The school has adopted a new pastoral care policy which sees the reintroduction of the faction system. All students have now been allocated to a faction and are involved in a variety of activities that contribute to points for their faction. Rewards for the winning faction will be presented at the end of each term.

I am pleased to note that most students are regularly attending school. It is recognised that students who attend school for 90% or more position themselves well to experience success at school. Students who attend for less than 90% place themselves at great risk of failure. Clearly students must attend school regularly if they are to maximise their chances of success at school. Please remember to let the school know if your child is going to be absent from school and provide a written note to the form teacher explaining the absence the day following the absence.

The town’s Goodwill Games Event will be held on May 11 and 12. Students have been working hard on the production of posters for entry to the Goodwill Games poster competition. The winning posters are exemplary pieces of work and can be seen advertising the event around town.

Meanwhile the school appreciates your continued support and involvement in your children’s education.

Ian Masarei
Jason Trevenen from Kaboom Toons joined us again this year. Jason is an incredible cartoonist who has previously worked for Walt Disney Australia and now spends his days conducting workshops for school students in both Perth and Regional WA. All students thoroughly enjoyed the week long cartooning experience. Thank you Jason! It was a pleasure to have you with us.

From the Staff and Students
The Staff and Students at Leonora District High School would like to thank Ms Hill for all her hard work over the last term. We will really miss having her as part of our school. The children will especially miss the time she took to encourage them and listen to their reading. We wish her all the best for the rest of the year at Port Headland Primary School.

Ms Helen Hill

It is with sadness that I inform you of my move to Port Hedland. Starting next term I will be the Deputy at Port Hedland Primary School. I have really enjoyed working at Leonora DHS, especially listening to reading, seeing students work improving and chatting with the students and staff.

As some will know Leonora is a big town for me coming from Coonana, I am not sure how I will go with a school of over 400 students. Like I have told many students you have to have a go or you will never know if you can do something.

I wish everyone the best in education.
Ms Helen Hill

We recently held our annual Easter Hat Parade involving students from Kindergarten through to Year 6. All of the hats created were truly works of art, from the younger students using the Easter Bunny and chocolate eggs as inspiration through to the fashion forward trends of the upcoming Autumn season designed by the older children. Each of the students walked the red carpet proudly displaying their amazing hats as well as receiving a special certificate to say, “Well done!” We ended our day with a much anticipated Easter Egg Hunt. As always, we would like to extend a very big thank you to those mums who assisted in the making of many of the hats on display and to the wonderful families who came along to enjoy our Parade.

Ms Leisa Rothnie
In week 7 we were visited by a team from Constable Care. Our lower school classes watched a puppet show that taught them about the importance of keeping themselves safe and having adults they can trust to talk to in times where they feel threatened or scared. Our older students learnt about the importance of staying safe on the internet and not giving out their personal information to people they didn’t know.

Form B has been discussing bullying this term. The students worked together to create a poster that showed what they thought bullying involved. They learnt that bullying is when someone uses their strength or power to harm or scare another person.

- Mrs Yvonne Collard

This term the Bush Rangers have been showing their commitment to the environment through a series of Rubbish Clean Ups. The first was a clean up of the school where the Bush Rangers supervised the rest of the students. The second clean up was held on Friday the 12th April at Malcolm Dam. Bush Rangers students enjoyed some lunch by the water before spending the afternoon cleaning up the banks of the dam wall. The participation and enthusiasm of the Bush Rangers was magnificent, and it capped the term of nicely after weather disrupted the first excursion of the year. There is plenty more planned for the Bush Rangers next term including helping the Shire by mapping feral cactus and cleaning up the streets before the Golden Gift Weekend.
What a fantastic day we had at the Faction Swimming Carnival in Week 9! Our students were beautifully behaved and swam their hearts out for their faction. Team anthems were passionately chanted and students eagerly encouraged their team mates throughout the day. In the end, the Emus walked away with the victory but they were very closely followed by the Roos. Thank you to all the parents and caregivers who showed up to support their child, to Tim and Rene for organising the day and to the P&C who provided our lunch time sausage sizzle.
On Friday the 5th of April students from Form C and D jumped on the bus and headed to Leinster for the Northern Goldfields Cricket Carnival. The three teams from LDHS competed against five teams from Leinster in round robin competition split between the Leinster Recreation Centre and the Oval. We shared mixed results with a 3rd, 7th and 8th place finish. All students competed well, however the notable stand outs on the day were; Callum Walley, Colby Norrie and Kyeesha Taylor. The next Northern Goldfields Cricket Carnival will be held in Term 4 on the 31st of October where I’m sure students will have as much fun and hopefully improve on their results.

On Thursday the 11th of April, Leonora District High School was represent by students at the 5th Annual Northern Goldfields Interschool Swimming Carnival. This year the event was contested between Leinster and Leonora, with the students from Leonora looking to bring the shield home after Leinster won it in 2012. Many students had been training hard all term and their efforts were rewarded by their selection in the Interschool Team. The day was a fantastic success with students representing the school excellently both in the water and out. The team came away with a swag of medallions, and most importantly, the Interschool Trophy. Champions and Runner Ups from Leonora were as follows; Senior Champion Boy, Jake Douglas. Senior Runner Up, Neville Whitby. Senior Champion Girl, Tessa Whitby. Open Champion Boy, Vaughan Harris. Open Runner Up, Antonio Madariaga. Open Champion Girl, Giana Adams. Open Runner Up, Shania Whitby.
Next term we would love 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 Administration Office.

Kindergarten Shirts - $20
Maroon Shirts - $20
Black High School Shirts - $20
Faction Shirts - $25

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

P & C News

- The BBQ held at the Swimming Carnival raised $234.00.
- A big “thank you” goes to Cally Meynell, Lisa Taylor, Graham French, Tayha Walley and Jen the Pool Manager for all their help.
- Special thanks to Jiggy from Biggs’ Butchers for the donation of sausages.
- Congratulations to all the swimmers and staff that travelled to Leinster on Thursday and won the Interschool Carnival …Go Leonora!
- The P&C will be holding a Disco at the Recreation Centre on Friday 17th May.

Times: Kindy to Year 3 6 – 8pm
Year 4 to High school 8 – 10pm
All children must be collected by a parent or caregiver.

The next P&C Meeting will be on Thursday 16th May at 6.30pm in the Staff Room. All welcome.

School Fees

These fees can now be paid to the front office.
Kindergarten – Year 7 $140
High School - $140

School Council

The next School Council Meeting will be held at 5:30pm in the staff room on Thursday May 16. We’d love to see you there.

Merit Certificates

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Certificates at our last Assembly:

Jet Butson- For having a go at sounding out all his words in his writing
Dakodah Harris- For showing fantastic listening skills during all activities
Stuart Dann- For trying his best with his writing
Tristan George- For creating a magnificent hat for the Easter Hat Parade
Harlen Adams- For fantastic enthusiasm for all our Kindy activities
Kindergarten- For their fabulous hats they created for the Easter Hat Parade
Colby Norrie- For always trying his hardest and displaying patience in class
Myra Matthews- For an overall improved attitude towards school
Bobbie-Lee Brockman- For her excellent participation and an exceptional effort in swimming training and at the Carnival
- For making a real effort to improve her English as well has her behaviour
Nigel Dann- For his willingness to give it all go and his persistent effort during the Carnival
Tyler Nairn- For achieving an excellent result in his Maths Test
Giana Adams- For always putting 100% effort into all she does in English
Jack Honey- For improved concentration and effort
Clara Jones- For taking care in doing her work, especially in her beautiful drawings
Neville Whity- For his attitude and hard work on his healthy breakfast menu
Form A- For their scientific investigation and intrigue into their sail cars
Riley Tayor- For trying really hard on his handwriting
Malachi Waters- For completing his handwriting on time
Storme Smith- For her improvement in all learning areas

Have a safe and happy holiday! We look forward to seeing you back, ready for the start of Term 2, on the 7th of May.