Over the past few months we have sought ideas from students, staff, parents and the community as to suggestions for a memorial for our Drama teacher Stephanie Scott. Thank you to the many people who offered suggestions. We have decided to build an outdoor learning space in the form of an amphitheatre that classes can book and use. This is seen as especially appropriate because Drama classes can use this space for some practical lessons.

The outdoor learning space will be located in the middle of the school and it is thought that other schools and community groups could also use the space. A concept design has been developed and presented to Department of Education staff who were very supportive. We are now developing detailed plans. It is hoped that the project will commence very soon and be concluded before the end of this year.

Thank you to the Year 7 and 8 students who have returned their “Bring Your Own Device” User Agreements. We are very keen for all Year 7 and 8 students to return the agreements so the program can commence.

Last Wednesday 12 August we held a very well attended information evening for students, parents and carers of Year 10 students. The aim of the evening was to provide information regarding Year 11 and the Higher School Certificate to all prospective Year 11 2016 students. Thank you to Jaimie Northey (Year Adviser) and Trish Papalkar (Careers Adviser) for delivering a very informative presentation to the audience. Students now need to complete their Year 11 subject selection sheets and return them to their Year Advisers asap.

Year 12 students are currently completing their trial Higher School Certificate examinations. These will continue throughout the week. The trials are the final step for the students before the Higher School Certificate which commences on 12 October.

The P&C are preparing for our annual “LHSFest” on Wednesday 2 September. Again this year the morning will provide lots of stalls, rides and entertainment. In the afternoon students will attend Leeton Idol, this year with an interesting twist!

Greg Horton, Principal

With ruthless efficiency, Sentral can report who is out of Uniform at 9.23am every day. Subsequently, there are more people on Uniform Detention. It is painfully apparent, however, that some of those students are there due to unavailability or financial hardship. If your child is one of these students (unjustly) placed on this list, then please contact the school so that we can work together to do what is right. There may be medical concerns as well, so let us know and we can rectify this problem as well.

For those on this list who are there because they are too cool, parents can expect a letter home outlining our concerns. It is hoped that you will respond when you receive it.

Kids, if you are out of uniform THAT DAY, then you are expected in Uniform Detention THAT DAY.
The following policy will still continue:

- 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’

I am currently trialling a system whereby those on Level 2 will no longer carry a ‘Blue Card’. The trade-off is that their behaviour will be monitored for longer than 3 days, especially if they have worked their way back from Level 1. Those on Pink 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.

Regrettably, I have fielded complaints from parents regarding ‘bullying’. These problems can be ‘nipped in the bud’ if we are aware of them early enough. If your child believes that they are being harassed, he/she MUST come and tell a staff member or me personally. Leeton High has a solid Anti-Bullying Policy which we fervently believe in and wish to uphold. Please discourage your child from staying home if they feel that they have a bullying problem. Instead, do them a favour for later in life, by sending them to school with the instruction to see the Deputy Principal as soon as they get there.

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.

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:

**SILVER DIPOLMA:** Tyson Tyrrell, Tiarni Cottom, Maddison Beaumont, Jack Quinlivan, Abbey Snell (Year 7), Amber Matthews-Begg and Joshua Wahba (Year 8).

**GOLD DIPOLMA:** Jack Quinlivan, Trent Petrie, Abbey Snell, Cooper Holmes, Mikayla Boots (Year 7), Kurt Bloomfield, Blair O’Connell, Felicity Allen, Christopher Ryan (Year 8), Katie Wallett, Elijah Ingram (Year 10), Georgia Dale (Year 11), Cobie Green and Anna Wang (Year 12).

**EXECUTIVE AWARDS:** Mark Hoggard, Megan Didden, Imigin Langham-McCann (Year 7), Jakeb Steele, Riley Taskiran, Tahnee Walsh (Year 8), Santo Celi, Carley Graham (Year 9), Lillian Snell, Taylah Simpson, Alexander Crelley (Year 10), Michaela Jones Grieve, Adam Mitchell, Georgia Dale (Year 11), Natasha Didden, Joshua Nikoro and Jade Smith (Year 12).

SCHOOL SPORTS

**BUCKLEY SHIELD**

The Leeton High Buckley Shield team travelled to Sydney to play Merrylands High School in the finals on Thursday 6 August.

Although being well beaten all the team should be proud of their efforts making it to this stage of the competition. Although Merrylands were a much bigger and faster team our boys were never intimidated, continually throwing their bodies in front of their giant opposition. Our forwards displayed great resilience and although their line was bent back on a number of occasions they failed to be breached at any time throughout the match. Best backs on the day were Tom DePaoli, Kody Collins and Koby Eglinton while the forwards were led by Shane Nikoro, Jaykob Williams and JJ Smith. Well done boys, another great season for the LHS Rugby League.
RIVERINA ATHLETICS

Twenty four students attended the Riverina Athletics Carnival in Albury on Friday 31 July. All students achieved personal best results and many were placed in the first three in their event.

Students finishing first or second in any event have qualified to attend the NSW Combined High Schools Athletics Carnival in Sydney during the first week of September.

These students were: Madeline Warburton, Tom DePaoli, Josh Baulch, Grace Korovata, Luke Parker and William Ormond. The 12yrs boys relay team consisting of Dion DeMamiel, Ethan Parker, Michael Wang and Blayne Thompson also qualified with an excellent performance.

SCHOOL NEWS

Wednesday 2 September. Wristbands are available to purchase from the front office. If wristbands are purchased before 31 August you will go into a draw to win some BEATS.

WRISTBAND INCLUDES: Unlimited access to - Dodgem Cars, Hurricane, Photo Booth, Lions Train, Jousting/Boxing, Jumping Castle, Laser Tag, Sumo Wrestling and Entry to Idol.

FEST commences around 9.30am and will finish around 12.30pm. Students then go into the MPC to watch/participate in IDOL.

YEAR 12 DRAMA

On the evening of Monday 3 August our Year 12 Drama students completed their Group Projects and their Individual Projects for their Trial HSC. The performances occurred in front of family and friends and both Mrs Anthony and Mrs Warwick were marking. What an inspirational group of young adults. These students have worked with determination and resilience to complete polished and professional pieces of drama. The date for their performances in front of actual HSC markers is Tuesday 25th August. This is a really big deal for them and we are sure they will continue to make us and Scotty proud.

KROP

Late in July the choir attended KROP with Mr Smeal. Rehearsals had been occurring all year after school and the students sounded beautiful in their performance of “in My Room” by the Beach Boys. Dressed in their smart black and white and completed with a tributary yellow tie these kids are indeed KIDS RAPT ON PERFORMING. Another instance where LHS kids make us proud. Thanks to Mr Smeal for all of his hard work in getting the kids ready and sounding so polished.
**YEAR 12 VISUAL ARTS**

Our Year 12 Visual Arts students have also been working hard to complete their Major Work projects. There have been weekend and holiday visits to the art room as well as many free periods and class time with heads down and brushes up. Thank you to Mrs McGilvray for your tireless efforts at getting the kids ready and to Miss Becker for all of your assistance at various times. We wish all of our students with Major Works due this month the very best of luck and we are proud of how you have soldiered through these last two terms.

**BYOD** in the English and CAPA classroom –

Students are encouraged to bring their devices in if they have returned the relevant paperwork. It is important that everyone knows the guidelines as we implement this policy.

**Google classroom** is an app for androids and iPads which allows teachers and students to interact in the classroom via technology. It would be appreciated that all students are ready to access this tool as teachers will send work and readings to students via Google classroom.

We would also like the schools **A-Z app** utilised for parents to access. It provides FAQ sheets on a range of subjects and issues which may apply to school education.

**BOSTES HSC TEST YOURSELF** - This app is available on Apple or Android and tests a range of questions from past HSC exams. Some samples are free, others have a nominal fee. This is particularly relevant to senior students as most HSC subjects are covered.

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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 ___________________________________________________________________________________________

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**LEETON HIGH SCHOOL JAPAN TRIP 2015**

**PIE DRIVE**

**GET YOUR PIE ORDERS IN**

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.

Order forms can be collect from the front office.

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