Today, 17 October, is the first day for the 2012 Higher School Certificate. Business Studies is the first examination, however, all students will be involved in English on Tuesday 18 October. We wish all students well in these examinations.

Year 10 students have spent last week completing trial School Certificate examinations. This will better prepare them for the actual School Certificate examinations which take place from 7-11 November. This year’s Year 10 students will be the last group to complete these examinations. We have been informed that the School Certificate will no longer run in its current form from next year. A reminder for Year 10 students and parents that students will receive their School Certificate on 9 December at a formal assembly. Students are required to attend as normal until this time.

Year 11 students who have not been meeting Board of Studies requirements will be informed in writing of “N” determinations this week. If any student receives such a determination, they have one week to appeal the decision. All the information regarding “N” determinations is provided with the letter or students and parents can contact me at school.

We are currently planning for 2012. Part of this planning is to develop a school plan for 2012-2014. We are currently looking at the strengths and weaknesses of our school. If you would like to participate in this process I have attached a short survey which you could complete and return to the front office. The key part of the plan to date is to develop priorities for the next 3 years and your feedback will help in this process.

Leeton Shire Library has signed up to a program called Your Tutor. Your Tutor is an online program that gives students direct access to a tutor who will provide assistance with homework and study. Your Tutor is available to any person who is a member of the library. (This is free!). This sounds like a great support for students. Further information is available later in the newsletter.

Congratulations to Madeline Warburton and Rhys Wilesmith who represented Leeton High School and Riverina at the NSW All Schools Athletics last week. Madeline - 6th in Javelin(29.21m), Rhys - 2nd in Shot Put (14.49m) and 5th in Discus (42.56m).

This week will see a number of students from the Year 11 Work Studies class involved in a construction project at the Fivebough Wetlands. This is part of the partnership developed with many organisations within Leeton. The Australian Brick and Block Training Foundation are providing materials and expertise to train the students while the construction takes place.

Greg Horton, Principal

I hope all students and their families had a safe and relaxing break.

Exams for Years 7 to 9 are fast approaching and hopefully students are organising themselves in preparation for them. All students need to be aware that if they are seen to be using a mobile phone during an exam they will be awarded zero for that exam.

A gentle reminder that all phones are to be turned off during class time. Phones that are confiscated because of misuse are generally returned at the end of the day.

Several reward days are planned for this term and students will be informed of these in due course. The following students are to be congratulated on earning awards:

**Silver:** Samantha Sanderson-Brown, Reece Davy, Alex Stuart (Year 7), Hayley Smith, Bradley Ferrari (Year 8), Jaimee Williams (Year 9).

**Gold:** Brooke Hardie, Jonte Schmetzer, Bryce Butler, Samantha Pianca, Coen Lourigan, Morgan Wilesmith (Year 7), Tom Stanworth (Year 8), Dylan Schuette, Annalise Ramponi (Year 9), Stephanie Gale, Amelia Cheney (Year 10), Ami Nishigaki, Petra Cranshure-Player (Year 11).

**Executive Awards:** Mackenzie Saddler, Jaslyn Heffer, Shaun Muller, Bryce Butler, Taylor Goulding, Tyler Giddings, Jonte Schmetzer (Year 7), Bradley Ferrari, Jenna McCallum, Luke Rimmer, Brianna Celi (Year 8), Annalise Ramponi, Byron Black, Melinda Broad, Benjamin Keith, Sarah Torbuck, Layne Eade (Year 9), Alexander Stewart, Jennifer Alchin, Scott Trolldahl, Catherine Pitt (Year 10), Brooke Alchin, Corey Ridge, Keira McCallum, Tamika Clarence, Vicki Hester (Year 11), Shannon Heness, Kayla Miller, Ellenn Gavel and James Smout (Year 12).

Scott White, Deputy Principal
SCHOOL NEWS

UNSW ENGLISH COMP

The UNSW English Competition was run in August of this year with 38 participants from Years 7-12. While results were very good across the board, it was the Years 9, 11 and 12 groups who did exceptionally well achieving a group average well above the NSW and ACT level. Congratulations to Tamika Bell, Zac Hanlon and Samantha Pianca of Year 7, Jenna McCallum and Luke Rimmer of Year 8, Byron Black, Sally Boardman, Annalise Ramponi and Nimalan Sundaram of year 9, Wes Henderson and Daniel Keith of Year 12 for all achieving credit status or higher. Thea Stoneman deserves a special mention for her outstanding achievement of a High Distinction. Her mark was 57/60, allowing her to finish in the top 1% of NSW and ACT. These students will receive their certificates and record of achievement at next week’s assembly. A special mention also goes to the participants of the competition who will receive an additional Big Blue for their efforts:
Year 8: Makayla Boots, Emma Gale, Joshua Higgins, Lucas Meline.
Year 9: Esther Deeves, Bianca Green, Ben Hardie.
Year 10: Stephanie Gale, Anthony Nardi, James Hayward.
Year 11: Petra Cranshure-Player, Alicia Boardman
Year 12: Jarrod White, Jacinda Broad, Amani Choudhury, Jacqui Marks, Rebecca Norvall, Anthony Rendina, Megan Troldahl.

WELFARE DAY

All boys and girls from Years 7 and 8 will be facilitated through a welfare day on Tuesday the 18th of October created to support students in dealing with issues at school and away from school as well as help them make better choices when it comes to behaviour and decision making. Students will work in groups and attend a number of focus sessions throughout the day. The day will finish at the Leeton Soldiers Club with a motivation speaker to energise the students into action on a pathway to positive outcomes.

Event coordinators, Ilona Marshall and Mik Wisely

JERSEY DAY – ROYAL FLYING DOCTORS

As some of us are aware Mr David Lees, Principal of Leeton Public School is currently assisting a gentleman in ‘Cycle Around Australia’. A concept linked with the Royal Flying Doctors and an attempt to set a world record for continuous cycling. To support the Royal Flying Doctors and Mr Lees the Leeton Community of Public Schools have all joined forces and will run a Jersey Day on the same date Friday the 21st of October for all the public schools in the Leeton area. Students are asked to wear full school uniform and over the top a jersey of any type, preferably cycling but any type will do, AFL, NRL, Cricket etc. Students will need to bring a gold coin to donate and wear their Jersey with pride in recognising the excellent work the Royal Flying Doctors do for Rural and remote NSW.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 17th Oct – Year 10 Exams continue
Mon 17th Oct – HSC exams begin
Fri 21st Oct – Jersey Day (Gold coin donation)
7th Nov – 18th Nov – Junior Exams
Tues 25th Oct – P&C meeting 7.30am, Library

LEETON JUNIOR CRICKET REGISTRATION

Saturday 22nd October, Jarrah Mall, 9am-12pm
Cost - $60 per child, $40 per extra child
Rego forms available from Lanham’s Jewellers
Comp starts 12th November 2011 to 3rd March 2012

YOUR TUTOR

How to access Your Tutor:-
Google “Leeton Library”
Go to homework and study help
Click on the YourTutor icon
They will then need to use their Leeton Library card number to log in
They then state the year they are in and what subject they want assistance in
They will then be connected to a tutor
The tutor and student communicate via a chat function, a shared whiteboard, file sharing and web sharing
This is available from any computer connected to the internet
Available from: Monday to Friday 4-8pm