

# 2024

## LEO CLUB FOOD DRIVE

Report by: Janadhee Balasooriya, Secretary 2024

### Overview

The Leo Club's annual Can Drive competition has concluded successfully for the year 2024. We set an ambitious goal to surpass last year's collection of 1,700 cans by aiming for 2,000 cans. We are thrilled to announce that not only did we meet our goal, but we exceeded it, collecting a remarkable total of 2,300 cans. This incredible achievement was capped off by Mr. Hotham's generous donation of his lunch can, bringing us to the perfectly rounded number of 2,300.



▲ Headmaster and Associate Headmaster with the Leo Club Executive Team

From Left, Ayaan Harunani, Adithya Bandaru, Mr Williams, Mr Hotham, Janadhee Balasooriya, Thomas Priest, Absent - Cameron Jonkers

# Competition Details

The Leo Club Food Drive is an annual spirited contest among tutor groups, competing for the ultimate prestige of being crowned the King of canned goods. This year's results are as follows:

- **First Place:** Mr. Lefson - 540 cans



- **Second Place:** Ms. Ali - 370 cans



- **Third Place:** Ms. Hill - 234 cans (Last Year's Champion)



Honorable mentions go to:

- Mr Corban - 68 cans.
- Ms. Malan, our beloved Leo Club adviser and English teacher, - 82 cans
- Ms. Guildea - 108 cans (who has now left for Spain), placing 4th

And let's not forget Mr. Hotham, who contributed just one can, but it was the final can that took us to 2,300 - so it definitely deserves an honourable mention!

## Collection and Distribution

The collected cans were handed over to the Salvation Army on the Monday of Week 5. The sheer volume of donations left them pleasantly surprised and slightly underprepared. The boxes they brought were filled to the brim, necessitating the use of every available space in their van, including the crevices, to accommodate all the cans.

These cans will provide substantial aid to the homeless and the needy in our community. The impact of this drive is significant, ensuring that many individuals and families in need will have access to food and support.

We certainly kept the Salvation Army on their toes this year! It's a good problem to have when your generosity overwhelms their van space.



# WINNER! Mr. Lefson

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A special recognition goes to Mr. Lefson, our first-place winner. Mr. Lefson is a legendary math teacher (and my personal favorite) known for his chill demeanor and dedication both in the classroom and on the sports field. He coaches the First XI cricket team at HBHS, leading them to championships and even taking students to other countries. He did a fantastic job motivating his tutor group to bring in cans, resulting in an impressive total of 540 cans—almost a quarter of the entire school's collection!

Mr. Lefson is not only a great teacher but also a very cool, friendly, and approachable person. He's known for his fun and funny character, making his classes a joy to attend. I even managed to sleep through an entire lesson in Year 12, but he did not let it slide, teasing me for the rest of the year.

When asked about his motivation to donate, Mr. Lefson said that his class made a decision to "make an effort to win something". They set a goal of 20 cans per member, which they didn't end too far off of.

Congratulations to Mr. Lefson for his outstanding contribution. His efforts have earned him the Leo Club Food Drive trophy, a coffee voucher to Two Birds Eatery, and a pizza party for his tutor group.

# Our Impact in Numbers

# 2300

**Cans Donated**

We had a record breaking 2300 cans, absolutely shattering last year's count of 1700. We encourage the executive team of 2025 to push for an even more ambitious 2500+ cans. Hopefully next year the Salvation Army will have to come with two vans instead of one!



# 35%

**More than last year!**

Huge thanks to all those that helped make this event a success. Special thanks goes to our lovely Leo Members including but not limited to:

Ms Dobbyn, Ms Malan, Adithya Bandaru, Ayaan Harunani, Thomas Priest, Cameron Jonkers, Tejveer Randhawa, Gurveer Randhawa, Andrew ㄴ, Daniel Fabumni, Mekaal Mehdi, Tj Lee, Rishant Mudaliar, Oli Jones, Chenula Yatigampitiya, Savina Yatigampitiya, Saul Drewer, Michael Crowther, Jonathan Crowther, among many more

## Contact Us

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### HBHS LEO CLUB

**Weekly Meetings:** Thursday Lunchtime at The Study Centre

**Team:** Adithya Bandaru (President), Janadhee Balasooriya (Secretary), Ayaan Harunani (Vice-President), Cameron Jonkers (Projects Manager), Thomas Priest (Promotional Director)

