Principal’s Perspective

I would like to recognise the commitment and dedication of the school staff who have been working hard ensuring the students at the Leonora District High School have the best possible opportunity to be their best. The school is still waiting on the Expert Review Group’s report and I have every confidence in staff ability to respond positively to the improvement agenda that will ensue. The report will be tabled at both P&C and School Council forums when published. I am also grateful to those parents, teachers and community members who have responded positively and come along to both the P&C and School Council meetings. Their contributions have already gone a long way to support the improvement agenda.

Staffing

It is with pleasure that I extend a warm welcome to the new Deputy Principal Miss Anna Langley who comes to the school with a wealth of experience. Miss Langley will be providing valuable leadership, support and direction to the school improvement program.

Semester 1 Reporting

Students have been working hard this term and will complete the semester in a few short weeks. Parents and students will receive a comprehensive Semester One report which provides a formal and comprehensive account of student progress for Semester One. In the lead up to Semester One reporting, students should be at school every day and be working hard to ensure that they have completed all the assessments required by their teachers.

Dress Code

The wearing of the Leonora District High School uniform is compulsory and parents are requested to please ensure that students are wearing the school uniform every day, including school jumpers or jackets. Both the School Council and the School P&C have endorsed this policy. This is essential to maintaining school affiliation, ethos and also to ensure that Leonora DHS students can be readily distinguished in the community. More generally, there is consensus among schools, parents, staff and, indeed most students, that uniform has a unifying effect and assists in focusing student attention on the business of learning.

Leave Passes

Leave passes assist the school in monitoring students who are absent from school by distinguishing between authorised and unauthorised absences. All students who wish to leave the school grounds during the normal school day without an authorised person may only do so with a valid school leave pass. The use of the leave pass assists school attendance officers, police and local businesses to verify if a student’s absence from the school is authorised. The school leave pass is primarily to be used for secondary students where they have permission to be away from school and are not being supervised by an authorised person. Primary school students who wish to leave the school will only be released by having an authorised person sign the student out from the Front Office. Parents must clearly state the terms upon which the student leaves the school, including date, times and purpose.

The school leave pass is to be used for students who are absent from the regular school day without the supervision of an authorised person, for example:

- ‘one off’ or single appointments, such as a medical appointment where the parent or guardian/caregiver is not accompanying the student. A pass for this purpose is valid for the date of issue only; and
- repeat appointments that occur on a set day over a period of time, for example, every Wednesday during Term 1 and the parent or guardian/caregiver is not accompanying the student.

Behaviour Management

A new policy and process has been adopted by the school with regards to behaviour management. Parents can be expected to be informed by mail about any behavioural issues, as well as in person and over the phone as needed. The emphasis on the process is relationship building and taking a positive approach towards your child’s interaction with teachers.

Healthy Eating

Students are not permitted to leave the school grounds to purchase lunch. Leave passes will not given for this purpose. The Food Van and the Eagle service station have agreed to not serve LDHS students during the lunch break. A lunch menu is being developed for students to order from.

Breakfast Club

Meedac’s contract expired at the end of May and as such, their breakfast and lunch program has ceased. The school is setting up a breakfast club and assist in the provision of breakfast and lunch for those students in need.

Mr Ian Masarei
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Junior Primary Mothers’ Day Picnic

The students, teachers and parents of our 4 Junior Primary classes celebrated Mothers’ Day by spending a lovely hour together on our school oval. Great fun was had by all as we played with a parachute, bounced on the hoppy balls, ran egg and spoon races and raced each other in sack races. The games were followed by a picnic lunch prepared by the students and teachers. The food was gone in a flash, so next time we may need to do a bit more baking.

Thank you to all our mothers who came along (and our Dad- who stood in for Mum as she was away). It certainly made the day a great success with almost all students having family attend.

Rosemary Reddingius
What a privilege it was to have some sporting heroes visit Leonora District High School in Week 2. Gold medal winning Olympian Reuben Kosegi and up and coming champion Peter Bol came to the school to inspire our students to fall in love with running. Mr Kosegi and Mr Bol ran some short running clinics to teach our students the importance of keeping fit and trying their best. They hoped to inspire many of our young people to participate in the Golden Gift weekend running races.

Our lower school students held their first Junior Primary Assembly in Week 3. These assemblies are designed to help our younger students feel comfortable speaking in front of an audience and gives them a chance to show other classes and parents what they have been learning. These assemblies will run every two weeks, with the next one being held on the 6th of June at 12pm. Classes will take turns leading the assembly, presenting items and showing their work.
It’s that time of the year again! Our Leonora Bike Challenge is fast approaching and training has begun. Our students are training every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon to ensure they’re prepared for the big ride. Students will choose between a 30km, 50km or 70km ride through the rugged Leonora terrain. We would love to see as many parents, caregivers and relatives as we can get down on the oval on the 4th of July to cheer the students on and congratulate them on their success. Good luck to all those participating!

This term all year groups have been participating in athletics training on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons for 20 minutes. The upper and middle school students have been running laps of the school and lower school students have been running laps of the oval. Each lap earns the students tokens for their faction. Students have also been practising their team games such as corner spry and leader ball. This training is to prepare our students for the upcoming Cross Country, which will take place on Friday the 28th of June and the Faction Carnival in Term 4.

In Week 3 we had a bit of fun with some competitive team games and races. The afternoon was run by our high school students who did well to organise and coach the younger children. The Emus were the winners on the day but who knows who will win next time... Thank you to Mr Dutton and Mr Reddingius for organising these training afternoons.

In Week Two our Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students sat the NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy) testing. The information provided to the school, students and parents from the results of this testing program allows for a more planned, directed and targeted teaching program which better addresses individual student’s areas of need.
Our next P&C Meeting will be held at 6:30pm in the staffroom on the 27th of June.

On Friday the 17th of May the P&C held a school disco. We would like to thank, Greg & Maree from the Eagle Roadhouse and John & Julie, from the Leonora Chemist for the sponsorship of food and gifts. Thank you also to the Shire of Leonora for the donation of the Recreation Centre. Many thanks go to all the parents, teachers and P&C members for donating their time and last but not least, a BIG thank you to all the students who came to the disco and had a great time. Your behaviour was FANTASTIC!! The P&C raised $468.78.

The P&C are hoping to hold more discos and movie nights this term. Any help from parents and caregivers is encouraged and we would love you to come to the meetings. By doing so you can have input into the education of your children and decisions that effect the school.

Could all parents that have not returned their child’s student update form, PLEASE return them to the Front Office or to your child’s teacher ASAP. If you did not have to change anything, please return it signed as well. It is important we have the correct details on our system.

If for any reason your child/children will not be at school, whether they are sick or away for other reasons, PLEASE give the school a call on 9037 6143.

If you child has a serious illness, i.e. asthma or allergies, could you please notify the Front Office so that we can change your child’s details on their enrolment forms. This includes any changes to their condition that may occur in the school year. It is very important that our details up to date.

School fees are now due.

Kindy to Year 7- $45
High school- $145

Please call into the Front Office and see Denise Norrie, Registrar.

We want to see ALL students at Leonora District High School in school uniform and with shoes on their feet! The uniform shop is open on Wednesdays from 8:30 – 9:30am. If it is unattended, please see the Front Office.

Faction rash shirts are also now available. The shirts are 100% chlorine resistant and UV protected and can be purchased for $40.

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There are often large quantities of sugar and kilojoules (energy) in soft drinks, cordials, energy drinks, sports drinks and flavoured mineral waters. In actual fact, a 600ml bottle of coke contains 13 teaspoons of sugar! Drinking too many of these sweetened drinks can lead to a variety of health issues such as obesity, tooth decay and weak bones. Ultimately water is the best drink to quench your thirst. The best thing is that water doesn’t come with all the extra sugar and kilojoules that are found in sweetened drinks and fruit juice drinks. So encourage your children to not only take their own water bottle with them to school but to fill it up as often as they like, parents and guardians can also do this at work!

**Thirst Quenching Tips**

- Water is the best thirst quencher. Carry a water bottle everywhere with you!
- Sweetened drinks and drinks high in sugar contain mainly empty kilojoules, in other words energy but no nutrition
- Offer plain low-fat milk instead of cordials and fruit juices
- Dehydration and thirst will affect concentration levels

This information was provided by Healthy Kids: Eat Well, Get Active. For further information please visit [http://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au](http://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au)

School photos are here! Please see your child’s teacher to collect these. Family and high school students photos can be collected from the office.
# Leonora District High School
## Term 2 Planner

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10:40 - 11:00am  
1:00 - 1:30pm  
2:55*pm

Teaching starts  
Recess  
Lunch  
School finishes  
* Early close on Wednesdays - school finishes at 2:35pm
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