Students, parents and carers are reminded that our Parent Teacher evening for students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will be held in the Leeton High School MPC on Thursday 25 June from 5.00pm. On this evening mid-year reports will be distributed with parents and carers able to discuss the progress of their child with staff. This is a great opportunity to meet teachers and raise issues. All parents and carers are welcome with no appointments necessary.

Leeton High School is close to moving to a "Bring Your Own Device" program. Following surveys and discussions with P&C and staff our draft school policy has been developed. This means that students will soon be able to bring laptops, iPads and tablets to school for use in the classroom. An information brochure will be available for parents and carers at the Parent Teacher evening on 25 June.

We are looking forward to meeting and talking with members of the Cronulla Sharks Rugby League team this week. Members of the team will be in Leeton on Thursday and will meet with students on Thursday afternoon.

The Leeton High School choir has received news that they have been selected for the 2015 School Spectacular. Well done to all involved. Congratulations to Courtlyn Tuckett who has just completed a week in Sydney where she was asked to audition as a featured dancer for the 2015 School Spectacular. We now await the outcome of the auditions.

Congratulations to Dearne Hunter-Boyd who was notified last week that she has been selected in the NSW State Dance Ensemble, she now joins Taylor Hunter-Boyd and Courtlyn Tuckett who were selected earlier.

Greg Horton, Principal

---DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT---

Disturbingly, truancy is on the rise at (or not at, rather) our school. It is imperative that we turn up to DEAR to get our names marked off, for the interests of accountability.

Truancy has been around for about the same time as institutionalised education. The problem with truancy is that it places students in potentially dangerous situations. Your parents are sending you to school in the hope that you may make something of yourself as an adult. How do I know? Large numbers of parents that I meet in interview situations state that they “wished they had taken school more seriously”. All concur that if you are making a serious attempt at school, then, at the bare minimum, you will have more choices on offer beyond the school gates. At best, you will have no regrets and fewer hurdles on the path to achieving whatever it is that you wish.

It is the (lack of) safety factor of truancy that is the main concern. If your folks think that you are at school, but the school thinks that you're at home, then no one really knows where you are. *Ipso facto*, you are not safe. The same goes for individual periods. It all seems harmless enough, until there is an evacuation or a lockdown. In these situations, the safety of students, staff and (potentially) emergency personnel is jeopardised by the impacts of your unaccountability.

This problem is exacerbated for those students who live outside of our school’s “catchment area”. If we feel that the problem is too great, then we will seriously consider declaring your child’s place vacant, rather than persist with the added worry.

None of the above mentions the detrimental effect of truancy on your learning.
If your child is away on any given day, please feel free to contact the Front Office and we will adjust our records immediately. Alternatively, you can simply write a note for your child to bring into the school on the day that they return.

If your child has form for “wagging” and you would like help to address this, please contact me personally on 6953 2122.

Uniform issues persist for a small minority of our students. Remember, skinny black jeans are not acceptable uniform, ladies. Thankfully, the heinous “sloppy joe-no shirt look” appears to have faded as quickly as it came.

Apparently, there is a rumour going around that grey tracksuit pants are acceptable school uniform. It is not true. Below is a picture showing the correct winter uniform for a Leeton High student:

Note the complete lack of tracksuit pants. Grey cotton drill pants are the only acceptable non-sports uniform for boys. Black tailored pants that are not tracksuit pants for girls.

The question of a “hoodie” becoming a uniform option has been raised. Fair enough, I’m a fan of the item on the weekends. The answer to this question (today and beyond) is that they will never become part of our uniform, for accountability reasons. Basically, The Department of Education would like us to be able to see your face whenever possible. Look what happens to Kenny on South Park?

As the term lengthens, so does the list of people being level dropped for not having their sports uniform for PE classes on three occasions per term. If you can’t get your uniform together on the day, then a note and an appropriate change of clothes will allow you to participate. Surely, it is too cold to be sitting around being soft, so get it together!

Andrew Morschel, Deputy Principal

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**SCHOOL AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following students on achieving awards:

**SILVER DIPOLMA:** Isabel Ryan, Reece Grundy, Jeremy Noack, Kelsey Bandy (Year 7), Dominique Nunn (Year 8), Lonnie Sharp-Finn, Paige Porter, Koreshi Waqanivalu (Year 10) and Paige Ailiendi (Year 11).

**GOLD DIPLOMA:** Reece Grundy, Bree McKellar, Hannah Pianca (Year 7), Tahnee Walsh, Morgan Lanceford, Jacob Mills, David Polsen, Ella Saddler, Hannah Rhodes-Boulter (Year 8), Zac Hill, April Tabal (Year 9), Lonnie Sharp-Finn, Koreshi Waqanivalu, Paige Porter (Year 10), Hannah Keith (Year 11) and Amanda Johnson (Year 12).

**EXECUTIVE AWARDS:** Molly Donohoe (Year 7), Hayley Graham (Year 8), Caylee Petrie (Year 9), Jacinda Rhodes-Boulter (Year 10), Brooke Hardie (Year 11) and Jack Cox (Year 12).
**SCHOOL SPORTS**

**BOYS SQUASH**

On Wednesday 20 May the Open Boys Squash team played and defeated James Fallon High School. Cooper Holmes and Maanu Alexander had convincing wins in 3 sets against their opponents. Jack Quinlivan did his best against a very experienced player but unfortunately lost his match. The deciding match was a nail biter with Jonte Schmetzer able to claw back a set from a very difficult opponent - this was enough to clinch victory for Leeton High School.

As Riverina Champions, the teams will now participate in the next round of CHS Squash.

**SOUTH WEST ATHLETICS**

On Friday 5 June Leeton High students travelled to Griffith to participate in the annual South-West High Schools Athletics Carnival.

There were many excellent results achieved in both track and field events with a large number of students qualifying to attend the Riverina Carnival to be held in Albury next term.

Students were victorious in long jump, high jump, shot put, disc and javelin finishing in the top 3 in their various age groups.

In the track events many students also finished in the top 4 in their various age groups, as well as the girls 14yrs & 15yrs relay teams.

Students that were unable to attend the carnival and submitted nominations for events have also qualified for the Riverina Carnival.

Well done to all students who participated on the day.

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**DOUBLE GOLD JACKET**

Chelsea Axtill

On Tuesday 26 May, Chelsea Axtill became the first student in her cohort to receive a Double Gold jacket. She is recognised for her accomplishments in the classroom and in a wide range of extracurricular activities. She is a high academic achiever in a wide variety of subjects, a representative in Sport, including Athletics and Cross Country, an SRC member, a skilled debater, a confident leader and an able problem-solver. Chelsea was an easy choice to be the first of her year mates to receive Leeton High School's highest distinction in the Welfare system. Congratulations Chelsea

Mackenzie Saddler

At a formal assembly on Tuesday 2 June a double gold jacket was awarded to Mackenzie Saddler. The double gold jacket is the highest honour a student can receive at Leeton High school. It is a reward that acknowledges not only a student’s
academic performance but also their overall contribution to the school. It’s an achievement that can reward hard work and
endeavour.

Mackenzie has consistently been a high achiever academically throughout his school life so far, excelling in all of his
subjects. He has represented the school in athletics, swimming and cross country at a zone level and cricket at a regional
level. He has also represented the school in many team sports excelling in rugby league, cricket and basketball. Mackenzie
has also been contributing to the creative and performing arts. Congratulations Mackenzie.

Brendan Sims (Year Adviser), Sylvia, Mackenzie and Glenn Saddler

**SCHOOL CHESS**

Recently Jack Robbie (Yr 11), Elijah Ingram (Yr 10), Chevaughn Moore (Yr 9) and Maanu Alexander (Yr 8) competed in the
second round of the Secondary Country Schools Chess Championship against St. Francis College. Thanks to Mr Horton who
helped with transport, we were able to take some developing players for match experience. Unfortunately, the results did
not go our way, but some of the matches were very competitive. We now continue to play in a secondary competition.

**RIVERINA DANCE FESTIVAL**

Last Friday 5 June, the Leeton High School Dance Ensemble travelled to Albury for the Riverina Dance Festival. The group
consisting of students from Years 7-11 performed with 24 other schools from the region. There was a matinee and evening
performance, where Courtlyn Tuckett, (Year 9), Taylor Hunter-Boyd (Year 11) and Dearne Hunter-Boyd (Year 9) were
presented with certificates for their acceptance into the State Regional Dance Ensemble, which is a huge achievement.
Congratulations to all girls involved, they danced beautifully and received praise from many different people who watched
the show.

**P&C NEWS**

**ON-LINE CANTEEN SYSTEM**

The on-line canteen system now has 2 cut-off times – 1st break (Recess) is still 9am and 2nd break (Lunch) is now 10.30am.
Now that we have fine-tuned our operations to fit this extra cut-off time in. Thanks to all of you who have been supporting
our new On-line Canteen, any feedback is most welcome.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

| Fri 12 June – Riverina Cross Country - Gundagai | Mon 13 July – Staff Return, Term 3 |
| Thurs 25 June – Yr7-10 Parent/Teacher Interviews | Tues 14 July – Students Return, Term 3 |
| Fri 26 June – Last day Term 2 | |

**ANYTIME FITNESS**

Anytime Fitness Leeton has now gained recognition to
sign up 16 & 17 year olds.
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