Welcome back to 2011 school year. Today is the first day for all students to return. Year 7, 11 and 12 commenced yesterday with no problems.

We welcome several new staff this year. Ms Simone Crossley joins the Science staff replacing Miss Gavin. Ms Jamie Northey replacing Miss Packer in the History staff, Mrs Su McGilvray is the new Art teacher replacing Miss Trott. Mrs Sarah Turner is returning from maternity leave and will share her PDHPE position with Mrs Brooke Gilmour. Mr Eric Hudson is relieving in the Science faculty for Miss Kristy Williams.

In addition, Mr Brendan Sims has volunteered to relieve in the teaching of Japanese until August while Shirlee Rowland is on maternity leave. We are very fortunate to have the services of Brendan who has taught in Japan for 4 years and last year gained a scholarship to extend his teaching to the teaching of Japanese. While Brendan is filling this role Miss Amanda Bell will be working in the PDHPE area. Welcome to Japanese assistant teacher Sayaka Tachino who will be working with all Japanese classes assisting with both language and culture throughout term 1.

All members of the school community would be well aware of the devastating damage caused by floods during the holidays. Leeton High School will identify a school that has been affected directly by the floods and raise funds to support them.

Year 11 and 12 students will be participating in iStudy in 2011. iStudy allows the senior students to have time to complete assessment tasks and homework at school during their “study periods” and during Wednesday afternoon. All senior students will be participating in this program. No senior student will be allowed home or down the street during school time.

A reminder, no supervision is provided to students before 8.30 each school day. Once a student arrives at school they are expected to move straight to their allotted Year area. Should any issues arise after 8.30am students should report to the teacher on duty or to the administration office straight away.

We reviewed the school Welfare Policy last year. As part of the policy a students Rights and Responsibilities document has been developed by all the school community and is posted in every classroom. A copy of those Rights and Responsibilities is attached to this newsletter.

Greg Horton, Principal

Welcome back to all returning students. I hope you and your families had a happy and safe holiday. Welcome to all of our new students, I hope Leeton High is a positive experience for you.

The usual housekeeping matters still apply for this year. If students are late to school, are out of uniform or need a leave pass then a note needs to be brought to me before 9am. Students leaving the school grounds are to be collected by a parent or guardian from the front office.

Applications for “Home for Lunch” passes are available from myself or the front office. They are to be returned to me. Lunch passes will not be issued for students to go up the main street to buy their lunch.

Let’s hope 2011 is a great year with plenty of quality learning and extra curricular activities. It is up to all students to make the most of the opportunities presented to them at Leeton High.

Scott White, Deputy Principal

Swimming Carnival

The Leeton High School annual swimming carnival will be held on Wednesday 9 February at the Leeton Pool. All students are expected to be involved on the day.

Any parents who would be prepared to help on the day, please contact Miss Kellie Dawes at school, phone number 69532122.

A reminder to students that swimming notes must be returned to Miss Dawes by Wednesday at 9.00am. Remember all students must have notes and be assessed before they can participate in any school swimming activity.
Year 9 Laptops

Year 9 students will receive laptops for use at school again this year. These laptops will soon be available for distribution. A Parent and Student Information Evening will be held on Tuesday 15 February. A note will be sent out prior to the meeting with a time and location.

This meeting is essential as it will outline parent and student responsibilities for laptop use. Both the student and their parents will be required to sign a Laptop User Charter on the evening. We are not able to distribute the laptops until the user charter is signed.

Canteen News

Welcome everyone to the start of the 2011 school year.

Attached is our current canteen menu and prices.

The Canteen opens each morning at 8.30am for lunch orders and drink purchases only. Lunch orders can also be made at Recess.

Also available at Recess are Salad Rolls, Wraps, Fruit & Fruit Salad, Muffins, Banana Bread, Finger Buns, various Hot Food, Drinks and Slushies.

At Lunch we have all of the above available but the selection of hot and cold foods is limited. If your child prefers a specific item it is best for them to place a Lunch order so they will not miss out.

On Mondays Bacon and Egg Rolls are made for Recess and Lunch and on Thursdays and Friday Penne Bolognaise is made for Recess and Lunch. These items and all other items (excluding some fruit depending on the season) on the menu are available to order everyday.

When fresh fruit is available we have a variety of selections sold whole or in cups/tubs for purchase at Recess and Lunch.

In the 2nd half of Lunch Ice Creams are available for purchase. They are:-

- Zooper Dooper $0.60
- Icy Pole $1.20
- Frozen Yoghurt $2.00
- Icy Cups $1.00
- Billabong $1.50
- Maxibon $3.80

Each week there is a lunch order competition. Every time a student places a lunch order their name is put into the draw to win one of two $5.00 Canteen Vouchers. The draw is announced on Monday and vouchers are to be picked up at the Canteen.

Donations of any fresh produce, for example, watermelons, rockmelons, oranges, zucchini, eggs etc would be greatly appreciated. These can be dropped off to the Canteen between 8-30am and 2-30pm or give us a call on 69 532841 and we can arrange a suitable time.

Should you have any questions feel free to give us a ring or call in and see us at the Canteen.

Megan Day, Sharon Elwin and Gwen Spadaro

Whitton Skate Park is holding a night of family entertainment by
Picking Up Bones Featuring “Lollipop Barlow”
Saturday 19 February 2011 Commencing at 6.30pm

Dates to Remember

Wednesday 9th February – Swimming Carnival

Rights and Responsibilities

The following rights and responsibilities have been developed by the students of Leeton High School. Rights and responsibilities are reviewed every second year.

Rights

- I have the right to learn in this school
- I have the right to feel safe in school and on the way to and from school
- I have the right to be happy and treated with compassion in this school
- I have the right to expect my property to be safe at school
- I have the right to be treated fairly, equally and with dignity in this school
- I have the right to hear and be heard in this school
- I have the right to learn and practise self-control in this school
- I have the right to the peaceful resolution of conflict

Responsibilities

- I have the responsibility to do my best at all times and allow others to learn
- I have the responsibility to make the school safe and free from bullying, including cyber bullying
- I have the responsibility to treat others with courtesy and respect
- I have the responsibility to respect the property of others
- I have the responsibility to treat others as equals, with tolerance and dignity
- I have the responsibility to express my ideas and opinions in an appropriate manner
- I have the responsibility to learn and practise self-control in this school
- I have the responsibility to learn to resolve conflict peacefully