Welcome back to term 2!

Year 12 have returned with their mid course examinations commencing on the first day of term. The exams continue until Friday this week. We wish Year 12 well in this the first of their examinations for the 2011 year. All other students will have mid course exams throughout the term. Please encourage your child to prepare for these important assessments. Year 11 students are first to commence exams on Monday 9th May.

Year 7 and 9 students will be completing the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests from the 10th-12th May. Students were provided with information regarding these tests during term 1. The NAPLAN tests are valuable tools for both teachers and parents as they provide a guide as to each child’s strengths and weaknesses in literacy and numeracy.

During this year the students and staff at Leeton High School are raising funds for a school in Queensland which was devastated by floods during Christmas holidays. The school we are supporting is Rocklea State School. During term 1 the school raised $529 which has been sent to Rocklea. Thanks to all for their support.

We are currently reviewing supervision of afternoon bus lines. Students must be in the bus area while waiting for the buses. Should students need to leave for toilet or drink they are to ask the teacher. Students are reminded that they are under the same welfare and discipline conditions as they would be in a classroom. The bus companies have asked all schools to remind students and carers of the “Code of Conduct” that passengers travelling on school buses are under. I have included a copy of this with today’s newsletter.

Year 6 students from our local partner schools will continue with their Wednesday afternoon lessons this term. This program is proving very popular and is certainly worthwhile for all involved. Students are involved in Science, Woodwork, Textiles, Food Technology and Visual Arts lessons weekly using the specialist high school rooms and supported by high school staff.

Greg Horton, Principal
OPEN BOYS CHS SOCCER

On Monday the 4th of April the LHS Open Boys Soccer team travelled to Griffith to play its second round match against Wade High School. The game was played in perfect conditions on the Southside Leagues Club Oval. The team was captained by Jarrod White and featured mainly senior students. Wade were a very strong team and got off to a great start with a goal in the first few minutes. Although Leeton were put on the back foot, they did settle and had some of the play leading into half time. In the second half Wade again dominated, benefiting from the retaking of a penalty which had missed. Wes Henderson moved up the field and began to create some chances, while Jaeim Yoo continued to frustrate the Wade strikers in goal. Leeton battled bravely on, but in a game played in good spirit, Jaeim Yoo and Wes Henderson were the best for Leeton with Mitchell Hutchinson contributing well off the bench.

LHS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Leeton High School held their annual Athletics Carnival at the end of Term 1. It was a great carnival with maximum participation over the tow days. All students wore their house colours proudly and demonstrated commendable sportsmanship and effort throughout the carnival. Thank you to all parents who assisted with the carnival, it would not have run as smoothly and your assistance was greatly appreciated. During the school assembly tomorrow, Tuesday 3rd, the Age Champions will be announced as will the winning house and record breakers.

SCHOOL NEWS

SYDNEY THEATRE COMPANY VISIT

Leeton High School students will benefit from a free performance of the play BURNT by the Sydney Theatre Company. The 90 minute play will take place in the MPC on Tuesday 17th May at 9.30am. Unfortunately Year 11 students will be on exams, however, they are welcome to attend. The play is suitable for Years 7-12 students and explores one family’s struggle to keep their property after several years of drought. There will be loads of humour, drama and live music to engage students. The play is a touching story close to the hearts of many rural families. After the play the performers will lead our Year 10 Drama and gLeeton students in a series of group devising drama exercises inspiring them to create and perform short plays about their own stories and communities. The workshop will also be free.

2011 DER-NSW PARENT SURVEY

We seek your views on the NSW one-to-one laptop program. A formal evaluation of the program is being undertaken by the New South Wales Department of Education and Training in collaboration with the University of Wollongong. It is an effort to determine how the DER-NSW program may impact on learning and teaching education across the state. The evaluation is intended to take place over 3 years. Please go to the link below and complete the 2011 survey. It won’t take you too long.

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RWN6ZS7?c=2359

To access the link please enter it into the long address bar at the top of the page of your internet browser (not into a search engine such as Google) and press enter or go – this will take you to the survey. Individuals cannot be identified in the data. Thank you for assisting us.

LAPTOP COVERS

The school has hard case laptop covers for sale. They are $15 and are available from Karen Bartram, TSO in the Front Office.

DOUBLE GOLD JACKET

On the 5th April Alicia Boardman was awarded a Double Gold Jacket. Alicia is an enthusiastic young lady with a vibrant personality, who could be looked on as an ‘all round high achiever’. One definition of an ‘all round high achiever’ is a person ‘who is able to do many things very well’. Since year 7, she has excelled academically, and, most teachers have appreciated her contributions in class by being (and I quote) a ‘lively participant’ in class discussions. With her talent in extra curricula activities, plus a desire to achieve she has in fact done ‘many things very well’.

RICHARD HARLAND VISIT

On Friday 1st April we were very lucky to have author Richard Harland visit the school and give workshops about writing. Students were introduced to a scene from Richard Harland’s novel “World Shaker” and students were encouraged to plan what happens next to the main character Cole. Richard encouraged students to draw from their own experiences to help communicate a character’s experiences to a new scenario. Students enjoyed brainstorming how Cole would feel, what he would see, hear, touch and what Cole would be thinking when he is allowed out of the Juggernaut for the first time. Students were encouraged to focus only on the key features of what they wanted to communicate to audiences. Every student had a valuable experience in Richard’s workshops and were able to see how their own experiences can help their writing. Billie-Lee Millar of 7S was the Lucky Door Prize winner of an autographed copy of “World Shaker”.

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THE SHOEHORN SONATA

On Monday 4th April Standard English students in Senior and some Year 11 and Drama students went to the Civic Theatre for a performance of the Shoehorn Sonata. This text is taught in Standard English for Year 12 and it was valuable for them to see a live performance. This play was based around the story of Sheila and Bridie, and was focussed on how their experiences as female Prisoners of War affected them for many years after the war.

TALENT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT 2011

Congratulations to Alicia Boardman of year 11 and Alex Stewart of year 10 who have been given an opportunity to participate in live auditions for the 2011 intake of the Talent Development Project. Alicia and Alex are both excellent musicians and will travel to Sydney during the first week of the school holidays to participate in the auditions and workshop held at the Sydney Entertainment Centre. Good luck to both students.

GANMAIN BAKERY FUNDRAISING DRIVE

The P&C are again holding a “Ganmain Bakery Pie Drive”. If you do not have an order form they are available from the Front Office. Orders and money are due back to school on Monday 9th May. Orders will be available for collection on Thursday 26th May between 3pm-4pm.

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 9th May – Ganmain Bakery Fundraiser Due
Mon 9th May – 20th May – Yr 11 Preliminary Midcourse Exams
Tues 10th May – 12 May – Yr 7 & Yr 9 NAPLAN Test
Mon 23rd May – 3rd June – Yr 7-Yr10 Exams
Tues 24th May – P&C Meeting
Thurs 26th May – Collection for Ganmain Bakery Orders