



MOUNT LAWLEY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
An Independent Public School
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In the past few weeks the membership of the School Board and P&C have been established. Both are important groups in the school.

Congratulations are extended to those elected to positions on the School Board and within the P&C. Both bodies are now constituted for 2013. With regards to the Board, the following members were elected/appointed.

Parent Representative:	Mrs Rachel McGirr
P&C Representative:	Mrs Jo Furness
Staff Representative:	Mr Ian Johnston
Year 11 Student Representative:	Ms Rebecca
Year 10 Student Representative:	Ms Jadviga
Community Representative:	Professor Trevor Cullen Mr Martin Dempsey

Dr Jenny Fay, a parent, was elected as Chair of the Board at the recent AGM. Thanks to Dr Fay for accepting this significant role within the school community.

As the March meeting was the annual open meeting, several parents attended and observed the Board at work. Thank you for your interest in this aspect of school operations.

Mr Carl Pekin, the Board Chair from last year and Mr Michael Sutherland, MLA Member for Mount Lawley retired from the Board as did Head Girl, Teleah Wilcox, due to the expiry of their terms. All are thanked for their contribution to school governance, especially in the first year of Independent Public School status.

With the P&C, the following were elected at the February AGM.

President:	Mr Ron Pearce
Vice President:	Mrs Jo Furness
Secretary:	Ms Cathlene Schick
Treasurer:	Mrs Monica Selvey
Committee:	Mr Niall Kilcullen, Ms Nicole Sjardin, Mrs Suzie Barnes, Mrs Caroline Nelson

Mr John Pryor has again agreed to serve as the P&C Website manager. Again, congratulations are extended to all 2013 office holders.

A THOUGHT

Not a shred of evidence exists in favour of the idea that life is serious.

Brendan Gill

CONGRATULATIONS



Georgia (12F1) has been selected for the U17 State Netball team to compete in the National Netball Competition in Darwin later this year.



Tessa (11O1) has been selected for the Women's U18 State Lacrosse Team to compete in the National Championships to be held in Perth.



Paras (10F2) won the age group champion boy of the Interschool Swimming Carnival 'A' division.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEW EVENING 11 APRIL

Information is being posted home now.

Bookings open online at school website from 3rd April

EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday 24 March - Tuesday 26 March Cadet Camp Boranup
Monday 25 March - Thursday 28 March Yr12 Drama
Thursday 28 March Arts Day Festival
29 March Good Friday - 2 April Easter Tuesday Public Holiday
Wednesday 3 April SVAPA Parent Group Meeting 7pm Tricycle Theatre
Thursday 4 - Tuesday 9 April Yr 11 Outdoor Ed Sailing Camp
Friday 5 April SVAPA 2014 Applications Deadline, Yr 11 Alliance Francaise Film Festivals
Monday 8 April CFC Excursion to Local Hospital
Tuesday 9 April **PHOTODAY ALL STUDENTS**
Wednesday 10 April GAT Italian Excursion Radio Station, Yr 10,11,12 Parent Information Session Demystifying WACE 7-8pm ECU Lecture Theatre.
Thursday 11 April **Y8-12 Interim Reports PARENTS NIGHT**, Second Hand uniform sales
Wednesday 17 April **Photo Catch Up Day**, CyberSmart Safety Day.
Friday 19 April School ANZAC Service period 1, Last Day of Term 1 for Students
Tuesday 7 May Term 2 Start for ALL Students

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



The School Ball was held a fortnight ago and the students attending enjoyed the occasion tremendously. They looked very impressive in their attire and participated actively in the dancing and networking.

As the school grows in size it is becoming increasingly difficult to locate a venue that will accommodate the number of students in Year 12 and their outside partners. It is highly likely in 2015 (when current Year 10 are Year 12) the school will not be able to sustain outside partners. Other factors that impact on this decision is the age of outside partners (many between 18-21) and their behaviour. Even at the recent ball, several outside partners, young adult men, were not particularly co-operative with staff concerning the behaviour requirements such as no smoking. The ball runs because of the assistance of staff and it is not reasonable having them deal with unco-operative young adults who are not students of the school.



The rollout of notebook computers to Year 10 students is being finalised. To provide the students with a notebook has meant the school purchasing additional machines to add to the fleet. This cannot be done next year due to the possibility of having to replace a number of age expired machines on loan to current Year 12 students.

School staff are exploring other approaches to retain the 1:1 model. One approach is to assist parents purchase the computer over a number of years. Students bringing their own device is also being assessed, however, there are some challenges that need to be solved. Not issuing a computer and keeping them at school is also an option. As this work continues, parents of Middle School students will be advised.

Parents will be aware that in 2016 changes to the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) will be introduced. These are being developed in detail and will have an impact on Year 9 students when they select upper-school courses next year. This will be the first group that the new WACE will affect.

In order for students to gain the WACE key factors must be achieved. This information is taken from the website of the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA).

• **Breadth and depth**

Complete a minimum of 20 course units or the equivalent. This requirement must include at least:

- Four different course units from English, Literature and/or English as an Additional Language or 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**

Achieve a 'C' grade average or better across the best 16 course units of which at least eight must be completed in Year 12.

Preliminary Stage units, endorsed programs and/or VET credit transfer can reduce the required number of course units by up to six units.

• **English language competence**

Achieve a 'C' grade or better in any Stage 1 or higher course unit from English, Literature and/or English as an Additional Language or Dialect (except 1A and 1B for English as an Additional Language or dialect).

(At Mount Lawley SHS students study subjects over a calendar year, so two course units equals a subject.)

This information is published to assist parents understand the requirements and assist students work to achieve them. It remains a goal of the school to have all students gain the WACE.

**CLOSING SOON
4 WEEKS TO GO!**

2013
 SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME

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.

40TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION FOR CLASS OF 1973

Mt Lawley Senior High School 40th Anniversary Reunion for 1973 Leaving Year, including those from our year group who left along the way.

Saturday 4th May 2013 at The Oxford Hotel in the Garden Bar from 3pm to 7pm.

Dinner afterwards for those who want to stay on later.



The inter-school swimming carnival was held last Friday with Mount Lawley SHS competing in 'A' Division. The team gave its best, however, the school finished in eight place and will compete in 'B' Division in 2014. The Year 10 students were the highlight of the team and Paras was the age group Champion for 'A' Division. A superb effort by Paras. Congratulations are extended to all swimmers for their competitive spirit and the way they co-operated with staff and event officials. Whilst they may not have been placed they represented the school with great pride. Well done to all.

The Year 10 Welcome BBQ enabled parents to meet teachers in a relaxed environment and to understand the context of the Senior School. There was a good turn-out of parents and your support is appreciated. Thanks to the Year 10 Student Councillors and to Mr Lazarov and Mr Hudson for their provision of the sausage sizzle.



The Gifted and Talented Language students in Years 8-10 attended GAT Club last Friday. The Italian and Mandarin groups each undertook some enrichment activities that included a presentation on the benefits that language learning can mean in later life. However, easily the most popular part of the afternoon was afternoon tea. This was provided by Mrs De Lore and Mrs Kilcullen from the Parent Language Support Committee. Thank you to them for their valuable assistance. This is another example of how the school benefits from its active parent committees. Any parent looking to assist is always welcome to join a committee and participate in the P&C.



On another parent directed activity, the annual art auction, work is proceeding at full speed. Contact with artists is being made and the other administrative matters are under control. Thanks to the convenor Ms Sonja Davidson for leading this effort. All parents should keep Saturday 15 June in mind and consider attending this excellent event. The Tenth. It will be an event worth celebrating.

Milton Butcher, Principal

INTERSCHOOL SWMMING REPORT

Mt Lawley SHS competed in the 'A' division carnival at Challenge Stadium on Friday, March 15. Team looked great in the school PE uniform as it was addressed by the Principal, Mr Butcher.

Mt Lawley found the standard of swimming in 'A' division to be a huge difference from 'B' division. The Year 10 boys were very competitive in all events, with Paris NAIN being named as champion boy. Congratulations to all the swimmers for giving of your best in the pool and being excellent school representatives.

RESULT

Churchlands 868, Shenton 678, Perth Modern 671, Rossmoyne 639, Applecross 499, Carine 407, Willeton 392
MT LAWLEY 230

CHAMPIONS: Paris, Year 10



HELP OUR SCHOOL WIN CASH.....

The West Australian is giving schools the chance to WIN part of \$10 000 cash in the Quick Cash for Schools promotion.

On Saturday 16th & 23rd a coupon will be published in The Weekend West and each coupon collected will give our school an entry into the draw to win part of \$10 000. THE MORE COUPONS COLLECTED THE MORE CHANCES TO WIN!

Please collect as many of these coupons as you can from your friends and family and bring them into school to our collection point in Student Services.

BEACH VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS

Last week 52 year 9 students attended the junior beach volleyball championships. We were highly successful winning gold in 2 out of the 3 divisions.

Congratulations to all students, in particular Alex, Callum, Nic and Nick for winning the Boys A division and Johanna, Linda, Molly and Charlotte for winning the Girls B division.





COMMUNITY NOTICES

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PRESENTED AS A SERVICE TO PARENTS, HOWEVER, MOUNT LAWLEY SHS DOES NOT RECOMMEND, ENDORSE OR PROMOTE THESE PROVIDERS.

Grill'd Mt Lawley are looking for enthusiastic Team Members who have a great sense of humour, scrupulous work ethic, a healthy love for all things burger related and a good soul? If you are looking for a career in hospitality or a fun part time job then look no further! Send a copy of your CV to jobs@grilldmtlawley.com.au

GROUP TUTORING PROGRAM-MATHEMATICS

Are you looking to improve your results and enjoyment in mathematics but feel unsure about the easiest way to improve? Our Aim: As Mount Lawley S.H.S alumni, we have developed a group tutoring program exclusively for Mount Lawley S.H.S students. We're offering tuition in 2C/D, 3A/B and 3C/D mathematics as well as 3A/B and 3C/D specialist mathematics. Experience: All of our tutors have over a year of experience tutoring high school mathematics as well as a wealth of resources and notes from our time as students. Details: The sessions will be run at Mount Lawley S.H.S. We have a limit of 6 students per session so get in quick! Our program is completely obligation free. It's only \$25 per student per session. If you are interested feel free to contact Langdon or James on 0434847951 or 0414187159 for a friendly chat about how we can help you achieve your goals. Or you can email us at jlgroupstutors@gmail.com

Police Rangers is a group for boys and girls aged 12 to 17. It is perfect for students who want to get involved in a range of exciting activities learning valuable skills such as First Aid, Navigation and Survival Training.

Police Rangers is a WACE endorsed program contributing unit equivalents to active Police Rangers, on top of the preparation for a career in the Police Force if they choose.

In addition there are regular, exciting camps and trips. The Subiaco Police Rangers unit has travelled to Mount Hotham, Victoria for ski trips the past 2 years and plan to do so again in 2013! More recently we stayed in Kalbarri for a week doing activities such as abseiling, kayaking, and horse riding.

"It's always awesome fun stuff we get to do after school" Noel – Churchlands SHS

"I felt like I really learned a lot that I will always be able to use in my life" Antonetta – Corpus Christi College.

If you would like your students or child to benefit from this outstanding program run by experienced leaders, then please contact Senior Constable Mark Snow on 0401 6777 743



The Police Rangers stand proudly in their uniforms of blue



<http://www.communities.wa.gov.au/CadetsWA/PoliceRangers/Pages/default.aspx>

Subiaco Police Rangers

Tuesdays throughout school term 4:30pm-6:30pm

Subiaco PCYC, 450 Rokeby Road, Subiaco 6008

9388 2053

Contact Senior Constable Mark Snow

mark.snow@police.wa.gov.au

0401 677 743

SCHOLASTIC EXCELLENCE

TERM 1 INTENSIVE HOLIDAY REVISION CLASS

NAPLAN & SEMESTER ONE EXAM PREPARATION
at Rossmoyne SHS (APRIL 22-25) & Canning Vale (APRIL 29-MAY 3)

Year 11 & 12 All Math, Chemistry & Physics, Year 10 Math
Year 4 – 10 Math & English

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Northern Saints
BASKETBALL CLUB Inc.

Junior Basketball competition ages 7 to 17 years
NORTHERN SAINTS BASKETBALL CLUB

New season starts on SATURDAY 11th May 2013.
Come down join a team learn to play basketball.
Registration Days 23rd March & 6th April from 9.00am to 2.30pm.
Girls & Boys Mixed competitions.
At Altone Park Rec Centre, Benara road Beechboro.
Enquiries: Registrations Officer Ian on 0417 974 179 or
The President Peter on 0417 924 514.



Take control.

This time of year is when your students need to take control and start making decisions about their future careers. Whether it's selecting upper-school subjects, ranking tertiary study preferences or picking vocational courses, the extra support and guidance you can offer is significant.

The Careers Expo is Perth's largest careers, education and training event during the critical first semester. It gives students time to explore options and take their first steps along their career paths. With the major tertiary education institutions in attendance, together with a wide range of training and employing organisations, the expo is guaranteed to engage, inform and inspire.

Entry is FREE.

Contact Us

Any queries please call Faith at Exhibit Exhibitions on 08 9476 9424 or email careers@exhibit.com.au.

Opening Times & Location

Thursday 16 & Friday 17 May, 9am to 3pm.
Saturday 18 & Friday 19 May, 10am to 4pm.
Perth Convention Exhibition Centre.

careers-expo.com.au

