

MOUNT LAWLEY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL LAWLEY UPDATE Term 1 February 2011 No. 1

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

A warm welcome is extended to all families as we commence the 2011 school year, especially those joining the school community for the first time. Mount Lawley SHS is a good school and one that offers a wide range of programs for students.

It is also a school that enjoys parent support with many engaging in volunteer activities and with the P&C and its committees. The P&C plays an important role in the school through raising funds and supporting programs. The monthly meetings are well attended and focused on how school programs can be enhanced through parent support. It also presents as a time for parents to explore questions and issues with senior staff. Parents are encouraged to participate. The opportunity to support the P&C is also provided through making a payment of \$25.00 on the Contributions and Charges sheet.

Many parents have paid Contributions and Charges and these funds are all allocated to learning programs. Funds paid by parents are not allocated to administration or management of the school. Charges are compulsory and must be paid for students to complete high cost options. All Year 11/12 courses are high cost options. To those parents who have paid, thank you. If families are facing financial difficulties please liaise with the Business Manager to negotiate a payment plan.

On the Contributions and Charges sheet there are several other Voluntary Approved Requests. These are the Chaplaincy, Proactive Keep Active @ Lawley program, the Technology and Innovation and Literacy and Numeracy initiatives. These funds are well supported by parents and are allocated completely to the programs. The school's Chaplain, Mr Andrew Paul, is acknowledged for his work in support of all students, especially those at-risk. Mrs Barnes has done an amazing job in the Healthy Active domain and this will continue this year. Many students participate in the activities that she organises. The other two funds also support student learning and are allocated through School Council. In this way there is effective parent oversight. The generosity of parents in supporting these funds is especially appreciated. Thank you to all who contributed. Parents are also reminded that educational expenses such as textbooks, stationery and computers for children can be claimed through taxation returns. Receipts should be kept. A statement can be provided through the Business Manager for school programs.

A THOUGHT

My grandfather once told me that there were two kinds of people: those who work and those who take credit. He told me to try to be in the first group: there was less competition there.

Indira Gandhi

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GENERAL SCHOOL ENQUIRIES

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CONGRATULATIONS

For the third year in succession Year 12 student **Nicholas Rowe** has been selected to represent Western Australia in the National Youth Archery Championships.



The event will be held in Morwell in Victoria between April 23 and 29. The team of 8 includes three former and current Mt Lawley SHS students. Nicholas is joined by former students Callum and Alice Ingley.

SECONDARY ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

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

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 Mrs Varsani, in the main administration office, to make your application

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE
TUESDAY 19 APRIL 2011**

EVENTS CALENDAR

February 15 Tuesday Languages Parent Support Group Meeting & AGM, Library. All NEW PARENTS WELCOME

February 16 Wednesday SVAPA Parents Meeting

February 17 Thursday Yr 10 Parent/Staff BBQ, SIM Parent Info Night 7.30pm, Finance Committee Meeting.

February 21 Monday, School Council Meeting

February 22 Tuesday Community Art Auction Meeting 7.30pm

February 23 Wednesday Music Soiree 5-7pm Tricycle Theatre, All music teachers and parents invited.

February 24 Thursday HOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL, All students attending.

February 25 Friday Bush Ranger Training 3pm

March 1 Tuesday Music Parent Support Group AGM 7.30pm, ALL MUSIC PARENTS INVITED.

The school's Year 12 results were very pleasing. A number of students achieved commendable results. In the university pathway, 38 students achieved an ATAR of 90 or better and on Friday these former students were inducted into the "90s Club". Three of these students, Ngan Huynh, Sandra Raub and our highest scoring student, Adeline Klotz, gained entry to the Public School's prestigious "99 Club". The percentage of students 49% (or 88 students) that gained an ATAR of 80 or better was more even than the excellent result of 2009. This means that they achieved an ATAR that is the minimum to seek entry to any university in WA.



The Inductees of The 90's Club

Sandra Raub achieved the most outstanding individual award of a Certificate of Distinction in German. Few students win one of these and her results in this course was truly outstanding. A number of students gained Certificates of Excellence where a minimum of 18 'A' grades was achieved over Years 11/12. Well done to Shanii Austin, Acacia Crump, Hannah Das-Gupta, Jayne Faranda, Ngan Huynh, Zoe Kilbourn, Adeline Klotz, Monte Masarei, Stuart McWhinney and Josiah Padmanabham.

The school's recorded Graduation Rate of 97.93% that was published in the newspaper was not the actual result, which was 99.17%. Secondary Graduation is the foundation achievements that students need to achieve to enter TAFE or a university. We continue to have an emphasis on this to ensure students transition to a chosen pathway.

In terms of courses, 14 exceeded the State mean and 10 were better than schools similar to Mount Lawley SHS. In terms of overall examination performance the school achieved a comparable result with several schools with a higher social index. The 2010 cohort gained excellent results and all are congratulated.

In 2010, the performance of Year 9 students in the NAPLAN and MSE tests were reported. The students gained above average results and were better placed than most similar schools.

All students in the school need to be mindful of achieving results that they are capable. In order to achieve success at school students need to be mindful of four simple things:

1. Attend school and be on time to class.
2. Complete required work in class and for homework.
3. Treat all teachers and peers with respect.
4. Wear uniform.

It is school policy that attractive items such as music players, mobile telephones and other devices should not be brought to school. If they are, a service is provided in Physical Education where teachers will collect them. They should have the student's

Stay in touch ... Mount Lawley's Email List is now up and running!

Choose your content:

Year Groups & Communities

Music, SVAPA and GATE Languages programs

Parent Information Sessions

Bush Ranger Cadets, Carols on the Lawley Lawn

2nd Hand Clothing, Coffee Club ... & more

Under the 'community' tab
on the school website

www.lawley.wa.edu.au



name on them. Whilst this service is provided, parents are reminded that they should not be brought to school. If they are lost or stolen the school and its staff are not responsible.

Last year all students were provided with a lanyard to assist with the safe care of Transperth Cards and to attach devices when handing in at Phys Ed. The P&C has also decided to fund additional security in the school for bags when students are completing Phys Ed. This is being managed at the moment.

A number of teachers have commenced at Mount Lawley SHS and these are listed later. Additionally, there are four ECU Residents that will work here for Semester 1. These new members of staff are also welcomed.

This week we welcomed the Hon. Minister for Education, Dr Elizabeth Constable, MLA. Dr Constable wished to meet the new graduates and welcome them to teaching. Thanks to those members of the P&C and School Council who were able to attend the function. Thanks to Head Girl, Kate Prast, and Head Boy, Cameron Furness, who met the Minister and welcomed her to Mount Lawley SHS.

A delegation from one of our sister schools in China, Hangzhou Number 14, visited this week. They spent some time in the school and were guests of the school in visiting a number of key features of Perth. Whilst the delegation was smaller than expected, as a number had to withdraw, the students and staff enjoyed the visit. This is actually the first home stay visit that Hangzhou Number 14 has undertaken with Mount Lawley SHS. I thank all those parents who accepted a Hangzhou student or teacher. To the families agreeing to accept a student who was not able to attend, likewise, thank you. Your support of this program assists our school's Languages program as well as abetting international goodwill and co-operation.

On Friday, the school conducted the first formal assembly of the year.

This was to induct the members of the school's "90s Club" and to farewell the Hangzhou delegation. It was also the occasion to present the school's scholarships for 2011. Thanks to Mr Michael Sutherland, MLA Member for Mount Lawley who presented two scholarships for Humanities and former School Council members Ms Christine Richardson and Ms Anne Griffiths who presented the Science and VET scholarships respectively. I also acknowledge the school's Booklist provider Champion for supporting a number of scholarships. One other scholarship and two awards were also presented. Mr Rodney Cunningham presented Mei Ing Woon with the Peter Sparbier Perpetual Scholarship for Mathematics. This scholarship was provided in the will of the late Mr Sparbier, a long time mathematics teacher at the school. The Arthur Leggett, OAM, ED Award for Writing was presented to Rachael Goodger by Mr Leggett and Mr Peter Stokes of the Lodge of Sincerity in Mount Hawthorn. Mr Leggett, who has written his autobiography, agreed to the award to support student writing, a most important skill. The Lodge of Sincerity has supported the award through a donation of \$200. Members have indicated that they would like to sponsor the Award in the years to come and this will be put to School Council shortly. The Honourable Alison Xamon, MLC Member for the East Metropolitan Region has inaugurated a prize for making a contribution to the school community. The prize was presented to Jordan Caffery, a very active member of the Student Council. His Worship the Mayor of Vincent, Mr Nic Catania, JP, presented the Town of Vincent Art Scholarship to Audrey Wade. Congratulations to all winners of awards and scholarships.

I wish all students the best for 2011 and look forward to parent support of programs and especially, the P&C.

Milton Butcher
PRINCIPAL

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 80F1.

Any enquiries regarding your account can be made to our Finance Officer, Mrs 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

WELCOME SOIREE – LANGUAGES – YOU'RE INVITED!

All language teachers, parents and carers are invited to the first event for 2011, a Welcome Soiree:

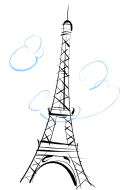
- Wednesday 23 February
- 6pm-8pm
- Dee Kaf at MLSHS



The purpose is to meet and mingle with other Language Parents and Welcome the language teachers in a casual and relaxed environment.

Wine, beer and soft drinks will be on sale and we will be entertained by some of our talented student musicians.

Please bring a plate of nibbles to share.



WELCOME SOIREE – MUSIC – YOU'RE INVITED!

All music teachers, parents and carers are invited to the first Music event for 2011, a Welcome Soiree:

- Wednesday 23 February
- 5pm - 7pm immediately after Junior Band rehearsal
- Tricycle Theatre at MLSHS

The purpose is to welcome the instrumental and music teachers and mingle with new and previous music parents in a casual and relaxed environment.

Wine, beer and soft drinks will be on sale and we will be entertained by some of our talented student musicians.

Please bring a plate of nibbles to share.

There will be NO raffle tickets on sale.....this is not a fundraiser, simply a chance to be sociable! If you can't be there at 5pm, please come along a little later!



NEW TEACHERS FOR 2011

The school welcomes a number of teachers new to the school in 2011. Welcome to the following:

Teacher

Jodi Bawden
Antonella De Gregoris
Bee Tee
Julie Price
Laraine Smart
Gail Barringham
Evelyn Pilkington
Timothy Langley
John Stillie
Jasmine Jeffs
Mark Lyons
Deborah Bowie
Bianca Ward
Stacey Saffron
Janelle Heritage
Bronwyn Pitman
Ron Maybury

Learning Area

Languages
Languages
Languages
Design and Technology
Home Economics
Technology and Enterprise
English
English
English Admin Support
Music
Society and Environment
Society and Environment
Science
Mathematics
Mathematics
Physical Education
Science

Ed Assistant

Julie Raymond Middle School
Mukta Varsani Middle School

The following ECU residents are also welcomed:

Resident

Larissa Ashton Visual Arts
Laura Walker Music
Karthikaini Singh Design and Technology
Faye Malone Drama

Learning Area



Our staff of new graduates with Minister Constable during her visit

CONGRATULATIONS TO SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARD WINNERS.

At the first assembly for the year the following students were presented with a scholarship or an award.

Scholarship/Award

Science Scholarship for Year 11
Science Scholarship for Year 10
Science Scholarship for Year 8
Michael Sutherland, MLA Scholarship for Humanities for Year 11
Michael Sutherland, MLA Scholarship for Humanities for Year 8
Anne Griffiths Scholarship for Vocational Education for Year 11
Peter Sparbier Perpetual Mathematics Scholarship
Town of Vincent Art Scholarship
Arthur Leggett, OAM, ED Writing Prize
The Hon. Alison Xamon, MLC Community Contribution Award

Winner

Gur-Ashish Bhatia
Lynne Huynh
Pasan Kulawansa
Madeleine Esvelt
Joseph Pangerl
Dean Jones and Reece Adams-Thurlow
Mei Ing Woon
Audrey Wade
Rachael Goodger
Jordan Caffery

Congratulations to all winners.



VISIT BY HON. MINISTER OF EDUCATION

The Minister of Education, the Hon. Dr Elizabeth Constable, MLA visited Mount Lawley SHS on Tuesday, 8 February 2011. This was to meet graduates and welcome them to teaching. Lunch was served and Year 11 student Brittany Faranda played several clarinet pieces. Well done to Brittany, a Year 11 Western Art Music student. She is also studying Certificate IV at WAAPA and in 2011 will be in the WA Youth Symphonic Band.



ROAD SAFETY MESSAGE

All students are reminded that crosswalks where attendants are on duty should always be used.

SCHOOL CAR PARK

Parents are reminded that students should not be dropped off or picked up in the main school car park. This is a road safety matter and your assistance is appreciated.



PROACTIVE PROJECT - KING OF THE COURSE

Towards the end of Term 4 2010, students once again had the opportunity to challenge for the title of "King of the Course". This involves racing a timed course through the fitness equipment. Records set earlier in the year were retained by some students whilst other times were smashed. The true overall King of the Course for 2010 was Jessie Sainoi from Year 9 (2010); he originally held the open record with a time of 1:06.3 and this was completing the Senior Boys course, when Jessie returned in December he managed the Middle School course in an amazing 57.04 and we watched him complete the Senior School course in 1:04.25. This

is an outstanding effort demonstrating speed, agility and strength – Well Done Jessie! The girls record was set by Cathy Nguyen from Year 12, she completed the girl's course in an impressive 1:10.1 with no penalties; this is a very fast female time, great effort Cathy.

Students will be given the opportunity to compete for this title on Tuesday 15th Feb Lunch 1 for Senior and Middle school (girls bring your shorts), you have a little time to get in practice.

Come along and give it a try, this is what you have to beat:

Records for 2010 – Open Boys Record 1:04.25

Year 8

Girls – Georgina Burmester 1:34.9
Boys – Aleksander Savvitsky 1:19.9

Year 9

Girls - Bella Serra-Sanfelin 1:16.05
includes 1 x 5 second penalty
Boys – Jessie Sainoi 57.04

Year 10

Girls – Jade Dolman 2:57.7
includes 2 x 5 second penalties

Boys – Sam Walker-Marston 1:06.92

Year 11

Girls - Emma Kleeman 1:45.8
includes 1 x 5 second penalty

Boys – Rennie Jackson 1:26.0

Year 12

Girls – Cathy Nguyen 1:10.1
Boys – Peter Cuniffe 1:08.4

ALL MUSIC PARENTS AND STUDENTS

So that no notes are missed, please join our Music Mailing List – it is a great way to keep informed about what is happening with the music program. Just send an email to mailmusic-subscribe@mlshspc.org.au You will not receive a confirming email, but you will receive future messages to the list.

HOUSE SWIMMING CAPTAINS

Congratulations to the following students who are Swimming Captains for the following houses:

FORREST

Ailish INGLE
Kirsten QUAIN
Jessica ALTHAM
Simon DUFFECY

O'CONNOR

Holly RICHARDS
Zhane GIBSON
Dylan PIETROCOLA
Jordan INSTANCE

MURDOCH

Eliza WILSON
Laura HARDING
Darren O'DONOVAN
Rhyder JOHNS

HACKETT

Dinah WAMBUI
Alex WINCH
Ben WILLIAMSON
Jordan GASKIN





SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS





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The preferred age of applicants may vary in some areas but will usually be between 15 years 6 months and 17 years 6 months of age at the time of departure, which will be in January 2012. Students should be in the top 30% of their year academically, and be prepared to complete a year of secondary standard education in the host country.

All applicants are interviewed by Rotary, which selects successful applicants on merit and personal characteristics. Applicants need to obtain an application form from Rotary. Successful applicants then undergo a series of briefing sessions on all aspects and expectations of being a Rotary Exchange Student.

Further information and contact details is available from the WA Rotary Youth Exchange Australia website, www.youthexchange.asn.au

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WACE HELP: ACADEMIC TASK FORCE

Saturday Classes for Year 11 and 12 students. Subjects include Maths, Physics, Chemistry, English, Literature, Human Biological Science and Economics. They are small group classes with very experienced teachers. Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 Saturday Classes are also available, in English, Maths and Science.

For more information please contact ACADEMIC TASK FORCE on 9317 4421.

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Master Classes for Year 11 and 12 students are small group classes aimed at improving the academic performance of WACE students in the Learning Areas of Science, Mathematics, English and Literature. They are primarily teaching programs that focus solely on the syllabus and reinforce the work students do at school.

For more information contact Dr Robert Hallam on 0410 691 084

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ABN 22 669 539 309 GST exempt

CALL FOR HOST FAMILIES!!!! 2011

The West Australian Association of Teachers of Italian (WAATI)
is looking for wonderful West Australian families to host an Italian teenager
between the ages of 15 and 17 for an 8 week period, from approximately 4 July to
5 September

- Do you want to share the wonders of our state with an enthusiastic teenager who is keen to learn about our culture and the legendary Aussie way of life?
- Do you want to give your child and opportunity of a lifetime to have the hospitality reciprocated in Italy for 8 weeks from late November to late January?
- Do you want to learn about another culture? Remember that often it is through intercultural exchanges such as this one, that can help to foster tolerance and acceptance of cultural diversities, leading to improved harmony between countries.
- Do you have a loving family who is happy to share its home and time?

This program is open to all students in the school, your child does not even have to be a student of Italian – just one who can appreciate the wonders of Italy and who may enjoy a trip to Italy at the end of the year to benefit from a wonderful cultural experience!! You don't need to be rich, nor have a large home – just a comfortable bed, good wholesome food and a genuine desire to showcase your city and enjoy the experience!

LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF !

As Marcel Proust, a late 19th century novelist, wrote: "the real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes". Host an international high school student in July through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange and prepare to be amazed at the way this unique opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.

Carefully selected students will arrive in July for one or two semesters from Europe, Scandinavia and Japan. They will attend a local secondary school, are fully insured and have their own spending money. Call S.C.C.E now on 1800 500 501, email scceast@scce.com.au