Thank you to the parents, students and staff who have provided feedback to the school regarding the school planning process. All the information has been collated and staff have commenced the next step which is to develop priorities and intended outcomes for the next 3 years. A draft plan will be developed and taken to the P&C, Student Representative Council and staff for comment and modification before the end of term.

School teaching staff will be involved in a stop work meeting on Wednesday 2 November commencing at 9.00am. Leeton High School will be non operational until 11.00am on this day. School will commence at 11.00 with DEAR then the normal school timetable will continue for the remainder of the day. Students were provided with a note outlining the plans for this day today.

Year 10 students will be participating in School Certificate examinations next week.

Monday 7 November  
9.20am – 11.30am  English  
12.50pm – 3.00pm  Science

Tuesday 8 November 
9.25am – 11.30am  Mathematics  
12.50pm – 3.00pm  History/Geography

Additionally all students will sit a Computer Skills test online on Wednesday 9 or Thursday 10 November. I remind students again that these examinations are state-wide examinations and are run by the Board of Studies, these dates and times are not able to be changed.

Year 11 students received their end of year reports last Friday. They have now commenced Year 12 studies. I urge parents to discuss these reports with their child and to look at areas for improvement heading into their Year 12 studies. Additionally, some students are looking to drop subjects this must also be discussed with parents and staff. The key is not to be disadvantaged by dropping subjects.

Congratulations and thank you to the many students who volunteered their time last Friday afternoon to help at the Parkview Public School Fete. The organisers were most appreciative of the assistance.

Rhys Wilesmith (Year 9) has been selected in the NSW All Schools Athletics team to compete in the National All Schools Carnival to be held in Brisbane later this term. Rhys was selected following excellent performances in the NSW All Schools Carnival held in Sydney 3 weeks ago. Rhys will compete in the 14 Years Shot Put.

Greg Horton, Principal

As mentioned in the previous newsletters, plans are underway for Rewards Days. Mrs Schmetzer has organised a trip to Sydney for Double Gold eligible students. The students will attend the Schools Spectacular in Sydney at the end of Week 7.

Mrs Ormond has also been busy organising the Silver/Gold Day on December 5. It will comprise of a movie at the Roxy followed by a barbeque and swim at Lake Talbot. Students are encouraged to become eligible by submitting their Merit Certificates. Following are the requirements for achieving each level:

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 award winners:

Gold Diploma: Kyle McVittie, Michaela Jones Grieve (Year 7), Mia Franic, Corey Graham, Bailey Heath (Year 8), Rhys Wilesmith, Esther Deeves (Year 9), Martin Stevens (Year 10) and Daniel Furness (Year 11).

Executive Awards: Bailey Wallace, Samantha Pianca, Brooke Hardie, Adam Mitchell, Tahnee Thurgate (Year 7), Wyatt Morriss, Rachel Stewart, Zoe Phillips, RJ Cranshure-Player (Year 8), Tereapii Nikoro (Year 9), Jessica Newman (Year 10), Daniel Furness, Tyson Jones, Sharon McDougal and John Schmetzer (Year 11).

Scott White, Deputy Principal
SCHOOL NEWS

FIVEBOUGH WETLANDS PROJECT

During Week 2 (17th October – 21st October) Year 12 Work Studies class have been involved in the construction of an entry feature wall to Fivebough Wetlands under the guidance of Mr Nick Sturgess of the Australian Brick and Block Training Foundation and teacher Mr Dave Killen. The ABBTF has supplied the trainer, sand, cement and bricks for the project. At the completion of the project the participants will receive a Statement of Attendance in Basic Bricklaying. The Leeton High School Work Studies class is working in conjunction with Get Set Partnership Group, TAFE, Leeton Shire Council, and the NSW Dept of Lands. Leeton High School would like to acknowledge help from Peter Barraclough Engineering, Area Pre Mix, Leeton Hire and the lovely ladies at the LHS canteen for feeding the hungry workers. The students have enjoyed their week of construction and have said the best part has been learning new skills.

ANTI-BULLYING COMMITTEE

Leeton High School has formed an Anti-Bullying committee to address the needs of students in our school who feel they are victims of bullying. While it is the responsibility of all staff to be vigilant with any inappropriate behaviour in the classroom, the committee aims to increase the awareness of staff, students and parents regarding the NSW Department of Education’s policy on bullying. With increased concerns regarding cyber bullying, it is particularly relevant now. The committee will regularly offer information to parents about dealing with bullying. This will be done either through the newsletters or with information evenings in the future. There are also many things happening in the school with students. These include regular welfare days, a program to be run through DEAR early next year and continued visits from special guests and the police.

What can Parents do?

- Watch for signs of distress in your child.
- Support your child by:
  - Believing them
  - Sympathising with them
  - Telling them that you are pleased they told you
- Listen to your child and investigate carefully to avoid jumping to conclusions.
- Advise your child to report the bullying to a staff member.
- Allow your child to report and deal with the problem.
- Closely monitor your child’s use of the internet, especially on social media sites and report any misuse of these sites. If you are unsure of how to do this, contact the school.

CAREERS SERVICE

Leeton High School subscribes to a careers service which allows students and parents to be kept up to date with Careers News and Events.

To access this information go to the website www.mhscareers.com, click on NSW & AC and then login with: student or parent and the password: health

Students and parents are able to use the email alert service at this website. Go to the “Contact Us” page on the site and use the “E-mail Form” to register your email address.

Under HOME on mhscareers.com you will find a page “How to use this website”. On the website, have a look at the News Pages and Events Calendar and browse through the many other useful careers pages.

P&C NEWS

Organisations representing parents, teachers and principals have called for a National Day of Action on Tuesday 15 November. On this day they are encouraging the public education community to send a message to the head of the review into schools funding, Mr David Gonski. They ask that the message be about the benefits of greater investment in public schools.

That message can be sent via the website www.forourfuture.org.au.

A copy of this message will be sent to the Minister for School Education, Peter Garrett, and your local member.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 31st Oct – HSC exams continue
7th Nov – 18th Nov – Junior Exams
7th & 8th Nov – School Certificate Exams
9th or 10th Nov – SC Computer Skills Exam
Tues 25th Oct – P&C meeting 7.30am, Library

TAFE NSW – RIVERINA INSTITUTE

ENROLLED NURSING – STUDY NURSING

Mandatory Information Session and Numeracy and Literacy exam will be held on 25 October 2011, from 5pm. Successful candidates will be considered for 2012 intake.

Completion of this course will allow you to enrol with the NSW Nurses and Midwives Board, meet the national competency standards and gain employment in public and private hospitals, among other facilities.

FIND OUT MORE

Compulsory Information Session
Where: 25 October, from 5pm
Where: Griffith Campus, M Block
(Griffith Campus, Neville Place)
Call: Lisa Heffernan on 02 69620471
www.rit.tafensw.edu.au