

LEETON HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

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“Educating young people for active and responsible citizenship”

~~PRINCIPAL'S REPORT~~

Welcome back to Week 10 Term 3!

Welcome back to face to face learning! All students and staff return to Leeton High School from Monday 13th September for the last week of Term 3 (Week B timetable). It has been a challenging four weeks with remote learning, however students have done remarkably well adapting to the learning from home environment. Thank you to our parents and families for their efforts and patience during this time, many of which would have had to juggle their own work commitments while supporting their children to learn from home. Thank you to our teachers who have again risen to the challenge of delivering learning online and accommodating students requiring learning from home hard copies. Our Wellbeing staff have also been fantastic in keeping our spirits up with various activities and publications including running a 'wear it yellow' R U Okay? Day and themed selfie days which has certainly put some smiles on faces. Thank you to our Learning and Support staff for running drop-in Zoom meetings every day from 9am-3pm to support students with their learning and to our office and wellbeing staff who have put together and delivered all the learning from home packs for students who require hard copies.



Thankfully, we can now return to school for the last week of term. We have missed our students and look forward to seeing them onsite from Monday.

We return to school under Level 3 settings. This is a full return for all cohorts to schools, with reduced mingling and on-site activities.

This includes the mandatory wearing of masks for all students and teachers indoors and outdoors. Staff and students required to wear masks may remove them when:

- they are eating or drinking
- engaging in strenuous physical exercise
- they are communicating with another person who is deaf or hard of hearing
- the nature of their work or learning:
 - makes the wearing of a fitted face covering a risk to their own, or another person's health and safety, or

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- means clear enunciation or visibility of the person's mouth is essential,
- because of an emergency
- when they are alone in an office or classroom.

Please feel free to contact me on 6953 2122 to discuss the information provided regarding mask wearing at school.

Please note: Where a student chooses to continue not wearing a mask without a valid reason, they will be required to learn from home until a suitable resolution is established to return the student to school.

We have put additional measures in place to reduce the mingling of students outside their year or stage group, outside of the classroom, as per the guidelines and will maintain appropriate hygiene practices across the school to keep us safe and healthy. Please do not send students to school if they are unwell. Thank you for your support and understanding as we navigate this week at school under Level 3 restrictions. More information can be located here: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families?deliveryName=DM19030>

2022 School Leaders

Nine Year 11 students nominated to undertake the role of prefect as part of the Leeton High School student leadership team for 2022. While we were not able to run our usual School Leaders election due to lockdown, we were able to run a successful online election process so staff and students could cast their votes to determine our School Captains. This outstanding group rose to the challenge and delivered their speeches through an online platform. We are incredibly proud of these students and recognise the inspiring mix of talent within this group that will no doubt contribute greatly to our school community. Congratulations to School Captains Jhie Deaton and Meghan Davidson-Curtain, Vice-Captains Jarrah Brain and Alexandra Glenn, and Prefects Lily Davies, Jaylen Milvain, Remy pages, Oscar Richardson and Maddison Sohier. What an awesome team!



Year 11 Final Examinations

With the return to face to face learning on Monday students will continue to undertake their examinations online. On arrival on Monday morning, Year 11 students will be directed to their examination space to complete their examinations scheduled for Monday and the same for Tuesday. Again, I would like to thank Year 11 and their parents/carers for their patience and adaptability and I wish Year 11 all the best as they complete their examinations.

HSC Written Examinations Update

I can confirm that [HSC written exams](#) will start on **9 November** and end on **3 December** with results to be released from **6am on 24 January**. ATARs will be released on **20 January**. 110 exams will be run over 19 days, with exams ending three weeks after the previous timetable was due to finish. The examination timetable has been provided to all Year 12 students via email and their Year 12 Google Classroom. Students' personalised timetables will be available via Students Online from midday on **Monday 13 September**.

Strict [COVID safe protocols](#), supported by NSW Health, will be in place to protect students, exam supervisors and school staff for all exams.

The protocols include:

- Mandatory face masks for students and staff, indoors and outdoors
- Check-in and health screening protocols for students and staff
- Physical distancing between students and staff at all times
- Minimising mingling of student groups
- Well ventilated exam rooms
- Keeping exam group sizes as small as possible
- Desks spaced a minimum of 1.5 metres apart
- Hygiene marshals and regular cleaning of exam rooms.

The [illness and misadventure process](#) is available for students who are unable to attend an exam due to having a positive COVID-19 test result, being a close contact or having COVID-19 symptoms. More information can be found at: <https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/key-dates-exam-timetables/hsc-written-exam-timetable/hsc-written-exam-timetable?deliveryName=DM19030>

Best wishes to Year 12 for their final weeks of preparation. The resilience of this group of students is quite incredible having had their two final years of school disrupted by COVID-19. I urge students to keep their focus and make these last weeks count. We are very proud of Year 12 and thank our students and their families for all their efforts and patience during these challenging times.

Some Year 12 students will also be completing practical components of their courses or having components marked this week. Congratulations to these students and their teachers for the completion of these tasks and for their admirable ability to adapt and change to evolving NESAs requirements.



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Thanks to the P&C

Thank you to the P&C for providing staff a tasty treat from one of our local businesses in acknowledgement of the complexities of teaching remotely and supporting students while in lockdown. This generous act is very much appreciated by staff and a real endorsement of our wonderful school community.

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>.

Staff and students return for Term 4 Tuesday 5th October.

Take care everyone!

Mrs. Meagan Crelley
Principal

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Leeton High School Careers

With Mrs Goring & Mrs Palmer

Work Experience and WIN Program

Due to COVID-19 restrictions both programs have been deferred till further notice.

UAC UPDATE

IMPORTANT UPDATE FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS APPLYING TO UNI 2022:

You can now claim financial hardship under the Educational Access Scheme (EAS) if your parent or guardian has received COVID-19 Disaster Payments for at least three months. This is in addition to the existing provisions for applicants whose parent or guardian has received JobKeeper or JobSeeker payments. We urge all eligible students to apply. Go to <http://www.uac.edu.au> for more information.

REVISED DATES:

There are no changes to the SRS (School Recommendation Scheme) timetable and offers will be released on November 12. Students have until the **19 September 2021 to apply**. The Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS) is one way institutions make early offers of undergraduate admission to Year 12 students. They do this by using criteria other than (or in addition to) the ATAR.

Year 12 students will not receive ATAR-based offers in December, as in previous years. **The first ATAR-based offer round for Year 12 students will be January Round 2 on 26 January 2022.**

- **ATARs released** Thursday, 20 January 2022.
- **Change of preference deadline** midnight Friday, 21 January 2022.
- **HSC results released Monday**, 24 January 2022.
- **Offers released Wednesday**, 26 January 2022.

Changes to the UAC timetable will be available on the UAC website every soon.

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Apprenticeship Available (Griffith)

2 x Apprentice Electricians

Apprenticeship - Electrotechnology - Electrician Cert III

GetSet has 2 positions available first year Apprentice Electricians. We are seeking applicants who have the passion for the industry and drive to succeed. You will be committed to a 4 year apprenticeship and at times required to work out of town.

The position entails working in an industrial environment. You will be performing various new wiring and equipment installations, fault finding and rework and most other duties in demand.

Skills acquired from this position will include design, assembly, manufacture, installation, modification, testing, fault finding and commissioning.

Applicants should possess:

- A genuine interest and passion for position.
- Excellent literacy and numeracy skills.
- Ideally have completed year 11 or 12
- Good communication skills.
- Good problem-solving skills.
- A current Drivers Licence
- Excellent numerical operation skills including, geometry and calculations, formulas involving addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions and decimals, percentages and proportions

The apprenticeship demands high level of skills and knowledge. Commitment, aptitude and attitude towards study are a high priority when entering an apprenticeship.

All applications must be forwarded to GetSet and include a cover letter addressing the position and a Resume.

Send **Letter and Resume** to admin@getset.org.au or apply online at www.getset.org.au

Applications close Thursday 23 September 2021

For further enquiries please contact Paul Burley on 0484 075 263

Only applicants successful for an interview will be contacted.



Jan Cathcart Scholarship 2022

Make a Difference

Applications are now open for the 2022 Scholarship.

The Scholarship program was launched in 2014 to honour the memory of long-term SunRice employee Jan Cathcart, and recognise her high principles, commitment and 43-year contribution to the rice industry, SunRice, and our shareholders and growers. It is designed to support women who demonstrate a passion for and commitment to the rice industry, and who can contribute to shaping its positive future.

The Scholarship is open to female shareholders, growers and employees, and their extended families. We encourage women from across our networks to apply, or to nominate other eligible women who would benefit from the program.

One applicant will be selected to receive a \$10,000 scholarship for each year of her tertiary study, for up to three years, to start in the first Semester of 2022. The successful applicant will be chosen on: her commitment to a career in agriculture or agribusiness; her involvement in work experience and community service; leadership potential; and academic achievements.

To be eligible for the Jan Cathcart Scholarship, an applicant's tertiary study will ideally be aligned to professional positions for which there is growing demand across regional Australia. These would include, but not be limited to, agricultural science, engineering and finance / business. Priority will be given to applicants from regional Australia, preferably those from rice growing areas, however we welcome all suitable applicants. The scholarship is open to both eligible students currently studying at university or new students attending their first year of university in 2022.

Here's what some past Jan Cathcart Scholars have to say:

"In the future, I see myself researching rice varieties and developing new strategies to make rice growing more accessible for farmers, as it has been a major income for my family for over 50 years. The Scholarship has helped me gain practical skills that coincide with the theory I have been learning in my degree, which will enable me to be more prepared for this future career path."

Emily Fasham, 2019 recipient

"I applied for the Jan Cathcart Scholarship because of how much the rice industry has given my family and how much I want to contribute and give back. Jan left the most incredible legacy and I think if I can be half the woman she was, then that would be enough. I highly encourage young women to apply for the scholarship to further develop and support the rice industry."

Annabel Arnold, 2018 recipient

"This scholarship is important so that women can picture themselves in the rice industry and more broadly in agriculture. It is important that we keep our talented women from the bush, in the bush. The scholarship made me seriously consider what my career in agriculture looked like and SunRice has paved the way."

Sarah Cudmore, 2017 recipient

For further details and to apply for the 2022 Scholarship, please apply online or download the application form at <https://www.sunrice.com.au/careers/scholarships/> and send your completed form to Maria Ryan by email to training@sunrice.com.au or post to 57 Yanco Avenue, Leeton NSW 2705.

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