

# LEETON HIGH SCHOOL

## Newsletter

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

### ~~ PRINCIPAL'S REPORT ~~

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

Year 7 have returned safe and sound from a fabulous three days in picturesque Laurel Hill. While the weather could have been better, students still enjoyed many activities and got to learn more about each other as a group. Thank you to Mr Crosbie and Ms Byrne for organising this great experience and to all staff members who accompanied students away. Our students were awesome!

#### NAPLAN 11<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> May 2021

Over the last week, students in Years 7 and 9 participated in practice online NAPLAN tests to help them prepare for the 'real' tests in May. Students in Years 7 and 9 will undergo testing in Reading, Writing, Conventions of Language and Numeracy during the NAPLAN test window which goes from 11<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> May. More information will be sent out closer to the date.



#### Sporting success

This term we have an incredible number of students who have excelled in a variety of sports to qualify to represent the Riverina at state level. We currently have 36 Riverina representatives who will participate in a variety of sports including swimming, basketball, rugby league, touch football, cricket and netball at upcoming NSW CHS carnivals. Our Parents and Citizens Association is offering funding assistance to support parents/carers meet the costs of competing at Riverina or state level. Attached to this newsletter is a P&C funding application which can be returned to the school's front office to be considered at the next P&C meeting to be held on the 27th April. Well done to all our students and thank you to the P&C for their support.

#### Da Vinci Decathlon

This term we continued to build on the already extensive learning opportunities on offer here at Leeton High School. Our focus on the High Potential and Gifted Education policy has broadened our perspective on the many ways students can demonstrate their talent and potential. We are working hard to explore additional ways in which we can enrich our students to be their best and we are discovering many new resources to assist this development as well. This term, we are entering two teams into the Da Vinci Decathlon competing against other schools online in the following areas: English, Creative Producers, Science and Ideation, Engineering Challenge, Mathematics, Art and Poetry and Cartography, Code Breaking and Legacy. Best wishes to our Year 7 and 8 and Year 9 and 10 teams. The Da Vinci Decathlon commences in April.

#### Mental Health Education Program

On Tuesday and Wednesday students will participate in the Mental Health Education Program supported by Headspace. This program delivers free mental health education workshops to school communities across Australia. The workshops have been developed to increase awareness, knowledge and skills in mental health literacy, accessing support and improving wellbeing in students. Workshops are interactive, strength-based and evidence-informed. Local primary schools will also be joining us on the Wednesday to participate in the workshops on offer.

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## Positive Behaviour for Learning

Respectful, responsible, learners will have their positive behaviours acknowledged during our end of term assembly through our PBL Mega Draw. Students have been acknowledged 9.626 times for demonstrating positive behaviours this term so far and will be entered into our electronic draw.

Next term our PBL weekly 30-minute lesson will focus on further developing respectful and responsible behaviours through an anti-bullying and resilience focus across Years 7-9. Students in Year 10 will commence an Academic Mentoring Program to best prepare them to undertake the transition into Year 11 in 2022. This program will support students in the subject selection process, to understand the requirements of courses, to explore ATAR and non ATAR study pathways, TAFE course options and more. This program will continue into Term 3. Year 11 and 12 will also explore being responsible, learners through a study-skills focus during their PBL lessons for Term 2.

### Term 2 2021

Best wishes for a safe and restful Easter break. Staff return to school Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April and students return Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

Leeton High School values the importance of communication between home and school. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the school on 69532122. Stay in touch with events and information 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

## ~~ DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - WELLBEING REPORT~~

As the first full moon after the March equinox approaches that can only mean one thing – Easter is upon us. This provides both the opportunity for our hardworking staff and students to rest and recharge, and is an appropriate time to reflect on the term that has passed and to see how we have all accepted the challenges that 2021 brought us.

Firstly, it was a pleasure to be a part of our PBL Mega draw today, with over 9000 PBL entries to choose from the Wheel of Acknowledgement had to work hard to select our worthy winners. This equates to over 1000 positive PBL entries per week, which drowns the negative behaviours that are recorded. With respect to those entries, it was hard not to give a shout out to the substantial number of people in Stage 5 especially, who have really turned their learning around over the last few school months.

Our participation in the Attendance Pilot Program has produce eye-catching results this term. Through the early intervention of our diligent Year Advisers, the benefits of an early intervention to improve attendance has resulted in some excellent data. More important than data, is that our kids are here learning.

However, we cannot stress the importance of punctuality. We have a number of good kids who turn up every day and generally have a decent go. However, because they are not arriving on time (*ipso facto*, 9.05am) their attendance has slipped to levels below 85%. Indeed, within the last fortnight, a handful of students have lost over a day (320 minutes) of learning due to lateness to school. Remember, learners, your future employers are not going to be that accommodating.

In conclusion, we are excited about the Athletics Carnival to finish the Term and wish you all a rejuvenating Autumn Vacation.

Andrew Morschel  
Deputy Principal - Wellbeing

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## SCHOOL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students on achieving awards:

**BRONZE AWARDS:** Taj Lepper (Year 7), Ruby Miller, Connor Holden, Kate O'Brien, Skye Tuckett (Year 8), Charlize Simcoe (Year 9).

**SILVER AWARDS:** Ruby Miller (Year 7)

**EXECUTIVE AWARDS:** Kyis Stevens-Davis, Dakota Cross, Jack Miller (Year 7), Grace Hill, Maddison Weir, Ava Gerlinger (Year 8), Daniel Mohd Azry, Luca Deaton, Locie Donhorere (Year 9), Adele Thompson, Mason Boardman, Cooper Barlow (Year 10), Charlie Longhurst, Jarrah Brain, Maddison Smith (Year 11), Victoria Morgan-Smith, Marni Elliott and Emily Wright (Year 12).

## ~~ SCHOOL SPORTS ~~

### OPEN GIRLS BASKETBALL

The girls Open Basketball team travelled over to Narrandera to play in a Riverina A Gala Day on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March. The young team took on a tough Narrandera High team first in a hard fought contest, but unfortunately went down. They then defeated RAP Schools 63-17, Young High School 60-6 and Temora High School 50-27 in the playoff for third.

The girls played in great spirit and were highly competitive throughout the entire day. This was an awesome effort given that 8 out of our 9 players are only in Years 8-10! The team is looking good for the next few years.

Huge thanks goes to Cohen Matthews who refereed without a break all day, as well as Samara McMillan who stepped up and helped out (on top of playing) when they were short on referees.



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## **RIVERINA TRIALS**

### **Netball**

7 girls attend the Riverina Netball trials in Week 9. Well done to everyone in attendance and a special congratulations to Brooke Eglinton who was selected to be part of the Riverina team who will play in Orange in June.



### **Basketball**

Three Leeton High School students have been selected in the Riverina Open Girls Basketball team! Congratulations Amelia Irvin, Madeline Irvin and Tamika Rourke. This is a huge achievement given the girls are only in Year 8, 9 and 10. Well done to you all and best of luck at the CHS carnival.



### **Rugby League**

Huge congratulations to the seven students who qualified for the Riverina Rugby League teams in Week 9. The following students were all successful in gaining a position in the representative teams:

#### **Under 15's Boys**

Jack Evans  
Kyson Freer  
Carta Jackson  
Jesse Watson

#### **Under 16's Girls**

Taisch Wilkinson

#### **Open Boys**

Ben Faoa  
Beniel Qereqeretabua

### **Rugby Union**

Congratulations to Blake McDonald, Callum Dunn and Beniel Qereqeretabua who were all selected to be part of the Riverina Rugby Union team after a successful trial a few weeks back. The boys will head to Kiama to contest the NSW CHS Championships.

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### Under 15 Touch

By all reports our 9 representatives did an amazing job at the Riverina under 15 Touch trials. We are excited to announce that 5 students have been selected to attend the NSW CHS Championships. Congratulations Caydan Hillier, Tallis McMillan, Kyson Freer, Beau Griffiths and Jacob Buchanan.



### ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The annual athletics carnival will take place this Wednesday (period 5 and 6) and all day Thursday.

On Wednesday, as soon as the bell rings at the end of lunch, the whole school will move across the road and head straight to roll call in house areas. These will be alongside the 100m track, with David closest to the school, then Hunter, Mawson and Smith. All students should be in sports uniform on Wednesday.

On Thursday, all students should make their way straight to the ovals. Roll call will occur at 9:05am. Students may wear house colours, but as always **clothing must be appropriate and you must be wearing enclosed footwear**.

Those students wanting to take part in the 1500m run, please be ready to run the event at 8am on Thursday morning.

Year 7 will have the opportunity to complete in the 3000m and high-jump events this Tuesday (8am – 3000m and Period 5 – high-jump).

Parents are welcome to attend the carnival, however, they will need to enter the complex via the Palm Ave footbridge and sign-on using the QR code provided.

### HOUSE COLOURS

**DAVID**

**HUNTER**

**SMITH**

**MAWSON**

### Year 7 Camp 2021

Year 7 awoke bright and early on Wednesday morning to embark on an important milestone of transition into high school life at LHS. The Year 7 Camp was held at Laurel Hill Forest Lodge in Tumbarumba with the emphasis of the trip being placed on students building positive relationships with peers through activities that would model teamwork and cooperation.

It was cool and drizzly as students arrived around midday with many realising immediately that jackets were indeed necessary. The cohort embarked on a hike around the scenic hills of Tumbarumba. Throughout the hike, students were encouraged to actively listen and follow directions in large group situations. After being well fed, Year 7 then participated in trivia before they acquired a much-welcomed hot chocolate and retreated to bed.

The second day saw 7C, 7R, 7O and 7S participate in various activities. The Confidence Course encouraged the establishment of trust and communication skills as students led a blindfolded partner through an obstacle course. Pioneering tested the resourcefulness of groups as students worked together to see who could build a catapult that would fling a tennis ball the furthest. The Amazing Race fostered teamwork further as students were tested with physical and mental challenges to complete a scavenger hunt for the most points. Finally, students got in touch with their creative side while observing the natural

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environment with bush art. The weather was sporadic but, by the time students had had lunch, the sky's cleared and more smiles and less shivering were observed.

Overall, the behaviour Year 7 showed on the camp was excellent and is a reflection of their attitude to school as a whole. This cohort have proven themselves to be hard working, responsible and empathetic. I am very proud of their progress throughout Term 1. It has been a long journey, but I am confident that these students understand the values of a positive learning environment fostered at Leeton High School and will continue to represent these values into the future.

Shane Crosbie  
Year Adviser



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### LEETON HIGH SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

Front Office is open between 8.30am - 3.45pm

Cashier is open between 8.45am-3.00pm

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## ~~ SCHOOL NEWS~~

### Shrek 2021

The cast and crew of Shrek have been working hard all term, with rehearsals both before and after school and on the weekends. The show is starting to look and sound fabulous. Bring on Term 2 and the public performances in Week 10. It's going to be a massive show so make sure you keep an eye out for performance and ticket details in the coming months!

Our Facebook page, (Leeton High School Creative and Performing Arts) is the best way to keep up to date with the latest news and events!

Here is a little sneak peek at what we have been working on so far...



Full Cast

“This be-est our first meeting...”



“Don’t let me go”

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“Ooh Princess Fiona. She sounds perfect!”



“Settle in everyone. ... we may as well try and make the best of this”



Backstage



“Mama’s in the mud, Mama’s in distress!”



“Roar...”

“Now Look-ee here Ogre...”

“Story of my life...”



“I always dreamed I’d get a happy ending...”

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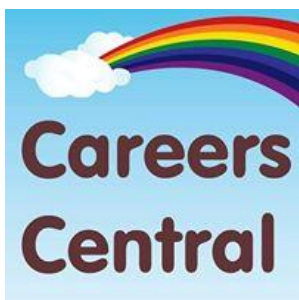


“I know it’s today...”

“Can’t you see that you’re our only hope...”



“It’s a big, bright beautiful world, where everybody sings Kumbyah. While playing a guitar, as we barbeque...”



Leeton High School Careers



With Mrs Goring & Mrs Palmer

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Term 2 Week 1 – Win work placements commence
- 1 April 2021 – UAC Applications open for 2022 university applications
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## WIN

Group 1 of the WIN program students will commence their work placement commencing Week 1 of Term 2.

Most students have had an interview with their employers and are eager and ready to commence this new experience. It is a privilege to be part of the WIN program and we are sure they will be Respectful, Responsible, Learners and we wish them well over the ten weeks.

Final paperwork will be handed out this week to all students.

## PAST EVENTS:

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

A group of Year 12 students travelled to Charles Sturt University for their annual Explore Day. Students attended workshops and information sessions. Students were able to participate in hands-on activities such as in the Nursing workshop.

Explore Day is a perfect opportunity for students to find out more information about courses, pathways to university and scholarships.

Charles Sturt's early entry program **Charles Sturt Advantage** opens in April 2021.



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## Apprenticeship Opportunities

### **Leeton: 2 x 4-year apprenticeships available in Bricklaying and Tiling.**

The successful applicant must be willing to attend Albury TAFE on block release for the bricklaying apprenticeship. The tiling apprenticeship will require the successful applicant to travel to Bathurst weekly. Contact Paul Burley at GetSet Leeton on 69538727 or 0484075263 for more information.

 Murrumbidgee  
Irrigation

### APPRENTICE ELECTRICIANS

Griffith NSW location

We are seeking two motivated individuals to undertake a 4-year apprenticeship with our Technical Maintenance team.

The successful applicants will have: a School Certificate or equivalent; introductory computer skills; problem solving ability; practical and technical skills; and a thirst for learning.

Applications should include a Murrumbidgee Irrigation application form and current resume, with a cover letter addressing ability to meet the following criteria. Ability to:

- follow defined Work Health and Safety policies and procedures
- communicate effectively in oral and written form
- demonstrate technological aptitude and understanding
- demonstrate IT aptitude and capability
- work in teams to achieve business objectives.

For general application information, please contact Karen Robertson (HR Officer) on 02 6962 0200. For specific position enquiries, please contact Tim McDonald (Maintenance Technician - Electrical and Automation) or Bryan Salvestro (Coordinator - Technical Maintenance) on 02 6962 0200.

**Applications close: Friday 9 April 2021**

For detailed information about the position, and/or to **APPLY ONLINE**, please visit:

[www.mirrigration.com.au/company/careers](http://www.mirrigration.com.au/company/careers)  
[www.countrychange.com.au/](http://www.countrychange.com.au/)

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed 31<sup>st</sup> March – Afternoon – Athletics Carnival  
 Thur 1<sup>st</sup> April – Athletics Carnival (all day)  
 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  
 Week 10 - **SHREK**



### Want to learn to play squash?

Our junior squash program provides both coaching and supervised games to help you learn.

We can provide racquets, balls and protective glass, so you only need non marking shoes.

Term 2 nominations for a 8 week program are now open. Running from 01/05 – 19/06. Coaching starts at 3:00pm on Saturdays at the Leeton Soldiers Club.

Cost is \$15 for the term, payable at the Leeton Soldiers Club.

Nomination forms are available at the Leeton Soldiers Club, or via the Leeton Squash Club page on Facebook

### WANT GREAT VALUE FROM YOUR NSW CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHER?

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**New!**

### WE HAVE FREE CRAFT WORKSHOPS TO SUIT ALL JUNIOR CREATORS.. INCLUDES FREE DELIVERY!

**New!**

**New!**

INCLUDES BONUS MARKERS!

**New!**

## Charlie Boots

Creative kits for creative kids

Scan here to see our range of free workshop kits!

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### LEETON INDOOR STADIUM

## School Holiday Activities

- To book for any of the activities please email [maddyc@leeton.nsw.gov.au](mailto:maddyc@leeton.nsw.gov.au) with your child's name, age and activities or call or text 0499 787 618 during 10am-4pm Monday-Friday
- All stadium rules must be adhered to
- Primary School student must always have a parent/guardian present for supervision
- Please bring your own basketball/netball for the shoot arounds



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 <b>STADIUM CLOSED</b>	3 <b>STADIUM CLOSED</b>
4 <b>STADIUM CLOSED</b>	5 <b>STADIUM CLOSED</b>	6 10am-12pm- Netball Shoot Around \$5 2-4pm- Basketball Shoot Around \$5	7 3 on 3 Basketball Round Robin Times TBC Yr 4-6 students	8 10am-12pm- Netball Shoot Around \$5 2-4pm- Basketball Shoot Around \$5	9 Private Bookings Only	10 Private Bookings Only
11 Private Bookings Only	12 10am-12pm Badminton \$5 2-4pm Basketball Shoot Around \$5	13 Private Bookings Only	14 Continuous 7 Mixed Netball Times TBC Yr 4-6 students	15 10am-12pm Netball Shoot Around \$5 2-4pm Badminton \$5	16 10am-12pm Volleyball \$5 2-4pm Basketball Shoot Around \$5	17 Private Bookings Only
18 Private Bookings Only	*Further Information regarding 3 on 3 Basketball and Continuous 7 Netball will be posted*					

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## LHS P&C EXCELLENCE RECOGNITION SUPPORT PROGRAM



The Leeton High School P&C congratulates you on achieving excellence in your chosen sport/cultural activity. We support students at Leeton High School who represent at NSW State and Australian Championships in sports and cultural events.

The P&C recognises that families need support when their students have been selected to represent the school at State/National level for sporting or cultural events. This financial support might be used to offset costs of travel, accommodation, registration fees or uniforms. The below outlines the level of support you may be eligible for:

### Individual Sports

<b>Selected to represent Riverina in NSW CHS Championships</b>	<b>Qualify for NSW All-Schools Carnival</b>	<b>Selected to represent NSW in Australian Championships</b>
E.g. Placing at zone and qualifying to represent Riverina at NSW Championships	E.g. Place at the NSW CHS Championships and qualify for NSW All-Schools	E.g. Placing at NSW All-Schools Championships and qualifying to represent NSW at Australian Championships
\$ 50	\$50	\$ 100

### Riverina/ State Team Sports

<b>Selected in a team sport to represent Riverina in State Championships</b>	<b>Selected in a team sport to represent NSW in Australian Championships</b>
\$ 50 per individual	\$ 100 per individual

### School Team Sports (Staff member applies on behalf of team)

<b>Selected in a team sport to represent LHS at State Finals eg. Top 4 or 8 carnivals</b>
For consideration of P&C

### Cultural Program Participation (Staff member applies on behalf of group or individual)

<b>Selected to represent LHS in a cultural event at State or National level (or equivalent)</b>
For consideration of P&C

To apply for support please complete the form and return to the LHS Office. Each submission will be considered separately.



# LHS P&C EXCELLENCE RECOGNITION SUPPORT PROGRAM REQUEST FORM



Student Name	
Year	
Event/Sport	
Representation at: <input type="checkbox"/> State or <input type="checkbox"/> National Championship	
Events selected for	
Location of event	
Parent/carer name	
Parent/carer signature	Date:
School verification of eligibility (form needs to be signed by event organiser and school Principal)	Sports/ Cultural Organiser: _____  Principal: _____ Date: _____

**Please return form to Leeton High School office marked attention: Leeton High School P&C.**

Requests for funding must be lodged within the calendar year that the student has participated in an event.

Payment Instructions: To assist the P&C in sending you the funds please provide:

<b>Either</b> Bank Details for Electronic Funds Transfer:	OR Contact Details (preferably mobile) so we can contact you about payment.
BSB No: _____	Mobile Phone Number: _____
Account Number: _____	

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