

# LEETON HIGH SCHOOL

## Newsletter

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

### ~~ PRINCIPAL’S REPORT ~~

#### **Thank you Food Technology students**

Last Wednesday our Food Technology students in Years 8, 9, 11 and 12 prepared and served an incredible morning tea and lunch to primary and secondary principal’s from across the Narrandera network. Thank you to our students and Ms Hynard and Mrs Schmetzer for an outstanding effort in the kitchen.

#### **Riverina Swimming Carnival 1<sup>st</sup> March**

Best wishes to our students competing at the Riverina Swimming Carnival on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March. We have an excellent squad this year who will achieve great things I’m sure. Also, thank you to our students who also do an amazing job in officiating on the day and at all our recent local swimming carnivals.

#### **Welcome BBQ Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 6pm**

On Wednesday evening we will be holding a BBQ to welcome all our families to the new school year. The BBQ will start at 6pm near the MPC. Year 7 parents, carers and students are invited to a general information session about our school and some of the initiatives and programs on offer. This session will take place from 5.30-6.00pm in the MPC. Year 11 parents, carers and students are also invited to an information session surrounding the HSC and tertiary pathways following our BBQ at 6.45pm in the iSTUDY room. It is a great opportunity to meet our teachers and other students and to ask any questions you may have. We hope to see you there!

#### **COVID Intensive Learning and Support Program**

Thank you to all the parents, carers and students who have returned interest in being part of our COVID Intensive Learning Support Program Small Group Tutorials. A very healthy number of students have responded positively to this initiative. This week student needs will be matched to available teachers with expertise in the required learning areas. Please note: some students may not get every choice or all the sessions nominated due to demand. Sessions and teachers will be confirmed by the end of the week. All going well, the small group tutorials will start next Monday morning from 8-9am. Thank you to all our teachers who have nominated to run these learning sessions.

#### **International Women’s Day 2021**

The theme for this year’s International Women’s Day is **choose to challenge**. We can all choose to seek out and celebrate women’s achievements and call out gender bias and inequality. Collectively, we can all help create an inclusive world.

We have 5 students who have chosen to challenge by volunteering to talk to the audience in attendance at the Leeton Library next Monday to commemorate International Women’s Day. Heidi Whyatt (Year 9), Sabrina Maimone (Year 10), Roxy McAliece (Year 11), Jess Eldridge and Allison Moller (Year 12) will speak about the experiences that have shaped them to be the resilient and hopeful young women that we see today in our school community. Well done ladies!

#### **Student Representative Council (SRC) 2021**

We will be holding our Student Representative Council Induction Ceremony at our whole school assembly on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March from 10.10am. Parents and carers will also be invited to join with us to celebrate this occasion with a morning tea in the Library following the ceremony. I would like to congratulate our Student Representative Council on this impressive achievement and their willingness to take on this important leadership role in our school. I look forward to working with this great group of students in 2021. Congratulations to Madeline Glenn, Sebastian Crelley, Ruby Miller, Amelia Irvin, Maddison Weir, Taj Lepper, Adelaide Heins, Tamika Rourke, Eloise Crelley, Heidi Whyatt, Charlize Simcoe, Victoria Glenn, Adrian O’Brien, Jana Deaton, Madeline Irvin, Dakota Boardman, Jessica Wells, Sabrina Maimone, Molly Gilmour, Thomas Heins, Megan Davidson-Curtain, Maddison Sohler, Jaylen Milvain, Oscar Richardson, Jarrah Brain and Jhie Deaton!

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### Year 7 Camp – Laurel Hill 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

The date for our much anticipated Year 7 Camp to Laurel Hill is drawing nearer. We encourage students to attend as this is a wonderful opportunity to get to know class mates and build positive relationships across the year group. Contact Mr Shane Crosbie, Year 7 Adviser, with any questions you may have about this worthwhile experience. Please ensure payment deadlines are met.

### Positive Behaviour for Learning

This year we have moved to one PBL session a week for students across Years 7-12. The focus of our sessions so far this term have been on safety, including holding an evacuation drill to prepare ourselves if a real evacuation was necessary, the importance of school attendance and why it matters and being in the right place at the right time. The following students were our PBL prize draw winners and have repeatedly demonstrated our school values of being respectful, responsible learners.

Congratulations to the following students:

Year	Sportspower Voucher	Canteen Voucher	Canteen Voucher Fuel Voucher Year 12
7	Eden Richardson	Jayah O'Connell	Sebastian Crelley
8	Nemani Mocolutu	Kulali Johnson	Taylah Axtill
9	Jesse Watson	Kyson Freer	Neve Richardson
10	Isabella Lotito	Barry Spicer	Beniel Dakunibubului
11	Sophie Mannall	Adam Morris	Mason Doyle
12	Rachael Wahba	Joshua Joy	Seth McBroom

### Breakfast Club @ Leeton High School

I am delighted to announce that through the support of Food Bank NSW Breakfast 4 Health Program we will be able to run our Breakfast Club 5 days per week starting 15<sup>th</sup> March. What a great way to start the day!



Mrs Meagan Crelley  
Principal

## ~~ DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT ~~

It is with considerable pleasure to report that 2021 has started quite smoothly, with plenty of supportive data to justify this statement. As we venture into our third year of PBL, it seems that its promises are being upheld. In terms of negative incidents, we are seeing near half of what our 6 year average would have us expect. The ability to issue PBL tickets electronically via Sentral has proven a hit with our teaching staff and despite only being half way through Term 1, a number of students will be receiving 'Big Blue' Merit Certificates for earning twenty-five of those, in their ongoing quest to be "RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE LEARNERS". Well done!

Student handbooks were issued following our School Assembly today. As well as the relatively mundane Information, we have added extra links to resources around Student Wellbeing and Learning. Ask your child for a read and if you have any suggestions for improvement, then please ring us and ask for Mr Morschel. your feedback is both welcomed and valued.

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# EVERY DAY COUNTS

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## Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...

Learn

Build Friendships

Develop life skills

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### Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	they miss weeks per year	and years over their school life
1 day per fortnight	4 weeks	Over 1 year missed
1 day per week	8 weeks	Over 2.5 years missed

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**75% ATTENDANCE**

10 weeks per year

10 WEEKS = 1 TERM

**80% ATTENDANCE**

8 weeks per year

**85% ATTENDANCE**

6 weeks per year

**90% ATTENDANCE**

4 weeks per year

**95% ATTENDANCE**

2 weeks per year

**'STRIVE TO BEAT NINETY-FIVE!'**

The posters adjacent have been posted around the school as a response to Leeton High School volunteering to be part of the Department's Attendance Pilot Program – an initiative to increase the overall attendance of students at our school. The information contained is particularly eye-opening, as one can see that it does not take too much for attendance to fall below the 85% level that has traditionally been endorsed by the Department.

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### Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	they miss days per year
5 mins per day	3 days
30 mins per day	18 days

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Patterns of lateness can have a serious impact on your child's education.

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**... SO WE COUNT EVERY MINUTE**

**\* GET TO CLASS ON TIME**  
**\* SIGN IN/OUT THROUGH THE FRONT OFFICE**

As the posters above show, 75% attendance constitutes missing a whole term!!! It is also important to note that our Sentral software program marks attendance in *minutes* – not whole days or lessons. The attendance figure which will appear on school reports will be calculated from whole days, partial absences, lateness and leaving early that cannot be attributed to school business.

So, help us to help our students 'strive for ninety-five' for the sake of their learning and post-school outcomes. If you are having trouble with getting your child to school, please do not hesitate to ring the school and we can work together to achieve a better outcome for all.

Andrew Morschel  
Deputy Principal - Wellbeing

## SCHOOL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students on achieving awards:

**BRONZE AWARDS:** Georgia Curry (Year 8), Jhie Hammond, Charlize Simcoe (Year 9) and Genevieve Hillam (Year 10)

**EXECUTIVE AWARDS:** Shanae Best, Vinnie Ward (Year 7), Taylah Axtill, Peter Moller (Year 8), Joseph McCall, Jacob Batty (Year 9), Emily McVittie, Matilda Ryan (Year 10), Ryan Butler, Jaylen Milvain (Year 11), Rachael Wahba and Zoe Chilby (Year 12)

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## ~~ P&C NEWS~~

### THE HUNGRY HUT (AKA school canteen)

The P&C operates the canteen at Leeton High School. The canteen has gained Healthy Canteen accreditation and offers a wide selection of foods 5 days per week.

#### **3 Easy ways to purchase:**

1. **Order Online** - Setting up an account is easy, and once set up you can easily order in advance. No need to find change to send to school and you can even be organised over the weekend for the whole week ahead.

To access on-line canteen go to: <https://quickcliq.com.au/>

2. **Put in an order on the day.** Your child can bring money to school, and between 8.30 and 9.00 am can go to the canteen to place their order.

3. **Over the counter sales** at both first and second break

Note that if you want to guarantee what you crave for is available, place an order using options 1 or 2 above. Orders can be made for first or second break, or both!!!

The full menu, plus the link to online canteen can be found on the Leeton High School website (click on *About our School* and follow canteen links)

*Thanks a lot for your support!*  
*Maria Ryan*

### **NOTICE OF AGM**

The AGM for the LHS P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 7pm in the school library

### **LEETON HIGH SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS**

Front Office is open between 8.30am - 3.45pm

Cashier is open between 8.45am-3.00pm



Leeton High School Careers



With Mrs Goring & Mrs Palmer

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

### **WIN**

Year 10 students have been very pro-active in applying for the WIN work experience program this year. So far, we have 40 students interested with 3 on the reserve list. Most students have registered for their preferred place of employment and during the rest of the term, students will participate in the following to prepare them for work experience:

- 9 March – Work Ready Workshop ALL DAY
- 10 March – White Card ALL DAY (not compulsory for all students)
- 19 March – Mock Interviews (1-2 periods)
- 22-26 March – Employer interviews

### **WHITE CARD (CONSTRUCTION INDUCATION) COURSE**

. LHS will be hosting a White Card course on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March. The cost will be \$120.00 per person and will be an all-day course. The White Card is essential for students studying construction or intending on doing work experience on a worksite e.g. plumbing, electrical etc.

Payment and permission notes are due to the Front Office by Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

### **University of Wollongong Discovery Day 18-19 February 2021**

Year 12 students had an extremely informative and fun excursion to University of Wollongong.

Students got to attend a variety of workshops of interest to them and participated in a campus and accommodation tour. All students were excellent ambassadors for LHS.

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## *Charles Sturt University Explore Day 23 March 2021*

LHS are offering students in Year 12 the opportunity to attend their annual Explore Day in Wagga Wagga. Students will participate in a range of workshops and campus tours to discover what CSU courses and campus have to offer.

Interested students should register through the Careers Year 12 Google Classroom or see Mrs Goring in Careers. Workshops are filling fast!

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

Tue 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb – P&C Meeting  
Thur 18<sup>th</sup> Mar – School Photos

Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar – P&C AGM  
Thur 1<sup>st</sup> April – Last day of Term 1



**SWJFL 2021  
COMPETITION  
REGISTRATION**  
★ **NOW OPEN** ★

**REGISTRATIONS OPEN  
TO ALL PLAYERS**

11'S (BORN 2010 OR AFTER)  
13'S (BORN 2008 OR AFTER)  
15'S (BORN 2006 OR AFTER)

**ACTIVE KIDS  
VOUCHERS ACCEPTED**

**Link for  
registrations is**  
<https://cutt.ly/YkMJdaE>

**Contact**  
Kathryn Bechaz  
(0409 230 458)  
for more details



**LEETON UNITED FC LOCAL JUNIOR COMPETITION 2021**

**REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN**

10 WEEK COMPETITION COMMENCING APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup>  
LEETON NO. 2 OVAL

AGE GROUPS: A GRADE (10-12YRS) - THURSDAYS (5.00PM)  
6/7YRS - SATURDAYS (10.00AM)  
8/9YRS - SATURDAYS (11.00AM)

REGISTRATION LINK: [WWW.PLAYFOOTBALL.COM.AU](http://WWW.PLAYFOOTBALL.COM.AU)

ONLINE REGISTRATIONS ONLY  
ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS ACCEPTED  
FOOTBALL SOCKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE (\$10.00/PAIR)

GENERAL ENQUIRES: SCOTT MUNRO 0408 976 259  
REGISTRATION ENQUIRIES: TONI LAMONT 0407 925 239

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