



## MOUNT LAWLEY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

An Independent Public School

### LAWLEY UPDATE Term 4 2012 No. 16

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Welcome to Term 4 of the year. During this time there are a number of milestones that mark the year.

Year 12 students have their final fortnight at school prior to the WACE examinations. During this time, Stage 2/3 students will undertake a review of the school examination and then complete a structured revision program. Students should attend School and take advantage of the revision program and preparation for the WACE. The final day for Year 12 students is Friday, 26 October 2012 when they will attend a farewell breakfast, participate in the final assembly and have a year photograph. As per any other school day, school uniform is required. The Year 12 Dinner is now scheduled for Thursday, 29 November 2012. This follows the Awards Ceremony earlier in the week (Tuesday, 27 November 2012). The date of the dinner had to be changed due to requirements of the venue.

Later in the term, Year 10 and 11 students will commence Early Start and move into next year's study program. This follows their final examinations for the current year. Reports will be available prior to the end of the year. Year 9 students complete their transition to Year 10 and we will also welcome the 2013 Year 8 cohort.

During the recent break, 26 students and a team of staff and several parents undertook the China Tour for 2012. The group flew into Guangzhou and commenced the tour with a delayed flight to Xian, home of the Terracotta Warriors. Key sites in Beijing and Shanghai were also visited. The students enjoyed a homestay with families from our sister school in Hangzhou, Hangzhou Number 14 High School. They also toured the magnificent West Lake. The final day was spent in the new sister school of Mount Lawley Senior High School, Houzhai Middle School in the city of Yiwu in Zhejiang Province. Zhejiang is the sister state of Western Australia.

The students gained immensely from the tour experiencing the customs and culture of China as well as being able to converse with native speakers of Mandarin. They learnt how to manage in the large crowds, saw Pandas in the Beijing Zoo and shopped in a number of markets. Thanks to Mrs Chong for managing the tour and to Mr Camilleri for presenting the daily blog so parents could follow the action. Mrs Tumak assisted as the official photographer, Ms Finning ably managed students and Mr Cheah was immensely valuable as an interpreter, especially in restaurants.

#### CONGRATULATIONS



Dante Alighieri Society  
of Western Australia  
has awarded **Kian**  
and **Christian**



a Certificate for gaining  
**Equal First Prize** in the  
**2012 Year 11 Language**  
**Examinations.**

#### EVENTS CALENDAR

**Monday 22 October** Year 11 Exam week starts

**Tuesday 23 October** Languages Parent Meeting

**Thursday 25 October** Music Support Committee Meeting

**Friday 26 October** Yr 12 Breakfast, Whole School Assembly

**Monday 29 October** Year 10 & 11 Exams

**Wednesday 31 October** SVAPA Parent Meeting

**Thursday 1 November** WACE Exams Begin

#### A THOUGHT

The more definitely his own a man's character is, the better it fits him.  
*Cicero*



Attendance is a theme addressed in the Update. I remain concerned at the rate, which is below that expected for this school's band. In Term 3, the rate declined to below 90%, which is considered a benchmark for achievement. Whilst it is acknowledged that August was particularly bad for the flu, with warmer weather the rate of attendance should improve. Parents are asked to assist through encouraging attendance. When students are absent, there is a legal requirement to provide an explanation. This may be through a note, SMS, telephone call or email. Again parent support is requested.

NAPLAN results have been provided and analysis of the results is underway. It is pleasing to see the mean scores of the school exceeding both those for the nation and the state in all components. The NAPLAN scores for 2012 are tabulated below:

**Mean Test Scores**

	National	WA	MLSHS	Male	Female	ATSI	LBOTE
Numeracy	584	582	605	616	596	574	608
Reading	575	572	603	599	606	581	579
Spelling	577	574	611	603	617	585	602
Grammar	573	570	603	593	611	569	587
Writing	553	557	608	593	621	540	598

The performance of students in equalling or exceeding the National Standard is also excellent. The results are tabulated below:

**Achievement of National Standard**

NAPLAN Component	At or Above the National Standard
Numeracy	95.2%
Reading	94.9%
Spelling	94.2%
Grammar	96%
Writing	92.6%

Note: Parents should note that the percentage failing to achieve the standard includes those students exempted, absent and withdrawn.

Every component showed an improved performance over 2011. Congratulations to the Year 9 cohort and their teachers.

I wish all students a rewarding Term 4 and for those Year 12 students about to commence WACE, good luck.

**Please support our Green initiative by reading the rest of this issue online at the P&C website**

**<http://mlshspc.org.au>**

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**One Step Closer to \$5,000**

Tell your friends to take a look at our school's page, at [www.cuacommunitycare.com.au](http://www.cuacommunitycare.com.au). This page will give them all the information they need about how we plan to use the \$5,000 CUA Community Care grant. **Vote for us NOW!!!!!!!!!!!! See more details online.**



## **SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES DUE FOR PAYMENT**

A reminder to Parents and Guardians that school contributions and charges for 2012 are due in full unless families are making regular payments to a payment plan.

All outstanding charges for Year 12 students are to be finalised as soon as possible.

For parents/guardian who would like to discuss their outstanding charges or would like to set up a payment plan, please contact our Finance Officer, Mrs Sue Faranda, on 9471 0302.

### **PAYMENT METHODS**

A quick reminder that the School accepts payment in cash, cheque or EFTPOS at the Main Administration, by credit card via a telephone call or internet transfer to BSB 066118 Account 00900116. Please include your child's surname, initial and form group in the reference field.



# CHINA TOUR







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# Mount Lawley Senior High School



## PROJECT: The 'Baldja Maarakool' Space

- Lift the profile of indigenous culture in the school community
- Create a greater sense of belonging for indigenous students
- Connect the school community to indigenous culture and community
- Foster indigenous education opportunities with the school community

We would like to use the CUA grant to build the 'Baldja Maarakool' space in our school. This will consist of a mural highlighting the importance of our indigenous culture. In front of this mural, we wish to construct an indigenous garden that displays various edible indigenous plants. We believe that this space will help remind our students and teachers that indigenous culture is a valued part of our history; we are also aiming to ensure that our indigenous students feel that they have a place to leave their mark, and understand that they belong to a very wide and very caring community.



## One Step Closer to \$5,000

Over the past few weeks, Mount Lawley has been really pleased with the number of votes we have received. We're getting there, and it's all thanks to you. But we can't stop now!

We have received a lot of votes for our CUA Community Care project. That's some serious effort! But now is the most important time of all. Word of mouth can be a very powerful marketing tool; if you tell one person about the Community Care program, they may then spread the message to five more people, and so on. So, it's very important that you start sharing our message with your friends and families, to make sure we get as many votes as possible!

You can tell your friends to take a look at our school's page, at [www.cuacommunitycare.com.au](http://www.cuacommunitycare.com.au). This page will give them all the information they need about how we plan to use the \$5,000 CUA Community Care grant. Once they've done that, encourage them to vote for us.

Don't forget the easiest and most effective way of sharing – through Facebook and other social media platforms. Request all of your friends on Facebook to go to the CUA Community Care website, and cast their votes online. This will tip the scales in our favour!

**We're almost there, so don't stop now!**

**\$5,000**  
Community Grant

SUBMIT YOUR VOTE TODAY

[www.cuacommunitycare.com.au](http://www.cuacommunitycare.com.au)



Six students from the Aboriginal Excellence Program posed for a photographer from the Gaurdian Express Community Newspaper. The photograph will accompany an article designed to promote Mt Lawley Senior High Schools campaign for funding for the mural and garden in the space above. Montana, Larissa, Ben, Jaymie, Carlin and Jai made perfect models! Watch your post box over the next few weeks!



# INTER SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL NEWSFLASH

Mt Lawley Senior High School was Triumphant in the Interschool Carnival  
winning by 500 points.

This win promotes the school from division D to Division C.



Senior School Team

Team Captains  
TJ McKenzie and Santi Wardana



Middle School Team



# COMMUNITY



## Yr 7, 8, 9, & 10 Saturday Classes

Running for 8 weeks in Term 4 – at Rossmoyne Senior High School and Churchlands Senior High School

Keep up to date with your work and get extra help in English and/or Maths! Be guided by experienced teachers in our small group tutorials and receive individual attention to build your skills and understanding in these subjects.

For more information and enrolment contact **Academic Task Force**

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## Recital

*Proceeds in aid of Mount Lawley Primary School*

*Sunday, 28th October @ 5pm*

*Perth College Performing Arts  
Theatre  
Lawley Crescent, Mount Lawley*

**HARRIET GRIFFITHS (Piano)**  
*plays Bach, Chopin, Schumann and Beethoven*

*Tickets \$20  
Entrance by the side door*



Everyone is invited to the  
Yokine on the Green School Fete 2012  
to be held on the oval of Yokine Primary School  
on Sunday 4 November from 10am to 3pm.  
Stalls galore, delicious food, entertainment,  
activities and fun for all the family







**City of Stirling**  
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Calling all 12-25 year olds

**Have Your Say!**

How Can We Support You?

Do you live in the City of Stirling?

Would you like to have a say on the things that affect you and what you would like to see happening in your community?

If so, Family Services invites you to take part in their online survey. We are reviewing our programs and services and want to hear from as many young people as possible.

Complete the survey for your chance to win some awesome prizes!

1st prize — iPod Touch plus \$50 iTunes voucher  
2nd prize — iPod Classic plus \$20 iTunes voucher  
3rd prize — \$100 JB Hi-Fi voucher

Complete the survey here from Monday 15 October:  
[www.stirling.wa.gov.au/families](http://www.stirling.wa.gov.au/families)  
Survey closes: 31 October 2012

For further information or for a hard copy of the survey contact Family Services on 9205 8555 or [familyservices@stirling.wa.gov.au](mailto:familyservices@stirling.wa.gov.au)

## ROUND BALL FOOTBALL TRAINING.

Quality Football training, Indoor and outdoor.

### 7 Week Outdoor Clinic from October 31st.

Wednesday's Round Ball Football Training will hold it's first outdoor clinic this year.

I will be using this Clinic for age groups from 11 to 17 year old Boys or Girls.

Limited number will be taken, so First in will get a spot.

Starting on the Wednesdays from October 31st.

Times: will be from 5.30pm to 6.30pm.

Where: Perth College Oval which is on the corner of Lawley Cres and Beaufort St Mt Lawley.

Cost for the 7 weeks will be \$ 75.

Limited numbers left.

Regards

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# WORLD TEACHER'S DAY

Friday 26th October

It is a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge the positive influence teachers have on young people's lives and their tremendous contribution to society.

To celebrate World Teachers Day, an online message board has been created so that messages of thanks can be left for teachers who inspire and encourage children to achieve their very best.

Leaving a message is a perfect way to say thank you to teachers who have made a difference to your lives or the lives of your children. By leaving a comment, you will go into the draw to win a Kindle Touch e-reader valued at \$199.

The thank a teacher message board opens on Friday 19 October and runs until Sunday the 4th November.

It's Easy. Go to [det.wa.edu.au/schoolsandyou](http://det.wa.edu.au/schoolsandyou). Choose the Thank a Teacher promotional item.



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## FREE Parenting Teenagers Workshops



Family Services invites you to our **FREE Term 4 Parenting Teenagers Workshops**

Tuesday evenings 7pm sharp to 9pm  
(light refreshments will be served at 6.45pm)

Dianella Community Centre 18 Kerry Street Dianella WA 6059

2012 Dates	Workshop
30 October	Leavers week info session and discussion panel of experts from various leavers agencies
6 November	<b>Drugs &amp; Alcohol and their impact on young people</b> Professor Steve Allsop, Director National Drug Research Institute
13 November	<b>Developmental stages and teenage hormones - Strategies for parents</b> Maxine McEwin, CLAN WA
20 November	<b>Bullying - Don't just stand there</b> Dr Dorothy Lenthall, Behaviour Tonic

**Booking essential.** Contact Family Services on 9205 8555 or email [familyservices@stirling.wa.gov.au](mailto:familyservices@stirling.wa.gov.au)

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