This is the last newsletter for term 2 and this week is a very busy one. NAIDOC week commenced with a flag raising ceremony today. Students are attending the Leeton Shire Council and Leeton and District Aboriginal Land Council ceremony on Wednesday. A number of NAIDOC activities will also be completed during the first week after the holidays.

The school production Leeton High School presents “Don’t Stop Believing” is on this week. Matinees are held on Thursday and Friday, evening shows are on Friday and Saturday. All Leeton High School students will have the opportunity to see the show on Wednesday afternoon during normal sport time. I would like to thank all the staff for the help during the build up to the show. All staff have been involved in some way. Special thanks to Rebecca Lawson and Kellie Goman for their tireless work in development and preparation of “Don’t Stop Believing”.

Students in Years 7 - 10 received their mid year reports on Friday 24 June. Parents and caregivers are reminded that Tuesday 28 June will see parent teacher meetings. These meetings will be in the “Old Building” from 4pm – 7.00pm. Students have received booking sheets so you can book times to meet with staff.

Following on from the cyber bullying initiatives over the last few weeks I would like to pass on the following information to students, parents and caregivers. The Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital economy has launched The Cyber Safety Help Button which provides internet users with easy and immediate online access to cyber safety information and assistance. It provides counselling, reporting and educational resources designed to assist children deal with online risks including cyber bullying, unwanted contact, scams and fraud, and offensive or inappropriate material. This is a free application and can be downloaded at www.dbcde.gov.au/helpbutton. Information about this program has also been posted in various locations around the school.

Greg Horton, Principal

---DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT---

Most newsletters contain an item from me regarding our welfare and discipline policy. All students had the policy explained to them during Term 1. If you would like a copy please collect one from my office or we could post it home.

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-Generals 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 the Application form and return to me. 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. These forms can be collected from myself or the Front Office of the school.

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

Congratulations to the following students on earning awards:

Silver Diploma: Geordi Marks, Kyle Newman (Year 7), Bailey Heath (Year 8).
Gold Diploma: Samantha Pianca, Cooper Mortimer, Tamika Bell, James Chilby, Taylor Hunter-Boyd (Year 7), Joshua Higgins, Khloe Keoller (Year 8), Kristy Wilkinson, Annalise Ramponi, Nimalan Sundaram, Nicholas Ronfeldt, Braden Boots, Sarah Torbuck (Year 9), Alice Reinke, Liam Warburton (Year 10), Lauren Valenta, Tim Eaton, Tyson Jones (Year 11).

Recipients of Executive Awards were: Taylor Hunter-Boyd (Year 7), Khloe Keoller, Sherridan Williams (Year 8), Alice Reinke, Ryan Young, Hannah Marsden, Sheridan Valenta (Year 10), Petra Cranshawe-Player, Harry Smout, Thomas Meline, Jake Single (Year 11), Gavin Alchin, Matthew Troy and Alisha Frost (Year 12).

I hope all students and their families have a happy and safe holiday.

Scott White, Deputy Principal
SCHOOL SPORTS

ZONE CROSS COUNTRY

Friday 3rd June a team of 30 students travelled by bus to Hillston to compete in the Zone Cross Country carnival. All students performed extremely well with 9 students qualifying to compete in the Riverina carnival to be held on Friday 17 June in Albury, these students are Grace Holt, Nadine Hollies, Liam Bowker, Luke Rimmer, Anna Poulson, Lachlan Hurst, John McDonald, Corey Williams and Jonte Schmetzer. Jonte Schmetzer was named 12yrs age champion and Lachlan Hurst was named 16yrs Boys champion on the day. The day ran well and all students were on their best behaviour and did the school proud. Thank you to Mrs Schmetzer for driving the bus on the day.

GIRLS BILL TURNER CUP

On Wednesday 8th June Leeton High School played soccer against Marion College in the second round of the Bill Turner Cup. The girls played an excellent game with Annalise Ramponi, Melinda Broad, Anna Poulson and Brooke Hardie holding back the attack of Marion College with conceding only one goal in the first half. The girls went into the second half full of energy with Stephanie Corney and Samantha Pianca making a few breaks toward goals but unfortunately unable to score. The final score was 2-0 Marion College’s way. Congratulations to all girls who played on the day, you all played an outstanding game.

SOUTH WEST ATHLETICS

Thursday 9th June 52 students and 3 teachers travelled by bus to Griffith to compete in the South West Athletics carnival. The conditions were cold and windy with students seeking warmth in whichever way possible. Students participated in a wide range of events with a number of students qualifying to compete in the Riverina Carnival early next term. Congratulations to all students who participated on the day for both your efforts and your behaviour.

RIVERINA CROSS COUNTRY

Friday 17th June 8 students from Leeton High School travelled to Albury to compete in the Riverina Cross Country Carnival. The students left early Friday morning and arrived at Albury to a wet and hilly track. All students put in their best efforts with Corey Williams coming 2nd and Lachlan Hurst coming 3rd. They will now proceed to state which is to be held at Eastern Creek near sixteen and their ‘L’ plates! The outstanding drivers of the year 9/10s and 7/8s are debating currently. Last week Years 9 & 10 debated against Griffith. The Year 9 team, Nimalan Sundaram, Sally Boardman, Annalise Ramponi and Esther Deeves were winners as the affirmative in the debate ‘that home schooling should be banned’. Unfortunately the Year 10 girls, Alice Reinke, Alice Johnson, April Irvin and Nicola Frost, were defeated against the same team who clearly benefited from the warm-up debate with the Year 9 team. Both teams will oppose each other in the beginning of Term 3.

REWARDS DAY

On Thursday 16th June, students who have received Double Gold awards were taken on a Rewards Day excursion to Wagga Wagga. They spent the day alternating between the Wagga Botanical Gardens and Revarena Go-Karts. We were blessed with wonderful weather, making the day in the gardens, the zoo and ‘lost’ in the bush all the more enjoyable. The public complimented Leeton High on their uniform and their behaviour, which at all times was outstanding. There were many ‘rev heads’ to be discovered amongst the go-karters – and parents should be very worried as their children near sixteen and their ‘L’ plates! The outstanding drivers of the day were Lochlan Cheney and Thay Stoneman, both receiving trophies for their efforts. Revarena were wonderful hosts on the day, cooking a sausage BBQ, cappuccinos for the teachers, and providing the awards for the students, including hats and T-shirts for Melinda Broad.

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

DEBATING

The Senior Debaters - Mitchell Lourigan, Alicia Boardman, Tim Eaton and Vicki Wang, were narrowly defeated in a race to get to the finals of the Riverina Region. Their debating season is over this year, which is a great shame as they are a wonderful team, and adjudicators always compliment them for their cohesion as a group, intelligent debating and entertainment value.

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SCHOOL NEWS

gLeeton High School presents... Don't Stop Believing

After almost a year in the planning stages and 6 months rehearsal, it’s finally time for the community to see just what Leeton High kids can do. Don’t Stop Believing will play to audiences this week starting with a sold out matinee performance on Thursday 30th June and ending with an evening show on Saturday 2nd July at 6pm. In all, the cast will perform 6 shows with two of those being preview performances. Tickets have been selling fast and will no longer be available after 3pm on Wednesday 29th June. There are almost 100 students and plenty of staff involved with this great production so come along and be part of this great show!
and Stephanie Corney, and special rubber tyre awards for Darcy Single and Gabrielle Ramponi.
The day was a great success, and is sure to be repeated again next year, to compliment our end of year Rewards Day (movie and bowling).

**CAREERS EXPO**

On Monday 20\(^{th}\) June 25 Leeton High students from Years 10, 11 and 12 travelled to Griffith to participate in the annual Tertiary Information and Careers Expo. On hand to speak to students were representatives from a wide range of universities and private colleges as well as TAFE and employment and training organisations. Apart from the twelve universities represented there was a wide array of stalls displaying courses such as Beauty Therapy, Business and Hotel Management and flight attendant training. Local, regional and national employers manned stalls in a diverse range of careers in policing, medicine, wine making and the armed forces. Students were very enthusiastic about the range and quality of advisers present and most said that they appreciated the opportunity to ask questions and gain advice direct from “the horse’s mouth”. Several students commented that they had changed or refined their thinking about the courses they would seek to enter through speaking to university student advisers.

**ENGLISH COMPETITION**

The University of New South Wales English Competition will be held in August.

Letters have been sent home over the last week. All money and notes are due back to school on Thursday 30 June.

See Mrs Ormond if you would like a note to participate.

**HOLIDAY RE-IMAGE FOR YEAR 11 LAPTOPS**

As part of our normal procedures we are undertaking an upgrade and stocktake to make sure that the 142 laptops (RED fleet) is in full working order.

The DER-NSW Program will be relying on the school based TSO Karen Bartram to perform a number of checks and updates on each 2009 device in the school. This process will be done in the first week of school holidays.

At the time of the upgrade the following work will be carried out:

- RED 2009 Devices fitted with new front and back panels, updated software will be added.

This upgrade is very important as warranty will be running out soon. Please ensure that your student has saved all work off their laptop and has handed it in by this Friday 1\(^{st}\) July 2011.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Tues 28 June – Yr 7-10 Parent/Teacher Night
- Thurs 30\(^{th}\) June - Sat 2\(^{nd}\) July – gLeeton Performances
- Fri 1\(^{st}\) July – Last day Term 2
- Mon 18\(^{th}\) July – Teachers and Staff Return (pupil free day)
- Tues 19\(^{th}\) July – Students Return
- Fri 5\(^{th}\) August – Riverina Sports Carnival – Albury

**SEWING MACHINES FOR SALE**

Pre-loved Berina sewing machines
From the Textiles Room.

$100 – see the Front Office

**LEETON YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING**

Monday 27 June 2011
4pm-5pm
Leeton Library, Yellow Room
All welcome

**AFL HOLIDAY COMP – LEETON**

St Francis De Sales Regional College
(Yanco Ave, Leeton)

When: Friday 15\(^{th}\) July, 2011
Time: From 9.30am to 3pm
Cost: $50 includes:

* Morning Tea, Lunch& Afternoon Tea
* AFL Pack (including football, hat, stickers, footy cards)
* AFL Skills and games

TO REGISTER CONTACT:
Karen Suckling
(p) 69215000 (e) karen.suckling@aflnswact.com.au

Group bookings for 5 or more are $40 each (GST inc)

‘YOU DON’T NEED TO PLAY AFL TO ATTEND, EVERYONE IS WELCOME’

**Come and Try Rugby**

When: Wednesday 6\(^{th}\) July, 2011
Where: Leeton No 1 Oval
Time: 9am – 2pm
Cost: $30

Registration Form Attached to the back of the newsletter