**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

Parent teacher meetings are fast upon us. Tonight is the Senior meeting in the Library from 5.00pm. All Year 11 and 12 parents and carers are welcome to attend. These evenings are very important for students, parents and staff to discuss the progress of your child. If you are unable to come on that evening don’t hesitate to contact the school to arrange another time. Parent teacher evening for students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will be on Tuesday 28 June.

We received some really positive news during last week regarding our new Year 11 Work Studies course. Leeton High School was successful in obtaining a grant to help with practical work to be carried out at the Fivebough Wetlands. Leeton High School, Land and Property Management Authority, Leeton Shire Council, Lands Council and local businesses have been working on this project which will benefit both the local community and the students involved. Thanks must go to Careers Adviser Trish Papalkar for her extensive work in developing the submission.

On the 6th June girls from Years 9 & 10 participated in a ‘Girls Welfare Day’ held in the Soldier’s Club Auditorium. Students completed activities in the following areas including Party Safety, Drugs & Alcohol and Sexting. The presenters included Constables’ Jane Keating and Jodie Ryan (Party Safety – NSW Police), Ms Nina Furnell (Sexting) and Michael Cowdry-Ling (Drugs & Alcohol – Leeton Community Health). The girls also received a motivational speech from two prominent community members and local business owners Ms Olivia Stott and Mr Dave Tabain, on the importance of education and setting goals. The staff and students would like to take this opportunity to thank all the above-mentioned presenters and also extend their thanks to the Leeton Soldier’s Club for their contribution to this event.

Greg Horton, Principal

**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

For a student to earn a Silver Diploma they need to present to me 3 Merit Certificates (big blues). These certificates can be from any or a variety of subjects and areas. Students will only ever earn one Silver Diploma.

For a student to earn a Gold Diploma they need to present to me 6 Merit Certificates. At least one must be for School/Community Service and at least one must be for Sporting/Cultural Representation. An Executive Award can substitute for any award. Students are encouraged to earn as many Gold Diplomas as possible.

Congratulations to the following students on earning awards:-
Silver Diploma – Bryal Wortley, Clare Hillman, Coen Lourigan and Adam Mitchell (all Year 7).
Gold Diploma – Hannah Boardman (Year 7), Luke Rimmer, Makayla Boots, Danyon Arnold, Claire Quinlivan (all of Year 8), Sally Boardman, Brayden Heffer, Bianca Green, Dillan McGillivray (all of Year 9), Jessica Catlin, Sheridan Valenta, Luke Marks (all of Year 10), Demi Reeves (Year 11) and Jessica O’Connell (Year 12).

Executive Awards were received by: Hannah Keith, David Nicholls, James Chilby (Year 7), Claire Quinlivan (Year 8), James Alexander (Year 9), Jasmine Sahota, Brodie Davy (Year 10), Alex Bucchorn, David Mitchell & Wes Henderson (Year 12).

Special mention is made for Hannah Boardman who has already made the Double Gold Eligibility. This is a brilliant achievement.

Scott White, Deputy Principal

**SCHOOL SPORTS**

**COUNTRY CUP RUGBY LEAGUE CARNIVAL**

Leeton High School entered 2 strong teams into the Country Cup Rugby League Carnival held in Griffith on Tuesday 7 June at Jubilee Oval. We played in a knock-out format with Marion College, Griffith HS and Wagga HS.

In the U13s Leeton played Marion first and won 20-0 thanks to Kyle McVittie and Bailey Wallace who were the standouts for the team in both games. The 13s then went down to Griffith HS, who fielded a large team, 36-0.

U15s played Griffith HS first game and held on until half time. But after half time Griffith ran in three unanswered tries winning 22-8. Our second game was a better result with the boys winning 16-0 against Marion College. Seth Russell scored 3 tries during the day, Blake Petrie scored 2 and our
most outstanding effort went to Josh Nikoro playing above his age and running the ball and tackling hard all day. The boys represented the school with pride and thanks to Mr Hardie and other parents for helping us out on the day. Mr Wisely and Mr Killen.

SCHOOL NEWS

HSC ENGLISH STUDY DAYS

Notes went home today with students in Year 12 for the HSC Study Day in English. The workshops will focus on both Advanced and Standard English and presenters will include people from the BOS exam committee and published HSC English authors.

It is of great benefit that your child attends this day in their final preparations for the HSC and Trial examinations. The event will be hosted by Griffith High School on TUESDAY 26TH JULY 2011 and will commence at 9am. The cost for the day is $25 and will include all workshops, morning tea and travel. Money is payable to the front office and notes should be returned to Mrs Anthony as soon as possible in order to secure a place on the bus.

Extension 1 and 2 English students will also have an opportunity to attend a HSC Study Day at Griffith High School on Wednesday 27th July with Jane Sherlock. Jane is a published author in Crime Writing Analysis and skills and attendance at the all day workshop will be highly beneficial to all students involved. This free excursion will be open to all students in preliminary and HSC Extension English.

PREMIER’S CHALLENGE DEBATING

On Friday the 10th of June, students in Years 7 and 8 from LHS travelled to Narrandera High School for their first round of debates. Jonte Schmetzer, Georgia Green, Samantha Pianca and Hannah Boardman were first to debate. Their topic area was ‘education’ and they debated in favour of the statement that ‘We need more male teachers’. In their first impromptu debate at this level the team tried their hardest, but went down to a stronger (and older) Narrandera HS team.

Grace Green, Bree Chambers, Anna Wang and Brianna Celi were next to debate. Their topic area was also ‘education’. These students had to debate against the notion that school students should be required to take part in community service. In a very close debate the LHS team lost by a mere 2 points to NHS. The student’s efforts on the day are to be commended. The Premer’s Challenge competition is an impromptu debate competition, with students only having an hour to prepare. Students in years 7 and 8 should be applauded for taking part in such a difficult challenge.

KROP 2011

Two weeks ago, we auditioned a routine for KROP (Kids Rapt On Performing) 2011. The audition panel was impressed with our group and we have been successful in gaining a place in this year’s show. Held at the Griffith Regional Theatre on Thursday 4th and Friday 5th August, our students will perform 3 shows over the two days.

This year, the entire cast from gLeeton High School presents... “Don’t Stop Believing” will be presenting one of the full chorus songs from the opening of the show – “Jump”. This routine features the band and full cast (45 students in all) in solo, duet and group parts and with a full dance.

Tickets for this amazing event that displays the performing talents of public school students from around the Griffith Zone go on sale on Monday 6th June. The evening show tickets are $20 (adult) and $12 (child). Contact the Griffith regional Theatre on (02) 69 628444 for tickets and come along and support Leeton High and the region’s talented performers.

CAREERS IN SPORTS

On Tuesday 7 June 21 LHS students from Years 10, 11 and 12 travelled to Narrandera to join schools across the Riverina Region for a Careers in Sports day hosted by Narrandera High School. Julie Stafford from NSW Sports Federation gave a presentation on the Sports, Fitness, Events and Leisure Industry, inspiring many students to cast a wider net when researching their career options. Development officers for the AFL, Basketball, Netball, Cricket and Swimming were also present on the day and gave short workshops on specific careers in their sporting fields. Student groups also received top level coaching tips in a practical sporting activity at the end of the day.

gLeeton Show and Tickets Sales

gLeeton High Presents

‘DON’T STOP BELIEVING’

Matinee Shows
When: Thursday 30th June & Friday 1st July
Time: 10am
Cost: Adult $10 Concession $5

Evening Shows
When: Friday 1st July & Saturday 2nd July
Time: 6pm
Cost: Gallery – No Meal Adult $15 Concession $10
Show & Meal* Adult $25 Concession $20

*Meal served during intermission

If you are wanting to purchase a ticket to the show, get in quick as tickets are selling out fast. Thursday Matinee show is completely sold out. gLeeton tickets are available from the LHS Front Office between 9am and 3pm.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tues 14 June - Seniors Parent/Teacher Night, Library
Tues 28 June – Yr 7-10 Parent/Teacher Night
20th-24th June – Yr 10 Work Experience
Thurs 30th June - Sat 2nd July – gLeeton Performances
Fri 1st July – Last day Term 2
Mon 18th July – Teachers and Staff Return (pupil free day)
Tues 19th July – Students Return