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“Educating young people for active and responsible citizenship”

~~PRINCIPAL’S REPORT~~

Welcome back to Term 2! I hope all our students and their families, and staff had a relaxing and restful break. A warm welcome also to the new students who join us this term at Leeton High School. We have some new and returning staff – it is wonderful to have Mr Sillis, Ms Henderson and Mr Watterson join us for the year.

Athletics Carnival Wrap-Up

Our Athletics carnival was a great way to finish off the term with exceptional behaviour and participation. Congratulations to the mighty Smith House who, for a second year in a row, claimed victory at our annual Athletics Carnival.

Final House Point tallies:

1st - Smith - 940

2nd - Hunter - 854

3rd - David - 783

4th - Mawson – 765

A huge congratulations to the following athletes who competed enthusiastically all day.

Age Champions

12 Years Girls

Champion - Aspen Martin RU - Ella Broadbent

12 Years Boys

Champion - Kobe Jeffriess RU - Student A

13 Years Girls

Champion - India Morriss RU - Hailey Granger

13 Years Boys

Champion - Tim Radovu RU - Jason Mulloy

14 Years Girls

Champion - Ellena Halloran RU - Miya De Necker

14 Years Boys

Champion - Sebastian Crelley RU - Student A

15 Years Girls

Champion - Madeleine Glenn RU - Mackenzie Lee

15 Years Boys

Champion - Riley Legge RU - Tennyson Sales

16 Years Girls



Champion - Taylah Axtill RU - Ruby Miller
16 Years Boys
Champion - Kyson Freer RU - Charlie Watson
17-19 Years Girls
Champion - Tamika Rourke RU - Madeline Irvin
17-19 Years Boys
Champion - Chase Lee RU - Jesse Watson

Best wishes to all students for our Cross Country event to be held this Wednesday at the town ovals and those competing in the NSW CHS Swimming Championships at Homebush this week!

Representative Dance Ensemble

Congratulations to our Rep Dance Ensemble who have received news that they've been successful in gaining a place in the 2023 Riverina Dance Festival. Congratulations girls!



ANZAC Services

Thank you to all our students, teachers and community members who participated in or came out to support this year's ANZAC Day services. It was a beautiful day to honour those who have courageously served in the armed forces and those who still serve today.



We paid tribute to ANZAC Day at our whole school assembly last Friday. We were privileged to have Mr John Power attend to share with us some of his immense historical knowledge and experiences of war and Thomas Bullivant, a former student, to lead our cadets during our assembly. Thank you to our student leaders for their delivery of an informative ANZAC inspired presentation, Maddy Sachs for her instrumental prowess, our choir, and cadets and of course our special guests Mr Power and Mr Bullivant.

Riverina Touch Football

The Riverina Touch trials were held on Wednesday last week following the finals series, with 8 Leeton High School students trialling for a spot in the Riverina team. While our Touch Team went down gallantly to Koorringal High School, congratulations to the following students who were successful in gaining selection in the Open Boys team:

Beau Griffiths
Caydan Hillier
Jacob Buchanan
Kyson Freer

To get four boys from one school into a Riverina team of only 14 is an outstanding effort. Well done to everyone who trialled, you all performed really well!



2023 Higher School Certificate Written Examination Timetable

The timetable for this year's HSC Examinations has just been released and can be accessed here:

<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/key-dates-exam-timetables/hsc-written-exam-timetable>

This link also provides access to information on what [exam equipment](#) is permitted for each exam, including [approved calculators](#), and other [exam advice and resources](#).

Students can also view their personalised timetables via [Students Online](#). Our school also has access to HSC student timetables via [Schools Online](#).

External testing

Just a reminder that students in **Year 8** will undertake their **Check-In Assessment in Reading and Numeracy** during the period 22nd May to 2nd June.

There are two assessments:

- reading
- numeracy

Each assessment is designed to be quick and easy to administer, consisting of between 40 to 50 multiple choice questions. Schools can access feedback soon after the completion of the assessment. Student assessment feedback from the Check-in assessments, including links to teaching strategies will be available in Scout. The assessment can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.

Additionally, our school has been selected to participate in the **National Assessment Program – Science Literacy (NAP–SL)**. This is an online test that informs schools, education ministers and the community about the levels of achievement in science literacy among Year 6 and **Year 10** students across Australia, with the aim of improving teaching and learning.

Science literacy is essential to students being able to:

- interpret information on scientific issues
- ask questions
- conduct investigations
- make decisions
- communicate their findings
- develop problem solving skills

ACARA chooses a representative sample of students from government, catholic and independent schools in metropolitan and rural and remote locations.

Parents/carers will receive correspondence from our school this week if their child has randomly been selected by ACARA to undertake the online assessment. Leeton High School has 20 students randomly selected to undertake this testing from across the Year 10 cohort. The testing will take place on **Thursday 11th May, 2023** and be administered by school staff using school desktop devices during two consecutive lessons as the online assessment may take up to two hours.

Students are not expected to study for this assessment and no preparation is necessary. However, they can do the [NAP–SL practice assessment](#) if they wish.

Please contact the school on 0269532122 if you require more information.

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)

This term our students will again join the NSW Virtual STEM Academy hosted by Murrumbidgee Regional High School to provide further STEM learning experiences, access to a variety of experts and cutting-edge equipment. Groups of students in Year 7 and 8 will participate in a Forensics themed learning program and selected students in Year 9 will engage in a girls Biomed program. Thank you to our partners at MRHS for providing these wonderful opportunities for our students.

Homework Centre

Our Homework Centre commences this term from 3.30pm-4.30pm on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons in our Library. Staff are ready to assist students with their class work or assessments so please make use of this helpful initiative. Students are required to organise their own way home at the conclusion of the Homework Centre sessions.

Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club is operational from Monday to Friday thanks to our volunteer teachers and students, the Golden Apple, and Foodbank. All students are encouraged to grab some toast or cereal to fuel a productive day of learning.

Leeton High School Canteen – The Hungry Hut

Just a reminder – with the introduction of YONDR pouches students will not be able to access PayWave on their mobile phones. Our canteen has an online ordering facility which can be accessed here <https://leeton-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/what-we-offer/canteen.html> or alternately students can bring their key card (not kept with their phones) or cash to school for purchasing at the canteen.

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/>

Have a great week!



Mrs Meagan Crelley
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed 3 May – LHS Cross Country



***Tell Them From Me* student survey:** **Information and consent form for parents and carers**

Dear Parents and Carers

This term, our school is taking part in the *Tell Them From Me* student survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them.

The survey is run by an independent research company, **The Learning Bar**, which specialises in school-based surveys.

As well as providing our school with feedback from our students, the survey has a broader purpose. It provides the Department of Education, through the Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation, with insights into student wellbeing, engagement, and effective teaching practices for ongoing school improvement. This is done by using non-identifying student data from across NSW.

This survey is **confidential**, and staff in schools will **not** be able to identify individual students from their responses.

To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Information is only reported where five or more students answer a question. All information will be handled according to relevant privacy legislation. Students' personal information will **not** be disclosed by the department to any other person or body other than as required by law. Individual students will not be identified in any publications.

The survey is online, takes 15 to 30 minutes, and will take place at school during **Week 4** in school hours. We will receive a report on our school's survey results shortly after our students complete the survey.

Participating in the survey is **voluntary**. If any survey questions make your child uncomfortable, your child can skip the question or can choose to stop the survey at any time.

If you **do not want your child/children to take part** in the survey, please complete the attached form and return it to the school by **9am Wednesday 10th May**. Please email leeton-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au if possible.

More information about the survey and the research is available in English at education.nsw.gov.au/ttfm

Yours sincerely,

Meagan Crelley

Principal – Leeton High School

***Tell Them From Me* Student Survey non-consent form**

If you **do not want** your child to participate in the student feedback survey, please sign this form and return it to the school by **9am Wednesday 10th May 2023**.

I DO NOT give consent for my child/children to participate in the ***Tell Them From Me*** student survey.

Name of student 1

Year Group of student 1

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Name of student 2

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Year Group of student 2

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Name of student 3

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Year Group of student 3

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Name of student 4

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Year Group of student 4

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Name of parent/carers

Signature of parent/carers

Date



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 6/5 – 24/6. 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