, and loss of smell. Additional information about COVID-19 symptoms can be found on the NSW Health website <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/frequently-asked-questions.aspx#1-4>. Students who are displaying even mild flu-like symptoms they should leave immediately and not return until they have a negative COVID-19 test and are symptom-free.

HSC students will have their COVID test results fast tracked. Confirmation of the test (usually a text message) is to be used with an Illness or Misadventure form lodged at the school.

Schools have to identify an alternate examination centre in the event the school needs to close for a thorough cleaning if a positive COVID case is confirmed effecting school operations. Our alternate venue is: The Roxy Theatre. Unless told otherwise, students will always attend all examinations at Leeton High School. Communications to students during the HSC examination period will be through their school email account in the event of a change of examination venue. Students will receive a timetable with alternate examination venue information on it.

Best wishes to all our Year 12 students for their upcoming Higher School Certificate Examinations.

#### Year 12 Farewell Assembly

New school guidelines released on 11<sup>th</sup> September now provide for the conducting of graduation celebrations onsite which include parents/carers. Please access the following link to view the new guidelines <https://education.nsw.gov.au/inside-the-department/covid-19/school-staff#%3Cspan7>.

Year 12 graduations are momentous occasions for students, parents and carers and school staff. We look forward to acknowledging this very special occasion for our Year 12 students on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November (the day after HSC examinations conclude) with a Farewell Assembly. An invitation will be sent to parents/carers to confirm details in the near future. To maintain appropriate safety and hygiene standards when allowing parents/carers onsite, the following applies:

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- All attendees including students and staff should be well and free of any flu-like symptoms. Please do not attend if you are unwell and are exhibiting COVID like symptoms.
- Numbers of external visitors attending are limited to ensure compliance with the 4 square metre rule within the COVID-19 Safe Plan. **Therefore, parents/carers only are able to attend.**
- Visitors are to sign the External Visitors form. **This form is attached to this newsletter. Parents/carers are requested to bring this form to the Farewell Assembly.**
- People are to remain seated as much as possible to minimise mingling of non-household groups.
- External visitors are not allowed to access areas outside of the MPC and should leave promptly at the conclusion of the event.

### Leeton High School Leaders Induction Assembly

On the 11<sup>th</sup> September our new school leaders for 2020/2021 were inducted into their new roles. Such moments are certainly mixed with emotion as we farewelled our 2019/2020 leadership team with this last official ceremony where the outgoing leaders presented our new leaders with badges and blazers for the School Captains and Vice-Captains. Again, a sincere thank you to our outgoing leadership for their steadfast efforts over what has been a really challenging year to date. Best wishes to Bree McKellar and Reece Grundy our former School Captains, Amelie Sachs and Zachary Sharp our former Vice-Captains and Michael Wang, Cooper Holmes, Jesse Horsfield and Barkat Ali for superbly undertaking their roles. These young people will certainly make a positive impact and be exemplary role-models in any environment.



### Year 11 Yearly Examinations

Yearly Examinations for Year 11 will conclude on Tuesday. Just a reminder that 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 immediately. 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>

### R U OK? Day

Last Thursday, our dynamic Student Representative Council (SRC) hosted a free BBQ for students to promote R U OK? Day 2020. R U OK? Day is an opportunity to remind ourselves to make a connection with the people around us and start a conversation with those who may be struggling.

No-one is expected to be an expert – just a good friend and listener.

These four steps could change someone's life:

1. Ask R U Okay?
2. Listen
3. Encourage Action
4. Check-In

The SRC did an amazing job in following hygiene protocols when cooking and serving the hungry hoards. Awesome effort team!!!

### Positive Behaviour for Learning Update

Our PBL lessons over the last two weeks of term are focussed on the positives which can have a huge impact on someone's life—showing empathy and random acts of kindness. These themes are explored through discussion and activities.

As of last Friday, our students have been acknowledged 19,757 times by staff for demonstrating our values of being respectful, responsible, learners. It certainly is an impressive total of acknowledgements highlighting how fantastic our students are.

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Our Week 9 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.

Year	Sportspower Voucher	Brad's Voucher	Canteen Voucher Fuel Voucher Year11/12
7	Maddison Weir	Kate O'Brien	Jack Skewes
8	Blake Eisenhut	Farhad Hussaini	Molly Shelton
9	Molly Gilmour	Sabrina Maimone	Zac Irons
10	Sophie Mannall	Johnathon Sherlock	Jack Cross
11	Matthew Ryan	Cooper Craker	Katie Richards
12	Reece Grundy	Mikayla Boots	Barkat Ali

I would also like to offer a huge thank you to three students who went above and beyond delivering on our PBL values last week. Neive Davies (Year 8), Caydan Hillier (Year 7) and Brody Wallace (Year 7) assisted a member of our community until an ambulance arrived during their walk home from school. Their quick thinking, responsible actions and kindness really made a difference. These three students received a 'Big Blue' Award for Outstanding Citizenship at our Monday assembly this week. Thank you Neive, Caydan and Brody!

### 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](https://www.facebook.com/LeetonHS/photos/a.706147972764745/3290189301027253/?type=3) is found on our school facebook page:

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

If you haven't already please complete this short survey by 25<sup>th</sup> September. Your feedback is important to us.

### 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>

As this is the last week of Term 3, I would like to wish all students, their families and our staff a restful and safe break. School resumes Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October for all students and staff. It will be a Week A timetable. HSC Examinations commence Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

*Meagan Crelley*

Mrs Meagan Crelley  
Principal



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## COVID-19 safe expectations of students

This information will assist students understand the COVID safe arrangements in place when attending their HSC examination. The safety and wellbeing of students and staff in attendance is of paramount importance to us and as such we ask all students to co-operate with these arrangements at all times.

### Screening for students with symptoms

- Students must not attend the exam if they are unwell
- Students will be asked upon arrival if they have any flu-like symptoms or if they should be in self-isolation under direction by NSW Health
- Students displaying flu-like symptoms or who advise they are unwell will be asked to leave the school and arrange to have a COVID-19 test
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Students who are displaying even mild flu-like symptoms they should leave immediately and not return until they have a negative COVID-19 test and are symptom-free.

### Fast track COVID-19 test results

HSC students can fast-track their COVID-19 test results.

To do this you must:

- say you are a HSC student when taking a test
- ensure the nurse or doctor doing the test marks your referral 'urgent — HSC'
- self-isolate until a negative result is received
- show your school the negative result
- call the contact number provided by the clinic if results are not received within 36 hours.

### Minimising the risk of transmission

- Students should wash their hands or use hand sanitiser prior to commencing the exam.
- Maintain good personal hygiene practices during the exam including covering your cough or sneeze through coughing or sneezing into your elbow or a tissue, disposing of tissues at the end of the exam.
- Avoid shaking hands or hugging other students on exam days.
- Hygiene supplies will be available at all exam venues
  - Sanitiser
  - Wipes.



- Student may wipe down their table before they begin their exam if they choose to.
- Students should not mingle in large groups prior to or after the exam.
- Exam rooms will be cleaned each day.

### **Arrival and sign-on arrangements**

- Students should arrive no more than 20 minutes prior to the exam and report directly to the designated exam room for screening and sign-on.
- Students will be asked to sign an attendance sheet confirming attendance at the exam, providing contact details and that they do not have flu-like symptoms.

### **Alternative Examination Locations**

Your school has identified an alternative examination location in the event that the examination is unable to proceed in the planned location. This information will be provided to you on your personal examination timetable so it is readily available at short notice in case it is required.

This is a backup only and students should attend the planned location unless advised by the school. Do not attend a proposed alternative location if you have not been told to do so by the school.

### **Confirmed cases of COVID-19**

If during the examination period the school is advised by NSW Health that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 which will impact the school, arrangements are in place to minimise disruption where possible. The school may advise you the day before that the examination will be relocated to the alternative venue detailed in your timetable or the exam may be cancelled.

### **Illness/Misadventure**

Students who do not attend an exam due to having symptoms, or who are turned away as a result of screening will be eligible for an illness/misadventure claim. Your school will assist you through this process where required.

## External Visitors to School Site form

### For visitors to the school during school hours

Before external visitors are allowed on a school site, they must provide a signed copy of this form to the school principal. This form acts as evidence that the visitor is aware of, and will abide by their obligations to comply with the health advice of the day, including hygiene and distancing requirements. The visitor must provide personal contact information to the school to be used in an emergency or when performing contact tracing if required.

- **Stay at home when unwell.** Do not attend the school site if you are unwell.
- **Practise good hygiene when on the school site.**
- **Wash your hands regularly and thoroughly.**
  - Wash your hands or use hand sanitiser on arrival to the school and between providing support to students. Implement hand hygiene practices at regular intervals throughout your visit to the school.
- **Maintain respiratory hygiene.**
  - Cover your cough or sneeze through coughing or sneezing into your elbow or tissue, and then disposing of tissues immediately. Always wash your hands after you have coughed, sneezed or blown your nose.
- **Avoid shaking hands.** Adopt non-contact greetings.
- **Maintain physical distance.**
  - Maintain physical distance from other people while on the school site. In particular, maintain a physical distance from adults at the school and limit physical contact with students.
- **Implement cleaning protocol for shared items.** (where relevant)
  - Any tools or equipment that will be used by staff or students must be cleaned before use.
  - Equipment that will be shared between groups of students should be cleaned between each use.
  - Equipment that cannot be cleaned should not be shared and must be disposed of between each use.
  - Equipment that is exposed to any bodily fluids must not be shared and must be cleaned and disinfected between each use.
- **Use personal protective equipment (PPE) (where relevant)**
  - If there is a risk of exposure to bodily fluids, suitable PPE must be worn while conducting the activity or task.
- **Keep our school environment clean (where relevant)**
  - Schools maintain a clean working and learning environment. Working and learning spaces should be left clean and tidy. Any high touch surfaces or work spaces areas should be wiped down following use with a suitable cleaning product.
- **Operate in accordance with your COVID-19 Safety Plan (where relevant)**
  - All businesses and organisations delivering services and programs within our schools must have a COVID-19 Safety Plan.

### Acknowledgement from visitors on health and hygiene measures at our school:

- I am well and have no signs or symptoms of flu like illness.
- I confirm that I have a valid NSW border entry permit and have complied with the requirements of this permit. A copy of my border permit has been provided to the school (where relevant).
- I have provided my personal contact information to the school so I can be contacted where appropriate.
- I have reviewed the most recent [AHPPC Guidelines](#) and [NSW Health advice](#) on COVID-19 and can confirm that I can comply with the requirements outlined (where relevant).
- I understand the current requirements and directions in place for hygiene and physical distancing within NSW as per NSW Public Health Orders.
- I confirm I have a current COVID-19 Safety Plan (where relevant).
- I confirm I have reviewed the safety and hygiene measures in place at the school and I agree to follow and implement these requirements.

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone and email \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

[education.nsw.gov.au](https://www.education.nsw.gov.au)

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## ~~ SCHOOL SPORTS ~~

### ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October (Week 1, Term 4) we will be holding our annual Athletics Carnival. It will be a modified program of events. More information will be going out to students this week.

## 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

### SCHOOL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students on achieving awards:

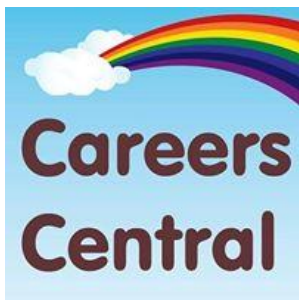
**BRONZE AWARD:** Daneeka Fejsa-Sexton, Holley Krause, Connor Holden, Daniel Bridges, Connor Smith, Ava Gerlinger, Lana Simcoe, Jaxon Johnson, Elyssia Kruger, (Year 7), Makiya Martin, Chrispin Bradshaw, Noumea Kember, Neve Richardson (Year 8).

**SILVER AWARD:** Neve Richardson (Year 8).

## 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)



Leeton High School Careers



With Mrs Goring & Mrs Palmer

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### *Courses*

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

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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 last week of work experience.



**REMY PAGES WIN work experience at AQUNA Murray Cod Farm in Bilbul.**

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## **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

**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.

### **Goldenfields Water Apprenticeships**

#### **Apprentice Electrician**

Goldenfields Water is seeking an enthusiastic, committed and responsible person to undertake a four-year Electrical Apprenticeship within our Electrical Team. The successful applicant will have a demonstrated interest, knowledge and experience in electrical installations, computers and radio systems, and experience and understanding of operating and maintaining hand and power tools.

For more information, please phone Matthew Bett on 02 6977 3200.

#### **Apprentice Fitter/Machinist**

Goldenfields Water is seeking an enthusiastic, committed and responsible person to undertake a four-year Fitter Machinist Apprenticeship within our Mechanical Team. The successful applicant will have a demonstrated interest, knowledge and experience in areas of mechanical, machining and metal fabrication, and experience and understanding of operating and maintaining hand and power tools.

For more information, please phone Shane Baldry on 0429 772 245.

**Applications close Monday 5 October 2020 at 5.00pm.**

Go to the following website for more information.

<http://www.gwcc.nsw.gov.au/About-us/Vacancies>

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Oct – Staff & Students return for Term 4  
Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Oct – Athletics Carnival



## 2020-2021 season Registrations Open

Please register online at

<https://lansw.com.au/get-involved/how-to-register/>

Season begins Wed. 14<sup>th</sup> October at 5pm (sorry no trials)

Cost \$85 for tiny tots, \$100 per child

For more info please visit us at

- Leeton Little Athletics Facebook page
- Call Jodie (Registrar) 0407 854 214
- Email us [ltathletics@outlook.com](mailto:ltathletics@outlook.com)

# LEETON TOUCH COMPETITIONS



 <b>Kinder – Year 2</b> Individual nominations Parent Helpers encouraged	Thursday 5.30pm \$40   8 Weeks
 <b>Year 3 – Year 6</b> Individual nominations Parent Helpers encouraged	Thursday 5.30pm \$40   8 Weeks
 <b>Year 7 – Year 8</b> Team nominations	Thursday 5pm \$40   8 Weeks
 <b>Mixed</b> Team nominations Referee required	Thursday 6pm & 7pm \$75   9 Weeks
 <b>Mens and Womens</b> Team nominations Referee required	Monday 6pm & 7pm \$75   9 Weeks

Competitions start Mon 12th and Thu 15th October.  
Registrations close Fri 25th September

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for more info.



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## New @ Leeton Shire Library

We are very excited to announce the launch of our all new

### Graphic Novels Collection!

Featuring Shonen Jump Manga, DC Comics, Marvel, Dark Horse, Vertigo, Archie Comics and many more!

To celebrate the launch of this new collection we will be offering Leeton Shire Library members the exclusive free opportunity to meet one of Australia's top pop-culture creators, collaborators and influencers:

### Queenie Chan!



**This online event will be held on the  
7th October 2020 @ 2:30pm**

Please see the back of this flyer for more information.



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Due to social distancing restrictions Leeton Shire Library are unable to hold face to face events at this time. However we wouldn't want our community to miss out, so we will be presenting this event online via the Zoom platform. We will provide community members with instructions on how to join the meeting when you book your place.

**Completely Free!**

### Who is Queenie Chan?

Queenie Chan is a manga-style comic book artist who lives and works in Sydney, and has a number of published works with local and international publishers. Her debut work was 'The Dreaming', a mystery-horror series for LA-based manga publisher TOKYOPOP, which has since been translated into multiple languages. She then collaborated on several graphic novels with best-selling author Dean Koontz for his 'Odd Thomas' series, as well as with author Kylie Chan for 'Small Shen'. After that, she worked on several anthologies, and completed a fairytale inspired fantasy series called 'Fabled Kingdom'.



A fan of all things manga/comics, anime, and gaming-related, she frequently attends comic conventions such as OzComicCon and Supanova as a comic guest, and is happy to discuss a wide variety of pop culture-related issues on panels. She is currently creating a series of non-fiction children's biographical comics about famous historical queens.

Please visit [www.queeniechan.com](http://www.queeniechan.com) for more information.

**Due to limited numbers, bookings are required.  
For further information and to book please contact  
us on 6953 0945**

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