



# Leonora District High School



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## *Principal's Perspective* Adele Dawson

### **Student Reports**

Reporting to parents on student achievement has been a focus for both schools and the media this year. Many opinions have been viewed in the media about outcomes based education and reporting to parents. Some changes have been made over the year to what will be contained in reports to parents at the end of the year. Much time and effort is being spent by staff at the school to ensure that the reports provide the information that parents wish to know about their children. The School Council has met to review the documents and discuss what they would like to see in the report.

This term teachers reported to parents in an open day on Wednesday of the last week where parents visited the classrooms to look at students' work and had the opportunity to speak with the teacher about their child's progress.

### **Newsletters**

Information that is sent home to parents via students does not seem to be reaching home. The school goes to a great deal of effort to ensure parents are informed about school events and news. I would ask that parents regularly check children's bags or ask them for any notes. Information Newsletters are now being sent home each Friday and have been for some weeks this term.

### **You Can Do It Program**

Meg Roch presented this program to staff and parents over her three day visit to Leonora. Its value was acknowledged by both groups and the school has made preparation to implement the program into the school.

### **Sound Field Systems**

To improve students' hearing in class, two new sound field systems have been installed this term. Amplifiers project the teacher's voice through a microphone so students can hear better. Mrs McIllree's class and Mrs Waldock's class both have new systems in their rooms. The daily Breath Blow Cough program also improves the hearing and hence the learning opportunity of students. Thanks go to Community Health worker, Geraldine Hogarth, whose passion is to ensure that all students at Leonora have the best chance to reach their potential at school.

**Special thanks** to Earth Australia Contracting for their generosity to transport the school's ride on mower back from Kalgoorlie free of charge.

**"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless" Mother Teresa**

## *Deputy's Dialogue* Linden Hoyle

The days are warming up, the frost has taken leave and the blood is running through the veins again...this can only mean one thing...its spring!

Third term is always a hive of activity at any school, with Leonora DHS being no exception. Along with the usual WALNA / MSE testing, we've had Pioneer Bush Day, a faction carnival and the newly introduced, "Survivor Leonora". This hike/ camp focuses on personal values, team building skills and group co-operation. Students who took on the challenge demonstrated persistence, determination and courage, to which, personal and group goals were conquered. I must express my thanks to Rene Reddingius for all his efforts in pulling this activity together and to the parents for their involvement, adding yet another inclusive flavour to Leonora DHS.

Due to changes in weather, the interschool faction carnival was postponed. At this point in time it will be rescheduled for term four week two. Many hours of extra work go into these events, essential to the smooth and effective operation on the day. Thankyou to Rene Reddingius, Gyula Szilisan, Ainsley Kemp and all the parents who have donated their time and equipment. My sincere gratitude and appreciation.

Thankyou to the P&C for their fund raising efforts over the term. As well as the two new drinking fountains, we have ourselves some fantastic new faction T-shirts and looking around, many a vest proudly worn. Libby Huel from the P&C would like to extend her thanks for the support during the march for Child Protection Week. Rejuvenate over the holidays. See you next term.

*The P & C wish to thank all the staff at Leonora District High for their hard work and great efforts during term three.*

## **Important dates**

**Term 3 ends Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September.**

**Term 4 starts Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October.**

**Interschool Sports day Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October**

**Congratulations!**

**Values Survey prize was won by Tracey Lucas**

# What's Been Happening



## **Kindergarten/ Pre-Primary** **Miss Duff's Class**

This term the children have been very enthusiastic about the topic of space. Our star gazing night and sleep over was a great success. We have had fun playing in the space station and visiting Mars, Saturn and outer space. We have been continuing with our language groups and the children are improving with their oral language, drawing and writing.

### **What have we learnt about?**

*Erin: "Space and planets when we go outer space"*

*Seth/ Caitlin: "I like cooking with the rice bubbles"*

*Shalee: "I like doing the letter S"*

## **Primary1/2** **Miss Everett's Class**

The Year 1/2 class has put in another great term's work resulting in continued improvement and growing confidence with our reading, writing and number skills. We have also been trying really hard with the School's Values Program by doing role-plays, reading activities and posters on values such as "Care and Compassion" and "Including Others". We finished our term on an exciting note with an excursion to Kalgoorlie where we saw Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and visited the Mining Hall of Fame where we successfully panned for gold. Thankyou to everyone that helped out during the term.

## **Primary2/3** **Mrs Mac's Class**

This term we have been learning all about communities. We have designed and made a map of Leonora for our classroom wall and have included our houses and correct streets. In maths we have focused on number counting patterns, telling the time and reading calendars. We have been concentrating on values this term to help improve relationships between students. Our class decided that the most important thing a friend can do is to show care and compassion for one another. We have also done some role-plays on this topic. Wishing you all the best for a safe and happy holiday.

## **Primary4/5** **Mrs Waldock's Class**

This term we have looked at a space/future theme in class. We made papier mache models of the planets and found out what we would weigh if we were on all the different planets. On some planets we weighed less than 1kg and on others we weighed over 70kg! We have just completed models of miniature space stations and aliens – they look great! We have also looked at some different styles of writing including a poem about ourselves, a procedure teaching people how to do things such as brush their teeth and a report on animals. We are looking forward to a great term 4!

## **Primary6/7** **Miss Sutcliffe's Class**

Term three has propelled the 6/7 class into the wonder of volcanoes as part of science. We've made scale models of some of Italy's finest architecture using our mathematical skills and have plunged into the Italian culture to better understand our world. The year 6/7 will be a force to be reckoned with in term four, until then, safe and happy holidays.

## **High School** **Miss Gregory's Class**

This term we have been looking at different ecosystems around the world. We have focussed mainly on rainforests throughout the term, looking at plant and animal adaptations. We've also looked into the impact people have upon these ecosystems and the future for the earth. I hope all of the students have a nice break and look forward to working with them next term.

## **Primary Music** **Mrs Kylie Glanville**

Wow! What a busy term we have had. The year 4/5 and 6/7's have been researching music artists and have made fantastic power points on the computer. In the year 1/2 and 2/3/4 classrooms, we are about to start making our own instruments – this will be a lot of fun! I cannot wait to hear what our hand-made "orchestra" will sound like in term 4! Happy Holidays!!

## **High School** **Mr Dunning's Class**

Term three has seen some great work from the students. The start of the term saw us making telescopes to use on Survivor Leonora. Later in the term we have been focussed on the chemical processes involved in making paper. Some of the students have even made their own recycled paper. It's been great working with the kids and I look forward to next term!

## **High School** **Mr Reddingius's Class**

In the high school, despite many absences of students, due to funerals and other events, a positive and forward looking ethos has developed. The groups have stabilised and are working well. Highlights included faction sports and the Survivor Leonora camping trek. Next term graduation-presentation evening, a swimming carnival, interschool athletics and a breakaway camp can be looked forward to.

In the yellow group there is a good feeling of purpose, camaraderie of improvement and the class has become refreshingly more student centred. Participation levels in all aspects of school have been high. Well done!!

