The 2011 Student Representative Council (SRC) was inducted at a formal assembly on Tuesday 22 March. Congratulations to all elected representatives. The SRC plays a vital part in the leadership of our school. They assist in policy development, attend leadership activities and organise fundraising events. Congratulations also to the newly elected P&C executive (see P&C report) who will continue the great work in supporting the students of Leeton High School.

Year 7 and 11 students have received progress reports over the past week. The reports allow both parents and staff to see how students in these years have started the school year. Parents are asked to contact the school should you have any concerns about your child at this stage of the year. I will also be meeting with a number of students to discuss their progress.

LYNKS students participated in their second training day on Wednesday 23 March. This day involved preparation for interviews, interview techniques and scenarios. Students must now prepare for their third “event” which is formal interviews held on Tuesday 29 March. On this evening all potential LYNKS students from all participating schools will have formal interviews held at Leeton High School.

Congratulations to the 20 Leeton High School swimmers who represented Riverina at the CHS State Swimming held in Sydney last week. Also to the League-tag and Open Rugby League teams who put up excellent performances against St Francis last week. We look forward to this week’s games against Yanco Ag to be held at Yanco Sportsground on Tuesday 29 March commencing at 6.30pm.

Greg Horton, Principal

Teachers at our school mark the roll at the beginning of the day during DEAR. An absentee sheet is generated from these rolls. For each lesson staff mark their own rolls and record any variations on their ‘day sheet’. It is very important that students are on time for DEAR and bring something appropriate to read.

Lately there have been a larger than normal number of students truanting DEAR, some lessons or the whole day. Students found to be truanting will receive a level drop.

Last week a large number of Year 7 students submitted Merit Certificates and have been awarded Silver Diplomas. Congratulations to Michaela Jones Grieve, Kyle McVittie, Georgia Dale, Paris Jennings, Taylor Hunter-Boyd, Morgan Wilesmith, James Chilby and Felicity Carlson. Congratulations also to Jayden Marks of Year 8.

Kirralee Zylstra (Year 8), Lachlan Eldridge, Ben Hardie (both of Year 9) and Petra Cranshure Player (Year 11) are to be congratulated on being awarded Gold Diplomas.

Executive Awards were received by: Cody Peet, Cooper Mortimer, Hannah Boardman, Kyle McVittie, Tamika Bell (Year 7), Khyl Giddings (Year 8), Nimalan Sundaram, Braden Boots (Year 9), Taylah Block (Year 10), Jesse Chant, Vicki Wang, Lachlan Hurst (Year 11) and Jacqueline Marks (Year 12).

Scott White, Deputy Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

LHS CHOIR PERFORMANCE

A delegation of South African farmers visited Leeton High on Wednesday 16th March, where our School’s choir sang for them the South African National Anthem, the Australian National Anthem and Waltzing Matilda. The comments where made that our choir brought tears to the visitors eyes due to the excellent rendition they performed. The farmers where also home sick and appreciated the familiar sounds.
The students answered questions about their school and town and enjoyed the cultural exchange. Thanks to Ms Rebecca Lawson for efforts in preparing the choir, they have done us all proud again.

DOUBLE GOLD JACKET

On Tuesday 15th March Jarrod White of Year 12 was awarded with a Double Gold Jacket. During his time at Leeton High, Jarrod has participated to the best of his ability in a broad range of activities. In the classroom, the community and on the sporting field, Jarrod’s attitude and effort have always been exemplary.

Jarrod’s laid back and personable nature is his best asset and makes him an approachable and dependable member of our school. He has a great sense of humour and is always willing to help. It is these personality traits that were instrumental in Jarrod’s election as a School Prefect and then, Captain.

Jarrod is one of the school’s true quiet achievers and it’s great to be able to reward him with a Double Gold Jacket.

TOUCH GALA DAY

Last Thursday, 17 March, LHS hosted the SW Schools Touch Gala Day at Leeton No 2 & 3 ovals.

The boy’s team went through the pool games undefeated to finish on top of their ladder. The girl’s team had mixed results losing to a strong Wade team. They finished 2nd in their pool and had to play Griffith in the semi-final narrowly losing 3-0 in their best game of the day. The boys played Wade in the semi-final only narrowly losing after a strong start.

Stand out players on the day were: Lachlan Hurst, Mathew Grundy, Bayley Liu, Megan Trolldahl and Jacqueline Marks. Thanks to our P&C for running a fantastic canteen on the day.

DEBATING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The debating workshop, held on Thursday 17th March, was both informative and fun for the budding debaters in Years 5 and 6 from Leeton and Parkview Primary Schools. Not only did they show great enthusiasm for the workshop, but a very impressive knowledge of skills and expectations of debating.

This was a great way to begin the debating season for both High School and Primary School students alike. The debating teams were both successful last year, with the then Year 8 team making it to the State finals – so despite their age differences, it was a level playing field. Many thanks to the helpers and debaters on the day.

NAPLAN 2011

This week students received information notes to parents on the National Assessment Programme for Literacy and Numeracy. The NAPLAN tests for 2011 will be held on Tuesday 10, Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 May and will be conducted by the Literacy and Numeracy team in the mornings of each of those days. If you have any concerns about your child sitting a test, please do not hesitate to contact the school. More information will follow.

The writing task 2011

In the past, the task has been a narrative. This year students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will write a persuasive task. Persuasive writing is writing in which the writer needs to convince someone of his or her point of view or opinion. For example, a student may be asked whether reading books or watching TV is better. The student would present his or her opinion on this topic and would include reasons for that opinion. In writing this way, the student is attempting to persuade the reader to agree with his or her opinion. More information is available on the website: http://www.naplan.edu.au/writing_2011-_domains.html

YEAR 7 CAMP TUMBARUMBA
Leeton High School had its annual Year 7 camp last week. This year we travelled to beautiful Tumbarumba and camped out for three days up in the mountains. Thanks to Celi’s bus service for a smooth trip up to Tumbarumba. The students enjoyed a series of activities and were straight into it after stepping off the bus. Fifty Year 7 students and seven Year 11 peer support students were divided into groups and enjoyed a variety of exciting activities. Highlights included abseiling, high and low ropes and initiative games. All the students engaged in the activities and enjoyed the challenges associated with each.

The trivia night and games night were also highlights of the camp as the students enjoyed competing against each other in the many and varied activities done on the night. Thanks to Laurel Hill Forest Lodge for hosting Leeton High again this year and for their generous and delicious meals. All in all the kids had a great time, were brilliantly behaved and definitely in need of a big sleep-in after the camp!

**P&C NEWS**

The AGM of the P&C Association was held last week and all positions were filled maintaining a stable executive with 2010 President Suzanne Ryan, Secretary Carrie Stewart and Treasurer Sharon Elwin all being re elected for 2011. Vice Presidents for 2011 are Ruth Warren and Lara Poulsen.

The Working Bee postponed from a couple of weeks ago has been re scheduled for Sunday 3 April from 9am – 12 noon (morning tea supplied). Any parents able to help on the day, please contact the front office or Sharon Elwin.

Thank you to the Golden Apple for the donation of $772.25 from their shopping docket scheme from 2010. This promotion will run again in 2011 with some additional incentives for our school. Currently the Golden Apple donates 5 cents for every $10. This year if we reach a target of $40 per week per family the Golden Apple will donate additional 1.25 cents per $10. Golden Apple dockets can be dropped of at the Front Office at any time.

**GANMAIN BAKERY FUNDRAISING DRIVE**

The P&C are again holding a “Ganmain Bakery Pie Drive”. Order forms were handed out with this week’s Newsletter. Orders and money are due back on Monday 9th May. Orders will be available for collection on Thursday 26th May between 3pm-4pm.

**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.

**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.

**CANTEEN NEWS**

**HELPERS FOR ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

Do you have an hour or so to spare on Thursday 7th April? If so, would you like to help out in the Canteen at the Athletics Carnival? No experience required. Call Megan, Gwen or Sharon on 6953 2841. We’d love to hear from you.

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**WINNER**

**LYNKS 2010 Destination Survey Competition**

$50 iTunes Card
Timothy Fairly – Yanco Agricultural High School
Drawn by Tom Morton – St Francis College

Thanks to all those who returned the surveys.

**LEE Norton**

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**Lee Norton**

Sign on days: Wednesday 30th March 5-7pm at Netball clubhouse (rear of Stadium)
Saturday 2nd April 10am-12pm at Jarrah Mall
Individual and team registrations are most welcome.
Forms available from the local sport stores.
Payment MUST accompany registration.
Competition commences 7th May and ends 3rd Sept
For further information contact: Tanya O’Halloran 69559568(ah)