



## MOUNT LAWLEY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

### LAWLEY UPDATE Term 1 March 2010 No. 3

#### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The last fortnight has been as eventful as the last with important contributions from parents and staff and social events which are enjoyable and which also serve to bind us together as a community.

I am grateful to the many parents who attended our first P&C meeting on the 22nd February where Ms Suzie Barnes was re-elected as President with Vice President Ms Jo Ferness, Treasurer Mr David Rose, Minutes Secretary Ms Clemency Nicholson and Committee Members Mr John Cloake, Ms Julie Kernutt, Mr John Prior, Ms Sandra Tait, and Ms Sue Faranda. The P&C are still looking for a Secretary that will be elected next meeting. Thank you to these parents for accepting a leadership role within this vital group. In her annual report Ms Suzie Barnes paid tribute to retiring Secretary Debra Covin. She was warm in her praise of her commitment and contribution to the school community.

Last Wednesday evening over 150 Year 8 families enjoyed the Year 8 barbeque and information evening. Associate Principal Mrs Bev Burnside and her Year 8 team of teachers led by Ms Elizabeth Smith outlined the Year 8 curriculum and the pastoral care program that is in place to ensure the well-being of all Year 8 students. The evening provided the opportunity for parents to meet their child's teachers and the Middle School leaders in a relaxed and friendly environment. As I stated to all Year 8 parents on the evening, I believe that students will maximise their academic and social potential if students, parents and teachers work in a mutually respectful partnership.

Next Thursday 11th March 4.30 – 6.30pm is our Year 10 barbeque night which again is a great opportunity for parents to meet and greet our Learning Area leaders and many of our teachers.

Last Friday evening I had the privilege of attending the 2010 School Ball for Year 12 students and their partners. The evening is a premier event in a hectic calendar for Year 12 students and gives them the opportunity to 'dress to impress' on a very formal occasion. I was delighted with the level of responsibility and maturity shown by each student and the confident and respectful way each student met and presented their partner to the Head of Senior School Mr Johnston, Head of Middle School, Mrs Burnside, my wife and myself. The evening was very successful and thoroughly enjoyed by all students together with the 30 plus staff who attended to support and help supervise the event. The Year 12 Coordinator Mr Singh did a wonderful job organising the function with the help of the Year 12 prefects and Head Boy Jack Morris and Head Girl Georgie Dolgoy. Watching our students enjoy themselves with social confidence in such a setting gives me immense pride in our school and faith in the future of our community.

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#### GENERAL SCHOOL ENQUIRIES

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#### MIDDLE SCHOOL (YRS 8-9)

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#### SENIOR SCHOOL (YRS 10-12)

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[enquiries@lawley.wa.edu.au](mailto:enquiries@lawley.wa.edu.au)

#### P & C : INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The next meeting of the P&C will be a special meeting with the topic of Independent Public Schools on the agenda.  
Monday 22nd March 7.30pm Main Administration - Blue Building, Upstairs in Warren Daniel Conference Room.

#### INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Mt Lawley will compete in the 'B' division carnival at Challenge Stadium on Thursday, March 18

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



#### BOYS BASKETBALL

Senior School Boys basketball team Vs John Septimus Roe this week. Result of the game, Mt Lawley SHS 42, 27 John Septimus Roe. Congratulations to Mt Lawley team.

#### EVENTS CALENDAR

##### Monday 15 March

.School Council Meeting,  
.GATE Language Support Group AGM upstairs Main Admin Staff Room 7.30pm

##### Tuesday 16 March

.Interim Reporting Night - Whole School 4-7pm,

##### Wednesday 17 March

.Yr 5/6 GATE Languages Parent Information Evening Library, 7.30pm.  
.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



The current Year 8 cohort has settled well into Mount Lawley SHS. All students are in uniform, demonstrate good manners and cooperate with all members of the school community. The Year 7 NAPLAN results from this group are also very pleasing. Although we only have data on approximately 2/3 of the 180 students the following table summarises the results of the intake.

| NAPLAN Component        | Percentage At/Above NAPLAN Standard | Average Score                      |                     |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                         |                                     | Mount Lawley SHS Intake Mean Score | National Mean Score |
| Numeracy                | 88%                                 | 555                                | 544                 |
| Grammar and Punctuation | 84%                                 | 544                                | 540                 |
| Reading                 | 85%                                 | 539                                | 541                 |
| Spelling                | 86%                                 | 548                                | 540                 |
| Writing                 | 92%                                 | 533                                | 545                 |

Although this is not a complete set of data it does show that the majority of the intake has been well prepared in their respective primary schools for the demands of secondary education.

Last week the National Curriculum was unveiled on the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) website. Due to be introduced in 2012 for K-10 students I am pleased to report that Mount Lawley SHS has been selected to trial aspects of the first four courses of English, Mathematics, Science and History. This will give our teachers advanced exposure to the new courses and access to resources from throughout Australia. Mount Lawley SHS will be well placed to lead the introduction of the new courses when they come on line in 2012.

Recently all state schools were invited to make a submission for the second round of Independent Public Schools (IPS). Mount Lawley SHS is keen to continue to gauge the level of staff and local community support for such an application. I personally believe that becoming an IPS will help raise the standard and achievements of all students attending Mount Lawley SHS. Information about what it means to become an IPS and a series of Frequently Asked Questions is available for parents on the Department of Education website. More information will be available at the annual AGM of the P&C on the 22nd March at 7.30pm where becoming an IPS will be the first agenda item. The Principal of Ashdale Secondary College and former teacher at Mount Lawley Ms Carol Strauss will give a brief presentation on being an IPS and will be available to answer questions from interested parents.

I encourage you all to take a real interest in what it means for your school to have the authority to select teachers and take responsibility in managing the affairs of the school. The community support in this is a major factor in the determination of whether a school has the capacity to become an IPS so please take the time to become informed on the advantages of such a move and perhaps more importantly the disadvantages of not being successful.

**Stephen Spice**  
Principal

#### **CORRECTION:**

#### **TOP OF SUBJECT YEAR 11 2009**

The following students were omitted from this list in the last newsletter.

Congratulations to **Sandra Raub** (German)(French) and **Riley Coles** (Indonesian).



#### **P&C – INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

The next meeting of the P&C will be a special meeting with the topic of Independent Public Schools on the agenda.

The second round of Independent Public Schools applications has now been called for. Over 30 schools have been operating as an IPS for the last 9 months and the Principal of Ashdale College Carol Strauss will give a short presentation on her experiences and be available to answer questions at our next meeting.

### **Art Auction 2010 - Saturday 19 June**

- ☞ Did you go to the Art Auction last year?
- ☞ Impressed?
- ☞ Have a good time?
- ☞ Any ideas for it to be even better?



To be involved in this community event and with like-minded people working towards a common goal, bring yourself and a friend to our next meeting:

#### **Monday 15 March at 7.30 pm in the Music Building**

Enter the school grounds from the back gate on Learoyd Street.

Go to our website [www.lawleyevents.com](http://www.lawleyevents.com) to see the fabulous art from 2009.



Next meeting of the Music Support Group is Monday 8 March at 7.30pm in the Music Building – all welcome.

Next SVAPA Support meeting is 17 March at 7.00pm

in the Green Room of the Tricycle Theatre. Again, all welcome!







Monday 22nd March 7.30pm in the Warren Daniel Conference Room, (Main Administration - blue building).

Mark this date in your diary. I look forward to seeing you there

**Suzie Barnes P&C President**



## LANGUAGES

Last week on the 4th March twelve Language students from Years 11 and 12 participated in the Linguistics Olympiad at the University of Western Australia. Congratulations to our students who achieved silver medal status in the Linguistics Olympiad.

Congratulations to:

**Viktoria Stavreski, Nikki Johns, Scarlet, Davis, Asheigh Morris, Sandra Raub, Sophie Prober, Emma Giuffre, Belinda Cox, Monte Maserei, Anna Victoria Neves, Cathy Nguyen, Samantha Bush.**

## 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**

## 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







## HBF Freeway Bike Hike for Asthma

Sunday 21 March 2010

**An asthma attack is a code one for ambulances in Australia. Why? - Because asthma is serious and is responsible for at least one death every day in Australia.**

With more than 225,000 people living with asthma in Western Australia, the disease has a huge impact in our community. The Asthma Foundation of WA provides education and support services for the community and health sector.

By riding together we can raise the awareness of asthma, as well as generate much needed funds for the vital work of the Foundation!

Please help people breathe better by joining our quest to raise in excess of \$100,000 for asthma services and medical research. It is very easy to set up your own fundraising page online or by downloading an offline fundraising form from [www.freewaybikehike.com.au](http://www.freewaybikehike.com.au).



## HBF Freeway Bike Hike for Asthma

Sunday 21 March 2010

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| <b>10 kms</b> | A FAMILY-FRIENDLY RIDE STARTING AT GREENWOOD AND ENDING IN JOONDALUP.                           |
| <b>30 kms</b> | THIS COURSE STARTS AT BELMONT PARK AND TAKES YOU THROUGH THE GRAHAM FARMER TUNNEL TO JOONDALUP. |
| <b>60 kms</b> | THE BIG ONE FOR AVID CYCLISTS. RIDE FROM NWINANA ALL THE WAY UP TO JOONDALUP.                   |

**HBF members receive 15% off online entry fees! To register online and start fundraising, visit:**

**[www.freewaybikehike.com.au](http://www.freewaybikehike.com.au)**

**(08) 9244 5200**














## Foster Carers ARE amazing....

### Foster Carers needed

Children need special care and guidance.

Wanslea fosters carers provide care for children between the ages of 0-12 years.

As a Wanslea Foster Carer you will change the life of a child forever. You will be paid a tax free subsidy, receive support in the form of home visits and access to training and peer support groups.

If you have a spare room in your home, have time on your hands, can provide a safe and nurturing environment and love children. We need you!!

Can you open your home and heart to a child in need?

If you are interested, please call Wanslea Family Services on (08) 9245 2441 or check our website: [www.wanslea.asn.au](http://www.wanslea.asn.au)



### FOSTER CARE INFORMATION EVENINGS - WANSLEA FAMILY SERVICES

Children all over WA need foster carers for a period of nights, weeks, months or years. You might be married, single, working or not working, with or without children. Do you have room in your heart and home for a child in need?

If you would like to find out more about fostering with Wanslea, please come along to one of our Foster Care Information Evenings. Details are as follows:

**Thursday 18 March, 2010 7pm-9pm**  
Wanslea Family Services, 110 Scarborough Beach Road (Cnr. Deanmore Rd), Scarborough

**Wednesday 12 May, 2010 7pm-9pm**  
The Gowrie, 275 Abernethy Road, Belmont

**Wednesday 14 July, 2010 7pm-9pm**  
Wanslea Family Services, 110 Scarborough Beach Road (Cnr. Deanmore Rd), Scarborough

**Tuesday 14 September, 2010 7pm-9pm**  
The Gowrie, 275 Abernethy Road, Belmont

**Tuesday 16 November, 2010 7pm-9pm**  
Wanslea Family Services, 110 Scarborough Beach Road (Cnr. Deanmore Rd), Scarborough

Light refreshments provided

To RSVP and for more information please call 9245 2441 or email [support@wanslea.asn.au](mailto:support@wanslea.asn.au)

## EARTH ASSIST THROUGH YOUR EYES PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Be a part of National Youth Week - 10<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> April 2010.

If you're in years 8 to 12 - grab your camera, head out into the environment and get snap happy!

We are looking for your interpretation on how you view your environment. Once you've captured your master piece - make sure you give your photo a title and in 150 words explain how your photo reflects the Western Australian environment.

Entry is FREE and opens on 22 February 2010, closing on 1 April 2010. Download an entry form our website at [www.earthassist.org.au](http://www.earthassist.org.au).

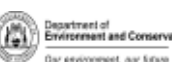
Finalist's photos will be displayed in Murray St Mall, Perth during National Youth Week - 10<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> April 2010.

The lucky winner, chosen by our judges, will receive an exclusive one on one session with multi-award winning photographer Christian Sprogoe valued at \$400, thanks to our partner Rio Tinto. Also in the prize pack is a Canon Powershot G11 camera complete with case and SD card valued at \$870, thanks to Conservation Volunteers Australia. Total prize value \$1270.

This competition is specifically for Western Australian secondary school students and all entries must be signed by a teacher as proof of authenticity.

This initiative was bought to you by Conservation Volunteers Australia, in conjunction with the Department of Environment and Conservation, the Department of Education and Training, Rio Tinto, the City of Perth and the Minister for Environment, Youth!!

Check out our website at [www.earthassist.org.au](http://www.earthassist.org.au) for full terms and conditions.



## ACADEMIC TASK FORCE - WACE REVISION COURSES APRIL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Study Skills, Essay Writing and subject courses for years 11 and 12. Venues North and South of the river Small groups, expert teachers, individual help For more information contact Dr Pam Bagworth or Dr Robert Hallam, ACADEMIC TASK FORCE. Phone 93174421



Join in this fun-filled family day in the beautiful setting of Movies by Burwood along the Swan River.

Food and drink will be available throughout the whole afternoon, with all proceeds going to Ronald McDonald House Perth, providing a home away from home for the families of seriously ill regional children.

**Admission is FREE**  
Side tickets available on the day (\$5 for 7 tickets or \$10 for 15 tickets)

- Rides and attractions for the whole family!
- Dunking Machine!
- Baby Animals Petting Zoo!
- Face Painter!
- Viva Photography Family Photostall!
- Come down and meet your favourite Western Force players!

Movies by Burwood Outdoor Cinema in Burwood Pasture

12noon - 5pm on Sunday 14 March 2010