



MOUNT LAWLEY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL LAWLEY UPDATE Term 3 September 2011 No. 11

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The Music Festivals for 2011 continued to showcase the talent of our students. Following on from the Jazz and String Orchestra results, the Concert Bands also achieved excellent results:

Senior Concert Band - Division "A" - Outstanding.

Junior Band - Division "C" - Excellent.

The student players and the conductor, Mr De Cinque, are congratulated on these results.

The support of the music parents is also appreciated as parents make a significant contribution through taking students to and from rehearsals and the concerts themselves.

Our contemporary music students will be performing in the Contemporary Music Ensemble Festival on Saturday, 17 September 2011. I wish all participating students well in this upcoming event.

The final concert for the year takes place on Monday, 5 September 2011 at WAAPA. This is a combined event for both Middle School and Senior School. It is an excellent opportunity to see the school's outstanding ensembles in performance.

The school production, "King Lear" is also scheduled for the same week, commencing on the Tuesday. Tickets, at \$20.00 Adults, \$15.00 Students/Concession or \$5.00 MLSHS students, are available on line from <http://trybooking.com/ULH>.

Last week a number of lower-school students participated in an interesting exercise. The task was to prepare a book in one day - effectively 11 hours. The students worked in the library as they developed the story line and then prepared the illustrations and completed the final product. Through this work they demonstrated a range of skills including teamwork, communication and decision-making. They were supported in this exercise by a number of teachers. Thanks to Mrs Gardiner for co-ordinating the exercise and to the library staff for providing the use of the facility.

The 1:1 rollout of notebook computers is now underway. The

A THOUGHT

*People seem not to see that their opinion of the world
is also a confession of their character.*

Ralph Waldo Emerson.

CONGRATULATIONS



Kirsten Quain (12F2)
has been selected for the
**Western Australian Sport
Aerobics State Team to travel
to Melbourne for the 2011
Australian Sport Aerobics
Championships in October.**



Samuel Koczwar (8H1) has
been selected to represent
**Western Australia in the
2011 Under 15 Thunder Lar-
crosse Team.**

**It is a significant achieve-
ment for Sam to be playing
in an older age group.**

EVENTS CALENDAR

September 12-16 Monday -Friday Year 9 Camp

September 13 Tuesday Languages Support Group Meeting,
Music Support Committee Meeting 6pm

September 15 Thursday Finance Committee Meeting

September 19 Monday School Council Meeting

September 20 Tuesday Uniform Shop Closed

September 20 Tuesday School House Athletics **ALL STUDENTS**

2012 MLSHS Combined Arts Europe Tour

UNIFORM SHOP SALE

**Clearance sale ends Sept 29thpurchase for next year at these
bargain prices!**

**We still have boys shorts, trousers and girls skirts size 20 to 28 - All \$15
White formal shirts short sleeve and long sleeve size L to 3XL \$5 each**

Term 3 & 4 shop opening hours are Tues 8 - 11:30 and Thurs 8 - 3:30pm



first year group to be issued a machine is the Year 11 cohort. The support of parents in attending the information session and facilitating the rollout is appreciated. The take-up of the machines by families has been strong. The rollout to Year 10 and 9 students will follow shortly. The assistance of the P&C in funding part of the rollout costs in terms of software and preparation of the machines is appreciated. The rollout is a significant impost in terms of the school's ICT staff.

As has been discussed in several Updates, the attendance of students is a concern. There is a view that a student not attending 90% of a term is at-risk of not attaining his/her best result. Mount Lawley SHS has a target of 92% attendance across the school. The Year 8 group is the only component of the school at 90% or better. There are a number of students for whom attendance is a major concern. Time in class is important and the assistance of parents is sought in making sure students attend school and are on time.

Where students are absent, there is a legal requirement for parents to provide an explanation. This may be through the SMS system, a telephone call, email or note. Completing the individual absentee sheet and returning it is also an acceptable manner of advising the reason for an absence. However, the reason must be listed. Again, your support is requested in discharging this obligation.

In order to streamline attendance procedures, there is now one contact at the school, Ms Emilia Kuczerepa. All students now sign in/out at the front office. Parents are also reminded that students who are late or leave early are to sign in/out and should bring a note.

Mr Johnston is continuing to work with students who are at risk of not achieving Secondary Graduation. The extracts below show parents the requirements of achieving the WACE for Year 12 (2011) and Year 11 (2012). If there are any questions, about this matter are asked to speak with Mr Johnston.

Milton Butcher, Principal

SECONDARY GRADUATION

Extract from the WACE Manual

Available online @ http://www.curriculum.wa.edu.au/internet/Years_K10/Curriculum_Resources

8.2 WACE REQUIREMENTS – 2011

These are the minimum requirements for students to receive a WACE in 2011.

8.2.1 WACE REQUIREMENTS

Achievement of a WACE signifies that a student has successfully met the breadth and depth, the achievement standard and English language competence requirements in their senior secondary schooling. For 2011 these requirements are:

- **Breadth and depth**
 - o Complete at least 20 units, of which at least 10 must be from WACE courses.
 - o The 20 units must include at least three two-unit combinations from different WACE courses and also include:
 - four course units from English, Literature and/or English as an Additional Language/Dialect (EAL/D) studied over at least two years post Year 10 (at least two of these units must be completed in Year 12) and
 - at least one pair of course units from each of List A (arts/languages/social sciences) and List B (mathematics/science/technology) completed in their final year.
- **Achievement standard**
 - o Achieve a C grade average or better across 10 course units
 - o These 10 units must include:
 - the last two-unit combination completed in three different courses
 - one unit from each of two other different courses
 - other units with the highest achievement to make up the balance of the 10 units.
 - o Endorsed programs and/or VET credit transfer can reduce the number of course units and courses required by up to 40 per cent.
- **English language competence**
 - o 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).

8.3 WACE requirements – 2012 and beyond

The requirements to achieve a WACE in 2012 and beyond are different from the requirements to achieve a WACE in 2011.

Achievement of a WACE signifies that a student has successfully met the breadth and depth, the achievement standard and English language competence requirements in their senior secondary schooling. For 2012 and beyond these requirements are:

- **Breadth and depth**
 - o Complete a minimum of 20 course units or the equivalent.
 - o The 20 course units must include at least:
 - four course units from English, Literature and/or English as an Additional Language/Dialect, studied during Year 11 and Year 12 (at least two of these units must be completed in Year 12).
 - one pair of course units from each of List A (arts/languages/social sciences) and List B (mathematics/science/technology) completed in Year 12.
- **Achievement standard**
 - o Achieve a C grade average or better across the best 16 course units of which at least eight must be completed in Year 12.
 - o Endorsed programs and/or VET credit transfer can reduce the required number of course units by up to six units.
- **English language competence**
 - o Achieve a C grade or better in any Stage 1 or higher course unit from English, Literature and/or English as an Additional Language/Dialect (except 1A and 1B for English as an Additional Language/Dialect).
 - o For students who have not achieved a C grade in one of their English, Literature and/or or English as an Additional Language/Dialect course units, schools will need to compare a selection of the student's work with the work samples provided by the Curriculum Council to verify the student has demonstrated the required standard.

LANGUAGES WEEK

Food was the focus activity during Languages Week which happened in week 3 of this term. Parents from the Languages Parent Support Group and several language students were on hand to put Languages and their cultural culinary customs on show. Each of the five languages was represented by its country's "signature food" for the five days of the week. During Lunch 1 of both components of the school, students were savouring French Éclairs, Indonesian Lumpia (Spring rolls), German Cakes, Chinese Baozis (buns), and Italian Gelati.



Parents managed the stands with the assistance from GATE students Teleah Wilcox, Ashleigh Jackson and Victoria Ko-Peternelj and former student Audrey Pekin. This was a way to showcase the cultures of the target language nations and to enhance the understandings of all students. Languages Week again showed the importance of the Languages program to Mount Lawley SHS.

New Year 8 GATE Languages students were issued with their Languages For Life T shirts and all GATE students were allowed to wear them during that week. We received quite a few compliments for the T shirts which were provided and made possible by the Languages Parent Support

Group (designed by Mr Nic Beames, a parent of a previous and current GATE student).



The Parent group is unique with other Languages schools and the parents have been incredibly supportive. The Languages' teachers are very appreciative of all the extra facilities and support parents provide to the Languages program.

Anita Chong, Acting Learning Area Leader Languages



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Your local community

Volleyball WA offers a Social Beach Volleyball for parents at Royal Park, 180 Charles St. (corner of Vincent), West Perth.

Come with friends or on your own, meet others parents...We look after your children.

From the 13th of October to the 17th of November 2011,

9:30 am to 11:30am

Cost: \$15.00, coffee or tea included

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SOCIAL BEACH VOLLEYBALL FOR PARENTS

Your local community

Meet other parents in a fun, relaxed environment.

When: 13th October to 17th November 2011 (inclusive)

Time: Thursdays from 9.30am – 11.30am

Venue: 180 Charles St WEST PERTH WA 6005

Cost: \$15*

RSVP: Before 6th October

*Children welcome

For further information & enquiries, please contact Rachelle Brammer on 9228 8522, Fax 9228 8533 or email: brammer@volleyballwa.com.au

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ATHLETICS FUN DAY

WA Athletics will be holding a fun day for people with disabilities. Come and learn how to run, jump and throw! Coaches will be on hand to help improve your skills.

There will also be the opportunity to take part in the Toyota Paralympic Talent Search run by the Australian Paralympic Committee.

*Registration before the day is required

To register, email:

sarah.jamieson@waathletics.org.au

SO WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR....REGISTER NOW!

**RUN, JUMP
AND THROW
YOURSELF
INTO A
GREAT
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WHEN:
Sunday October 16
9.30 - 11.30

WHERE: WA Athletics Stadium,
Stephenson Ave,
Mt Claremont



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The October Revision Program offers students:

SUBJECT REVISION

This is a ten-hour revision course aimed at strengthening students' knowledge and understanding of the syllabus. The primary objective of these classes is to prepare students for their final year WACE exams. Each course is a teaching program with a comprehensive workbook provided. The teachers are subject specialists with extensive teaching experience and a lively passion for their subject.

STUDY SKILLS

This five 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 examinations.

YEAR 10 COURSES

The October Holiday Revision Program offers courses for Year 10 students in Mathematics and English. The Maths class aims to strengthen students' understanding of basic maths concepts and show how they will be presented in exam questions. The English class will teach strategies on how to decode texts to reveal meaning, and how to compose and structure quality written responses in a variety of genres.

Significant School Discounts Available

Contact Dr Hallam to see if your child is eligible.

Master Mind Australia: Academic Pathways

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

- **Next Revision Program**
Master Mind Australia will be conducting a six hour revision program in the January 2012 holidays. These classes will prepare students for the rigours of the new academic year ahead.
- **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
www.mastermindaustralia.com.au

WACE Revision Program October

Study Skills – Subject Revision
Exam Preparation

*Final Exam
Preparation*

**Enrol now for this Holiday Revision
Program, 3–14 October 2011**

For more information contact

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HELP MOUNT LAWLEY SHS WITH YOUR SUPERMARKET SHOPPING.

We are registered for both of the current supermarket promotions – Coles Sport for Schools and Woolworths Earn & Learn
Please save your Woolworths shopping receipts and ask at the checkout for the vouchers at Coles.
We are collecting them and can earn some great prizes for our school.

Dear Parents,

I'm writing to ask for your help. Our school is taking part in Woolworths Earn & Learn community program. This year, they are giving away more than \$5 million worth of educational resources for Primary and Secondary schools all over Australia, including ours!

From July 18th to September 18th 2011, Woolworths will give you one Earn & Learn point for every \$10 you spend in store (excluding the purchase of cigarettes, alcohol and gift cards). Points will automatically appear on your shopping docket. All you need to do is save those dockets and bring them to school (Woolies have given us a special collection box). You will be able to track our progress on our points barometer poster at school or online at woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

At the end of the 9-week program, we can redeem our collection of points against a choice of more than 7,000 educational resources. The list is extensive and includes library books, classroom equipment, art & craft materials and much, much more...

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AFTER-SCHOOL MATHEMATICS FOR ABLE AND GIFTED SCHOOL STUDENTS

The Edith Cowan University (ECU) Mathematics Problem Solving Program will again be offered in 2012. These classes are likely to be of interest to your able students and their parents. The classes are a continuation of the ones that have proved so popular over the past twenty years. This year, more than 200 students from Years 5 to 10, regularly attend the after-school classes at the Mount Lawley campus of Edith Cowan University. The program is year-long. It gives students the opportunity to tackle challenging mathematical problems, and to extend their range of problem-solving skills and strategies. It also develops their skills in presenting solutions.

In 2012 there will be classes at five levels:

Primary Level 1:	For students in Year 6 (Fortnightly: Thu)	Secondary Level 1 (Euler):	For students in Year 8 (Weekly: Tue)
Primary Level 2:	For students in Year 7 (Fortnightly: Thu)	Secondary Level 2 (Gauss):	For students in Year 9 (Weekly: Wed 5pm)
		Secondary Level 3 (Noether):	For students in Year 10 (Weekly: Wed 4pm)

Students in the secondary level classes participate in Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians, a national program organised by the Australian Mathematics Trust. No student should enrol in the national program both through the school and through the ECU program. There will be a charge of \$120 for the year-long program. There is an additional charge of \$80 for students in Years 8 to 10, for participation in the Mathematics Challenge program.

All of the above details and further information are given on the website: <http://ecu.edu.au/mpsp>

Dr Nathan (Norm) Hoffman