



MOUNT LAWLEY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL LAWLEY UPDATE Term 1 February 2010 No. 2

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mount Lawley Senior High School is a vibrant and active community. It is hard to believe we are only three weeks into the new school year as I note the multitude of activities and events in which students have participated.

As part of the Chinese New Year Celebrations beginning February 14 the entire school witnessed a very traditional Chinese Lion Dance to welcome the Year of the Tiger. It was an enjoyable performance that highlighted the multicultural nature of our community and I congratulate Mrs Anita Chong for organising such a wonderful event that showcased the specialist language programme for which Mount Lawley is well known.

During week 2 Dr Dale Irving and her dedicated Special Visual and Performing Arts staff conducted the annual Arts camp for the Year 8 and Year 9 SVAPA students. The students worked in the areas of Drama, Media, Music and Visual Art and were presented with many complex and challenging tasks in which they enthusiastically engaged demonstrating a high degree of skill and potential. It is a credit to the SVAPA staff that they are able to organise such an event so early in the year to give the students a taste of what is to come in 2010. It is also a testament to their dedication that so much personal time is given to our students to ensure they can achieve the highest standards.

On Monday of Week 3 we conducted our first full school assembly for 2010. The main purpose of the assembly was to acknowledge our high achieving Year 11 students from 2009 and to welcome back 39 students from our graduating Year 12 students. These students achieved an ATAR greater than 90 and hence are in the top 10% of achievers in the State. It gave me great pleasure to welcome them to the Mount Lawley 90+ club. The 2009 Leavers have raised the bar with regard to academic performance and my message to all students is that anything is possible if they are willing to apply themselves to their studies. I was delighted with the positive tone of the assembly and the opportunity to wish these young people every success in their future studies.

On Tuesday 16 February I had the pleasure of meeting our student counsellors from Years 9-12 as they participated in a leadership development day organised by our Student Services Coordinator Mr Neil Hudson. Talking and working with these young leaders always fills me with confidence that the future is in good hands.

On March 3rd we have our Year 8 parent/student barbeque and on March 11th we have our 10 parent/student barbeque. Both events are opportunities for parents to meet some of the teachers who work with your children. These get-togethers are

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INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Mt Lawley will compete in the 'B' division carnival at Challenge Stadium on Thursday, March 18. Congratulations to all the students selected to represent the school.

The 2010 Interschool Swimming Captains and Vice-captains are:

Chloe PELUSEY and Stuart McWHINNEY – Captains
Mia HERRIMAN and Jack PIESSE – Vice-Captains.

Training is every Monday and Thursday afterschool at Terry Tyzack Aquatic Centre.

**SVAPA STUDENTS
NEED
SVAPA PARENTS
FOR THE SVAPA
PARENT GROUP
FUND-RAISING
COMMITTEE**



The funds raised by the parents, especially at the annual Art Auction, provide the money for workshops, enrichment classes, school trips and innovative courses

YOUR students need YOUR commitment

Please become involved and apply for a position on the SVAPA Parents group Committee for 2010

AGM @ Tricycle Theatre Wednesday 17 March 7pm

We look forward to welcoming you into the SVAPA Parent Group

YOUR SVAPA STUDENTS WILL BENEFIT DIRECTLY FROM YOUR INVOLVEMENT!

EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE CHANGE: Language Support Group Meeting AGM from 16 March to a date to be confirmed by letter.

Monday 1 March - LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Wednesday 3 March Year 8 BBQ Middle School 5pm.

Friday 5 March Year 12 Ball, Hyatt Hotel 7 till 12 midnight.

Monday 8 March Music Support Group meeting 7.30pm Music Building

Wednesday 10 March Middle School River Cruise 6.30 – 10.00 Barrack Street Jetty

Friday - Sunday 12-14 March Yr 12 Arts Camp New Norcia

Monday 15 March School Council Meeting

Tuesday 16 March Interim Reporting Night - Whole School 4-7pm,

Wednesday 17 March SVAPA Parent Meeting 7pm Tricycle Theatre

Thursday 18 March Interschool Swimming Carnival

Thursday - Saturday 18-20 March Bush Cadet Camp Wellington

Monday 22 March P & C Meeting 7.30pm Main Admin Staff Room

Wednesday 24 March Italy Tour Departs, Yr 11 River Cruise.

Thursday 1 April END OF TERM 1

Friday 2 April GOOD FRIDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY



designed to be very informal and parents are encouraged to bring a picnic and their own drinks to enjoy the evening. More specific information about the events will be communicated through the Middle and Senior School administration.

As mentioned in the first update the first P&C meeting for the year is scheduled for Monday February 22nd followed by our AGM on Monday March 22nd. All parents are welcome to attend and we are grateful for your contribution to the education of your children. I would like to thank the many parents who have supported the full school uniform and dress policy by ensuring that your child understands the expectations. Consequences have been clearly outlined to all students and I am pleased that the overall standard has improved. There is still room for improvement and the School Council re-endorsed the policy at last week's meeting.

Stephen Spice
Principal

PARENTS AND CARERS OF CHILDREN WITH AUTISM

Parents and carers of children with autism will be able to have professional development through a government initiative called 'Helping Children with Autism' package being implemented by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR).

These workshops are being run in tandem across the country with similar workshops for teachers.

The workshops being run for parents from your district are being held in Midland on 30/31st March

Further information and how to register for a workshop in your area is available at www.autismtraining.com.au



CONGRATULATIONS



Holly Williams Yr 12 2009

Holly has been selected as one of only 5 women to represent Australia at the U19 Junior World Track Cycling Championships in Italy this August.

Holly cemented her place on the team after winning 3 Australian Championship titles at the recent National Track Championships in Adelaide in the events of Time Trial, Kieren and sprint. Holly also broke an 11 year Australian Championship record in the 200m fly sprint qualifier. In addition she came home with a Bronze medal in the Open Women Team Sprint.

Her University studies for Forensic Biology at Murdoch have been put on hold for 12 months so she can focus on her training which includes training camps in Adelaide and Sydney over the next few months



Clayton Williams Yr 11

Clayton recently won Gold in the Time Trial and Silver in the Sprint at the recent Junior State Track Cycling Championships. He has been selected on the State Team as an U17 representative to compete at the National Junior Championships in Melbourne next month.



Cody Fawcett Yr 9

Cody won Bronze in the U15 Sprint at the Junior State Championships, quite a feat considering that this is his second year of riding. Cody has been selected on the State Team as an U15 representative and heads to Melbourne for the National Junior Championships in Melbourne next month.

Ex-Prisoners of War Association Year 11 History Scholarship 'Quiet Lion Tour to Thailand'

Two students **Kate Prast Year 11** and **Emma Giuffre Year 11** have been successful applicants for the Quiet Lion Tour to Thailand in April. They are excellent students and have a deep interest in Australian History. Both students expressed a desire to "represent our school and the youth of our great country in showing respect and gratitude to the many brave soldiers who gave their lives".



READING A LIFE SKILL

All students are expected to read widely and regularly. Please support your child's interest in reading by encouraging them to read anytime they are looking for something to do, have no homework or need some quiet time. It has a range of benefits from assisting creativity to critical thinking. Students who read widely are often better writers, as they develop word recognition, vocabulary, spelling and decoding skills. Reflective thinking and creativity are also developed by most readers. Where possible encourage your child to share their reading and talk about their ideas with you. We hope your child is borrowing regularly from the school library. If they are interested explore the reading webpage for more ideas.



"Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body" -Sir Richard Steele.



DEPARTMENT OF SPORT AND RECREATION YOUTH SPORT RECREATION COUNCIL CAMP

The Department of Sport and Recreation has set up a Youth Council, for school students to meet as a committee and look at current issues in Sport and Recreation for youth. Both of us were nominated by Mr Winter our Year Coordinator, to represent Mount Lawley SHS on this committee. Both of us were excited when we got our letters saying our nominations had been accepted. Our first exciting opportunity to come together as a Council was on a two day recreation camp.

On arriving at Point Walter campsite, we were assigned our rooms and met in the conference room. We started the camp with ice breaker games, introduced ourselves and looked at an outline for the Council for the year. After morning tea, we got ready for a

swim, but it wasn't what we expected- a two and a half hour paddle up the Swan River! We were then challenged to stand and paddle a kayak on a hundred metre course, where we were both capsized into a school of jellyfish. Lucky we were safe and made it back to the campsite for a well earned lunch.

After lunch, the group met back at the Conference Room to complete a First Aid course. Everybody got accredited their First Aid Certificate. We then participated in a short coaching course, cooked up a feast on a barbeque and had an inspirational talk from Clayton our Youth Leadership Leader. We spent the rest of the afternoon doing some intense team building and problem solving activities that left us bamboozled and confused. However we all came together and completed the assigned tasks. The evening was spent at the campsite, listening to music and gazing at the river and stars.

On the second day of camp, we had a big breakfast of pancakes and prepared for our next challenge, a mountain bike ride. We were taught how to properly use gears and brakes. We followed along the Swan River and we met a challenge, riding through narrow archways! We spent the next part of the day doing some serious trekking, through gravel, branches, sand and dirt. Upon arrival back at camp, everyone complained about fallen off bike chains and sore bodies. We cooled off with a swim, played basketball, packed and bonded for the last time.

After a delicious lunch, we shared our tearful goodbyes, seeing as we would not meet again until our first YRSC meeting. All in all, it was a great camp and both of us felt we had developed great friendships with the other committee members. We are lucky to represent MLSHS in such a great opportunity and look forward to updating the school community on the committee's progress.
Written by Ailish Ingle and Jessica Altham (Year 11)

SECONDARY ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Assistance is available to eligible families for payment of school Contributions & Charges and Clothing Allowance.

Parents or Guardians must hold one of the following cards:

- Centrelink *Family* Health Care Card
- Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card
- Veteran's Affairs Pensioner Concession Card

The cards must be valid some time during first term.

An Educational Program Allowance of \$235, and Clothing Allowance of \$115 is payable.

Please see Finance Officer in the main administration office to make application

APPLICATIONS CLOSE THURSDAY 1 APRIL 2010

UNIFORM SHOP CHANGE OF HOURS

There has been an additional day when the uniform shop will be open for this term due to the transition period of new/old stock and sizes. The opening hours are:

MON, TUES AND WED 8 - 11.30AM.

Parents need to be aware that some uniform items are now sized differently. The sizing of boys shorts and trousers will now be by waist measurement. Polos shirts, sports shirts and sports shorts now sized 3XS to 3XL Boys short sleeve and long sleeve shirts now in neck measurements.

New order forms will be available shortly showing full size range available. Payment must be placed with order. Prices remain the same.

The transition to an Australian retail sizing system will hopefully make for easier purchasing in the future.

A reminder that we no longer accept cheques. Eftpos and Visa/Mastercard still available.

Students can purchase, drop off orders or try on uniforms before school or during Lunch 1.

The new direct telephone number for the uniform shop is 9371 8034 and new e-mail is mlshs@nellgray.com.au

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Thank you to all the parents that have paid their child's Contributions & Charges accounts. We would like to remind those that haven't yet paid that payment is accepted in the front office weekdays between 8.15am-4pm.

We accept Mastercard, Visa, EFT, Cash or Cheque.

Those parents who would like to pay on-line may do so by paying to BSB 066118 ACCOUNT 00900116. Please include your child's surname, initial and form group in the 'reference' field e.g. SMITH, H 8F1.

Any enquiries regarding your account can be made to our Finance Officer, Shobna Varsani on **9471 0302**.

If you are experiencing difficulties with payment, please do not hesitate to contact us and a payment plan can be arranged.

Yvonne Scott
Business Manager



Top of Subject Year 11 2009



AWARDS – TOP OF SUBJECT – YEAR 11 2009

Name	Subject
Phuong (Fiona) Lac	Accounting and Finance
Georgie Dolgoy	Business Management & Enterprise
Nadia Rachman	Career and Enterprise
Jay Masih	Computer Science
Huong Lu	Applied Information Technology Stage 1
David Benkert	Applied Information Technology Stage 2
Ngan Huynh	Art
Adeline Klotz	Western Art Music
Jack Morris	Contemporary Music
Josiah Padmanabham	Jazz
Stewart Ylias-Sobien	Economics Stage 1
Nan Nguyen	Economics Stage 2
Isabella Greenwood-Reeves	Ancient History
Kate Arnautovic	Geography
Caitlin O'Meara	Politics & Law
Madeleine Lovelle	Modern History
Madeleine Lovelle	Caring For Others
Shanii Austin	Food Science & Technology
Irene Liandro	Living Independently
Acacia Crump	Drama
Chanokma Thodmoon	Visual Art
Jessica Bartlett	Photography
Jake Inglis	Media Stage 1
Acacia Crump	Media Stage 2
Lance Byrne-O'Neill	Engineering
	French
	Indonesian
Zhi Zheng	Chinese as a Native Speaker
Carina Tam	Chinese as a Second Language
Nikki (Ida) Johns	Italian
Georgia Priest	Biology
Acacia Crump	Human Biology
Shanii Austin	Chemistry
Samuel Evers	Integrated Science
Ngan Huynh	Physics
Adeline Klotz	Literature
Alex Tate	English
Fiona Lac	English as an Additional Language/Dialect Stage 1
Ngan Huynh	English as an Additional Language/Dialect Stage 2
Travis Hitchcock	Philosophy
Montana Hall	Maths 1BC
David Benkert	Maths 1DE
Hannah Das-Gupta	Maths 2AB
Mike Saito	Maths 2CD
Zhi Zheng	Maths 3AB Maths
Ngan Huynh	3AB Specialist
Hannah Das Gupta	Outdoor Education
Marc Bebach-Phillip	Physical Education Studies

FRONT CAR PARK AT MOUNT LAWLEY SHS

The front car park is **NOT** a drop-off point for students. This is to minimise traffic movement during busy periods when students move through this area. Parents are asked not to use the car park as a drop-off or pick up point. There are facilities available in the

WELCOMING THE YEAR OF THE TIGER

The whole school was out in the oval to watch the Chung Wah Association Lion dance Troupe performed the traditional lion dance to welcome the beginning of the Chinese New Year, which fell on 14 February this year. The two white lions danced among the students and the sound of gongs & cymbals gave an auspicious beginning to the new year. One lion plucked a lettuce hung above the balcony and scattered lettuce leaves to some lucky students to symbolize a fresh start for the new year and the spreading of good luck.



Students of Chinese were also received a red packet for good luck from their Chinese teachers, Mrs Chong, Mr Cheah and Ms Mao.

Our school library featured a beautiful display to provide a festive atmosphere.

CHINESE GATE STUDENTS CELEBRATE CHINESE NEW YEAR

On Friday, 19 February, the 6th day of Chinese New Year, Chinese GATE students were at Centro Galleria to participate the opening ceremony of the Chung Wah Association Aged Care Chinese New Year Carnival. The Carnival featured Seniors of Chinese origins and highlighted the aged old Chinese traditions of looking after and showing respect to the elderly.

They enjoyed tasting traditional Chinese New Year cookies and Chinese Tea, had their names written in Chinese, received Lucky lolly from the God of Fortune and watched Chinese singing, music and dance.



HOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2010

A wonderful day was had by the students who attended and participated in the House swimming carnival at the Terry Tyzack Aquatic Centre. Once again the challenge was to defeat Forrest from claiming another swimming victory in 2010.

It became evident early-on in the carnival that Forrest would be the champion House as the number of students participating for them was very high. O'Connor briefly challenged Forrest but Forrest proved far too strong and claimed their ninth trophy in ten years.

RESULT:

Forrest	1770
O'Connor	1208
Hackett	1006
Murdoch	906



YEAR	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
8	Elliot Ashbil (H) Samantha Bain (F)	Shaun Ameduri (F) Aysia Carter (F)
9	Moshe Meyers (F) Gemma Ryan (O)	Jason Wood (F) Grace Sanders (F)
10	Saxon Goodrick (F) Santi Wardana (M)	Max Burmester (H) Cecilia McIntosh (H)
11	Dylan Pietrocola (O) Holly Richards (O)	Ben Williamson (H) Stacey Gay (O)
12	Jack Piesse (M) Chloe Pelusey (M)	Jack Morris (O) Mia Herriman (M)







INTERSCHOOL CRICKET 2010

Mt Lawley SHS started its Twenty20 cricket season with a match against Carine SHS played at Carine. Mt Lawley batted first and begun confidently to be 1/31 but a middle order batting collapse left us at 6/60. Dylan Pietrocola made 44 and some lusty hitting from Ryder Johns(10) and Riley Coles(17) saw Mt Lawley reach 94.

Carine's innings was immediately in trouble with Troy Stockley(2/8) and Dylan Pietrocola(2/17) reducing them to 4/28 from 7 overs. However we were only able to take one more wicket and Carine finished with 5/93 with 2 overs remaining.

John Septimus Roe travelled to Mt Lawley for the next exciting Twenty20 match at Hamer Park. John Septimus Roe top order was destroyed by the fast and accurate bowling of Nathaniel Wyemss(4/22) to be 5/13. The fielding was outstanding with Simon Duffecy taking two brilliant catches. However, once the main bowlers were changed the runs began to flow and catches were dropped. JSR finally made a very competitive 8/126 with Finn Jacobsen(2/14) picking up some late wickets.

Unfortunately, the Mt Lawley batting performance was meek in its response, crashing to 8/18. Only Matthew Donaldson(25) and Finn Jacobsen(16) managing double figures as we were dismissed for 51.

The last match was a battle with Mercy College to avoid the bottom-of-the-table position for our zone. Captain, Matthew Donaldson, won the toss and elected to bowl. The Mt Lawley bowlers were very accurate and restricted the run rate by Mercy College to see them finish with 6/73. The wickets were shared between 5 bowlers. The best bowling figures were Stefan Collins(2/1) and Ryder Johns(1/0). Mt Lawley scored freely to win with 10 overs remaining. Excellent batting came from Matthew Donaldson(32) and Dylan Pietrocola(29no). Dylan and Stefan Collins hit sixes, with Stefan's being an absolute monster.

Congratulations to all the players for their fine performances on the field and for representing the school in a positive manner

Coach: Mark Howard



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Grade/s:

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Mobile Number:

Home Number:

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Mount Lawley Senior High School

Year 5 & 6

Parent Information Evening

Department of Education
Gifted & Talented Education
Languages

Wednesday 10 March 2010

*7.30 pm Library
Mount Lawley Senior High School
(enter via Woodsome St)*

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