

# LEETON HIGH SCHOOL Newsletter

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

## ~~ PRINCIPAL’S REPORT~~

### International Women’s Day 2021

Congratulations to our 5 students who, in keeping with the theme of this year’s International Women’s Day theme, chose to challenge themselves by volunteering to share their experiences as young women with the audience in attendance at the Leeton Library on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Heidi Whyatt (Year 9), Sabrina Maimone (Year 10), Roxy McAliece (Year 11), Jess Eldridge and Alison Moller (Year 12) all spoke beautifully and were a credit to themselves, their families and our school. I have been inundated with praise for this group. Their speeches touched hearts and made us all think about the past, present and future and what equality is and stands for.

Our musicians, Lilly Davies and Meghan Davidson-Curtain (Year 11) also supported this event and showcased their talents much to the delight of the audience. Well done ladies! We are so very proud of you.

Leeton High School also celebrated this important occasion with an assembly hosted by our School Captains, Vice-Captains, Prefects and Girls Adviser Miss O’Connell. Students went on to complete a reflective activity on what aspect of their life they would now ‘choose to challenge.’



### Recent Swimming Carnivals

Our student timekeepers completed their final swimming carnival last week officiating at the Riverina PSSA Championships. Our students deservedly received a huge amount of praise from the carnival organisers, pool deck officials and teachers from across the Riverina in attendance. Congratulations to the 80 Leeton High School students who have officiated 3 major carnivals over the past month. Our students have done an amazing and professional job, often under high pressure. Well done to all involved.

Thank you to Mrs Goman, M. Stout other supporting staff and Mr and Mrs Henman for ensuring that all events and tasks went as smoothly as possible.

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

Today, our Student Representative Council Induction Ceremony took place at our whole school assembly. Parents and carers were able to celebrate this special occasion with us and enjoyed a morning tea in the Library following the ceremony. I would like to congratulate our Student Representative Council on this very noteworthy achievement and commend this group on their willingness to take on this important leadership role in our school.

Introducing our Student Representative Council for 2021:

Madeleine 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, Meghan Davidson-Curtain, Maddison Sohier, Jaylen Milvain, Oscar Richardson, Jarrah Brain and Jhie Deaton. What an impressive group of young people!



### **Maths Pathway Information session Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 6-6.30pm LHS Library - Parents, carers and students Years 7, 8 and 9**

Last year we introduced the Maths Pathway program to Year 7 with some very promising results. Due to COVID restrictions we were unable to invite parents and carers to the school to share more about this program and to answer any question you may have. This year, we have introduced the program across Years 7-9. Fortunately, we are in a position to invite parents and carers to an Information Session on Tuesday evening from 6-6.30pm in our library. It is a great opportunity to answer any questions you may have about this program. We are excited about the information and feedback this program provides us on your child's learning in terms of what they have mastered and what gaps they have which allows our teachers to target their focus. We are looking forward to seeing you there. More information can be found here: <https://mathspathway.com/>

### **School Photos Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

School photos will be taken on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Years 7-8 please wear your LHS sports uniform, Years 9-12 please wear your full summer uniform. Order envelopes can be picked up from the office if you haven't received one already. Please bring photo envelopes on the day whether you are getting photos taken or not.

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## COVID Intensive Learning and Support Program

Our COVID Intensive Learning Support Program Small Group Tutorials commenced last week with a really positive start. We have had a great response from parents, carers and students to date. Please contact me with any issues regarding session times or days. If you have not nominated a session/s and would like to – it's not too late. Again, please contact me at school. Thanks to all who have taken up this excellent opportunity for more assistance with their learning.

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

Not too long to wait now.....Year 7 Camp to Laurel Hill is drawing nearer! Please make sure your payments are finalised and we have the most current medical information on your child. Contact Mr Shane Crosbie, Year 7 Adviser, on 0269532122 with any questions you may have about this worthwhile experience.

## Breakfast Club @ Leeton High School – starts this week; 5 days a week!

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 - WELLBEING REPORT ~~

As previously stated, Leeton High School has embraced the Attendance Pilot Program in 2021, and the preliminary findings have been quite encouraging.

Firstly, we can show that an early intervention, in the form of a tentative enquiry from their Year Adviser, may be enough for a student's attendance to improve significantly.

Conversely, however our latest Attendance Report from Weeks 6 & 7, shows the cumulative effect of repetitive lateness to school.

Simply by arriving late, a small number of students have accumulated over 315 'missed minutes' – equating to one day's full learning per fortnight.

At best, despite attending every day with the intent of learning, that student's attendance can only be charted at 90%.

Remember folks, a school will never turn you away if you are late – unfortunately, your future employers do not share this generosity!

Act responsibly! Let's make our goal for the rest of term to arrive on time! Our behaviours can become habits – which are particularly hard to break as they become innate behaviours over time.

Andrew Morschel  
Deputy Principal - Wellbeing

## EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

NSW Department of Education

### Why attendance matters

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

- Learn
- Build friendships
- Develop life skills

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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

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

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... SO WE COUNT EVERY MINUTE

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

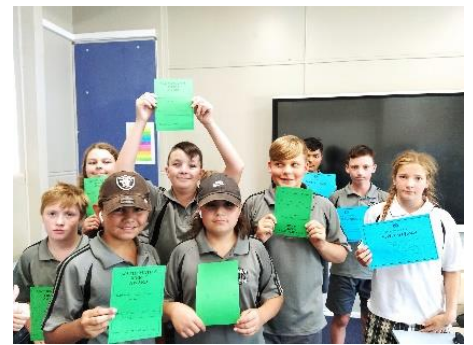
## ~~ DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – TEACHING & LEARNING REPORT~~

Term One has been a very busy one at Leeton High School. It is hard to believe that this time last year we were going into lockdown and students began working from home. This year, there have been many activities that students have been involved in and there are many more that will take place over the following terms.

This term saw the continuation of programs such as Hands on Learning and Learning Links and Term Two the return of the WIN program for Year 10 and the boys cultural group. These programs provide many students with the opportunity to learn new skills and prepare them better for their future. We also have an opportunity for students to participate in a STEM competition early in Term Two, where students can further develop and test their own skills and ideas in this growing and ever-changing area. Our senior students have had the opportunity to visit Wollongong university and will participate in the CSU Explore day later in the term. Sport as always, has been busy this term with many CHS sporting competitions and the opportunity for students to help at the various primary school gala days. This provides our students with the chance to develop skills that will benefit them in their own learning as well as everyday life.

Throughout the term we have developed numerous personalised learning plans and a second Literacy group, these with the introduction of COVID tutoring are aimed at supporting students in their learning across all subject areas. Maths Pathway also continues to develop at Leeton High School this year. In the move away from the traditional mathematics classroom, to a more student directed one. This means that students are working on the mathematics that is right for them and working towards developing a growth mindset. Mr Cronin is presenting an information session for parents of students in Years 7 to 9. The presentation is to give parents an overview of the program as well as a better understanding of what we are trying to achieve by using Maths Pathway to deliver mathematics at Leeton High School. There will be an opportunity to talk to your child's teacher as well as information on how to join the parent portal so you can get regular updates on your child's progress.

Congratulations to the merit award winners for the last Maths Pathway cycle, keep up the good work.



Damian Bush  
Deputy Principal - Teaching and Learning

### SCHOOL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students on achieving awards:

**BRONZE AWARDS:** Alex Stone and Vasati Taavao (Year 8).

**EXECUTIVE AWARDS:** Curtis Ingram, Jack Clark, Riley Legge (Year 7), Holley Krause, Asha Handcock-Cropper, Vasati Taavao (Year 8), Jhie Hammond, Matthew Wallett, Jacob Keech (Year 9), Cathleen Metre, Phoenix Jones Grieve, Daniel Bowyer (Year 10), Noah Little, Lilly Davies, Saw Eh Htoo (Year 11), Matthew Ryan, Keira Vecchio and Petralaini Toia (Year 12).

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## ~~ SCHOOL SPORTS ~~

### RIVERINA SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2021

Last Monday, 1st March, the Leeton High School swim team had a fantastic day at the Riverina Carnival! With 37 swimmers competing, we were the 2nd largest team in attendance. The Leeton Regional Aquatic Centre looked amazing, the weather was perfect and our students were outstanding.

We are super excited to announce that 19 students have qualified for the NSW CHS Swimming Carnival. This includes 6 individual athletes and 3 relay teams! On top of these great results, we had so many students who just missed out, with many swimming personal best times.

Our officials worked tirelessly and have received praise from many people who attended the carnival. All 64 students present were outstanding ambassadors of Leeton High School and should be proud of their efforts both in and out of the water!

Our 2021 Riverina Swimming Representatives off to the NSW CHS Swimming Championships in Term 2:



Individual Competitors - Tamika Rourke, Sebastian Crelley, Sari Leighton, Jack Miller, Raith Henman and Samantha Wharely



Boys 13 Years Relay - Conner Holden, Vula Wate, Kian Henman and Tennyson Sales

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All-Age Girls Relay - Madeline Irvin, Madeleine Glenn, Tamika Rourke, Amelia Irvin, Samantha Wharely and Brooke Eglinton

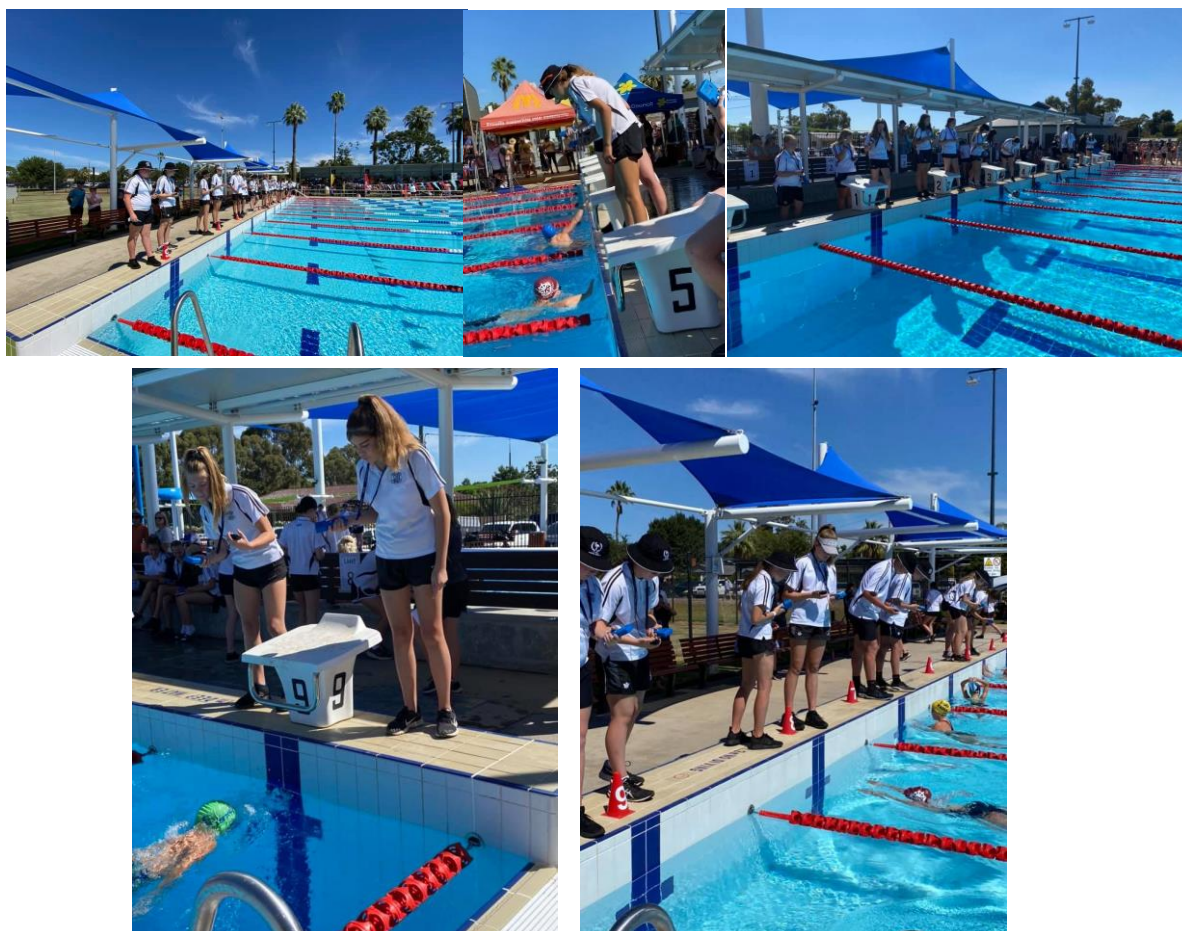


All-Age Boys Relay - Sebastian Crelley, Conner Holden, Jhi Grundy, Thomas Heins, Luca Deaton and Taj Lepper.



## **RIVERINA PSSA SWIMMING**

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## **OPEN GIRLS CRICKET GALA DAY**

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March the Open Girls Cricket Team participated in a gala day which included four other schools. The first game for Leeton High was against Murrumbidgee Regional High School. Leeton High won the toss and decided to bowl first and soon had Murrumbidgee in trouble and bowled them out for a poultry 33 runs. Madison Doyle and Jessica Wells bowled really well taking 3 for 5 and 2 for 7 respectively. Leeton High chased down the total with 7 wickets in hand and 13 overs to spare. Eloise Crelley made an impressive 22 to guide Leeton High home.

In the final Leeton High then played the highly fancied Yanco Ag outfit and again won the toss and bowled. Things looked ominous for Leeton High, when Alice Caldwell smashed a straight drive for four in the first over. However, in the second over Caldwell smashed a pull shot to mid-wicket and started running. Madison Doyle fielded cleanly throwing the ball over the stumps to Madeline Irvin who was waiting, taking the ball cleanly and breaking the stumps to run the dangerous Caldwell out for 5. This dismissal changed the momentum of the game and Leeton High held Yanco Ag to 79. After a slow start Eloise Crelley (24 not out) and Madeline Irvin (10 not out) formed a 50 run partnership which guided the Leeton High side to an 8 wicket victory. It was a fantastic team effort by the girls and they now progress to the Riverina quarter finals. Thanks also to Tom Allen, Callum Dunn, Blake McDonald and Charlie Lamont for officiating the day. Well done girls!  
Mr Doyle

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Leeton High School Careers



With Mrs Goring & Mrs Palmer

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

### **WIN**

- 19 March – Mock Interviews (1-2 periods)
- 22-26 March – Employer interviews

## **Charles Sturt University Explore Day – 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

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!

## **PAST EVENTS:**

### **WIN WORK READY WORKSHOP – 9<sup>th</sup> March**

Last week 43 Year 10 students participated in the Work Ready Workshop in preparation for their WIN work experience in Terms 2 & 3.

The workshop was coordinated and presented by GetSet and Personnel Group Leeton and included a range of presenters.

Topics covered were WHS, employer expectations, TAFE, interview presentation and techniques, resumes, apprenticeships and traineeships, mock interviews, code of conduct and Q&A with local employers.

Thank you to the following presenters and employers for volunteering to pass on your knowledge and wisdom to our students:

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GetSet, Personnel Group, Verto, NSW Training Services, TAFE Leeton, SunRice, Matt Gidley McDonalds Leeton/Griffith, CVGT, Leeton Early Learning Centre, Goodstart Early Learning, Indulgence for Hair and Frank Millemaggi.



## WHITE CARD COURSE – 10<sup>th</sup> March

Last week we held our first White Card (Construction Induction) course for the year at LHS. The course is an excellent affordable opportunity for students to gain this qualification, which allows them to participate in work experience on construction sites or similar.

Thank you to Annetts Training for their thorough and engaging training of the course.

We will be holding another White Card course later this year.



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~~ P&C NEWS~~

**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

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> April – Pupil Free Day  
Tues 20<sup>th</sup> April – Students return – Term 2

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