



MOUNT LAWLEY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

An Independent Public School

LAWLEY UPDATE Term 1 2013 No. 1

Welcome to all students, parents and staff to the 2013 school year. The year for students commenced smoothly with the school's timetable commencing from the first morning. A special welcome to all Year 8 students and I trust that they have settled well and are enjoying their high school experience.

In terms of Technology results, the systemic NAPLAN and MSE 9 results were pleasing. These were reported last year. With the Year 12 results, there were some positives, with some very good results, and some concerns. The highlights were:

- Graduation rate (98.33%) above the State average.
- 1 student with ATAR of 99 or higher.
- 29 students with ATAR of 90 or higher.
- 34.81% of students with ATAR of 80 or higher.
(This is the lowest ATAR that will lead to entry in any WA public university.)
- 2 Certificates of Distinction – Mathematics and Information and Communications.
- 6 Certificates of Commendation (20 'A' Grades or better over Year 11 and 12).
- 9 WACE subjects above the State average.
- 11 WACE subjects above the Like School average.
- 1 Top 10 subject – Computer Science.

Congratulations to 2012 Dux, **Kingsley Nguyen**, who achieved a number of awards. He gained a 99+ ATAR, a Certificate of Distinction in Mathematics and a Certificate of Commendation. Other students who achieved the latter were **Megan Sawyer, Kingsley Nguyen, Gurashish Bhatia, Katherine Tan, Jun Ho Jung and Danica Vo**.

In 2012, the school achieved a first with **Alexander Vuduris** being awarded a VET Certificate of Distinction in the Information and Communications domain. This is a very prestigious award and only awarded to a very few students studying a subject. Congratulations to Alex.

The main concern around student performance was the ATAR, which again fell in 2012. This has an effective impact on a range of performance measures such as the university entrance rate, the percentage of students who achieve a 75% score, the percentage of students in the top one third of the State and the Attainment Rate. Whilst the school's Attainment Rate

A THOUGHT

The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack of will.

Vince Lombardi

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CONGRATULATIONS



Arnel is one of three WA winners of the Student Training Scholarships. This financial scholarship will support Arnel in completing his Business Admin Cert II course within the Career Link program.

REMINDER

2013 CHARGES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you to all the parents/guardians that have paid their child's Charges and Contributions account.

We would like to remind those who have not yet paid that payment can be made at the Main Administration Office weekdays between 8:15am and 4:00pm using cash, cheque, credit card, EFTPOS or mailed to the school. Alternatively, you may wish to pay direct to the school's bank account. Details are as follows:

Name: Mount Lawley Senior High School
Bank: Commonwealth Bank
BSB: 066:118
Account number: 00900116

Please include your child's name and a brief description eg Jones T C&Cs.

Should you have any queries regarding your account or if you would like to discuss time payment options please contact the school's Finance Officer, Mrs Sue Faranda, on 9471 0302.

2013

SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME

CLOSING 19 APRIL 2013

Eligible Parents/Guardians holding a current:

- Centrelink Family Health Care Card
- Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card
- Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card

are invited to submit their Secondary Assistance Scheme application. The application form must be completed at the school during Term 1.

The allowance consists of two components:

- \$235 Educational Program Allowance paid directly to the school.
- \$115 Clothing Allowance paid directly to the school or the parent/guardian.

If you intend having the \$115 Clothing Allowance paid directly to you please bring along your Bank BSB and account number details.

Please see the school's Finance Officer, Mrs Sue Faranda, in the Main Administration Office to make your application.

CLOSING

4:00pm Friday, 19 April 2013

Please note: Late applications will only be accepted by the Department of Education in extenuating circumstances and must be accompanied with a written explanation.

Please support our Green initiative by reading the rest of this Update online at P & C Website
<http://mlshspc.org.au>



was still well above the State mean, the decline was disappointing.

When the spread of ATAR scores is considered, 21 out of 159 ATAR students gained an ATAR of less than 55. Many of these students studied a program that was too difficult for them. A number were recommended to change programs, however, chose not to change. There is a message here for parents when staff discuss pathways with you. An ATAR of less than 55 is not sufficient to gain a place in any university in Australia. Students with a low ATAR often find that they do not generally get places in the training sector either as training institutions value Certificates. Staff have a good understanding of what a student is likely to achieve based on work in Year 10 or Year 11. If a Year 12 pathway is an issue and this is discussed with you, please consider the long term implications of what your child is best placed to achieve. Staff have the best interests of students at heart. There are many ways to university and a 55 ATAR or lower will not get there. A training place pursued after school can lead to university.

The school runs a range of Certificate level courses and these are recommended to students. A Certificate II is an excellent grounding for post-school study in the training domain. Successful study can lead to a university place, and often, with a lower HECS commitment.

When students are looking at future courses, their ability to complete it successfully should be considered. For those in a university pathway, frankly not gaining an ATAR of 55 or better, is a poor choice. A VET pathway, with a Certificate II, would be a much wiser selection.

Students studying the most relevant program for them will have an impact on improving Year 12 performance measures and happier students post-school when they move into an area of choice. This is the goal of the school's staff and many are very happy to discuss the best pathway for your child with you. Please consider their advice carefully.

Congratulations are also extended to Head Boy, **Jack Caddy**, who completed a scholarship week with the National Gallery of Australia. Jack was one of 16 Art students in Australia selected for this prestigious event. Jack had the opportunity to tour the Gallery's exhibitions, participate in workshops and meet prominent artists. The Gallery also presented the school with several volumes for the library. Jack will present these to the library at the next assembly.

The school also welcomes a number of new staff. The Middle School Associate Principal for 2013 is Mr Michael White. Mr White was Deputy at Safety Bay SHS for a number of years and is well attuned to Middle School operations. Other new or returning staff include:

Middle School	Chantal Simpson, Danielle Huljich, Juanita Stafford, Adelheid Stelter, Michael White
Music	Michelle deRozario
Computing	Kimberley Hazelgrove
English	Emma Coyne, Kieren Pearce
Science	Alexander Vatskalis
Design and Technology	Robert Reeves, Sarah Needham
Business	Gabrielle Jolliffe
Languages	Jaeik Jeong, Louise Chapman
AIEO	Lucina Henry
Clerical Staff	Dexter Ross
Education Assistants	Lynn McMullan, Brooke Buise

In terms of the leadership group, Mr Raphael will continue as a Team Leader in Middle School and Mr Craig Gannon will lead Mathematics in the Senior School. Mr Lee Payne has been appointed to replace Mr Hawke, who retired last year.

This information will be forwarded to the P&C so that

URGENT
PARENTS OF YEAR 8/9/10 BOYS
School Immunisation Program
- HPV Vaccinations

Consent packs will be mailed home shortly.
Parents/Guardians are required to complete & sign their child's form and return it to school.
Can you please ensure that these are given to your child's Form Teacher.

DEADLINE Monday 18 February 2013
For information about the vaccine and HPV visit
australia.gov.au/hpv



School House Swimming Captains



parents may contact new staff, as well as continuing ones, via email. The address is *First Name.Family Name@lawley.wa.ed.au*. All staff are expected to work with parents to ensure the best results for students.

It was pleasing to see an improved attendance result for Semester 1, 2012 with the school achieving a 90% benchmark. The 2013 Year 12 group was the major concern with an 88% rate. 101 girls were not present for 90% of the time. This must improve if students are to achieve their best. When students are absent, parents have a legal obligation to advise the school and this can be done through a telephone call, SMS, email or a note. Please ensure this is done.

Form teachers have been asked to make contact with parents in Term 1. This presents an opportunity to interact with your child's Form teacher. The Year 8 and Year 10 parent BBQ, which are scheduled shortly, also allow the opportunity to speak informally with teachers.

Late last year, the Minister for Education, the Hon Peter Collier MLC, visited and announced a \$2 million music facility. This will be incorporated into the planned Year 7 block and work on this is progressing. Construction is expected to commence later in the year.

The school continues to be under intense enrolment pressure due to urban growth in our area and high demand from outside. A number of requests by families cannot be acceded to. For 2014, it is highly unlikely that we will be able to endorse any cross-boundary sibling enrolments. Whilst these will continue to be considered in the overall position, the forecast growth for 2014 from the local area is significant.

Parents will be aware that the government is looking at changes to upper-school from 2016. There will be no change for this year and Year 11 students must still complete Stage 2 examinations unless exempted due to a VET course. Whilst the 2016 measures will be worked through, they will impact on the current Year 9 group. More information will be provided as circumstances change.

Milton Butcher, Principal

HOUSE SWIMMING CAPTAINS 2013

Congratulations to the following students:

FORREST:

Georgia, Ben, Jasmine, Moshe

O'CONNOR:

Gemma, Mitchell, Brooke, Nick

MURDOCH:

Philippe, Sarah, Jack, Teleah

HACKETT:

Henri, Georgia, Isabella, Callan

UNIFORM SHOP COMPETITION

In late 2012, the School's Uniform supplier, Uniform Concepts, conducted a competition across schools. The Mount Lawley SHS winner is Ms Genet Woldu. Congratulations.

YEAR BOOKS 2012

Students who have ordered and paid for the School Year Book 2012 will be receiving these books during their Form Classes next week. Additional Year Books can be purchased from the School Finance Officer at cost of \$30 in the Main Administration Office.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday-Tuesday 10-12 Feb SVAPA Camp
Sunday 10 Feb Chinese New Year Celebrations
Thursday 14 Feb Music Support Committee 7pm
Friday 15 Feb Whole School Assembly P1
Tuesday 19 Feb Languages Support Meeting 7pm
Wednesday 20 Feb Year 8 BBQ
Thursday 21 Feb International Mother Language Day
Monday 25 Feb P & C Meeting Upstairs Staff Room
Wednesday 27 Feb SVAPA Parent Group Meeting 7pm Tricycle Theatre
Thursday 28 Feb Yr 11 Psych Excursion
Sunday 3 March Clean up Australia Day
Monday 4 March Labour Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 5 March Music Soiree 6pm
Wednesday 6th March House Swimming Carnival **COMPULSORY ALL STUDENTS**
 Terry Tyzack Aquatic Centre

SVAPA AND MUSIC Parents/Guardians

It's 2013 and that means it's time to prepare for

Mount Lawley Senior High School's Community Art Auction

The Art Auction is a prestigious annual event held in June of each year. Last year we raised over \$20,000 which was distributed equally between the SVAPA and Music programs. This money provides essential funding for our very talented children.

This event is spectacular and a lot of fun. Come along and be part of an innovative team that strives to make a difference. We need YOUR help.

The first meeting is on
Tuesday, 12 February 2013
 7:30pm
 in the Music Department.

Please enter the school via the large rear gate on Learoyd Street and follow the signs.

Kind regards.

Sue Faranda
 Secretary
 Art Auction & Music Support Committees

**MLSHS
MUSIC SUPPORT
GROUP**

INVITATION

Annual General Meeting 2013

Your Child's Education - Be a Part of It!

You can be involved

Make new connections

Hear what is planned and what is happening

Talk about your needs and ideas

Thursday, 14 February 2013
 7:00pm

Mount Lawley SHS Music Department

Please enter the school via the large rear gate on Learoyd Street and follow the signs.

The Music Support Group continues to welcome all parents or guardians who wish to become involved in activities and meetings. We are a community of like-minded volunteer parents who come together to contribute to the parent-child-school relationship.

Come along and hear what is happening during the school year – camps, concerts, workshops, plus more. This is an informal, low-key working group which supports the music staff in making the music program the best it can be for our children.

We look forward to seeing you.

Kind regards

Sue Faranda
 Secretary, Music Support Group

**25 HOST FAMILIES NEEDED**

Mt Lawley SHS is hosting a group of Japanese students who will be visiting for a week between 24th March 2013 – 31st March 2013. The Japanese students will stay with a family from the school and participate in regular classes alongside our students.

This experience will include an excursion for both Japanese and host students on Saturday 30th March to visit Rottneest for the day with swimming and bike riding activities. The excursion comes at no extra cost to families. The aim of their visit is to experience our Australian school and family life and improve their English speaking ability. We are looking for families to host a student and give them a taste of our 'Aussie culture'.

Hosting an international student offers many unique opportunities, including the chance to learn about another culture and build life-long friendships. Strong bonds are often forged between the host families and their Japanese student, remaining in contact for the rest of their lives.

A host family payment will be arranged to assist with costs incurred during the hosting period.

If you are interested in hosting a student please return the Host Family Expression of Interest Form below to the office.

For more information please contact Jason Hutchinson, the Director of Gold Intercultural Learning (GIL) on 9481 1694 or 0417 773 846 or email at jason@goldil.com.au

Host Family Expression of Interest****PLEASE COMPLETE ALL FIELDS****

I _____ am interested in hosting a Japanese student.
student's name

**Grade _____

**Parent's / Guardian's name _____

**Parent's / Guardian's mobile number _____ home number _____

**Parent's / Guardian's email _____

**Best time to contact: _____



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEY YOU!

Why not enjoy a school year in another country?

- ↳ Study in a High School of another country for one year.
- ↳ Live in the home of a student in another country.
- ↳ Learn another language, culture and family life.
- ↳ Speak and meet with many foreign groups.

Visit our Website:

www.youthexchange.asn.au

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE



School students who are currently 14-16 years of age

Applications are now being accepted for Rotary Youth Exchange for 12 months commencing January 2014.

Details of the Exchange Program are contained in the initial application form downloadable from our website.

The anticipated countries of exchange for 2014 may vary, but typically include:

Argentina	Belgium	Brazil	Denmark
Germany	Finland	France	Italy
Japan	Norway	Switzerland	Sweden
Taiwan			

Application forms are available from your local Rotary Club or may be downloaded from Rotary Youth Exchange website:

www.youthexchange.asn.au

Application forms are also available from:

District 9455 Chairman
c/- Ian Gibbs
 31 Stirling Street,
 NORTHAM. WA 6401
 Email: iwgibbs@westnet.com.au
 Phone: **0419 931451** (mobile)

IMPORTANT

1. Applications must be made to the Rotary Club in the area closest to your home or school and must be made to one club only. Applications must be submitted by **31st March 2008**.
2. Student applicants are encouraged to participate in the involvement of family and friends to act as host families for overseas inbound students and this may be taken into account in the outbound selection process.



Coolbinia Bombers Registration Day 2013

Footy, Family, and Fun - that's what we are about at the Coolbinia Bombers

Sunday February 17, 2012

At Coolbinia No.1 Oval

From 9.00am to 1.00pm

Or online at www.bomersjfc.asn.au

TUART HILL JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB

Tuart Hill Junior Soccer Club is taking registrations for new players aged from 5-18 years on Sunday 10th February from 10am to 12pm, at the Tuart Hill Clubroom, Woodchester Reserve, Woodchester Road, Nollamara

We are also taking registrations for our **Equal Footingball team** (soccer for players with disabilities, aged from 11-18 years).

For further information, please contact Angie Belfiore on 0416 267567 or email angie@tuarhillsoccer.com. www.tuarhillsoccer.com.

A great family club for all junior and senior players, to help grow community spirit within our local area.



SOUTHERN CROSS CULTURAL EXCHANGE

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". Volunteer to host an international high school student in July 2013 through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange and prepare to be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding 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 France, Italy, Germany, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan, and Spain. They will attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at our website www.scce.com.au, email sceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship.



Help throughout the year

Whether you are a high flyer looking for that extra edge to your results, or would like additional support in reaching your potential, **Academic Task Force** can help you get the results you deserve.

With 25 years experience in providing academic support to WA students, **Academic Task Force** has a team of dedicated, experienced teachers ready to work with you to maximise your academic performance.

Master Classes: Starting the week beginning 10th February
Power your way to excellence in the WACE exams! Be inspired by expert teachers, gain fresh insights into subject concepts and polish your performance. These small group classes follow a specific teaching program and are available on various days at our Applecross Centre and Perth Modern School, Subiaco.

WACE Help Weekend Classes: Starting 9th February
Get the help you need each week in these small tutorial groups! Taught by experienced teachers dedicated to improving your academic performance, these small group sessions allow you to ask questions, get individual support and strengthen your understanding. Saturday classes are available at Rossmoyne SHS and Churchlands SHS, Sunday classes available at Perth Modern School.

Yr 7, 8, 9, & 10 Saturday Classes: Starting 9th February
Keep up to date with your work and get extra help in English and/or Maths. Experienced teachers will work with you to build your skills and understanding in a small group. English and Maths classes are available at Rossmoyne SHS and Churchlands SHS.

For more information and enrolment contact **Academic Task Force**
Ph: 9314 9500, email: learn@academictaskforce.com.au, or visit www.academictaskforce.com.au

For parents of 11 - 16 yo



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Engaging Adolescents®

Parenting skills for resolving teenage behaviour problems

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Presented over 3 evenings of
Tuesday 26th & Thursday 28th Feb & Thursday 7th March,
7pm-9.30pm \$180pp OR \$340 for two

The Presenter

This course is facilitated by Dr Dorothy Lenthall. As a mother of 3, a school psychologist and teacher, she has had extensive experience with teenagers.

What we cover:

- Understanding adolescence: A time of reconstructions, redeveloping social landscapes, brain snaps and body make-overs.
- Understanding your job as parent of a teenager - observer, advisor, negotiator, director
- Asking the question - Is it serious? What's worth reacting to and what's not....
- How to hold the difficult conversations more successfully.



BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL AS PLACES ARE LIMITED

Name:		Engaging Ado Wembley 26th Feb	
Address:			
CONTACT DETAILS	Ph:	Mob:	Email:
Enclosed is my payment of: \$		EFT: Behaviour Tonics BSB: 016 464 Acc. No: 108 797 285	Please debit my: VISA <input type="checkbox"/> Mastercard <input type="checkbox"/> Cheques to be made payable to Behaviour Tonics
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