

LEETON HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

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“Educating young people for active and responsible citizenship”

~~PRINCIPAL'S REPORT~~

Another great fortnight for Leeton High School with many achievements to celebrate. Congratulations to our Da Vinci Decathletes who travelled to Wagga last week to compete against other schools from the region across ten different academic disciplines. Year 7 did incredibly well to earn second place in Code Breaking, second place Ideation, second place Science and third place English with our Year 8 team achieving third place Engineering and Year 9 awarded third place in Legacy. What an impressive result given the formidable competition. We are extremely proud of all our teams who competed and thank Mrs Doig for organising this outstanding opportunity for our students.



Year 11 students attended the road safety program RYDA at the Total Research Centre, Yanco. The program provides a valuable service to schools across the Riverina supporting students promoting the tools and understanding students need to see themselves as active, responsible road citizens able to act and stay safe on our roads as both drivers and passengers. The students enjoyed the opportunity to hear from a variety of guest speakers and improve their knowledge and understanding around road safety. They also gained hands on experience in the driver's seat.



HSC Music and Drama students travelled to Wagga recently to improve their knowledge and skills working with other students across the Riverina at the HSC Music and Drama Study Days. Thank you to Mrs Van Den Heuvel and Miss Wynan for their organisation to ensure that our students are afforded these additional learning opportunities.

Interested Year 10 students are currently completing a Work Ready Program to prepare them for upcoming work experience opportunities. Thank you to Mrs Goring and Mrs Palmer from LHS Careers Central and all presenters who delivered important and useful information to our students in preparation for the next phase of our work readiness initiatives. Work Experience Week 1 commences Monday 30th May.

Congratulations to the following students for their participation, achievements, and sportsmanship across a wide variety of recent sporting events:

Callum Dunn has been awarded the Riverina Medal at the recent NSWCHS Rugby Union carnival in Coffs Harbour. Additionally, Callum has just been called up to join the NSWCHS Rugby 2nd XV team. Best wishes to Callum and congratulations on his selection at this elevated level of sport.



Congratulations to Kyson Freer and Vula Wate for their Riverina representation in the Rugby League U15s team, with Kyson named as captain of the team that took on the South Coast. The boys were then selected to be part of the Southern NSW (combined Riverina and South Coast) team that will compete at the NSW CHS Championships later in May.

Beau Griffiths and Cayden Hillier have both been selected to be part of the Open Riverina Boys Touch team. An awesome achievement given they have both just returned from playing in the U15 team!



Congratulations to Tallis McMillan and Sebastian Crelley who were runners up in the boys U15 CHS AFL championships. The Riverina South-West team went down by one point to a polished Hunter team 28-27. Heroic effort by the Riverina South-West team against some super fierce competition.

Our U15 Boys Rugby Union team won their first game in the Buchan Shield against Yanco Ag 68 - 7. Top effort by all involved with the boys playing well together with great teamwork. The team will play against Young in the next round. Best wishes!



Our U15 girls soccer team travelled out to Hillston to contest the Stephanie Scott Shield. The girls had a loss and a draw to round out the day but demonstrated immense potential as a new side. Jaida Crowe scored two goals and was in exceptional form with Taylah Axtill and Ruby Miller excelling as dominant players. Amazing effort from the girls!



The U15 Boys Soccer team also travelled out to Hillston with a loss and a win. Dean De Valentin, Jack Perram and Tennyson Sales all stood out with their skill and tenacity and had a great tournament. Well done to all the boys who thoroughly enjoyed the experience and represented Leeton High School in an exemplary manner.

The Leeton High School U15 Buckley Shield boys took the field last Monday with twenty unanswered points in the second half to win 20-10 against Yanco Agriculture High School, snatching victory after an outstanding comeback. In our second match the team went down to an incredibly determined Narrandera side losing by two points. Thanks to Eligh Watson and Jhie Grundy for their motivational guidance for these young players.



Congratulations to Dakota Boardman, Charlie Lamont, and Ruby Miller. These students have been selected as part of the Riverina Squash Team. A fantastic effort also for Jack Miller and Adele Thompson for also trialling to make the selection. I am sure this talented trio will go on to make an enormous impact during the upcoming carnival.



NAPLAN 2022

Years 7 and 9 completed their NAPLAN testing last week. We thank them for their respectful and responsible participation despite the disruption of a black out during one of the testing sessions. Students who were absent from school last week will have the opportunity to sit any missed tests during this week.

HSC Minimum Standards

Year 10 students are currently working through their HSC Minimum Standards tests in Reading, Writing and Numeracy. Students have participated in practice tests this term and last term and are now completing the three actual tests. Students are required to reach the Level 3 benchmark to meet the minimum standard. Students in Year 11 and 12 will also have further opportunities to complete the testing if required. More information can be found at:

<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/hsc-minimum-standard>

Year 11 and 12 Semester 1 Reports/Stage 6 Parent Teacher Interviews

Year 12 received their Semester 1 reports on Friday. Any student absent on the day can collect their report from the Front Office. Year 11 will receive their reports on Friday 27th May.

Parent/Teacher Interviews have been scheduled for 4-6pm on Tuesday 31st May. We look forward to seeing parents, carers, and senior students to discuss learning progress.

Police School Youth Liaison Officer Visit Friday 20th May

On Friday Senior Constable Alex Davies will visit our school to talk to students about a variety of different topics providing information, advice, and potential consequences of certain negative behaviours. Some topics covered will be inappropriate use of technology, inappropriate and dangerous physical interactions, safe partying, and the dangers of substance abuse. Year groups will also have access to Sen. Constable Davies for Year specific sessions.

Year 10 Subject Market Evening 24th May 6pm @ LHS Library

As part of our Academic Mentor Program delivered to Year 10 to assist our students to understand the complexities of senior school and to make the most appropriate subject selections, parents, carers, and Year 10 students are invited to learn more about subjects on offer for 2023. Please contact Mr Damian Bush on 6953 2122 if you have any questions. More information to come.

Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club resumes and is currently operating Monday to Friday thanks to our volunteer teachers, Student Representative Council, the Golden Apple, and Foodbank. All students are encouraged to grab some toast, cereal, or fruit to fuel a productive day of learning.

Leeton High School Canteen – The Hungry Hut

Just a reminder – to make life a little easier our canteen has an online ordering facility which can be accessed by the link here <https://leeton-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/what-we-offer/canteen.html>.

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 our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/LeetonHS> and the school website <http://www.leeton-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

Best wishes for the term!

Mrs. Meagan Crelley
Principal

~~ DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – TEACHIING & LEARNING REPORT~~

10 Academic Mentor Program

The Year 10 Academic Mentor Program started this term. It is designed to assist your child to negotiate the complexities of subject selection for the Higher School Certificate (HSC). The program is run during Positive Behaviour for Learning classes each week by mentor teachers with the assistance of our Careers staff and Head Teachers.

This process will ensure students are fully informed and guided through their subject selection, ensuring that their learning pathway is made up of subjects that meet their interests and abilities. The subject selection process will involve several activities during PBL lessons throughout Term 2 and will conclude with the Parent – Student – Mentor evening early in Term 3.

A letter went home to all parents of Year 10 students outlining the program along with two booklets, *Subject Selections information* and *Course Descriptions*. From the list of key dates on the letter I would like to pay particular attention to the **Subject Market information evening to be held on Tuesday 24th May in the School Library at 6 pm**. All Year 10 students and their parents are invited to attend this information session. There will be information on the HSC and assessment as well as an opportunity to talk with specific subject teachers. There will be tea and coffee available prior to the start of the evening at 5.30 pm.

Academic Mentor Program Key dates:

- Subject Market and Information evening – Tuesday 24th May 2022, 6pm LHS Library
- Work Experience – Week 6 & 7, 30th May 2022 - 3rd June & 6th June 2022 – 10th June 2022.
- Mentor Meeting #1 – Friday 3rd June 2022 & Friday 10th June 2022
- Careers Expo – Wednesday 15th June 2022
- CSU Future Moves – Friday 17th June 2022
- Mentor Meeting #2 – Weeks 1 & 2 Term 3
- Parent – Student – Mentor Evening – Tuesday 2nd August 2022, 5.30 – 7.00 pm LHS Library

Mid-Course Parent/Teacher Interviews

The Senior Mid-Course Parent/Teacher Interviews are being held on Tuesday 31st May 2022 at Leeton High School, between 4 pm and 6 pm and the Junior Mid-course Parent/Teacher Interviews are being held on Tuesday 28th June 2022 at Leeton High School, between 4 pm and 6 pm.

All bookings will be scheduled in the Parent Portal in Sentral. The URL to log into the portal is: <https://leetonhs.sentral.com.au/portal2/#!/login>. If you have not registered before, select *register here* to create your account. You must use a valid email address to create your username and use the unique code that was sent out earlier in the year. Once successfully registered you will be prompted to enter your username (email address) and the password you created.

Should you experience difficulties accessing the Parent Portal or scheduling Parent/Teacher Interviews please do not hesitate to contact the school for assistance. We also look forward to hearing from you about your experience with our Parent Portal, and any feedback will be gratefully received with a view to adding further functionality and improvement. We look forward to seeing you at our Parent/Teacher Interview session to discuss your child's learning progress.

Damian Bush
Deputy Principal, Teaching & Learning

SCHOOL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students on achieving awards:

BRONZE AWARDS: Xavier Stanton, Aimon Doyle (Year 7), Lily Hansen (Year 8), Georgia Curry, Ruby Miller (Year 9) and Jarrah brain (Year 12).

SILVER AWARDS: Ruby Miller (Year 9) & Jarrah Brain (Year 12)

GOLD AWARDS: Jarrah Brain (Year 12)

EXECUTIVE AWARDS: Sophie O'Callaghan (Year 7), Holley Harrison (Year 8), Callum Jackson (Year 9), Ethan Fazekas (Year 10), Genevieve Hillam (Year 11) and Alexandra Glenn (Year 12).

~~SCHOOL NEWS~~

CATCH-UP PHOTOS

As there were a few students and staff away on the day we had photos, there will be a catch-up day held on Monday 30th May for individual and sibling photos. The photographer will be in the MPC until recess.

~~SCHOOL SPORTS~~

Our annual Cross-Country event took place on Wednesday under challenging conditions. Students had a wonderful time participating with some impressive times clocked by our serious competitors. Best wishes to all our runners who will go on to represent Leeton High School at zone at Hillston. More information to come.

Congratulations to the following students who were named Age Champions:

12yrs Boy – Mason Bennett

13yrs Boy – Sebastian Crelley

14yrs Boy – Xavier Johnstone

15yrs Boy – Caydan Hillier

16yrs Boy – Jesse Watson

17yrs Boy – Brady-James Edwards

18yrs Boy – Thomas Heins

12yrs Girl – Hailey Granger

13yrs Girl – Samantha Wharley

14yrs Girl – Madeleine Glenn

15yrs Girl – Amelia Irvin

16yrs Girl – Tamika Rourke

17yrs Girl – Madeline Irvin

18yrs Girl – Jaylen Milvain

YEAR 6 Wellbeing DAY LHS

Activity 1:

Jigsaw activity- students are given jigsaw pieces from a number of different jigsaws, need to work together to put them together.

Goal- Students will walk around speaking to students to work out the puzzles.

Purpose- teamwork, everyone has a place (each have a puzzle piece that fits somewhere), everyone is important. Even though everyone is different we will all find where we fit.



Activity 2:

Spoonville- create their own spoon resident for Spoonville- they will be displayed in the garden

Goal- Students will create a spoonville resident to put in the school garden- the spoons will be separated into school groups then when they come to the school the school groups will be separated and all together. This will allow students to make a connection with the school and make a connection with their future peers.

Purpose- positive mental health, belonging, connection with school and peers, showing differences in themselves but we all have a place at the school.

Activity 3

Breathing board- students glue wool to create a pattern on a piece of paper (e.g. a star or an infinity, etc) they can use this as a breathing board- run their finger over the wool as they take breaths

Goal- students will create a breathing board to take home. This will give students a technique to support mental health and mindfulness.

Purpose- mental health and stress being felt by everyone, different strategies for reducing stress and anxiety including deep breathing but that everyone is different and different things work.



Activity 4

Balloon challenge- linked holding hands with their partner, holding up a balloon, tell them to do things to work together (e.g. hold balloon shoulder to shoulder and have to climb up stairs/etc)

Goal- students work together to achieve a common goal.

Purpose- teamwork, different ways to achieve the same goal. Work on each others strengths to achieve the goal.



Activity 5

Knot/hoop activity- small groups of students (about 5 in a group) students can race.

Goal- students work together to achieve a common goal. Find the most efficient way to work together.

Teacher to talk about- teamwork, different ways to achieve the same goal. Work on each others strengths to achieve the goal.



What a great day we have had with the year 6 students from our partner primary schools. We made new connections, worked as a team and learnt mindful techniques. We can not wait to catch up with you all again soon 😊

Ms. Byrne HT Welfare





Leeton High School Careers



With Mrs Goring & Mrs Palmer

Welcome to Careers Central 2022

Work Experience Term 2

Final preparation is being organised for Work Experience in Term 2.

The first Work Ready Day was held last Tuesday for our first group of very enthusiastic students. The second is tomorrow Tuesday 17th at the Leeton TAFE. All students to meet Mrs Goring at the front of the TAFE.

Most students have received their Student Placement Record (SPR) which now needs to be completed by the student and parent or carer. A convenient time will need to be arranged with their employer ASAP to go over the arrangements of their work experience and to have the employer complete part of the SPR. Completed SPR's must be returned to the front office. If there are any concerns, please contact Mrs Goring or Mrs Palmer.



Barista Course

Last week Year 11 Hospitality students participated in a barista course at LHS. Students learnt how to prepare lattes, cappuccinos, and hot chocolate to meet customer needs. As well as learning some new skills, they also discovered how important it is to prepare the work area and maintain the espresso machine. Thank you to TAFE and Training Services NSW for providing this opportunity to our students.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri 20th May – SW Cross Country - Hillston

Mon 30th May – Catch-Up Photos

Tue 24th May – Yr 10 Subject Market & Info Evening

Tue 31st May – Yr11&12 Parent/Teacher Interviews

Leeton Town Band ... Join Now!



LTB is an approved provider under the NSW 'Creative Kids' scheme which provides up to \$100 per year towards activities and equipment involved in musical activities.

Contact Ruth
0427 188 693

Learn to play an instrument of your choice!

Private tutor recommendations available!

Beginner Band rehearsals Wednesday's at 5:00pm
Where:

Salvation Army Hall...

accessed from the car park off Dooley Lane, Leeton

All ages welcome!
8yrs to 80+

Try a sport with a difference...

FACT... enhance your science and math skills!

Never too late to learn something new!!!



Do you know a Young Carer?



Young Carers are under 25, and look after a family member who has a medical condition, a disability or a mental health condition.

Young Carers can get support through the Young Carers Support Program.

Supports include:

- Help with Educational Resources
- After School Activities
- Social Activities
- Camps
- Counselling

The Young Carer Program is **FREE** to access.

If you are a young carer yourself, or you know a young carer, call **1800 422 737** for further information or to register.



SCAN ME TO LEARN MORE



carergateway.gov.au
1800 422 737 Monday-Friday 8am-5pm



Teaching someone to drive can be a **happy** experience.

You can learn all the simple steps on how to teach a learner driver at a **FREE** two hour workshop.

The next workshop in your area will be held:

TIME & DATE:

**Wednesday,
18th May
6.00pm**

VENUE:

**Major Dooley
Library**

BOOK NOW ON:

6953 0948

Bookings are essential or follow Council facebook page to book online

Helping learner drivers become safe drivers



Transport for NSW



LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL
Creating the Life You Want to Live

The Leeton community area are invited to a **FREE** workshop

offering advice and safety tips to help people aged 65 or over make safer choices when driving, walking or using a mobility scooter

Date: Tuesday 17th May 2022
Venue: Leeton Shire Library
Time: 10.00am

Free light refreshments provided

Topics covered include:

- Pedestrian safety
- Motorised scooters use and safety tips
- How vision impairment and frailty can affect our abilities as road users
- Driver licensing of 75 and 85 years



For further information please contact Leeton Shire Council's Road Safety Officer **Steph Puntoriero** on **6953 0948**



Free child car seat safety check

2 in 3 car seats are not being used properly

Make sure your child is safe with a free inspection by Authorised Restraint Fitters. You can have your child car seats, harnesses and booster seats checked for safety and fit.

DATE: Saturday 21 May, 2022

TIME: 9am-12noon

LOCATION: Leeton Market Plaza

For more information contact the Council's Road Safety Officer on (02) 6953 0948



An initiative of your local council as part of the Local Government Road Safety Program

PARKRUN

Leeton Sport and Recreation Precinct parkrun has been going in Leeton for more than a year. It's a free community event every Saturday morning of the year at 8am, starting and finishing at the skate park.

There are several ways to participate in parkrun, you can volunteer, walk, jog, run or just watch. It's non-competitive and open to all ages.

Volunteering can be an advantage if you are in high school where you need some credits for university entry, evidence for resumes for jobs etc.

It's also great if you travel away for jobs or study where you can be involved in the local community.

In Australia there are 400 locations with other events locally in Griffith and Wagga.

More information including registering etc. is on our Website/Facebook pages.

<https://www.parkrun.com.au/leeton sport and recreation precinct/>

