Thank you to the parents and carers who responded to the recent survey regarding “Bring Your Own Device” (BYOD). The results have been interesting both with support for the idea and raising a number of concerns. We have posted the full results on our school website. This week both students and staff will be surveyed for their thoughts on this program. No decisions have been made as yet regarding directions with technology. When a decision is made however the program will not be rushed in, I see 2015 as a transition year for any move to different/or changed technology for Leeton High School.

We have been developing the School Plan 2015-2017 and as part of this process staff, students, parents and carers thoughts on strengths, weaknesses and future directions are being sought. A short parent survey has been tabled at the recent P&C meeting, and is located on the front counter in the administration building for the past week. The same survey is included in this newsletter for parent feedback. Please feel free to comments and return to the front office.

Congratulations to the 2015 school leaders who last week attended the GRIP School Leaders conference in Albury. This is an annual conference and provided insights into developing and working in teams, maximising communication, making the most of opportunities and planning events and making an impact. Thank you to Mrs Lourigan and Mr Morschel for transporting and supervising the students.

Year 6 students attending Leeton High School in Year 7 2015 will have their Orientation Day on Tuesday 18 November. Students will be involved in a variety of activities on this day including timetabled classes and sport. Year 10 students are having Peer Support training this week and will put this training to good use by leading activities throughout the Orientation Day.

Parents and carers of Year 7 2015 are invited to an Information Evening on Tuesday 18 November from 6.00 – 7.00 pm in the Leeton High School Library. The aim of the evening is to provide information to parents and carers.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

There is a disturbing trend emerging that there is an existing mindset which suggests that school is all but over when exams are finished.

This is an URBAN MYTH!

It is expected that everyone attends until the last school day of Term which is Wednesday 17 December. Whilst it may seem that the work presented in class may have a different emphasis, rest assured that whatever you are doing constitutes meeting course requirements. For those in years 7 & 9, this means continuing with the Stage 4 & 5 Curriculum, which will directly mesh with the work that you will undertake from the start of 2015.

Similar standards are expected with respect to school uniform. Please wear it. If you can’t on any given day for whatever reason, please bring a note. With respect to sports uniform to PE classes, if there is a problem, with bringing your sports uniform to class that day, please bring a change of clothes and a note. Repeat offenders will be “Level Dropped”. This happened to a few individuals last term. Whilst on Uniform, a few individuals have taken to wearing hats (a good thing) which have references to alcohol and drugs (not a good thing and prohibited in NSW Public Schools). If this occurs, the offending item will be confiscated and have to be collected from the Front Office by a parent or caregiver.

You remember the Front Office? The building where any student who arrives late to school or has to be picked up need to sign in an out from?

Students were warned about poor behaviour in exams and the implications of such shenanigans. Pleasingly, the exams have been attempted in the proper spirit. A few individuals
have had tantrums about what is a necessary aspect of the assessment that we as a school are obligated to do.

Don’t risk being caught in educational purgatory! Respect your peers and have a crack at the exams. They do not last forever.

Andrew Morschel, Deputy Principal

SCHOOL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students on achieving awards:

**SILVER AWARDS:** Chelsie Wood-Jordan, Kane Deaton (Year 7) and Luca Derumier (Year 11).

**GOLD AWARDS:** Tarnya Schmidt (Year 7), Abbey Grant and Anna Wang (Year 11).

**EXECUTIVE AWARDS:** Dylan McKellar (Year 7), Alanis Wortley (Year 8), Sarah Quinlivan (Year 9), Adrian Trifogli (Year 10) and Emily Glennie (Year 11).

SCHOOL NEWS

**RYCAGS CAMP – By Clare Hillman (Year 10)**

Last week I was fortunate enough to be able to attend RYCAGS (Rotary Youth Crops, Agronomy, Grain and Seed Camp) for the duration of a week in Narromine, NSW.

During the week we had morning lectures on banking, insurance, agronomy, irrigation and marketing. After morning lectures the whole camp of 25 students jumped on the bus to go to our other “on-site” sessions. Each day we went to various places including three cropping farms around the district, all with different crops, ways of sowing, and harvesting, and keeping their finances up to date. We also went to a grain research station in Trangie, cattle feedlot in Dubbo, irrigation systems, machinery retailers including Case Ih and John Deere, grain and seed wholesalers, and seed cleaners and distributors.

Each night we had dinner at the showground’s where we were staying and then had night activities. On the Thursday night, which was the last night on camp, Rotary of Narromine held a formal dinner at the United Services Memorial Club of Narromine, with around 150 people attending, with guest speaker Nigel Kieren, 2008 farmer of the year from “Karanga Park”, Yeoval. District governor Gerard McMillan was also there to give a little talk, whilst I had the opportunity to say a thank-you speech on behalf of the 2014 RYCAGS class.

I was offered the year long cadetship, but as of medical reasons and travel distance I was unable to take up this opportunity. 

The two things I achieved the most information from were Jodi Browns farm and Nigel Kieren’s inspirational talk.

I would highly recommend this week long camp to any student in year 9 or 10 next year who are lucky enough to be offered this position.

I would like to thank Mr. Stout, Geoff Smith, Rotary Club of Leeton and my family, because without them I wouldn’t have been able to succeed with this opportunity.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 10\(^{th}\) Nov – Years 7, 8 & 9 Exams Continue
Tue 18\(^{th}\) Nov – Yr 6 Orientation Day
Tue 18\(^{th}\) Nov – Yr 6 Parent Information Night 6pm
Thu 11\(^{th}\) Dec – Presentation Night
Fri 12\(^{th}\) Dec – LSH Fest 1pm-3.15pm
Fri 12\(^{th}\) Dec – MADD Night
Wed 17\(^{th}\) Dec – Last Day for Students

GOLDEN APPLE DOCKETS

The Golden Apple docket promotion is running again this year. Please drop off all your dockets to the Front Office to support this great fundraiser.
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Parent Feedback
School Plan 2015-2017

Could you please complete the questions below? Your responses will help the school in its planning for the next 3 year period.

1. What is good about Leeton High School?

2. What could be done differently or better to improve Leeton High School over the next 3 years?

3. Please suggest 3 strategies that could be put in place by the school to achieve this.

Thank you for your assistance LHS staff. Please return to front office asap