

## MOUNT LAWLEY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL LAWLEY UPDATE Term 1 March 2011 No. 4

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Following the very successful House swimming carnival the Mount Lawley Senior High School inter-school swimming team completed in the carnival. The students represented the school with great distinction and gave their best in competition. They were also very well behaved and generally brought great credit to the school.

In finishing fourth, they gained a very creditable result. Congratulations to Age Champion Dylan Pietrocola who achieved 6 first places and a second place, Age Runner-up Champion Santi Wardana for her 2 first places, 2 second places and 2 third places and Age Runner-up Champion Samuel Koczwarra for his first place, 2 second places and third place. Congratulations also to Felix Cornes, Kieran Howells, Maksim Bacovic, Thomas Foster, Jordan Caffery, Morgan Flack, Laura Harding, Bridget Barton, Constance McIntosh, Gabrielle Iffla, Clay McCulloch, Wai-Ning Kwong, Madison Bostock, Suzanna Lang, Lily Shilkin, Shaun Ameduri, Kirsten Quain, Henri Crisp and Aysia Carter for attaining major places in their events. Thanks to Mr Howard and the Physical Education team for their work in managing the event.

The Senior School Parent-Teacher evening has also taken place. It presented an opportunity for parents to meet teachers and to understand the progress that students are making. It was a well attended evening. If parents wish to follow-up a matter or seek some information from a teacher, please telephone the school.

Both Year 9 and 11 students have had river cruises and these were likewise, successful undertakings. As this edition of the Update is prepared, Year 12 students are anxiously waiting to attend the Ball. This is to be held on the evening of Friday, 25 March 2011.

There have also been a number of curriculum camps and excursions with the SVAPA and Year 12 Arts camps having concluded. These were enjoyed by students and they were able to undertake a range of extension and enrichment activities. The work of Dr Irving and her staff is acknowledged.

This year has seen several pleasing developments in Aboriginal education. The Follow the Dream program is being embedded and the benefits are starting to flow to the school's senior students. In Year 8, an Aboriginal Excellence program has been established with the first intake of students. The program aims to

#### A THOUGHT

Men show their character in nothing more clearly  
than in what they think laughable..  
*von Goethe*

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#### GENERAL SCHOOL ENQUIRIES

PHONE: 9471 0300 FACSIMILE: 9271 1126

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

PHONE: 9471 0350 FACSIMILE: 9471 0338

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

PHONE: 9471 0320 FACSIMILE: 9471 0329

<http://www.lawley.wa.edu.au>  
[enquiries@lawley.wa.edu.au](mailto:enquiries@lawley.wa.edu.au)

### CONGRATULATIONS

**Nic Stanbury (Year 12) has been selected in the State Schoolboy Team for Baseball at Cairns during May. This is Nic's second representation for baseball, so far this year, well done Nic !**



**Jacinta Larcombe (Year 12) has been selected as a production member of the Steps Youth Dance Company for their regional tour during April.**



**Keir Wilkins' (Class of 2005) 'film 'Bystander' won the Best Film Award at the WA Screen Awards**

<http://www.wascreenawards.com/news/62>

### EVENTS CALENDAR

- March 28-30 Monday - Wednesday** SVAPA Selection Period
- March 28 Monday** P & C Meeting, Main Admin Building
- March 29 Tuesday** Languages Parent Support Group Meeting
- March 30 Wednesday** PHOTO DAY ALL STUDENTS
- April 5 Tuesday** Photo Catch up Day, Yr 12 Drama Production 7pm
- April 7 Thursday** Yr 8 SVAPA The Dream, Music Parent Support Group Meeting
- April 8 Friday** Arts Festival Day
- April 19 Tuesday** Whole School Assembly ANZAC Service
- April 19 Tuesday** END OF TERM



provide tutoring and mentoring to the students and link them into Follow the Dream in the future. A feature of the program is a scholarship that is supported by mining company, Independence Group NL. The generosity of Independence Group is appreciated. Recently, the school hosted a function where a representative of Independence Group presented all of the students with a certificate acknowledging their scholarship. These two programs address some of the issues identified with the school's offerings. It is expected that participating families and students will gain from their involvement.

Recently the election for a parent member of School Council was concluded. Congratulations to Mr Carl Pekin for being elected to this position for the next two years. Mr Michael Sutherland, MLA, Member for Mount Lawley, has also joined Council as has Associate Professor Trevor Cullen representing ECU. This position continues the solid relationship that the school enjoys with the university. Mr John Cloake was re-elected as the P&C representative.

At the AGM, Council elected staff member, Mr Geoff Clayton, as President. Thanks to him for accepting this role. Council was also able to acknowledge the great contribution from retiring members, Mrs Catherine Smith, Mr Ron Pearce, Mr Kevin Pilkington, Mr Neil Hudson and parent representative, Mrs Jo Furness. Student representatives, Kate Prast and Claire Raphael also retired. The thanks of all members of the school community are passed to them for their tireless efforts to make this school better.

Several long serving members of the P&C Music Parent Support Group have also retired from leadership positions. Ms Penny Scott, the Convenor and Ms Kerry White, the Treasurer have made an inestimable contribution to the group. Ms White, in particular, has continued her role for several years following her daughter's graduation from the school. Their efforts are appreciated.

The P&C Art Auction Committee is also now hard at work undertaking the myriad of jobs that need to be done. Under the leadership of Mr Darryl Mason and Ms Penny Scott, it is clear that this group will deliver another outstanding event. All parents and friends of the school should mark the event: Saturday, 25 June 2011.

Parents are reminded of the parent survey. The survey can be found by asking your child to locate the school's website and then log on to the Moodle link. The "Community Survey" is on the top left of the screen under Site News. Click the link and the main window will change to give you access to the survey questions.

The survey seeks parent opinion on Independent Public School status and the Early Start initiative. There is also a detailed feedback sheet on Early Start, which has been sent by mail. A number have been returned and this is appreciated. Council will consider parent feedback when it debates the initiative.

**Milton Butcher PRINCIPAL**

## EMAIL MAILING LISTS

The P&C Music, SVAPA and Languages Mailing Lists were established and maintained by the P&C and have been used by teachers and parent support groups to help keep parents informed about what is happening in each of these programs. The school has now set up its own Mailing Lists and the P&C lists will stop, so as not to cause confusion with multiple lists running.

Your email address cannot be transferred from one to the other. To continue to receive news and information about what is happening in the Music, SVAPA and Languages programs, please join the MLSHS Mailing List:

- Go to the school website <http://www.lawley.wa.edu.au>
- The tab headed "Community" has a drop down menu - choose "Mount Lawley Email List"
- Click on "Email List Sign Up Form" and complete your details.
- You can choose from a whole range of news and events, so please make sure you tick the relevant item eg Music, SVAPA, Languages - you can choose more than one!

Hard copies of information will still be distributed by the teachers. However, many of these can be lost at the bottom of bags, crunched up with mouldy sandwiches and just never turn up at the right house, so joining the relevant mailing list will really help you keep in touch.

## HAVE YOU COMPLETED THE PARENT SATISFACTION SURVEY ?

### DEADLINE EXTENDED TO 4TH APRIL

The survey can be found by asking your child to locate the school's website and then log on to the Moodle link. The "Community Survey" is on the top left of the screen under Site News.

*For further information please contact Associate Principal Mr Michael Camilleri on 9471 0300*

## 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**



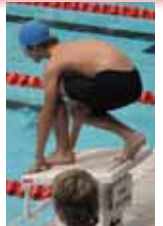
### INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Mt Lawley SHS competed in the 'B' division carnival at Challenge Stadium on March 17. The team looked great and all members were eager to get into the pool and swim their hearts out. Each member performed to their best and fought hard and fast in the pool. This year the school finished in an awesome **FOURTH** place.

Congratulations to all team members for your outstanding efforts and special thanks to the team Captains, **Dylan Pietrocola** and **Kirsten Quain** for successfully leading the team.

#### RESULT:

John Curtin	746
Dun Craig	710
Lesmurdie	631
<b>MT LAWLEY</b>	<b>622</b>
Ocean Reef	496
Leeming	444
Melville 401	
Greenwood	248



**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

The team had some outstanding individuals who achieved excellent personal results and they are:

- Year 12 – **Dylan PIETROCOLA** – CHAMPION
  - Year 11 – **Santi WARDANA** – Runner-up champion
  - Year 8 – **Sam KOCZWARA** – Runner-up champion
- Congratulations to these students





# REDUCE THE HEAT...

# HELP US

## DONATION TO THE P&C TO AIR CONDITION - MOUNT LAWLEY SHS

*This is to improve the learning environment for students.*

**All donations to the P&C (paid to the school's Building Fund) are tax deductible**

I/We wish to make a donation to the Mount Lawley SHS P&C Air Conditioning project.

NAME: .....

STUDENT NAME: .....

ADDRESS: .....

(Please tick ✓)      Cash       Cheque       Credit

AMOUNT    \$  :       Mastercard       VISA

Card No:        -     -     -

Cardholder's Name: .....

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Cardholder's Signature: .....      **EXPIRY DATE**

**DIRECT PAYMENTS** may be made **direct** to the school's bank account.

**INFORMATION REQUIRED:** Student's name/Form group and brief description (if spacing allows) eg JONES, T 8F1 P&C AC

The school will issue a receipt once payment is confirmed.

**BANK DETAILS:** BSB 066040      ACCOUNT 19902837  
**NAME:** MOUNT LAWLEY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL  
**BANK:** COMMONWEALTH BANK

If you wish to give any information regarding the payment you can email shobna.varsani@lawley.wa.edu.au  
**PHONE:** 9471 0302 - (Finance Officer - Shobna Vasani)



## NEW SUBSCRIPTION TO ONLINE STUDY SKILLS HANDBOOK

Our school has recently subscribed to the ELES Study Skills Handbook. This is a great online resource for parents and students to address all their study skills issues and concerns as well as learn new ways to improve students' results at school. The handbook has a huge amount of information for both students and parents as well as lots of interactive activities, multimedia experiences and useful resources. To access the handbook, go to [www.studyskillshandbook.com.au](http://www.studyskillshandbook.com.au) and login as a subscriber with these details:

user name : mtlawleyshs password: 159results

Please note, the above user name and password is for the use of the parents and students AT OUR SCHOOL ONLY- please do not pass our school's details onto students or parents from other schools or other individuals or organisations as this is a prosecutable breach of copyright and also will result in frequent password changes for our school. Please also ensure you read through the terms of use the first time you access the handbook. We encourage all parents and students to take advantage of this opportunity to further develop their students' study skills abilities through online resource." The link can be found on mlshs webpage under learning + online learning.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

Study Skills, Essay Writing and subject courses for Years 11 and 12.

For the first time we will also be running a Skills Development Program for years 7 to 10. Covering Maths, English, Science and Learning Skills

Venues North and South of the river Small groups, expert teachers, individual help For more information contact Dr Pam Bagworth ACADEMIC TASK FORCE. Phone 93174421 [learn@academictaskforce.com.au](mailto:learn@academictaskforce.com.au)

### Master Mind Australia: Academic Pathways

#### April Revision Program offers students:

##### SUBJECT REVISION

This is a six-hour revision course aimed at strengthening students' knowledge and understanding of the syllabus. The classes will improve individual performance by revising the Term 1 WACE syllabus and will prepare students for the semester exams in May. Each course is primarily a teaching program with a comprehensive workbook provided. The teachers are subject specialists with extensive teaching experience and a lively passion for their subject.

##### ESSAY WRITING

This six-hour course will teach students how to write a critical essay. The critical essay structure is required by most WACE subjects as part of their assessment, and is the basic writing style employed at Australian universities. The program covers all elements of the process: understanding the question, planning the response, writing and proofreading. The clear and logical approach will empower students who need to submit an essay for course work or exams.

##### STUDY SKILLS

This six hour course teaches students sound study habits for success in secondary school and beyond. The course covers such areas as note-taking, goal setting, time management and homework strategies. It also addresses exam preparation and stress management, which are vital components for achieving top results in the semester exams in May. The sessions are 8.30 am – 10 am from 26 April to 29 April. The course is also offered as 2 half-day sessions on Monday 2 and Tuesday 3 May.

##### YEAR 10 COURSES

The April Holiday Revision Program offers courses for Year 10 students in Mathematics and Essay Writing. The maths class aims to strengthen students' understanding of basic maths as set out in the syllabus. It will prepare students for Year 10 exams by showing how the maths concepts and topics will be presented in exam questions.

Sound writing skills are important for success in most Year 10 Learning Areas, and are vital for successful transition into WACE subjects in Years 11 and 12. The Essay Writing course is a clear and comprehensive teaching program that focuses on how to write appropriate responses for critical essays, oral presentations and reports.

#### Early Bird Discount

10% discount if you enrol with full payment  
before Friday April 1

### Master Mind Australia: Academic Pathways

Please contact Master Mind Australia: Academic Pathways if you would like to know more about:

- **Individual Tuition**  
We have qualified subject specialists available in all areas to conduct one-on-one tuition in your own home.
- **Revision Programs for WACE Students**  
These comprehensive revision programs are conducted in the school holidays in January, April, July and October. They offer a structured learning environment that successfully prepares students for the new term, and the ensuing examinations.
- **Transition Program**  
The Transition Program provides students with sound emotional and intellectual strategies to cope with the rigours of secondary schooling. Conducted in January it teaches students how to develop sound study habits before the year begins.
- **Master Classes**  
Master Classes are small group teaching programs aimed at empowering students so that they may fulfil their true potential. They are excellent preparation for exams.

For information on any of these programs contact

### Master Mind Australia: Academic Pathways

PO Box 1734, West Perth WA 6872

Phone: 9486 1377 Mobile 0410 691 084

Email: [academicpathways@mastermindaustralia.com.au](mailto:academicpathways@mastermindaustralia.com.au)

## HARLIES HOCKEY CLUB are seeking players for the coming season.

We cater for all age groups but are keen to get some more from Year 8.

All abilities are welcome,  
so why not come and try an exciting team game.

Details available from [www.harlies.org.au](http://www.harlies.org.au)  
or  
Wayne on 0418 600 084.

## WACE Revision Program

Study Skills – Essay Writing  
Exam Preparation

Presented by

### Master Mind Australia: Academic Pathways

- 6 hours per subject
- Small groups
- Subject Revision for years 11 and 12 students
- All subjects offered
- Essay Writing for years 10, 11 and 12 students
- NEW Course: Maths Revision Year 10

*Enrol now for this Holiday Revision Program – 26 April to 3 May 2011*

For more information contact

Dr Robert Hallam

**Ph: 9486 1377**

**Mob: 0410 691 084**

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**COMMUNITY NOTICE****IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**This company is not endorsed by Mount Lawley Senior High School however it is highly recommended that your child have accident insurance coverage whilst at school.**

Dear Parent or Guardian:

### Affordable accident protection for your children

No parent or guardian likes to dwell on the prospect of accidents or injuries to their child, but the reality is that accidents do happen and families often struggle to cope with the financial pressures that follow.

Accidents don't discriminate on the basis of age, location or school, and sadly injuries to school-aged children can place enormous financial stress on their families, and can also have wider effects too. When this happens, parents and guardians need a helping hand.

And all too often, parents are surprised to learn just how little cover, if any, their children have when they are at school or at play.

StudentCover is student accident insurance that provides protection for your children 24 hours a day, seven days a week, anywhere in the world\*. The cover applies whether they are at school or not, and includes almost every sport\*. *(\*some conditions apply)*

The annual cost of a StudentCover policy is just \$29.00.

Just a few of the features include:

- Compensation of \$500,000 for major injuries such as paraplegia and quadriplegia;
- Compensation for other major injuries such as loss of sight or loss of use of a limb and death;
- Reimbursement for emergency transport including the cost of ambulance;
- Compensation for common injuries included such as broken bones, fractures, dislocations or loss of teeth;
- Fee relief following the death of a parent or guardian; and
- Help with student tutoring expenses as a result of total disablement, to ensure a child's education suffers the least possible disruption.

#### How to apply

StudentCover is only available online – making it quick and easy to protect your child or children. Payment can be made by credit card at the time of application, or by BPay once you receive your invoice.

To apply online simply go to [www.studentcover.com.au](http://www.studentcover.com.au) and click APPLY NOW.

With a new school year now upon us, we hope lots of parents and guardians take up this offer, and enjoy just a little more peace of mind when protecting their children.

Kind regards

Jeff Adams  
Managing Director

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