~~PRINCIPAL'S REPORT~~

Congratulations to the 26 Leeton High School students who performed in the Schools Spectacular at the Sydney Entertainment Centre last week. Five performances over 3 days in front of an audience of around 10,000 each show is very impressive. Thank you to the staff, Kellie Goman, Rebecca Van Den Heuve l, and Stuart Stout, who volunteered to take the students to Sydney.

Last week’s formal assembly provided us with the opportunity to induct Lachlan Hurst into his 2012 school leadership role as Leeton High School Vice Captain. Lachlan has had sporting, traineeship and TAFE commitments during much of this term. He now joins our other leaders who were inducted earlier in the term.

Year 10 students are involved in Peer Support training Monday 28 November and Tuesday 29 November. This training will be used this week and during 2012 to help Year 7 2012 students to settle into Leeton High School. The Year 10 students will be helping with our annual Year 6 Orientation Day which takes place on Wednesday 30 November.

Year 6 students from all partner primary schools will attend our final orientation activity for the year this week. The orientation day will involve a variety of activities at school in the morning. This will be followed by a lunch and swim at the Murrumbidgee Rural Studies Centre in the afternoon. Parents and caregivers are also invited to an information evening at the school on Wednesday from 6-7pm.

In March 2012 we will be asking all families to complete a Priority Schools Program survey. The Priority Schools Program is one which provides additional resources for schools to enhance programs in literacy, numeracy and participation programs for students. Priority Schools funding is based on results of the survey and is given to schools serving lower socio economic families. It is vital that we are able to get all families to complete the survey so that we can give our students the opportunity to be part of the Priority Schools Program. More information to follow in upcoming newsletters.

Greg Horton, Principal

~~DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT~~

Victoria Brown is fundraising for charity – ‘Head Shave for Cancer’. One of her projects is a lolly guessing competition – 3 guesses for $1. Students are encouraged to try and support this worthy cause.

Last week selected students on the Double Gold Eligibility list travelled to Sydney to watch Schools Spectacular plus attend other interesting activities. A great time was had by all. This excursion is part of the schools rewards program and as expected all students were worthy ambassadors of our school.

A gentle reminder that energy drinks are still banned from our school.

Students who have reached Gold level have had their name placed in a weekly draw for a $10 canteen voucher. 37 students have been lucky recipients this year.

Congratulations to the following award winners.

Silver Diploma – Hannah Keith and Tahnee Thurgate of (Year 7).


Executive Awards – Crystal Newman, Caitlan Troy, Logan Cowling-Jones (Year 7), Calais Taitapaniu-Collins (Year 8), Jade Chilby, Anna Poulosen, Lachlan Eldridge (Year 9), Victoria Brown, Dylan Ingram, Jasmin Kenmir (Year 10), and Tegan Damoiseaux (Year 11).

Scott White, Deputy Principal
SCHOOL NEWS

A BUSY TIME FOR YEAR 10 STUDENTS

Year 10 are currently engaged in many valuable activities until their Presentation Assembly on Friday 9th December. Since the completion of the School Certificate, the Year 10 students have been completing the compulsory program All My Own Work, in readiness for their senior studies. Over 40 students participated in a two day course on Monday 21 & Tuesday 22 November to receive their First Aid Certificates and on Wednesday 23 November, students embarked on a ‘Local Industry’ visit around the local area to extend their knowledge of vocational opportunities available.

Year 10 will be doing Peer Support training today and Tuesday 29 November in preparation for Year 6 Orientation activities on Wednesday 30 November. On Tuesday 29 November, along with Year 11, they will also be participating in a presentation known as ‘Lemon Car’ which assists students to recognise faults in motor vehicles, designed as a fun and interactive way to promote driver safety and spare young people from losing money on purchasing a ‘lemon’ as their first car.

Year 10 are encouraged to continue attending school to gain the benefits of all of these programs, and be eligible to attend the upcoming Rewards Day on 5 December.

LHS JAPAN 2011 SET TO TAKE OFF AGAIN

Japan 2011 departure date of the 5th December is drawing very close. A small group will be travelling this year. We will be visiting the usual places of Kyoto, Nara, home stay in Osaka for 8 days, Hiroshima and Tokyo. We are also going to take a day trip to Yokohama as well. We were planning a trip North to the snow fields however, after the devastating events earlier in the year, we decided to stay south.

This is Leeton High Schools 6th Biannual trip to Japan and it is a long standing Sister School Exchange program. It is a fantastic opportunity for students to experience firsthand, life in another country and a culture so different from their own. The students have such a unique experience and this program facilitates “experiences all aspects of Japanese life, that we can’t do here in Australia” as stated by Tim Smith – a current Year 9 student studying Japanese.

This program and its longevity can be attributed to the support and encouragement of parents and the wider Leeton community who always support our fundraising efforts, something that will start again in the New Year for Japan 2013. If you have bought a chocolate or enjoyed a plate of our famous Japanese BBQ noodles, thank you. Thank you for supporting our Language Immersion Program and for helping to give our Public School students such a life changing opportunity.

We will return December 22 with lots of stories and a lifelong memory.

PROUD AND DEADLY AWARDS

Leeton High School once again hosted the “Proud & Deadly Awards” on the 23 November celebrating and recognising excellence and achievements of Leeton Aboriginal Students from Kindergarten to Year 12 in public education. The awards are in partnership between Aboriginal Education, Riverina Region, Leeton Aboriginal Education Consultative Group and Department of Education and Communities.

Thank you to Leeton Shire Mayor Paul Maytom, Deputy Mayor George Weston and special guest Mrs Amie Fezekas.

Leeton AECG committee: Mrs D Morgan, Mr Michael Craig, Mr Johnson, Ms Liz Morgan, Mrs A Ingram, William Ingram Senior & Jnr.

Conratulation to all recipients, and thank you to the one hundred plus people who attended.

A special thank you to - Mrs Schmetzer, Mrs Welsh, Ms Wang and students who volunteered their services to present us with delicious finger food after the conclusion of the awards which added for a successful evening.

LAPTOPS

Year 9, 10 and 11 students are reminded that all DER laptops will need to be handed into the school by 7 December. This will allow maintenance on all laptops and programs to be updated over the Christmas school holidays ready for the new school year.

P&C NEWS

GOLDEN APPLE DOCKETS

The Golden Apple docket promotion has been running again all year. Please drop off all your dockets to the Front Office to support this great fundraiser. The final date for collection is this Friday 2 December as dockets need to be collated and presented to the Golden Apple next week.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed 30th Nov – Yr 6 Orientation Day
Wed 30th Nov – Yr 6 Parent Information Evening, Library
Mon 5th Dec – Rewards Day – Roxy & Swimming
Mon 5th Dec – Students leave for Japan
Thur 8th Dec – Presentation Night
Fri 9th Dec – Year 10 Presentation Assembly
Wed 14th Dec – MADD Night
Fri 16th Dec – Last Day for Students
Fri 27th Jan 2012 – Pupil Free Day, Staff return
Mon 30th Jan 2012 – Years 7, 11 and 12 return
Tues 31st Jan 2012 – Years 8, 9 and 10 return