

MOUNT LAWLEY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL LAWLEY UPDATE Term 2 May 2010 No. 7

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The sixth week of term marks the middle of a very busy term for all students and staff. Year 10 students completed their examinations during Week 5 and the results will provide valuable information to all students and parents when they meet with their assigned teacher counsellor during Week 9 to select appropriate courses for Year 11. It is important to remember that past performance is the best indicator of future success and while I encourage all students to extend themselves, it is even more important for students to be engaged and successful in their chosen Course of Study.

Year 11 and 12 students are currently undertaking Semester 1 examinations or participating in Workplace Learning. I encourage all students and parents to review the progress made throughout Semester 1 and to either keep up the good work or put in place an action plan for improving performance. The subject teacher is the best resource for all students and I would encourage students to work with their teachers to improve their study skills and their achievement.

Year 9 students will be undertaking examinations in English, Mathematics, Science, Society and Environment and Languages for the first time during Week 7. The aim of the examinations is to encourage long term revision and to continue preparing students for the academic rigours of Senior School. Information regarding the examinations will be distributed through the Middle School.

On Tuesday May 18 we held our second whole school assembly for the term. The main purpose of the assembly was to launch the Asian and European Language Hubs for the Department of Education. As the lead school the Mount Lawley Language Department is working closely with our feeder Primary Schools to promote and encourage language studies. Special guests at the assembly included the Director of Secondary Education Ms Lois Joll, MLA for Mt Lawley Mr Michael Sutherland and several Principals and representatives from our local feeder Primary Schools. Other highlights of the assembly were the Student of the Month awards, the Italian tour presentation and the LawleyLive video of the memorable moments of Term 1 produced by our chaplain Mr Andrew Paul.

Over the weekend of the 22nd and 23rd March Mrs Leonie Stewart and her team of music teachers Mr Greg Coles, Ms Tessie Palmyre, Mr Paul De Cinque and Mr Jeremy Peet took a group of 65 dedicated music students to Camp Araluen in Roleystone. I have heard some very favourable reports from students and parents about the camp and obviously the students had a great time and learnt some valuable life and music lessons.

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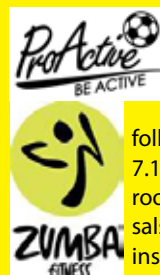
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ZUMBA FOR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY WEEK

Proactive Keep Active @ Lawley will be celebrating PAW with a Zumba class followed by a Healthy Active Breakfast. Start 7.15am at ECU Gym (in the new aerobics room). All are welcome to join us for some salsa fun and exercise with a qualified Zumba instructor.

Please register with Mrs Barnes in Student Services or on suzi.barnes@lawley.wa.edu.au by 7th June for catering purposes.

MOUNT LAWLEY WORLD CUP

Thanks to everyone who has registered for the World Cup, a five a side soccer competition will be held on Weds June 30th 12.30pm – 3.00pm. We still need more players, girls and boys and staff! This should be a fun afternoon with prizes to be won. Mark Lee, professional coach/player will be organising the matches. Pull out your soccer boots and shin pads and join the competition.

Please register your name with Mrs Barnes at Student Services.

A REMINDER

**THE ICAS SCIENCE CONTEST FOR YEARS 8 TO 12
WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY JUNE 9**

**YEAR 10, 11, AND 12 TESTS WILL TAKE PLACE
FROM 3:10 PM TO 4:10 PM**

HELP GIRLS !! HOCKEY PLAYERS NEEDED

Our Mods Girls J11/12 B Team needs 2-3 more players. It is a mixed ability team, very friendly with an emphasis on enjoyment. Most games are Sunday 10am at Yokine Reserve with some Friday night Turf games. Training is Thursday 5-6pm at Charles Veryard Reserve, Bourke St, North Perth. Any girls in years 10, 11 or 12 who may be interested please ask them to contact Vicki for more information 9272 2880 0413696914 dchiappalone@arach.net.au

EVENTS CALENDAR

- Tuesday 1 June** Year 10 Parent Information Night, Language Support Group Meeting
- Wednesday 2 June** SVAPA Parent Support Group Meeting
- Monday 7 June** Foundation Day Public Holiday
- Tuesday 8 June** Senior School Semester 2 begins
- Wednesday June** ICAS Science competition Years 8 - 12
- Wednesday 16 – 18 June** Year 10 Counselling with Parents
- Friday 18 June 3.00pm** DEADLINE for Year 11 Subject selection forms for 2011
- Saturday 19 June** Art Auction
- Monday 21 June** Year 12 subject selection sheets for 2011 given out
- Tuesday 22 June 7pm** Senior Music Concert Perth Modern School
- Friday 25 June 3.00pm** DEADLINE Year 12 subject selection sheets to Senior School reception
- Tuesday 20 July 7.30pm** Music Support Group Meeting
- Saturday 26 June - 4 July** Music Tour



On Wednesday 26 May the first SVAPA Year 10 Project class presented their performances and artworks to their parents, teachers and friends in the Tricycle Theatre. The students have had artist-mentors work with them on small contemporary arts projects and this semester long course has allowed SVAPA students to transition to the Senior School and continue to develop their arts experiences and language. The evening was most enjoyable and once again showcased the wide range of talents of our students. I acknowledge the SVAPA Parents group who made the course possible through their fund-raising efforts.

Mount Lawley SHS has initiated an innovative Senior School 2011 Course of Study program for Senior School students beginning in Term 4 this year. Current Year 10 and Year 11 students will begin their respective Year 11 and Year 12 Course of Study programs in Week 5 of Term 4. The last day of the year will be December 10 for both year groups. Making this change to the normal program will give the Year 12 students an extra 5 weeks to complete what can be a hectic and stressful final year. If you are a Year 10 or Year 11 parent please note this date as your son's/daughter's final day for 2010. More information on this will be included in future Updates.

An exciting innovation for our Senior Students is the Careers Expo on Wednesday June 16 commencing at 2pm. Parents are welcome from 3pm to 5.30pm in the Senior School Building. This is a great opportunity for our parents and students to explore future pathways with over 20 exhibits from WA universities, TAFE colleges, Industry groups, Police and Defence Force Recruiting, Apprenticeship and other providers. I look forward to seeing many of our families at this significant event.

I continue to be grateful for the support of our parent body in all aspects of our program, including the P&C meetings that provide such a valuable forum for communication. MLSHS is about community involvement which provides an important model for our young people.

Stephen Spice
Principal



CYBERSMART FOR STUDENTS: 9 Steps to upgrading your personal security on Facebook

The following information is intended to allow students who use Facebook, to set their privacy settings to a responsible level.

1. Some of your information is viewable by everyone.

Everyone can see your name, your profile photo and the names of work and school networks you're part of. The same applies for pages you are a fan of. If you are worried about a potential employer, your friends or a complete stranger finding out about your interests, avoid becoming a Facebook fan of such groups. You can't tell Facebook you don't want those publicly listed. Your gender and current city are also available, if you choose to specify them. You can uncheck "Show my sex in my profile" when you edit your profile if you don't want it listed, and you can leave "Current City" blank.

2. Your list of friends may also be public.

Facebook also considers your friends list publicly available information. Privacy advocates worry that much information can be gleaned from a person's list of friends. But there is a way to hide the list. Go to your profile page and click on the little blue pencil icon on the top right of your box of friends. Uncheck "Show Friend List to everyone." Either way, those you are already friends with can always see your full list.

3. You can hide yourself from web searches.

There is a section for "Search" under Facebook's privacy settings page, which is accessible from the top right corner of the website under "Settings." If you click the "Allow" box next to "Public Search Results," the information that Facebook deems publicly available (such as photo, fan pages and list of friends), along with anything else you have made available to everyone, will show up when someone looks up your name on a search engine such as Google. The information you've limited access to in your profile will not show up.

This is only useful if you want people you've lost touch with, or complete strangers, to be able to find your Facebook page. If you'd rather not be found, uncheck this box.

A second setting, controlling searches within Facebook, lets you refine who can find you once that person has logged on. Limit searches to friends only if you think you have all the friends you need and don't want anyone else to find you when they type in your name to Facebook.

4. Beware of third-party applications.

Quizzes and games are fun, but each time you take one, you first authorise it to access your profile information, even if you have made that available only to your friends. You're also letting the application access some information on your friends.

Under "Application Settings," Facebook lists all the apps you have opened your profile up to. If you no longer want to authorise access to an application you can always remove it by clicking on the "X" next to its name.



CYBERSMART FOR STUDENTS: 9 Steps to upgrading your personal security on Facebook cont....

Next, by clicking on "Applications and Websites" on the privacy settings page, you can edit whether your friends can share your birthday, photos and other specific information. Remember that applications can access your "publicly available information" no matter what. The security firm Sophos recommends users set their privacy settings for two of Facebook's own popular applications, notes and photos, to friends only.

5. Go over your list of friends.

The average Facebook user has 130 friends. But many people interact with a much smaller group when commenting on status updates, photos and links. So it doesn't hurt to occasionally review your list of your friends to get an idea of just who can view your status posts, personal photos and funny links you've shared over the years. Don't feel obligated to add anyone as a friend, even if that person adds you first. Be aware that workplaces and schools have rules about Facebook interactions between bosses and employees or students and teachers.

6. Create custom friends groups.

If you have "friended" a lot of people, sort them. Think of the groups you interact with in real life — co-workers, school friends, girlfriends, grandma and grandpa — and organise your Facebook friends in these groups, too. Go to "All Friends" under the "Friends" button up top, click on "Create New List" and fire away. Then decide what aspects of your profile, and which status posts and photos, these people will have access to. Or, simply create a "limited" list for acquaintances or distant relatives and limit their access.

7. Customise your status posts.

Type "I'm hungry" into your status update box. Click on the little lock icon. You'll see a range of privacy controls pop up, letting you either allow or limit access to the post. If you want, you can even hide it from everyone by clicking "Only Me" under the custom settings. Click on "Save Setting." Repeat with each post, or create a default setting for most updates and increase or decrease privacy as you see fit.

OUTDOOR FITNESS CIRCUIT SAFETY

Mount Lawley is very fortunate to have our excellent outdoor fitness equipment. Unfortunately during the school holidays, an accident occurred when a small child was injured. We welcome students and the local community to utilise this facility out of school hours but we request that care is taken when exercising and that **all children please be supervised**.

2009 GRADUATING CLASS PHOTOS

We have 40 spare copies of a colour A4 photograph of the Graduating Class of 2009. If you wish to have a copy, please come to the Main Administration Office, as we would like to find a good home for these photographs.



PROCEDURES FOR STUDENTS BEING AWAY OR LEAVING SCHOOL EARLY

Please ring the absentee line if your child is not going to attend school on 9471 2413 and leave their name, year and form.

Any student who is late to school is to report to the Middle School for Yr 8 & Yr 9's and Student Services for Yr 10, Yr 11 & Yr 12's with a note.

If a student has an appointment during the day the procedure is:

- Before school the student reports to MS/SServices reception with a note from parent/guardian.
- Before leaving school the student returns to their respective office and signs the attendance register.
- On returning, the students signs the attendance register.



MUSIC NEWS Music Camp

The Middle School Camp on 21-23 May was a great success. Despite it being cloudy and wet, everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves rehearsing individually and in their ensembles, mingling between the year groups and having fun in the evenings. A couple of minor mishaps didn't spoil the weekend, and there was a good mix of free time and hard work. Even the food was given a tick of approval by most kids. Highlights included the quiz night created by Quiz Master extraordinaire Paul De Cinque, the movie night which ended up not being movies but episodes of Daria, and the strange orange light in the sky that looked like fire in the rain....(you had to be there!) Parents were impressed by the quality of the performances on Sunday afternoon, and are now looking forward to the first professional engagement of the ensembles at the Middle School Concert on 30 May.



MUSIC NEWS cont.....

At the Music Support Meeting on 25 May, parents expressed their thanks to Leonie Stewart and her team for their hard work in creating such a successful event.

Middle School Concert Sunday 30 May 7pm

Remember to book your tickets to this concert through <http://www.trybooking.com/EWU>

Help needed! If you can assist with moving furniture about on stage, setting up tea/coffee, cleaning up after interval, ushering, keeping an eye on kids in the practice rooms, your help will be gratefully received. Please email penny.scott1@bigpond.com with your offer!

Indigenous War Veterans Ceremony 2 June 8.30am

Senior Concert Band members (who are not doing exams) and the Chamber Choir will be performing at this Ceremony on 2 June. Notes were emailed and hard copies sent home 25 May, to be returned by 31 May please.

Senior Concert Tuesday 22 June 7pm

Bookings are now open for this concert at <http://www.trybooking.com/EWV>

Help will also be needed for this concert - see list above!

If you do not own a credit card, please email the Convenor of the Music Support group penny.scott1@bigpond.com stating:

1. Your name
2. How many tickets you need (adult \$15 and senior/child \$5)
3. Payment method (cheque or cash)

and Penny will confirm details by return email.

Next event: Music Tour 26 June - 4 July

Parents are being kept informed by email - please talk to Leonie Stewart if you have any questions arising from the information from the meeting on 25 May.

Remember, to keep in touch with all that is happening with Music at MLSHS, subscribe to the Music Mailing List by emailing mailmusic-subscribe@mlshspc.org.au

or check out "Music Committee" on the P&C website http://www.mlshspc.org.au/committee_msc.html

Next meeting of the **Music Support Group** is at 7.30pm on Tuesday 20 July in the Music Building, enter from Learoyd Street. All welcome!

CAREER INFORMATION: ECU'S PROSPECTIVE STUDENT INFORMATION EVENINGS

The night will include an admissions and university life presentation and expo. Thursday 27th May, 6.30pm – 8.00pm, ECU Joondalup Campus, Building 32 Entry off Joondalup drive

Or Monday 31st May 6.30pm – 8.00pm ECU Mount Lawley Campus, Building 13 Entry off Central Ave. Join staff from ECU for an information evening covering topics such as: Admission requirements, Undergraduate and Postgraduate Course Information, Scholarships and Fees, Subject selection. Suitable for all prospective students & parents. These evenings are a great way to find out all you need to know about going to ECU. Registrations for light catering purposes and for further details please visit

<http://www.ecu.edu.au/future-students/events>



GATE CLUB: MASTERCHEF MASTERCLASS

Tuesday 25th May was our GATE Club and this time it was an event with a difference. The GATE Languages, Chinese and Italian (Year 8), German (Year 9) and Indonesian (Year 10) were treated to a Masterchef Masterclass with native speakers demonstrating a variety of traditional dishes. The aim was to teach students how to prepare the various dishes so they can share their cooking skills with family and friends at home, thus further expanding the cultural expansion and knowledge of our language studies beyond the classroom walls. It is important that we all support and encourage each other to continue to strive to do the best we can for our students, that's what makes our school such a great place to be. I would also like to thank our native speakers and cooking assistants, Hong Qi Mao, Geoff Davis, German's Pre- service teacher from UWA Stephanie Boyes (who had her first hands-on food experience), Simonetta Mencaccini, Alice Marini and Feon Nahas for their time and for being prepared to share their culinary skills and knowledge.

