~PRINCIPAL’S REPORT~

Year 12 students commence their Trial HSC examinations on Tuesday 16 August. We wish all Year 12 well in this very important time. Already, however, a number of students have completed the practical aspects of their actual HSC, including Oral Japanese exams last Saturday, Industrial Technology-Wood major projects handed in today and Dance practical later this week.

The Minister of Education Mr Adrian Piccoli announced last week that from next year the Year 10 credential, the School Certificate, would be axed. At this stage no announcement as to what if anything will replace the School Certificate has been put forward. The school will pass on information as we receive it. For students currently completing Year 10 in 2011 your courses and School Certificate examinations are unchanged. School Certificate examinations commence on 7 November. Students in Years 8 and 9 are currently selecting electives for next year as we are continuing along this process as we would normally do.

During Education Week we presented awards to Maureen Marks who has been a long time supporter of the P&C, sport and dance at Leeton High School. TAS Head Teacher Mik Wisely also received an award in recognition of his leadership, innovation and focus on student engagement. Joeleen Nikoro received recognition for her leadership as President of the Student Representative Council, involvement in creative and performing arts and sporting achievements.

Year 11 students are currently nominating for the positions of prefects for 2012. Nominations close today with elections to follow over the next couple of weeks. Thank you to those students who have nominated for these positions as Leeton High School leaders for 2012. Ten prefects are elected each year and from these our captains and vice captains will come.

A timely reminder to all students in Years 9, 10 and 11 regarding use of DER laptops. Your user charter states that you will bring the device daily and that it needs to be charged ready for use. If you have any concerns or problems with your laptop please bring it to the attention of Mrs Bartram. Students are also reminded that they can see Mrs Bartram at recess and lunchtimes for general enquiries. If you have a class related issue you must obtain a note from your classroom teacher outlining the issue.
of our students achieved personal best results on the day and all demonstrated commendable behaviour and sportsmanship. Congratulations to Shaylah Elwin, Lachlan Hurst, Daniel Keith, Luke Marks, Madeline Warburton, Rhys Wilesmith and the 4x100m girls 15yrs relay team on gaining selection for the Riverina Team at the State Carnival. We wish the students the best of luck at the Carnival, held at Homebush in September. Many thanks to the parents and teachers who assisted the Leeton High School Athletics Team on the day, with transport, support and coaching.

BOYS NETBALL GALA DAY

On Friday 29 July eight boys travelled to Jubilee Oval in Griffith to participate in the South West School Open Boys Netball Gala Day. The boys, Lachlan Hurst, Hayden Southgate, Mitchell Hutchinson, Mathew Grundy, Alex Batchelor, Thomas Meline, Scott Troldahl and Ben Schuette, played 5 games in total and eventually claimed the title of South West Champions. The boys beat Wade High 1 (16-10), Balranald (14 -1), Narrandera (12-7) and Wade 2 (14- 8), before facing Wade 1 in the final defeating them 17-8. Ben Schuette and Hayden Southgate were consistent throughout the day and Thomas Meline was named player of the final. The boys are to be commended not only on their achievement but their sportsmanship throughout the day.

BOYS SQUASH

The LHS Boys Squash team have gained the distinction of qualifying for the Finals of the State Squash Knockout Competition. Rounds 1 and 2 of the competition were played in Coleambally. They won all games convincingly. In Term 2 the boys took the next step in progressing towards the finals by winning the Riverina Knockout Competition in Wagga. The boys, Mathew Dunn, Mitchell Hutchinson, Hayden Reinke and William Evans all defeated their opposition conceding few points to their opponents. At the end of Term 2 they played the Penrith High team with all players winning in three. The final round saw the team take on and punish Port Hacking High’s hitherto undefeated squash team. Once again they emerged triumphant, losing no games and qualifying for the State Finals. The boys are to be congratulated on an excellent season and we wish them well in the State Finals.

SCHOOL NEWS

DOUBLE GOLD JACKET RECIPIENTS

Double Gold Jackets were awarded to three very worthy Year 12 students Amani Choudhury, Matthew Mitchell and Thea Stoneman. Amani, Matthew and Thea are all exemplary representatives of Leeton High School. They have all made the most of their time here and have been involved in many numerous school activities. Amani and Thea have been on this list since 2008, while Matthew has been on the list since he was in Year 8 in 2007.

Amani is Leeton High School Vice-Captain and has been recognised for her leadership skills and school service activities such as peer support and SRC. Amani is a great organiser and is well respected by both staff and students.

Thea is involved in a wide range of cultural activities but her greatest contribution to the school has been in the classroom. She is a bright and industrious student who was awarded the top female academic achiever in 2010.

Matthew is a friendly and enthusiastic young man who approaches all aspects of his schooling in a positive manner. He has been recognised specifically for his contribution to performing arts. Matthew has been involved in all MAD Nights and Leeton Idols and in many other performing events. Congratulations to all three recipients.

KROP 2011

Thursday 4 & Friday 5 August, 39 students travelled to Griffith to participate in KROP 2011. The group consisted of the full cast and band from Leeton High School presents... Don’t Stop Believing. The concerts were held over two days at the Griffith Regional Theatre. They performed 4 shows to over two thousand people over the two days. This year, Leeton High was given the honour of opening the show with “Jump” (from the opening of Don’t Stop Believing) and our students were again applauded for their energy and enthusiasm. Congratulations to all students involved.

DEBATING

Friday 5 August students from Years 7, 8 and 10 participated in the Eisteddfod in the Debating section. Three out of the four teams came away with a victory. The students were coached by Ms Lourigan and Miss McBurney and worked extremely hard during their recess and lunch breaks and at home, preparing their arguments, supported by solid research on all
of their topics. For the Year 10 teams, it was their research and their strong delivery that won their debates, resulting in Leeton High winning the Debating of that section, and Ben Marks being awarded the Speaker of the Day. Congratulations to all of the students involved, and particularly the students who stepped in to debate when the original Year 10 teams found they were also committed to KROP. They were all outstanding.

WORK PLACEMENT

Leeton High School has had a fantastic result in the area of employment with student Kathleen Stuart gaining a work placement at “Two Friends”. Kathleen is an enrolled student in the Multi-categorical Support Unit. The Support Unit assists students with diagnosed disabilities of Autism, Intellectual Disabilities, Physical Disabilities and Mental Health. It assists students in many areas including education, welfare and employment.

Kathleen is currently completing Year 10 and was offered the placement through the assistance of Disability Employment Consultant– Mrs Maureen Sheldrick (E-works) and the Support Unit teacher Mrs Ilona Marshall. The program runs for a total of 13 weeks; each week consisting of 8 hours paid work. Kathleen works on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday mornings; with the Support Unit offering a flexible program of study so she can complete the required number of hours.

LHS FEST

Look out kids LHS FEST is coming, Wednesday 31st August. Start saving now so you can have a great day out. Wrist Bands still only $25.00. Unlimited rides all day. Dodgem cars will be back again with the other feature ride yet to be announced. After last year’s success, Hoop-La will be back again better than ever. FOOD, FOOD, FOOD - our BBQ will be operating all day with hamburgers, kebabs and the old favourite sausage sanga, a new and improved lolly stall and of course our drink van. Don’t forget the SRC and Teacher organised events for a bit of fun too. Then in the arvo get ready for Leeton Idol. Always popular and a great way to showcase all the talent we have here at Leeton High. So kids, start saving and planning your act to ensure LHS FEST and Leeton Idol will be a great day.

Are you new to Leeton High and want to know more? Each year Leeton High P&C organise a fun day called LHS FEST. Previously this day has proven to be our biggest fundraiser. P&C arrange for Amusement Rides and kids pay $25 for a wrist band for unlimited rides or can choose to pay $6 per ride. They get to wear casual clothes and have a fun morning. The SRC and each faculty also have their own unique event for a minimal fee. P&C operate a BBQ, lolly stall and drink van. The idea of LHS FEST is to let our children have a fun day out while trying to keep all costs minimal. Just after lunch the children then “ROCK ON” to Leeton Idol held in the MPC. Gold coin entry fee is all that is required for an afternoon of quality entertainment.

P&C require volunteers to make this day a success. So if you have time to spare between 9am-1pm on Wednesday the 31st August phone Sharon Elwin on 0427 532966 or leave your name and phone number at the school’s front office. We’d love to hear from you. Donations of prizes suitable for the Hoop-La, cartons of soft drink, juice or bottled water for the drink van would also be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off to the canteen between 8.30am-2pm weekdays or phone Sharon to organise a suitable time.

SHOPPING DOCKETS

Parents and friends are reminded to collect both Golden Apple dockets and Woolworth’s dockets and return them to the boxes in the front office. Both organisations are currently running competitions where schools are able to gain prizes and/or funds. Your help is greatly appreciated.

P&C NEWS

We need some helpers to make 12 decorated muffins each. Easy designs and instructions supplied. Please contact Sharon Elwin on 0427 532966 or leave your name and contact details with the front office staff by Friday 19th August.

DATES TO REMEMBER

16th – 26th August – Year 12 Trial HSC Commences
Tuesday 23rd August – P&C Meeting – 7.30pm Library
Wed 31st August – LHS FEST & Leeton Idol
8th, 9th & 10th Sept – State Carnival - Athletics

SEWING MACHINES FOR SALE

Pre-loved Bernina sewing machines from the Textiles Room.

$100 – see the Front Office