Term two 2015 draws to a close this week and I believe it may well be the toughest term any students, staff and LHS community have ever faced. I would like to thank everyone for their support and offers of assistance for the school during this time. This has certainly been of comfort for all. We look forward to a well earned break and to return next term ready for Semester 2.

Last week representatives from the NRL visited Leeton High School and presented the school with a signed Parramatta Eels rugby league jumper. Dean Whymark and Tim Del Guzzo, both ex Leeton High School students, work for the NRL and the Parramatta Club wanted to do something to support the school. The Parramatta football jumper will be sold at an upcoming Leeton Greenies function and funds raised will go towards a memorial for Steph Scott. Thank you to Dean, Tim and the Parramatta Eels.

Over 100 students attended the Semester 1 Rewards Day in Griffith on Monday 22 June. Rewards Day was available to any student who had achieved Gold Level on the school welfare system. Students attended the movies, played ten pin bowling and had lunch. Well done to all students involved. Thank you to Mrs Ormond who organised the event and to staff who supervised.

Thursday 25 June is our Junior Parent Teacher evening. Parents, carers and students are invited to meet with staff, collect reports and discuss the progress of the students from 5.00pm until around 7.00pm in the school MPC. No appointments are necessary.

This week we bid farewell to our Belgium exchange student Luca Derumier. Luca has been with us for the past 12 months and has developed strong friendships with students and staff. Luca has involved himself in many different activities within the school and community during the past 12 months. We wish him all the best for his future endeavours and welcome him back to Leeton at any time.

Once again thank you to everyone for their support this term and have a happy and safe break.

Greg Horton, Principal

~~ DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT ~~

It is with considerable pleasure that I write that Term 2 is nearly over. There can be no doubt that all of us at Leeton High have had to endure the hardest and longest term that both staff and students will ever face. Consequently, we all need to recharge and I hope that the Winter Vacation grants us the opportunity to do so. If you have a "onesie", wear it thoroughly.

One of the (hopefully, few) jobs on your to-do list should be to restock items of School Uniform that may have worn out or become too small. Generally, uniform has been going quite well, although there are a few serial offenders. Our uniform policy goes like this:

✓ If you are out of Uniform without a note from home, you are placed on a Uniform Detention
✓ If you forget to attend one day, you must appear the next day or you will be ‘Level Dropped’
✓ If you still refuse to attend and carry on about it like a pork chop, then forget about uniform issues, you are dabbling with ‘disobedience’ or ‘refusal’ and open up a whole new world of potential disciplinary procedures.
I’m still not sure how a pork chop ‘carries on’ or how this phrase originated, but you get the point, yes?

Another holiday job for our seniors, and anyone who wants to improve on their Half Yearly report performance, is to catch up on your revision notes. Trial HSC and Preliminary Course Examinations are on the Calendar for Term 3, so this holiday is the last period where you are not having to learn any new material and can consolidate your knowledge of what you have already been taught.

A reminder that our 7-10 Parent-Teacher evening will be held this Thursday. Reports can be picked up and your child’s teachers will be on hand for immediate feedback.

Unexplained absences are still a problem. Please remember to send a note in with your child upon their return to school. Unexplained absences (including lateness) certainly capture the attention of our Home School Liaison Officer, and a number of referrals have been completed last week with more to come. The Board of Studies recommends 85% attendance or above as being desirable for giving your child the best opportunity to learn and succeed at school. If you do the maths, any more than 8 days absent in a 10-week term (50 school days) theoretically represents strangled opportunity. When that number reaches double figures, the term ‘educational neglect’ begins to get bandied about.

Having said that, I wish everybody a restful and ‘re-charging’ 14-days away from the place beginning on Friday afternoon.

Andrew Morschel, Deputy Principal

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**SCHOOL AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following students on achieving awards:

**SILVER DIPOLMA:** Dion DeMamiel, Grace Korovata, Zachary Sharp (Year 7), Cherish Kohere and Leigha Stafford (Year 8).

**GOLD DIPLOMA:** Molly Donohoe, Karen Chetcuti, Hannah Pianca (Year 7), Kane Deaton, Laura Shelton, Felicity Allen (Year 8) and Elijah Ingram (Year 10).

**EXECUTIVE AWARDS:** Isabel Ryan, Nathan Ryan (Year 7), Caleb Watson, Mathew Axtill (Year 8), Montana Bell, Zac Hill (Year 9), Wah Ler Paw, Vanessa Hyde (Year 10), Tahnee Thurgate, Tamika Bell (Year 11), Abbey Grant and Claire Quinlivan (Year 12).

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**SCHOOL SPORTS**

**OPEN GIRLS NETBALL**

On Wednesday 10th June, the LHS Open Girls Netball team travelled to Wagga Wagga for the Riverina Secondary Open’s Netball Knockout. The team consisted of Grace Green, Jemma McCallum, Brooke Hardie, Georgia Green, Georgia Dale, Alyssa Dundas, Ruth Korovata, Emma Brindley, Katie Wallet and Lillian Snell. The girls started the day strong, however were narrowly beaten by Tumut. Their communication on the court and determination saw them win their next two games against Young and Cootamundra. The last game of the day was against Corowa, who proved to be tough competition, and unfortunately the girls lost. It was a great day and the girls played extremely well.

**BUCKLEY SHIELD**

On Friday 12 June, Leeton High School Under 14’s Rugby League team travelled to Griffith to play Griffith High in the second round of the state wide Buckley Shield competition. It was a very tough, high quality game which seesawed for the whole game. Leeton High sprung out of the blocks but Griffith High quickly replied and eventually took the lead in the second half before Leeton High fought back to level up. The final score ended at 30 all, with Leeton High to progress due to being the first try scorers. All the Leeton High team played extremely well with Kody Collins having an outstanding day scoring 22 points, including 3 tries and 5 conversions.
RIVERINA CROSS COUNTRY

On Friday 12 June Leeton High had 6 students compete in the Riverina Cross Country held at Gundagai. Micheal Keech was running third when he unfortunately rolled his ankle and could not finish. Carley Graham finished 5th and has qualified for the State Cross Country championships to be held in Sydney next term. Congratulations to all students who participated.

SCHOOL NEWS

VET STUDENT OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Year 12 student Corey Graham who was awarded the VET in School Student of the Year for the Riverina Institute at an award ceremony in Wagga on Thursday 11 June. Corey now has the opportunity to make the final of the state awards.

Corey Graham with Rod Chant (TAFE teacher)

CAREERS EXPO

On Monday 15 June Leeton High School organised and coordinated the Western Riverina Careers Expo held at the Leeton Soldiers Club. Over 1000 students attended the Expo from all local high schools and as far afield as West Wyalong. Organisers Trish Papalkar, Karen Bartram and Paddi Lloyd were very happy with the positive feedback from over 45 exhibitors including both tertiary institutions and potential employers who were “run off their feet” all day.

Sarah Quinlivan & Chelsea Axtill
Katie Wallet & Jacinda Rhodes-Boulter

STATE DANCE ENSEMBLE

Good luck to Taylor Hunter-Boyd (11), Courtlyn Tuckett (9) and Dearne Hunter-Boyd (9) who are travelling to Sydney this weekend for their first State Dance Ensemble workshops.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thurs 25 June – Yr7-10 Parent/Teacher Interviews
Fri 26 June – Last day Term 2
Mon 13 July – Staff Return, Term 3
Tues 14 July – Students Return, Term 3
NEWSLETTER VIA E-MAIL

Our newsletter will be going paperless, would you like to receive the school newsletter via e-mail? If so please fill in the following and send it back to the front office.

Name: ___________________________________  Student Name: ___________________________________  Yr:_____

E-mail Address ________________________________________________________________

SAFER DRIVERS COURSE

Designed by the Roads and Maritime Services for learner drivers under 25yrs who already have 50hrs real driving experience.

After the successful completion of module one & two of the course the learner will receive a 20hr reduction in their log book.

NRMA Safer Driving are facilitating Module One of this course on Wednesday August 19.

The course will be held at the Leeton Shire Library for a cost of $140

Course numbers are limited to 12 people with a minimum of 9 required to run the course.

For further information & bookings visit the NRMA Safer Driving website at:

http://www.nrmasaferdriving.com.au or contact the Leeton NRMA office Ph 6953 3600

NAIDOC WEEK

Leeton & District Local Aboriginal Land Council Family Fun Day

Monday 6 July
Gossamer Park Wattle Hill
12pm – 2.30pm

The activities will begin with the Official Ceremony followed by a FREE BBQ lunch. Bring a chair or picnic rug and enjoy the day out

The Cronulla Sharks Visit