



LEETON HIGH SCHOOL

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RESPECTFUL~RESPONSIBLE~LEARNERS

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Riverina Blue for Callum Dunn

Congratulations to Callum Dunn who received a prestigious Riverina Blue for the sport of Rugby Union. This impressive achievement recognises Callum's skill, ability and leadership within his chosen sport, Rugby. Congratulations on this outstanding accolade, Callum.

Over the past six years, Callum has been a proud and exemplary representative of Leeton High School, displaying talent, sportsmanship, and strong leadership as captain of various school teams. Selected for the Riverina Rugby Union team, Callum co-captained and played a crucial role as a mobile front-rower during the NSWCHS Championships. His exceptional scrummaging ability contributed to the team's competitiveness, with the largest loss being by 14 points.

Having represented the Riverina for three years, Callum's achievements include being chosen for the NSWCHS 2nd XV and the NSW All-Schools team in 2022. In 2023, he was appointed Captain of the NSWCHS team, displaying unwavering dedication as a hooker despite mixed results in the All-Schools Championships. Callum's commitment to training, team, and game plan, coupled with his leadership, toughness, and receptiveness to feedback, earned him the well-deserved recognition of a Riverina Blue in 2023. Congratulations to Callum on this prestigious award.



Presentation Day 2023



Congratulations to the many students who were acknowledged for their academic, sporting, creative, cultural, performing and citizenship successes at our 2023 Presentation Day.

Passport to Better Health



Leeton High School students recently participated in the Passport to Better Health program which combines several key health programs for the Aboriginal community to help improve health outcomes. Our students also enjoyed working with our school community to help with the mural at Gossamer Park. Great effort by all involved.

Pasifika Youth Cup

A huge congratulations to Timoci Radovu in Year 7 who represented Leeton High School at the Pasifika Youth Cup Rugby Union tournament in Sydney. His U14s Fijian team were 2nd in the plate final and 6th overall. Well done Tim!



Light Up Leeton and MADD



Our talented dancers, singers, actors, and musicians certainly provided some wonderful entertainment over the last week to end the school year on a great note and to get us all excited for Christmas. Our student dancers and choir did a wonderful job entertaining the massive crowd at Light Up Leeton and followed up as part of the outstanding Music Art, Dance and Drama (MADD) production last Wednesday. Students performed a sell-out matinee show for all primary schools and delivered a wonderful evening show for our community. Congratulations to all performers and staff who delivered two amazing productions and a fitting finish to another great year for the creative and performing arts at Leeton High School.



Year 7 2024 Transition Program

What a wonderful ending to Year 6 transition 2023 with all our partner primary school students in attendance at our Orientation Day. Students learnt about Positive Behaviour for Learning, explored their personal strengths, participated in a treasure hunt, and engaged in some art and literacy activities. A delicious BBQ lunch was followed by a variety of games. We can't wait to for Year 6 to officially join us next year!



It's a wrap!

Thank you to all our staff, individuals, businesses, and organisations for providing additional opportunities for our students to learn, grow and shine. A huge thank you to our P&C for all their time, assistance, and generosity this year. Their fundraising has provided many enhancements to our school, and we look forward to working with this group in 2024.

We have several teachers to farewell and many to welcome for 2024. We thank Miss O'Connell for her great contributions to Leeton High School over the years and wish her well as she embarks upon a year of travel, Miss Jennings for all her work in our Support Class and Ms Ward for her work in our Science and PDHPE faculty and wish both well for their next roles, Ms Goring for her incredible work as our Careers Advisor and wish her all the best for her move to the Newcastle area closer to family. Thank you and best wishes also to Ms Rivero who moves to Yanco Agricultural High School, Ms Younis who returns to Sydney and Mr Tregea who will take a Head Teacher position at Glenn Innes. Mr Rodney Degens will also retire at the end of this year, and we also farewell two long serving members of staff, Mrs. Julie Palmer who will retire to spend more time with her lovely grandchildren and Ms. Tracey Lourigan who will leave us after more than 20 years' service. We thank all our staff for their enormous contributions to Leeton High School, and acknowledge the many friendships and memories made. We wish Mr Degens, Mrs Palmer, and Mrs Lourigan a restful and rewarding retirement.

We are very fortunate to welcome Mrs Shastyn DiSalvia to our Teaching and Learning faculty as a Support Class teacher, Ms Helen Young joins our Mathematics faculty, Mr Mark Slavin joins our Science/PDHPE faculty, Mr Tilak Rana joins our HSIE faculty, Ms Kate Deaves joins our English/CAPA faculty, Mr Bob Lange joins our Technology faculty and Ms Jo Radcliffe also joins our teaching team.

Finally, I would like to thank our amazing students and their families for making Leeton High School such a wonderful place to learn and work. Every day I marvel at the incredible achievements, acts and outcomes that highlight what a wonderful group of young people we are privileged to work with and care for. As this is the last newsletter for the year, I'd like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very happy and safe New Year and thank you for your support. Staff return on Tuesday 30th January and will participate in two Staff Development Days – 30th and 31st of January. Our office will be open from Tuesday 30th January. Years 7, 11 and 12 will return on Thursday 1st February and all years Friday 2nd February. We look forward to welcoming all our staff and students back for another productive year of learning. Our office remains open on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th December 2023. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Semester 2 Reports

Semester 2 Reports were given to students in Years 7–10 last Friday at their Year Meetings. Students absent can collect their reports from the office.

November for men's health

Well done to our staff who participated in November, not only impressing with the facial hair but also with their fundraising efforts netting \$1000 in support of men's health. Great effort!



New uniform item for 2024

NEW

LHS-logo sport shorts are now available at WorkLocker Leeton for \$45. The shorts are black with white LHS logo, have twin stripes on both sides, zippered pockets and are a comfortable, lightweight fabric. Head down to pick up a pair before the first delivery runs out! Thanks to the SRC for their work in designing and organising these new shorts.



Best wishes,



Mrs. Meagan Crelley
Principal



COLOUR FUN RUN

Leeton High School's SRC have organised a Colour Fun Run on the last day of Term 4 (Friday Dec 15th) to celebrate the end of the 2023 school year and to support the Cancer Council's Relay For Life Charity.

Students are welcome to wear casual clothes to school on Friday for the cost of a gold coin donation.

At lunch, ice blocks will be available for \$1-2 each (cash only) with all profits going to the Cancer Council.

Period 5 lessons will be cancelled to make way for an afternoon of colourful holi powder, a scavenger hunt, music, and more. Please ensure your child brings a change of clothes for the afternoon's activities.



School Apps – How to stay in touch with the school



SENTRAL for PARENTS

The Sentral Parent Portal can be used to see information about attendance, timetables, assessment calendar and parent-teacher evenings.

If you have not accessed the Leeton High School Sentral Parent Portal before, you will need to contact Leeton High School for an Access Key. You will then be able to log on to the Internet and register for access to our Parent Portal. You must use a valid email address to create your username.

Once successfully registered you will be prompted to enter your username (email address) and the password you created. When you access the parent portal, you need to link to your enrolled children to see information from the school, including attendance, timetable, assessment calendar, and parent-teacher evening.

The URL to register for access to the portal is:

<https://leetonhs.sentral.com.au/portal/register> or download the Sentral for Parents App, <https://www.sentral.com.au/parents>



SCHOOL BYTES

School Bytes Parent Portal is a more flexible and simplified way parents/carers can make payments and sign and return permission notes digitally.

You can access the School Bytes Parent Portal at <https://portal.schoolbytes.eduation> or you can download the app.

The app can be downloaded on the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store. Direct links are provided below:

- App Store - <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/school-bytes/id6463097826>
- Google Play - <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=education.schoolbytes>

To create an account, enter your name and email address that you use for school communication, and create and confirm a password. An email will be sent to the email address nominated so that you can verify your access to the email address. Once you have created your account, log in to the School Bytes parent portal.



OFFICE WILL BE OPEN
TUESDAY 30TH JANUARY

YEARS 7, 11 & 12
RETURN THURSDAY 1ST
FEBRUARY

ALL OTHER YEARS
FRIDAY 2ND FEBRUARY