



LEETON HIGH SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL REPORT

Happy Easter!

Thank you to our students and staff who participated in The Sunrice Festival Parade on Saturday. It was great to celebrate such an important event with our community. We hope you had a lovely long weekend.



SPORTS UPDATE

Six selected for Riverina Rugby League

Congratulations to Tim Radovu who was selected for the U15 team and Brayden Fejsa-Sexton, Jesse Watson, Tom Dowse, Charlie Watson and Caydan Hillier who were selected for the Opens team. The boys will now take on South Coast in Queanbeyan in Term Two, vying for a spot in the Southern Riverina team. Well done boys and best of luck!



Netball official

Congratulations Ruby Miller who has again been selected as an umpire for the Riverina Open Girls Netball team. Ruby will attend the NSWCHS Netball Championships being held in Griffith in June. Well done Ruby!



Equestrian



Best wishes to Grace Murphie-Ryan representing Leeton High School at The Scots School Albury Interschool's Equestrian event! Grace finished with outstanding placements of 3rd and 5th respectively for her chosen events. We look forward to seeing Grace's skills and talents continue to grow.

Sheldrick Shield

Congratulations to our Open Girls League Tag team who defeated St Francis 12-4 at Yanco Sports Ground. A huge thanks must also go to ex-student Elli Gill who has done a great job with the girls and coached them to the win! Our boys team played valiantly against the St Francis side but went down with a very respectable 26-16 margin. Thank you to all coaching staff and supporters. We look forward to seeing you at the next game against Yanco Agricultural High School. Date to be confirmed.



Opens Soccer

Open Girls Soccer had a great carnival last week. Their effort was outstanding, and they had a terrific game against Narrandera HS, eventually going down 4-6. They continued their excellent effort and attitude against Yanco Ag. Unfortunately, fatigue set in after playing back-to-back games and they went down 2-5. Bre Praestiin ended up with 5 goals for the day and Miah Weymouth didn't stop running, netting 2 goals herself. All the girls played with excellent spirit and did everyone proud. Well done girls!



Our boys largely dominated the day with an impressive line-up of talented players who were able to deftly navigate the play. Despite some aggressive opposition from Narrandera High School, the boys held strong claiming the win with the outstanding leadership of seniors Javian Niewoehner, Daniel Mohd-Azry and Max Gerhardy. Congratulations to both teams for the sportsmanship and fair play on the day.



Touch Football

Our Open Boys and Girls Touch teams both had an awesome day out at the Riverina Touch Gala Day. Our boys won 3 from 4 games, only narrowly going down by 1 try to Wagga High School. They will progress through to the Riverina Finals Day in a few weeks. Our girls team won 2 from 4 games, only narrowly losing a game to Murrumbidgee Regional High School Wade site by one try. The girls put in their most stellar performance in some years. Well done to all students involved and best of luck to the boys in the final's series.



Basketball

Congratulations to our senior girl's basketball team who recently played in Narrandera. They won 1 from 3 matches and came 4th overall. An awesome effort and great sportsmanship was the feature of the day. The team consisted of Taylah Axtill,



Mackenzie Lee, Maddie Glenn, Vaseva Favour, Bec Praestiin, Lily Thomason, Elsie Thomason and Naomi Praestiin (referee). Well done girls

Breakfast Club



Our FREE Breakfast Club is operational from 8.30am Tuesday to Friday thanks to our volunteer students, teachers, and our Student Support Officer, Jannette. We appreciate the donations from Golden Apple, Foodbank, Rapid Relief Team and Sunrice. All students are encouraged to grab some toast and hot Milo or hot chocolate 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/>

Murrumbidgee Academy of STEM Excellence



Leeton High School students participated in the Science and Engineering Challenge facilitated by the University of Newcastle and Murrumbidgee Academy of STEM Excellence. Students worked in teams to solve problems involving electricity, fish traps, planes, bridges, earthquake proof structures, communication, and wind turbines. Our STEM students are to be commended on their behaviour and application today.

Leeton High School EXPO

Thank you to all those who attended our EXPO on 19th March. We appreciated the opportunity to showcase our school facilities, subjects, staff and students including our student leaders and performers. A special thank you to Elijah Ingram and our Cultural Dance Group, under the direction of Joey Longford, who opened the LHS annual expo. Awesome effort!



Upcoming Events

On Friday 5th April we will be celebrating Harmony Day with a visit, presentation and free BBQ hosted by the Rapid Relief Team who have provided our school with numerous food packages to distribute to those in need and to assist with our breakfast Club. Our Pacific Islander Dance Group and our Cultural Dance group also sharing their culture with us to celebrate this great occasion.



Friday 12th April: Athletics Carnival

Term 1 concludes on Sunday 14th April. School resumes for Teachers on Monday 29th April with a Curriculum Implementation focussed Staff Development Day. Students return Tuesday 30th April.

Best wishes for the break



Mrs. Meagan Crelley
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTIES

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent teacher interviews will be held next week, Tuesday 9th April. All interviews will be held in the MPC from 4 pm to 6 pm. Parents can book a 5 minute time slot with each of their child's teachers through the Sentral for Parents App. If you do not have access to the Sentral for Parents App please contact the school.

Year 11 2025

Teachers and staff at Leeton High School would like to better assist you and your child to negotiate the complexities of subject selection for the Higher School Certificate (HSC). To assist your child in making final subject choices for Year 11 in 2025 we are running our Academic Mentor program. This program will ensure that students are fully informed and guided through the subject selection process, ensuring they select subjects that meet their interests and abilities. The subject selection process will involve several activities for students during PBL lessons throughout Term 2 as well as a Subject Market and Information evening for both students and parents. Early in Term 3 student selections will be completed at a Parent - Student - Mentor evening. More information will be sent home early in Term 2.

Leeton High School Homework Centre –

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursdays
afternoons 3.30 -4.30pm
in our Library

Our Homework Centre has commenced with teachers being available from 3.30-4.30pm in our Library to assist with homework, assessment tasks, exam preparation or general questions. Please ensure your child is organised to make their way home at the conclusion of each session. Thank you to our teachers for volunteering their time and we look forward to seeing our students utilise these sessions. Students are requested to nominate the afternoons they will be attending in the library prior to the afternoon session. The nomination form can be found in our library.



Staying in Touch

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Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	they miss days per year
5 mins per day 	= 3 days 
30 mins per day 	= 18 days 



Patterns of lateness can have a serious impact on your child's education.

education.nsw.gov.au

YONDR Mobile Phone and Digital Device and Online Services Procedure

Our school acknowledges the educational value of digital devices and online services in supporting and enhancing educational outcomes and student wellbeing. We also recognise they may cause harm if used inappropriately and that we need to support our students to use them in safe, responsible, and respectful ways.

Therefore, in keeping with [NSW Department of Education policy](#), student use of mobile phones is restricted during school hours unless specifically required by a teacher for learning or as part of a reasonable adjustment for student learning and wellbeing – such as monitoring blood sugar levels for students with diabetes. Students with a confirmed healthcare need for the use of a mobile phone can apply for an exemption. These forms are available from our front office. Every student will be assigned a registered YONDR pouch. While the LHS YONDR pouch is considered school property, it is each student's responsibility to bring their pouch with them to school every day. Students should also have their smart watches and ear buds locked in their YONDR pouch on arrival at school each day. Our full [Student Use of Digital Devices and Online Services Procedure](#) can be viewed on our school website. Thank you for your support.

The attached procedure poster explains daily expectations:

LEETON HIGH SCHOOL MOBILE PHONE & DIGITAL DEVICE PROCEDURE

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Every morning as you enter school:

1. Turn your phone off
2. Lock your phone in your YONDR pouch
3. Keep your YONDR pouch out of sight in your school bag.



At the end of the school day:

Unlock your pouch when you leave school/catch your bus.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I DO THE WRONG THING?

FIRST Offence	SECOND Offence	THIRD Offence	FOURTH Offence
Student has phone out (out of pouch/out of school bag) → Student directed by teacher to hand their phone into the front office → Student collects the phone from the office at the end of the school day	Same as FIRST Offence plus ... → DP or P to contact parent → FORMAL CAUTION issued for second offence (50 days)	Same as FIRST Offence plus ... → DP or P to contact parent → PHONE SUSPENSION for 1 week (5 school days). Phone left at home or handed into the office at the beginning of each day → Parent to collect phone	Same as FIRST Offence plus → DP or P to contact parent → SUSPENSION → Parent to collect phone
NO! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Earbuds/Air Pods ▪ Smart Watches ▪ Tablets/ Gaming Devices 			



Share the care with schools

Changes in your child or young person's mental health can affect their schooling and relationships, however support is available for school students experiencing mental health concerns.

Please let your school know if your child or young person has presented at or been admitted to hospital for mental health issues so they can discuss further support.

You or an advocate can talk to the Principal, Deputy Principal, Year Advisor, Head Teacher Welfare or School Counsellor/Psychologist to develop a plan.

Ask your school for help with:

- Keeping your child or young person safe.
- Returning to school following a mental health crisis.
- Identifying school staff your child or young person can talk to.
- Developing an individual support plan to help stay connected with school during tough times. This might include flexibility around school hours, homework or catching up with school work.
- Accessing support from the school and outside agencies.

Services that can help

Ambulance, Police or Fire

Dial 000 (Triple 0)

MLHD Accessline

1800 800 944

Kids Helpline

1800 55 1800

Lifeline

13 11 14

Riverina Medical And Dental Aboriginal Corporation

02 6923 5200

Suicide Call Back Service

1300 659 467

headspace (12-25 year olds)

1800 650 890 or eheadspace.org.au

beyondblue

1300 22 46 36

Online Chat

beyondblue.org.au/get-support/get-immediate-support

Poisons Information NSW

13 11 26

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.education> 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.



With Mrs Rolls & Mrs Franco

Careers Calendar 2024

14th & 5th April	Work Ready Days
8th May - 3rd July	WIN Program
Term 2	YES Program

The WIN Program

The WIN Program engages students in year 10 who have been identified as wanting to leave school to pursue a career after completing year 10. The WIN Program can work with up to 20 students at a school for a term and it will be offered in terms 2, and 4. It incorporates GetSet facilitated work experience placements that commence one day a week, for ten weeks in the term following their WIN Training day. The work experience is spaced out over a longer period of time to allow students to observe the fluctuations of the industry and gain a better overall experience while not compromising their ability to stay on top of their studies at school. All participating students are expected to abide by our WIN Code of Conduct and stay on top of their studies. Should attendance at school or their work experience placement become an issue, or if they fall behind in their studies or breach the code of conduct expectations, students will be removed from the program

CSU Explore Day

20 year 12 students went to the CSU Explore Day on the 19th of March. They were involved in hands-on workshops for many disciplines offered at the university, including dentistry, veterinary studies, psychology, agriculture, radiology, campus tours, and more. It was a great way to decide which course to study after school and to have a taste of university life. Charles Sturt has excellent student support and various pathways into university study, as well as some of the best numbers of graduates in full-time work very soon after the completion of their degree.



Congratulations to the 15 Students who successfully completed the White Card Course on the 19th of March.

