



## MOUNT LAWLEY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL LAWLEY UPDATE Term 2 June 2011 No. 7

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### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Since the last Update, Semester 1 examinations and NAPLAN have concluded and normal timetable has resumed. Teachers are now very busy finalising Semester 1 grades and preparing reports. Reports, along with a copy of the 2010 Annual School Report, will be posted to parents shortly.

The reporting package will also include guidance on how to book appointments for teachers on the Parent-Teacher Reporting Day - 30 June 2011. The timetable will run for periods 1 and 2 in the Senior School and period 1 to 3 in the Middle School. Classes will then be suspended to enable teachers to meet with parents. The reporting session will commence at 1:00pm and conclude at 7:00pm. Appointments will be in 10 minute segments.

Students will be released following the suspension of the timetable. Supervision will be provided for students where this is required. They will complete supervised study in the library and a component of physical activity. This will be finalised depending on demand for supervision.

If parents do not have an internet connection or are unable to utilise the on-line booking system, they may ring the school and a school officer will make appointments.

After the appointments have been made parents will be able to print their appointment sheet and bring it to school. In the past these evenings have proved to be useful to parents in understanding student progress and to discuss issues with teachers.

The Annual School Report, also available on the school's website, is a summary of school programs, achievements and performance data. As with past years, extensive use of graphics is made to provide extensive information to parents on school performance, especially with regard to student outcomes.

Ms Tempone, the Year 10 Co-ordinator managed a very successful river cruise for her cohort. Students enjoyed the event. The river cruises that are conducted for students are keenly supported and are an excellent way for students to engage with their peer group and form productive social relationships.

#### A THOUGHT

A man's character is his fate.  
*Heraclitus*

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

One of our staff members was diagnosed with Pertussis. Pertussis (whooping cough) is a highly contagious, acute respiratory, bacterial infection. It is a notifiable disease and a member of the Public Health System will follow up with any contacts that our staff member had during the "infectious period". A Pertussis fact sheet is available on the following website: [www.public.health.wa.gov.au](http://www.public.health.wa.gov.au), however, if you do not have internet access a copy may be obtained from the Main Administration.

#### The symptoms are:

- Pertussis usually begins just like a cold, with a runny nose, tiredness and sometimes a mild fever.
- Coughing then develops, usually in bouts, followed by a deep gasp (or "whoop"). Sometimes people vomit after coughing.
- Pertussis can be very serious in small children. They may go blue or stop breathing during coughing attacks and may need to go to the hospital.
- Older children and adults tend to have a less serious illness, but they can still have bouts of coughing that continue for many weeks regardless of treatment.

The latest Australian Vaccination Schedule, dated 1 January 2010, recommends Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (dtpa - boostrix/adacel brands) vaccination in school year 7. A booster dose of dtpa is also recommended for adults whose past immunisation was more than 10 years ago. Babies in particular need to be protected as they do not get their vaccination until they are 2 months old.

### EVENTS CALENDAR

**June 14 Tuesday** Year 10 Parent Information Night 7.30-9pm

Main Admin Staffroom upstairs.

**June 15 Wednesday** Year 9 Sports Carnival ALL STUDENTS

**June 16 Thursday** Art Auction Meeting- ALL WELCOME

**June 18 Saturday** Middle School Concert WAPPA

**June 25 Saturday** Community Art Auction

**June 27 Monday** P & C Meeting

**June 28 Tuesday** Language Parent Support Meeting

**June 30 Thursday** Parent Afternoon Yr 8-12 Interviews 1-7pm

The school's parents have supported the Healthy Active initiative again in 2011. This approved request, which is on the Contributions and Charges sheet, directly funds the Co-ordinator of the program. Every dollar provided by parents supports this position. This year, with a school subsidy, Ms Barnes works three days a week on this initiative. She continues to offer a broad range of programs that engage students (and some parents) in physical activity and healthy lifestyle choices. Activities include the Zumba program and the World Cup. Conducted last week, many students participated in this event either as competitors or support staff. The winning teams were USA for the girls and Brazil for the boys. Due to the generous support of parents, we are in a position to continue this program into 2012. The commitment will be known towards the end of this year.



World Cup Winners Girls (USA) and Boys (Brazil) Teams



Noongar elder, Dr Noel Nannup with Year 12 Student Isabella Unwin

Last week was also Reconciliation Week. This incorporated Sorry Day to commemorate the apology made by the former Prime Minister, Mr Kevin Rudd, MP, to the Stolen Generation. The school celebrated this event at the Term 2 whole-school assembly. Year 12 student Isabella Unwin spoke to the school about being an Aboriginal person, whilst respected Noongar elder, Dr Noel Nannup, was the key note speaker. Dr Nannup's address was well received by students who listened intently to him. The behaviour of all, similar as at the ANZAC Day ceremony, was of the highest order. Parents should have a sense of pride in the good manners and co-operation exhibited by students at these milestone assemblies.



Senior Concert Band and Senior Chamber Choir

For the past few years Mount Lawley SHS has supported the Indigenous War Veteran Service in Kings Park. Whilst the ceremony was affected by rain, the Senior Concert Band and Senior Chamber Choir performed exceptionally well with the hymn "Abide with Me". Whilst the Band could not perform the National Anthem, the Chamber Choir sang unaccompanied and did the veterans, the school and themselves proud. The parents of music students are thanked for their support in returning permission sheets promptly to ensure maximum attendance.



(Above) Aboriginal Excellence Program

(Below) Follow The Dream Outreach Program

In 2011, Mount Lawley SHS has introduced two initiatives in Aboriginal Education. In Year 8, we have instituted the Aboriginal Excellence Program where Indigenous students who have achieved well in primary school are accepted into the program. Students will receive a range of supports to maintain progress and prepare for Years 11/12. The mining company, Independence Group NL, supports this program through the provision of a scholarship to each student. The contribution of Independence to this initiative is significant and their support is very much appreciated. ECU through the Kurongkurl Katitjin also support the initiative.

The Department of Education has also asked the school to manage the Follow the Dream (FTD) Outreach program. This is a program to assist Indigenous students make the transition to university through mainly, mentoring, tutoring and revision support. The program has been successful in assisting students gain an ATAR that leads to university study. The school manages a number of students across a range of metropolitan schools where there is insufficient students to enable a separate FTD site. Aboriginal students at this school are also included.



The program was launched last Friday evening at the Kurongkurl Katitjin centre at ECU. Again ECU is a partner with the school in providing this program to the Indigenous students across the metropolitan area.





This weekend the Senior Concert will be held at WAAPA, whilst next Saturday (18 June 2011) the Middle School Concert is conducted. Both of these concerts show case the tremendous talents of the school's music students and are enjoyable events to attend. Tickets may be obtained from an online booking system at <http://www.trybooking.com/QDW> for the Senior Concert and <http://www.trybooking.com/QFR> for the Middle School Concert. If you do not own a credit card, please email the Convenor of the Music Support Group, [pruegriffin@smartchat.net.au](mailto:pruegriffin@smartchat.net.au) stating your name, how many tickets you need (adult and senior/child) and payment method (cheque or cash).

On Saturday, 25 June 2011, the school's acclaimed Community Art Auction will be presented. This is always a great night and the management a great credit to the parent committee. They have worked assiduously to prepare for the night, which will be launched by noted Perth identity, Mr Max Kay. Parent, Mr Russell Goodrick, will again perform the duties of MC with Mr John Cook, auctioneer extra-ordinaire will again donate his time to the committee. A number of noted WA artists have entered art works and bidding is sure to be keen. Wine, beer, soft drinks, tea, coffee will be available for purchase from the bar with wonderfully tasty nibbles served by Catering Essentials. All funds raised from the auction go directly to the school's SVAPA and Music programs. I trust that parents will be able to attend.

**Milton Butcher, Principal**

### PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS 30 JUNE 2011

Parent-Teacher interviews will be conducted for years 8-12 from 1.00pm to 7.00pm on 30 June 2011.

Interviews will be of 10 minutes duration.

For these interviews we are introducing a new internet-based booking system called Parent Teacher On-Line (PTO).

It will save time for parents, staff and students!

Using this system you will be able to book the interview times that suit you best from any internet-connected computer.

You will receive a clarifying letter along with the student reports, which are posted home on Monday 20 June 2011.

This clarifying letter will include your username and password to access the booking schedules as well as full instructions.



### MOUNT LAWLEY SHS CAREERS EXPO 2011

The Mount Lawley SHS 2011 Careers Expo will be held on **Thursday the 30th of June between 2 and 6pm**. This will coincide with the whole school report day. The Expo will be located in the Library with some interactive exhibits in the undercover area outside the Senior School building. Each of the Western Australian universities and training institutions (formerly known as TAFE Colleges) will be present.

Approximately twenty representatives from a wide range of career pathways including the Defence Force, the motor, plumbing, painting and mining industries will be able to provide information on jobs, courses, traineeships and apprenticeships.

There will be an opportunity to speak directly with experts who can provide up to date information to assist students with subject choices and post compulsory options. The Expo is open to all students and parents.

**For further information, please contact Catherine Smith, Vet/Careers Coordinator on 9471 0312 or [catherine.smith@lawley.wa.edu.au](mailto:catherine.smith@lawley.wa.edu.au)**



## Saturday 25 June 2011 COMMUNITY ART AUCTION

**Preview: 5pm - 7pm**  
**Auction: Hammer down at 7pm sharp**

**Mount Lawley Senior High School**  
**65 Woodsome Street Mount Lawley**  
**(park on the school oval via Bradford St, near ECU)**

If you love Western Australian art, this is for you! Great artworks at great prices. Over 90 artworks will be auctioned including paintings, ceramics, glass, jewellery and photography from more than 40 WA artists including Leon Pericles, Pippin Drysdale, Peteris Ciemetis and many more. The gala auction night includes a People's Choice Award, raffles, live music by talented student musicians, delectable light refreshments, licensed bar and a display of student works. Host Russell Goodrick, VIP Max Kay and professional auctioneer John Cook have all volunteered to be involved in this community event.

**View the artworks and pre-bid at: [www.lawleyevents.com](http://www.lawleyevents.com).**

**Enquiries to John 62628127.**

*All funds raised will assist the education of the next generation of actors, musicians and visual artists: the students of Mount Lawley Senior High School.*





## PARENTS OF YEAR 12 STUDENTS - WACE REQUIREMENTS FOR 2011

### WACE requirements 2010 and 2011

These are the minimum requirements for students to receive a Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE).

WACE requirements 2010 and 2011	
<b>Breadth and depth requirement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete at least 20 units, of which at least 10 must be from WACE courses (notes 1,2 and 3)</li> <li>The 20 units must include at least three two-unit combinations from different WACE courses and also include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>four course units from the English learning area (English, Literature and/or EAL/D), studied over at least two years post Year 10 (at least two of these units must be completed in Year 12) (note 4)</li> <li>at least one pair of course units from each of List A (arts/languages/social sciences) and List B (mathematics/science/technology) in their final year. (note 5)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Achievement standard requirement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Achieve a C grade average or better across 10 course units (note 6)</li> <li>These 10 units must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the last two-unit combination completed in three different courses</li> <li>one unit from each of two other different courses</li> <li>units with the highest achievement to make up the balance of the 10 units.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Endorsed programs and/or VET credit transfer can reduce the number of course units and courses required by up to 40 per cent. (notes 7 and 8)</li> </ul>
<b>English language competence requirement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Achieve the standard for English language competence as defined by work samples; typically this is a C grade or better in any Stage 1 or higher English unit (except 1A and 1B for English as an Additional Language/Dialect). (notes 9 and 10)</li> </ul>
<b>Notes</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to 10 unit equivalents may comprise endorsed programs, including VET credit transfer.</li> <li>Full-year D or E code subjects completed prior to 2010 equate to two course units.</li> <li>For courses with defined contexts that are coded separately, the course context counts as a separate course for the purposes of determining the C grade average.</li> <li>Part-time students or students completing WACE over three years or more must study two units from an English course in their final year if they have not already completed four units over two years, post Year 10.</li> <li>A pair of units from the English learning area can be used to meet the List A requirement.</li> <li>Year 12 students enrolled in a pair of units in Stage 2 or Stage 3 courses must sit the examination in that course, unless exempt. If they do not make a genuine attempt in the course examination in Year 12 the grades for the pair of units completed in that year will not contribute to the C grade average.</li> <li>Completion of a Preliminary Stage unit does not contribute to the C grade average, but reduces the number of course units over which the average is calculated in the same way as VET credit transfer.</li> <li>Endorsed programs and/or VET credit transfer can reduce the number of course units and courses required in the calculation of the C grade average. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If endorsed programs equivalent to eight units are included, the average is calculated across at least eight course units from at least four courses.</li> <li>If endorsed programs equivalent to 10 units are included, the average is calculated across at least six course units from at least three courses.</li> <li>The last three two-unit combination requirement remains the same.</li> </ul> </li> <li>The English language competency requirement can include former D and E code English subjects completed before 2010.</li> <li>The Council's SIRS database is set to automatically check the student's results and where achieved record English language competence based on these results. For students who have not achieved a C grade in one of their English course units, schools will need to compare a selection of the student's work with the work samples.</li> </ol>

## COMMUNITY NOTICES



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Video Competition 2011

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Win \$10,000!

### Enter the 2011 myfuture Video Competition – Best Youth Video

#### Who can enter?

For a chance to win \$10,000, the 2011 myfuture Video Competition is now open to young people aged 12-25 in Australia. Create a video of up to three (3) minutes profiling an occupation.

This competition is an exciting opportunity to explore occupations in a creative and innovative way.

#### Register NOW!

Register to receive monthly competition updates that will provide helpful hints and tips for producing a video entry. Visit the [myfuture website](http://myfuture.com.au) for further information and free resources.

#### Closing Date

The competition closes at 5pm (EST) on 31 October 2011.

myfuture is Australia's career information & exploration service. This project is funded by the Australian Government. The myfuture Video Competition is managed by Education Services Australia. myfuture is a joint initiative of Australian, state and territory governments.

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## MASTER MIND AUSTRALIA – ACADEMIC PATHWAYS JULY REVISION PROGRAM

Master Mind Australia will be conducting revision programs in the July school holidays for all year 10 students and year 11 and 12 WACE students. The classes are subject-specific teaching programs that focus solely on the syllabus and reinforce the work students do at school. Class sizes are small and aimed at improving the individual's academic performance. They offer students a structured learning environment that will prepare them for success in examinations.

For more information contact Dr Robert Hallam on 9486 1377



## EDITH COWAN UNIVERSITY (ECU) PRESENTATION:

### Courses and Entry Pathways

A representative from ECU will be making a special presentation at MLSHS to provide parents and students with up to date information about their 2012 courses and entry requirements. This will be followed by a tour of the ECU Mount Lawley campus.

The details are as follows:

**Date** Tuesday 21st of June  
**Time** 7.00-8.30pm  
**Location** MLSHS Staff Room  
**RSVP is essential to:** Catherine Smith, VET/Careers Coordinator [catherine.smith@lawley.wa.edu.au](mailto:catherine.smith@lawley.wa.edu.au)



Mount Lawley Senior High School  
languages for life

## MOUNT LAWLEY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL LANGUAGES PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

### ALL WELCOME

We are inviting all students and their family and friends to join us for our second

### **CAR RALLY / TREASURE HUNT Fundraiser** Sunday 12 June 2011

Start – Mount Lawley Senior High School Car Park  
(Woodsome St)  
At 10am sharp

Follow a set of directions to an unknown destination answering questions and collecting a list of items along the way.

The car answering the most questions correctly and collecting all the items will be announced the winner and presented with the Winner's Trophy.

Each car will need to bring along a picnic lunch to share  
At the final destination  
(which also happens to be the Languages Lunch)

**\$20 a ticket to register your car –  
available from any of the Language Staff.**

Dress up your car to receive Bonus Points.  
We hope you will support us with this fun event and  
Look forward to seeing you there.  
(No tickets will be available on the day  
so please register early)

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### COURSE INFORMATION EVENING 28TH JUNE

The Notre Dame events schedule commences with the Course Information Evenings. These evenings are designed to provide an ideal opportunity for prospective students to speak with University staff personally as well as gather detailed information on courses, alternative entry and admission into Notre Dame. Both evenings will offer a full courses expo and presentations for each of the course areas.

Course Information Evening 2: Tuesday, 28th June, Expo starts at 5.30pm followed by presentations at 6.15pm. Tannock Hall of Education Cnr Croke and Cliff Streets, Fremantle.

If you have any further enquiries or would like to RSVP to the above events, please contact the Prospective Students Office on 9433 0533 or via email at [future@nd.edu.au](mailto:future@nd.edu.au).

### Why become a host family to an exchange student?



STS Student Exchange is looking for busy, friendly Aussie families willing to show European exchange students how we live life "Down Under".

Most of our students arriving this July have been dreaming about seeing Australia since they were kids. These young people are very eager to become part of a warm and caring Australian family. Families who host are often surprised at what they gain. Exchange students enrich your lives with their positive attitude and a wealth of their own cultural experiences and language. They become a member of your family and a brother or sister to your children, be they older or younger. Families are not paid to host but the students support themselves financially. Families provide food and board. If you are enthused about this rewarding experience and are willing to give it a go we would love to hear from you.

Call us today to start your adventure! 1800 263 964 or email us at [stsf@people.net.au](mailto:stsf@people.net.au) Website: [www.sts-education.com.au](http://www.sts-education.com.au)

STS Student Exchange, PO Box 666, Hornsby NSW 1630 ABN 35095790177  
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# Open Your Mind Day

Visit our campus to open your mind to a new world of discovery. You can:

- Pick up course and career information
- Get involved with hands on activities and watch demonstrations
- Talk to our lecturers, counsellors and students
- Get inspired by course and career talks
- Take a campus tour
- Enjoy live bands, rides and entertainment

**Sunday 7 August**  
**10.00am - 4.00pm**  
**South Street campus, Murdoch**

For more information:

Go to [www.murdoch.edu.au/OpenYourMind](http://www.murdoch.edu.au/OpenYourMind)  
Phone 1300 MURDOCH (1300 687 3624)







# **Fathers & Sons**

## **Bibbulmun Track Walk**

### **An invitation to Year 10 students and their fathers**

This *Fathers & Sons Bibbulmun Track Walk* will have a career planning and career exploration focus. The timing of the walk is ideal for Year 10's in preparation for upper school subject selection in 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester.

The walk will take place on a section of the Bibbulmun Track between Kalamunda & Mundaring. We will meet at the carpark of the Perth Hills National Parks Centre near Mundaring Weir. Then a bus will take us to Asher Rd (roughly the half-way point on the track between Kalamunda & Mundaring Weir. We will walk ~1.5km to the Hewitt's Hill Campsite, where we will have a group "vision quest" activity focusing on career & life goals (this is where the *Powerful Me* material will be needed). We will then walk ~3.5 km to South Ledge. During this section of the walk the male students will have an opportunity to rotate between the male adults present & ask them focus questions about their own careers (their current jobs, and also their career and life experiences as young adults).

When we arrive at South Ledge we will hold a *Drumbeat* Drumming Activity at the scenic South Ledge Viewing Platform; this drumming session will focus on interdependence & cooperation. We will also eat lunch at South Ledge (either before or after the Drumming Session, depending on the time of day). We will then walk a further ~2 km to the Mundaring Weir itself, where the bus will again take us to the carpark of the Perth Hills National Parks Centre.

Each student attending must be accompanied by their father or another male mentor (uncle, grandfather or other significant adult male) on the walk. For further enquiries contact David Greeshaw on 94710314.

**Date: Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2011.**

**Cost: \$20 per student (including Lunch)**

**Registrations:** There will be a limit of 10 students from Mt Lawley Senior High School for the walk (we are teaming up with Ellenbrook Secondary College for this event & they have a separate quota of students). Participation will need to be on a first come, first served basis.

**To register an expression of interest please contact David Greeshaw, School Psychologist on 9471 0314.**

