Welcome to students, staff, parents and carers to Term 3 2015. Term 3 is generally the time when a lot of planning takes place for 2016. If your child is in Years 8, 9 or 10 it is time to start thinking about electives for next year. Mid-way through the term we will be seeking expressions of interest from students for these elective choices. Year 10 especially, it is vital as they are moving into the senior school. Students and parents will be asked to attend an information and selection evening on 12 August to discuss the senior school and electives, more information closer to the night.

Students in Year 11 and 12 will have a very busy term. Year 12 students commence trial Higher School Certificate examinations on 10 August. In addition many Year 12 students have major works to complete or practical HSC examinations during the term. Year 11 students are working towards completing their Preliminary HSC. Successful completion culminates with their final examinations commencing on 9 September.

Year 12 student Corey Graham will travel to Sydney this week to participate in the State Finals of the Vocational Education State Training Awards. Corey will have an interview in Sydney to determine the winner. Congratulations on becoming the Riverina Student of the Year and we wish Corey all the best at this week's interview.

The school has commenced an online attendance monitoring program from the beginning of this term. This means that students attendance can be monitored more closely and will allow the school to better manage absences, especially partial absences. We do still require notes to come from home when a child is away from school.

Leeton High School will be moving to a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) policy for technology throughout this term. Lengthy consultation with students, staff and parents has seen the policy developed. A fact sheet outlining the “nuts and bolts” of BYOD is attached to this newsletter. Further information will come home over the next couple of weeks.

Our school is participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn program. Please have a read of the article later in this newsletter showing how the program works. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Greg Horton, Principal

---DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT---

Term 3 has begun quite well and clearly all of us have benefitted from the rest acquired during the Winter Holidays. Uniform in particular was pleasing in Week 1. The unfortunate news for uniform offenders is that our Sentral Administration software records uniform breaches during DEAR, proving itself to be ruthlessly efficient. Just remember (again):

- 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’

As part of our move towards better use of technology, Truants are recorded instantaneously. The days of the runner and ‘day sheet’ have left us. It’s quite simple, if you are at school go to class.

Another concern is the trend of students contacting home without me or the Front Office staff knowing. Sometimes things happen and concerned parents appear in the Office wanting answers. In many cases, the school does not even know what
they are talking about. If students need to contact home, then please see the Deputy Principal or Office staff, who can give you better service.

Additionally, stay in class for the entirety of the period. There is a disappointing trend emerging among some Year 11 students, in particular. Term 3 is particularly crucial to our Senior Students, with Trial HSC Exams for Year 12, and finishing with Year 11 Preliminary Course exams. Thirty-eight minutes is not a long time to be in a classroom.

Perhaps, not long enough to maximise student learning?

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.

Those on Level Cards are bound to uphold the conditions attached to it. The slender minority of students who end up on cards must get their teachers to sign and comment on their performance each lesson. At the end of the day these cards must be returned to me. For those on ‘Blue cards’, I am asking for better results in this area and will state that recurring card non-compliers could find themselves “level dropped” to “Pink Cards”. Sort this now!

To conclude, I will reiterate what I say in conversations and on Assembly. “If people talk to each other, things get solved.” If you think that we at Leeton High School can help you and your child’s learning in any way please let us know.

Andrew Morschel, Deputy Principal

**SCHOOL AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following students on achieving awards:

**EXECUTIVE AWARDS:** Thomas Parr, Cooper Holmes (Year 7), Jenna Elliott, Laura Shelton (Year 8), Chevaughn Moore, Mariz Malunas (Year 9), Paige Porter, Edie Rudd (Year 10), Cooper Mortimer, Alyssa Dundas (Year 11), Luke Rimmer and Rachel Stewart (Year 12).

**NSW CHS SQUASH**

The NSW CHS Squash State Carnival was held from 23-25 June in Cardiff, with the Riverina boys team finishing 5th and the girls finishing 4th. Leeton High School was well represented in both teams. In the girls team LHS was represented by Claire Quinlivan, Sarah Quinlivan and Siarne Deeves, whilst Jack Quinlivan, Maanu Alexander and Cooper Holmes were in the boy’s team. All played well and should be proud of their achievements. Congratulations to Sarah Quinlivan who was selected in the NSW U15 girls team to compete in the National titles from 24-28 August in Thornleigh, NSW.

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**UWS VISIT**

The UWS Rural Indigenous visit was held from 13-17 July. 8 Indigenous students elected to take the opportunity to find out more about university life and the courses available at the many campuses that make up the University of Western Sydney. Students were able to choose workshops that interested them, engage in cultural activities and network with students from other schools and universities. This program is to engage and encourage educational aspirations in our Indigenous students and gets the students thinking about what they can do after secondary school.
WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN IS BACK FOR 2015!

To get involved and help to contribute valuable educational resources to Leeton High School, all you need to do is follow three easy steps:

1. Shop at Woolworths and collect one Earn and Learn sticker for every $10 you spend.
2. Stick them on a Woolworths Earn and Learn sticker sheet, available at your local Woolies store or downloaded from the Woolworths website.
3. Pop your completed sticker sheet into the box labelled ‘Leeton High School’ at Leeton Woolworths.

In 2014 your contributions to the Earn and Learn program allowed us to purchase fantastic new resources for our students. Please continue to support the Earn and Learn program!!

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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 __________________________________________________________________________________________

LEETON VRA

Charity Dinner & Auction

Saturday 25 July, 6.30pm
Yanco All Servicemen's Club
$40/person or table of 8 $280
2 course Chinese Banquet & Entertainment.
Pre-Order Only tickets not available at the door
Tickets available at Yenda Prods, Glenn Preston Real Estate & Jason Fields – SunRice SRFG (Cash Only)
Lucky Door Prizes
Some of the auction items include:
*Helicopter Ride *Sporting Memorabilia/Apparel
*Weekend for 2 in the Blue Mountains and lots more

COURTESY BUS AVAILABLE

LEETON HIGH SCHOOL JAPAN TRIP 2015

Pie Drive

Leeton High School will be sending a group of students to Japan in December. As part of their fundraising students are running a Micks Bakehouse pie drive.

Forms were sent around to students last week. If you did not receive one and would like one they can be collect from the front office.

Orders are due back by 31 August and Pies will be delivered on the 11 September.