Thank you to all the parents and caregivers who attended the “Community Evening” held on the 17th February at school. This is the first time we have tried this event and the feedback from both parents and staff has been excellent. Student performances and samples of work were provided. Staff were on hand to talk informally to parents and caregivers over a BBQ. Thanks go to Head Teacher Mik Wisely for co-ordinating this great initiative.

Congratulations to the 45 swimmers who participated in the South West swimming carnival held in Narrandera last Friday 25 February. Leeton High School had excellent results (see details later in the newsletter) and really positive reports from staff and parents.

Year 9 students received laptops last week. The laptops are provided through the Digital Education Revolution funds. Students have been very enthusiastic about the use of the devices. Students and parents are reminded that the laptops must be looked after correctly. Year 9 students are expected to bring the devices each day charged and ready for use. Thank you to our Technical Support Officer Mrs Karen Bartram who has prepared and distributed the laptops so efficiently.

Year 11 students attended the excellent Rotary Young Driver Awareness workshops at Murrumbidgee Rural Studies Centre last week. This program is outstanding (see report later in the newsletter) and continues to provide valuable practical advice for students starting out on their driving. Thanks again to Rotary for their continued sponsorship of this event.

Parents and students are reminded that all students travelling on school buses are bound by a Department of Transport Code of Conduct. Should behaviour on the bus not meet that Code students may find that they are unable to travel on the school bus.

It was great to see a number of new faces at the first P&C meeting for the year on 22nd February. Parents and caregivers are reminded that the next meeting is the AGM and will be held on 22nd March. All welcome! P&C will be holding a Working Bee at school on Sunday 13 March from 8.00-12.00. All helpers are welcome. Please contact the school prior to the day so that we can organise jobs and catering.

Greg Horton, Principal

Students were guided through the revised “Student Welfare and Discipline Policy” during week 4 in DEAR. All students have a copy of the policy and parents are invited to discuss any aspect of it with myself.

Each newsletter I will endeavour to explain or reinforce some aspect of the policy. For example, verbal abuse of staff or misbehaviour in the “Isolation Room” will result in immediate suspension. Our school aims to have all students behave in a respectful and responsible manner.

A gentle reminder that deodorant spray cans are prohibited from being used in our school. There are two reasons behind this. Firstly, some irresponsible students have performed dangerous acts with them in the past. Secondly, and more importantly, we have a large number of students who suffer from asthma and spray deodorant can bring on an attack. We encourage students to use roll-on varieties for all our sakes!

Congratulations to Tammy Clough of Year 8 who has earned a Silver Diploma. Now that students are more aware of our Merit System it is hoped more Diplomas will be awarded.

Executive Awards were received by: Douglas Phillip (Year 7), Mia Franic (Year 8), Stephanie Corney (Year 10), Mathew Dunn and Jarrod White (Year 12).

Scott White, Deputy Principal

SOUTH WEST SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Friday 25th February 2011 45 students from Leeton High travelled to Lake Talbot in Narrandera to compete in the South West Schools Swimming Carnival. Leeton had a strong team and produced a number of great results. Around 30 students have now qualified to represent South West Zone at the Riverina Carnival to be held in Leeton on Monday 7th March. Demi Reeves set a new record in the 17+ Girls 200m Freestyle which is an outstanding effort. Benjamin Marks and Thomas Meline both qualified for the Champions of Champions race (fastest 6 swimmers from the South West) and after a tight
finish Ben was just touched out to get 3rd place. Highlights of the carnival include:

**Boys Age Champions**
- 12 yrs R/U: Liam Bowker
- 13 yrs CHAMPION (equal): Bryce Butler
- 13 yrs 3rd: Mackenzie Saddler
- 14 yrs 3rd: Lucas Meline
- 15 yrs CHAMPION: Liam Warburton
- 16 yrs R/U: Benjamin Marks
- 16 yrs 3rd: Thomas Meline

**Girls Age Champions**
- 14 yrs: 3rd: Annalise Ranponi
- 17+ yrs CHAMPION: Demi Reeves

**LHS & FIVEBOUGH WETLANDS PROJECT**

Last week Leeton High School formed a partnership with the Fivebough Wetlands Trust, Leeton TAFE, Leeton Shire Council, DET and GetSet. The object of the partnership was to formulate a project to provide incentive for senior students to remain at school as well as for the enhancement of tourist amenities at Fivebough Wetlands. This exciting project involves Year 11 Work Studies students examining the site, developing a project plan in conjunction with the Wetlands Trust and the Lands Council and constructing a barbecue, further picnic facilities, seating and signs to assist tourists. The construction work will be carried out both at school and at TAFE then erected on site. Students will also develop strategies for advertising the project and promoting the wetlands, and create flyers and brochures, etc. It is proposed that they will gain several workplace certificates including First Aid and OHS White Card through the project.

**“OFF THE BEATEN TRACK” WORKSHOP**

On Friday 25th of February Students in LHS’s Year 10 Elective Drama class, and students with lead roles in LHS’s upcoming musical ‘Gleeton’ were treated to a performance workshop. The “Off the Beaten Track Performances Classes” aim to give students, wherever they live the opportunity to hone their performance skills. It is through these skills that they develop confidence, imagination and social skills.

The workshop included warm-up, games and an extensive 45 minute characterisation improvisation. A great time was had by all.

**GLEETON 2011**

About 50 students have been busy settling into school and balancing auditions for the 2011 LHS musical “GLEeton High School”. The organising teachers are very pleased to announce that all have been accommodated into the musical as the talent and enthusiasm were so impressive. Head roles were given to Alicia Boardman, Mitchell Lourigan, Anthony Nardi, Josh

**RYDA**

Last Wednesday and Thursday Year 11 students of Leeton High went to the Murrumbidgee College to participate in the RYDA program that was run by the Rotary club of Leeton and instigated by members of the Riverina Police force.

At the beginning of the day we were shown the importance of staying within the speed limit and a demonstration of the distance that it takes from the moment you start to break to when you actually stop. Most of us were shocked to see how long it takes to stop a speeding vehicle and our physical response to the sudden halting.

The next workshop involved us listening and talking to a local paramedic about the effects of taking drugs and alcohol before driving.

Our next session was with two police officers about consequences of unsafe driving.

The next workshop was about car insurance and the way you can keep a safe car.

The next and most eye opening session was with two survivors of major car accidents, they spoke about their accidents and the way it has affected their lives. Everyone was happy to see their resilience and how they are overcoming the difficulties they face every day.

The last one was talking about road rules and how to obey them.

Overall it was a very educational day and we learnt a lot. Many kind regards to the Rotary club and Mrs. Newsam. We
all took something away from the sessions and appreciate the effort put in by all involved.

By Lauren and Keira

**RECIPE BOOKS**

Late last year, Food Technology Teacher Naomi Harper gathered favourite recipes from Leeton High students, staff and their families and produced a recipe book. These books are now available for purchase for $10. These can be purchased from the Front Office.

**GOLDEN APPLE DOCKETS**

The Golden Apple docket promotion is running again this year. Please drop off all your dockets to the Front Office to support this great fundraiser.

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

This year school photos will be on Monday 7 March. Pre-paid envelopes will be sent out to students.

Any students needing ID this is a great opportunity to have an ID photo done. There is a box on the envelope that can be ticked to receive an ID photo for a small cost.

**P&C NEWS**

**LEETON HIGH P&C LAPTOP COVER FUNDRAISER**

In conjunction with the roll out of this year’s Year 9 Laptops the P&C Laptop Cover Fundraiser is on again. All Year 9 Students should have now received details of the Fundraiser. Covers are also available for the current Year 10 & 11 Laptops. If you would like to order a cover, forms are available at the front office. Colour pictures of the Covers can be viewed in the Student Notice Boards in the breezeway. Orders and payment are due on Thursday 10th March and the covers should arrive to be handed out by Thursday 17th March. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Karen Bartram at the school or phone Sharon Elwin on 0427 532 966.

**P&C AGM**

Tuesday 22 March will be the P&C’s AGM, 7.30pm LHS Library. All Welcome

**WORKING BEE**

The P&C are holding a working bee on Sunday 13 March 8.00am-12.00 pm (Morning tea and BBQ provided). If you are able to attend for all or part of the time please leave your name at the front office.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Sun 13th March – P&C Working Bee
- Tue 22nd March – P&C AGM

**EMB INSURANCE BROKERS**

EBM have offered student accident insurance that provides protection for your children 24hrs a day, seven days a week, anywhere in the world*. The cover applies whether they are at school or not, and includes almost every sport*. (*some conditions apply)

The annual cost of a StudentCover policy is just $29.00. To apply online simply go to www.studentcover.com.au and click APPLY NOW or ask at the Front Office for a flyer.

**LEETON MULTIPLE BIRTH ASSOCIATION**

Are you one of our unique families?

If so, why not become part of our family and join the Leeton Multiple Birth Association.

Our aim is to provide a means of communication for sharing information before and after the birth of multiple children.

All ages welcome.

Committee meetings and family fun days held on a monthly basis.

Contact our local President Jodie Ward on 0407 875 269 for more information.

**ST JOSEPH’S DEBUTANTE BALL**

Friday 10 June, 2011

An information evening for interested debutantes and a parent will be held on Tuesday 15 March, 2011 at MaDonna Place to discuss arrangements. Names will be taken at this time.

Girls must be in Year 12 or 17 years old by June 30, 2011

Enquiries: Liz Collins – 6953 4589

Or Lynne Pigram – 6953 2420

**LEETON-WHITTON FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB**

**JUNIOR FOOTBALL**

A parent’s information night will be held for all parents of under 15’s, 13’s and 11’s players on Tuesday 1st March at 7pm for the upcoming football season.

The meeting will be held in the Crows Club Rooms at the Showgrounds.

All parents are welcome to attend.

**TRAINING**

Training for all grades commences on Thursday 24th February at 5pm at the Showgrounds.

**STUDENT INJURY INSURANCE**

The Federation of Parents and Citizens’ Associations of NSW has facilitated for 2011 a Student Injury Insurance Policy available through insurance brokers Marsh Pty Limited which will provide coverage and benefits to students in our schools. The coverage is similar to that offered last year at this time. If you are interested the forms can be collected from the LHS front office.