**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Last Wednesday, 9 February, we held our annual swimming carnival. What a great day! Lots of parent support, student involvement and excellent swimming. Thank you to Kellie Dawes and the staff for the organisation of the day, the carnival ran like clockwork. Thanks also to the wonderful parents who volunteered their time to help officiate, this makes the day so much easier to organise. This year we added a number of fun events to the program which were outstanding successes. Students and staff participated in thong throwing, three-legged race and bombing contests. These events were used as fund raising for Rocklea State School which was devastated in the recent floods in Queensland.

Congratulations to all students who participated in the swimming carnival, especially to Hunter House who won the carnival. Well done to the age champions who will be announced at this weeks formal assembly.

Tuesday 8 February representatives from the Manly Sea Eagles NRL club visited Leeton High School. The players spoke to Year 9, seniors and Leeton High Rugby league players. The Manly players spoke about life as a professional sportsperson, diet, nutrition and training and happily answered questions from their enthusiastic audience.

Once again we are posting our newsletter on our school website each fortnight. This is often a more reliable way of seeing the fortnightly bulletin. The website is www.leeton-h.schools.nsw.edu.au and we are adding more information to the site all the time.

Year 9 students have an important meeting on Tuesday evening. The meeting is an information session about the issuing of laptops through the Federal Government’s Digital Education Revolution scheme. This will be a short session demonstrating the devices and outlining both parent and student obligations. All parents and students MUST read and sign the User Charter before we can issue the devices.

Next week letters will go home informing Aboriginal students about the Independent Learning Hub which will operate again this year in the school library on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. The centre will commence the following week on Wednesday 23 February.

Thursday 17 February Leeton High School is holding a Community Evening at the school. Please read the information later in this newsletter as the evening will be of interest to all parents and caregivers.

Greg Horton, Principal

**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

STUDENT ASSISTANCE SCHEME

A Student Assistance Program is currently administered by the school to provide financial assistance for families experiencing difficulty. The funds provided are subject to audit by the Auditor-General’s Department and hence have relatively strict guidelines as to their dispersal and the type of assistance offered.

The types of items/activities for which assistance may be given are:
- Subject materials contribution.
- School uniforms.
- Stationary needs.

To apply for assistance, please complete an application form and return to the Deputy Principal. Each application will be considered by the Student Assistance Committee and confidentiality maintained. If you are not prepared to provide in writing the information we request, you are invited to contact the school to arrange an interview with the Principal to discuss your needs personally.

The school will contact the parent/caregiver when the application has been processed.

Congratulations to Liam Warburton (Year 10), Jackie Bowker (Year 11) and Mathew Dunn (Year 12) on earning Gold Diplomas.

Scott White, Deputy Principal

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

The 2011 Leeton High School swimming carnival was held last Wednesday 9 February with Hunter house winning the...
day. Following Hunter was Mawson in second, Smith third and David fourth. Congratulations to all participants.

We will announce the age champions at tomorrow’s formal assembly, however 50 swimmers have qualified for the South West swimming carnival to be held on Friday 25 February at Lake Talbert, Narrandera. Students are asked to return notes as soon as possible so final arrangements can be made.

A special thank you to the parents and friends who volunteered their time to help staff run the carnival. These parents were Dave Meline, Jenny Meline, Carrie Stewart, Michelle Diebert, Robert Hanlon, Sylvia Saddler, Cheryl Butler, Joanne Pianca, Afton Palmer, Kelsey Deeves, Lara Poulsen and Sharon Elwin.

**RECIPE BOOKS**

Late last year, Food Technology Teacher Naomi Harper gathered favourite recipes from Leeton High students, staff and their families and produced a recipe book. These books are now available for purchase for $10. These can be purchased from the Front Office.

**YEAR 9 LAPTOPS**

A parent/student meeting will be held Tuesday 15 February, in the school Library at 5.45pm.

This meeting is essential as it will outline parent and student responsibilities for laptop use. Both the student and their parents will be required to sign a Laptop User Charter on the evening. We are not able to distribute the laptops until the user charter is signed.

**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.

**IMMUNISATION**

Year 7 & 10 students received immunisation consent cards.

These need to be signed and returned to the Front Office at the school by Wednesday 23 February.

Immunisation will take place on Monday 28 February.

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

This year school photos will be on Monday 7 March.

Pre-paid envelopes will be sent out to students.

Any students needing ID this is a great opportunity to have an ID photo done. There is a box on the envelope that can be ticked to receive an ID photo for a small cost.

**CANTEEN NEWS**

WANTED – FRESH PRODUCE – Any donations of fresh produce (tomatoes, any fruit, eggs, zucchinis, onions etc) would be greatly appreciated. These donations help promote healthy eating and enable us to give the students a wider variety of foods to choose from at great prices. The Canteen is open daily from Mon, Tue, Thur & Fri 8.30am-2.30pm and Wed 8.30am-2pm or items can be dropped off at the Front Office.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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**PARENT FORUM**

Michael Carr-Gregg will be holding a Parent Forum in Wagga Wagga at the Forum 6 Cinemas, Trail Street on Thursday 17 February at 7pm.

‘Michael is one of Australia’s highest profile psychologists. He works in private practice in Melbourne. He is a columnist for Girlfriend Magazine and Australian Doctor. He specialises in the area of parenting adolescents and adolescent mental health. Michael has been the Consultant Psychologist to the Victorian Secondary Schools Principal’s Association, Australian Boarding Staff Association, Australian Ballet School, St Catherine’s School and Melbourne Girl’s College. In 2003 he was one of the founding members of the National Coalition Against Bullying and became one of their national spokespersons. He also served on the advisory committee for the Federal Government’s Boys’ Education Lighthouse School Programme.

**Volleyball Registration Night**

7pm Wednesday 23 February 2011
Leeton Indoor Basketball Stadium

If required a skills night can be arranged to help beginners learn the basics

Individual or Team Nominations
Women’s & Mixed Competitions

Further Information contact Nick – 0408 470 936 or naaddison@westnet.com.au

**LEETON PHANTOMS JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB**

Registration Day Saturday February 19
9.30-11.30am at Jarrah Mall

Under 7 – Under 17
$50 per player, $10 for U7 & U9
(Contains shorts, socks and training shirt)

New players to provide birth certificate, private health insurance & Medicare details.

All enquiries to Gerard Drinan 0457 771 316

**LEETON BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION**

**JUNIOR NOMINATION NIGHTS**

Tuesday 15 February, 5pm-7pm @ Leeton Indoor Stadium
Saturday 19 February, 10am-12pm @ Jarrah Mall

Miniball - $60
E & D Grade - $70
C & Senior - $80

Forms available from Sports Power and Thomas Service Centre

Payment must be made at time of registration

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