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This Update is the final one for Term 1, 2013. Shortly, the newsletter will also be provided and these two publications symbolise the end of the term. Reflecting over the last 11 weeks, time has certainly passed quickly.

In the short time since Easter, much has happened in terms of preparing for 2015. The proposed building has been planned and final decisions such as the make-up of the outside facia are now being made. It is hoped that the public art work that is required for public buildings can be incorporated into the finish of the outside and so contribute to its place on the grounds.

Planning for the intake of Year 7 and Year 8 in 2015 is also being undertaken. While much is made of the Year 7 transition to high school, staff are very mindful of the usual transition requirements for Year 8. We expect that over 500 new students will commence at Mount Lawley Senior High School in 2015.

To assist parents understand the issues and to track developments, there is some information on the Department of Education's website as well as this school's. It is our intent that Year 7 and Year 8 students will function in the Middle School as Years 8/9 do at the moment. They will spend most of their time in their communities and enjoy a small team of teachers. Year 9 students will be housed in the new building and have a slightly different timetable from at the moment in that they will have more choice in subject selections. This will assist in easing their transition to Senior School.

Thanks to the very generous support of the P&C, the school has been able to install speakers into the gymnasium. Trialled at last week's Middle School assembly, the sound system for school events is immeasurably improved. Video and music performances will also benefit with this installation. Phys Ed classes and Healthy Active participants will also be able to use the system.

The P&C assistance in funding the speakers is valued and really appreciated. The first full school assembly where the whole school will benefit is the ANZAC Observance on Friday, 19 April 2013. Parents are welcome to attend and join the students acknowledge the debt to those who have served our nation.

A THOUGHT

Life is a foreign language; all men mispronounce it Christopher Morley

CONGRATULATIONS

Alex (10H2)

As a Cycling WA Junior Development Squad member Alex was selected as a member of the WA State team and recently competed in Junior Track National Championships in Adelaide. Alex won gold in the U17 boys 3000m team Pursuit and won an individual bronze in the U17 Boys Scratch Race. Upon

his return back to Perth Alex won a bronze medal in U17 boys race in the WA State Criterium.



Paras (10F2) recently entered the 2013 Georgina Hope Swimmers Foundation Australian Age Championships held in Adelaide. He attained overall 9th place in 1500m 15 years old in Australia. So now Paras is No 2 in WA in 1500m Free and No 1 in 800m Free.



Bayswater & Noranda Community Bank Scholarship

Bayswater and Noranda Community Bank branches are happy to announce Jackson Vickery (Class of 2012), as recipient of the lan McClelland

Scholarship towards his degree at UWA. Pictured with Jackson and Principal Mr Butcher is Barry McKenna, Chair of Bayswater Community Financial Services Ltd, Bendigo Bank

EVENTS CALENDAR

Friday 19 April School ANZAC Service period 1, Last Day of Term1 for Students

Tuesday 7 May Term 2 Start for ALL Students

Thursday 9 May Careers Pathway Info Evening Year 10 Parents

Friday 10 May Ex-POW service, King Park

Monday 13-15 May SVAPA Year 8 Production

Monday 13 May Year 11/12 Music Recital

Tuesday 14 - 17 May NAPLAN Testing

Tuesday 14 May Language Support Parent Meeting 7.30pm

Thursday 16 May Music Support Committee Meeting 7pm

Thursday 16 May Yr 10 Carnival, Yr 11 Music Performance Exams

Friday 17 May Yr 12 Music Performance Exams

Monday 20-31 May Yr 11/12 EXAMS

Monday 20 May School Board meeting

Wednesday 22 May SVAPA Parent Group Meeting 7pm

Monday 27 May P & C Meeting 7pm NEW START TIME

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



The challenges of social media misuse and bullying via electronic means feature regularly in the press. The school has a program, delivered primarily in the Middle School, where an anti-bullying approach is taken. This week saw the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) Cyber Smart training delivered to Years 8-10 students. This focused on how young people use mobile devices and why they need to be careful with whom they engage. The presentation looked at cyber bullying, identify theft and exposure to pornography and undesirable individuals. ACMA staff also presented to school staff and in the evening, to parents. Thanks to those parents who attended the parent seminar. There is a need for vigilance around the use of technology by young people.

Parents will also be aware that last week, the Prime Minister, the Hon Julia Gillard, MP was in China and she visited Chenjinglun High School, a school that Mount Lawley Senior High School has a relationship with through the Asian Education Foundation's (AEF) China Bridge initiative. Since 2011, students attending the two schools have, via video, conversed with each other. It was planned that the PM would join in the video link, however, this did not eventuate. The two groups of students conversed on Monday and Ms Gillard did, however, visit the Beijing Chenjinglun High School as planned on Tuesday. This program highlights the continuing engagement that the school has with Mandarin, Asia and language and cultural education initiatives. Thanks to the Years 11/12 Mandarin students who participated in the video link-up.

As per the note provided to Middle School students on Monday afternoon, there was an incident that led to school staff seeking police assistance to remove a student. Contrary to rumours, this was not due to drugs, violence or weapons but to ensure safety of students and a positive learning environment. School staff take the safety of students and the continuation of learning seriously and as with the Cyber Smart program referred to above, work across a range of domains to ensure this is delivered. The support from the police is appreciated to assist staff maintain a focus on learning.

As this is the last Update for the Term, I would like to wish all students, parents and staff all the best for the two week break. The first day back, Monday 6 May 2013 is a School Development Day with students resuming on Tuesday, 7 May 2013. With the onset of cooler weather, parents should ensure that students are attired in uniform items such as the wet weather jacket or pullover. Your support in this matter is appreciated.

Milton Butcher, Principal

P&CCOMMITTEE UPDATE!

TIME CHANGE FOR FUTURE MEETINGS - NOW AT 7 PM

NEXT MEETING - Monday, 27th May, 20013

We welcomed our new members at our Annual General Meeting held at the start of the School Term. New members consist of new Year 8 Parents as well as Parents with older students who have come out of the woodwork to join and take a more active part in what is happening at the school.

If you're not sure what the P & C does and want to come along to check things out, please feel free to attend our next meeting on the 27th May at 7pm. The meeting will be held upstairs at the Main Administration block.

A few things to know now if you're wondering if the P & C committee is for you:

The P & C Committee is made up of a wide range of people from a wide range of backgrounds, ensuring that all of our students are properly represented. Joining the P & C means a maximum of 2 hours a month to attend the meeting. This is the main need of the P & C committee, so that as many parents can have a say and so that the P & C can make its voting quorum requirements each.

At the meetings you get the inside information regards what is happening at the school and you're able to voice your concerns/support for matters that directly influence your child(ren).

You'll also get the chance to influence what the school will support regards extra-curricular activities, direction of our school, and again, the interests and needs of your own student(s)/family.

You can be as involved as much or as little as you like in other activities of the P & C and its sub-committees, but this is not a requirement - 2 hours a month is all the time you need to spend otherwise.

Any questions on how to join, please email president@mlshspc.org.au

POSITION VACANT!

P & C is looking for a person to scribe the P & C Meetings. This is not a difficult job and only requires you to attend the monthly meetings to take down notes, which you will then need to hand over to the School Administration so that they can be typed out. If you have the time, have been interested in joining the P & C, but are not sure what to do, this would be a great way to come along and find out all about it.

Everyone is very friendly and helpful so you will have plenty of support wherever you need it! So come along and join our great team!



POSITION VACANT!

Are you a sports nut? Is your home filled with sneakers, balls, sports posters and...well you get the point..., or do you simply have an interest in creating interesting and fun activities and are looking for an outlet for all that creative energy?

It has been raised in the P & C that while Mount Lawley High School offers great programs and support for many different interest groups such as languages, music and drama, there is a need for Mount Lawley's first Sports Co-ordinator so as to properly represent sports as well. If you are interested in working with the school Sports Department to arrange interesting and fun activities for students at Mount Lawley High School, please submit your interest to President Ron Pearce president@mlshspc.org.au

"ADOLESCENTS AND ALCOHOL"

Mount Lawley Senior High School Health Committee would like to invite parents and carers to an education session to be held on Wednesday 8th May 2013 @ 7pm in Room ML17 157 (lecture theatre 3) at ECU Mount Lawley Campus. (see map)

The session, focusing on "Adolescents and Alcohol" will be presented by Professor Steve Allsop, Director of the National Drug Research Institute (NDRI)

Steve has worked in the drug field for over 20 years and has been involved in research and professional development for health, police, education and welfare. In addition to his role of Director with NDRI, Professor Allsop is an Adjunct Professor with the Centre for International Health, Division of Health Sciences, Curtin University, A/Executive Director of the Drug and Alcohol Office WA and the Director of the National Centre for Education and Training on Addiction, Flinders University.

Please RSVP to confirm you attendance to Suzie Barnes, Healthy Active Coordinator at suzi.barnes@lawley.wa.edu.au

PARENT AND STUDENT PATHWAY INFORMATION EVENING:

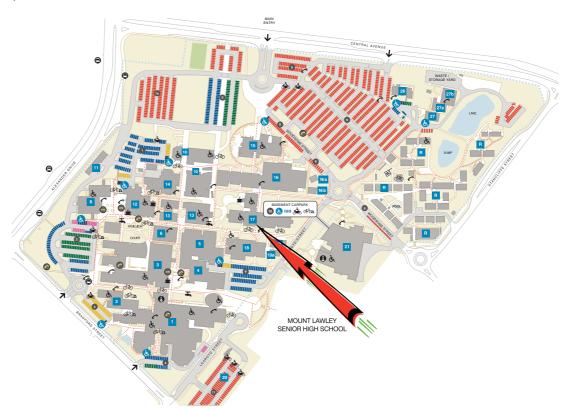
On Thursday the 9th of May there will be a Pathway Presentation looking at post compulsory options. This is of particular importance for Year 10 students and will link with their subject selections for Year 11. The presentation will commence at 7.00pm and conclude at 8.30pm.

This evening will have four components:

- Staff from Polytechnic West (one of the leading State Training Providers formerly TAFE) will present information on courses available, eligibility for enrolment, relevance for pathways to employment and university entrance.
- Representatives from the University of WA, Curtin University, Edith Cowan University, Murdoch University and Notre Dame University come together for a combined presentation on courses and entry requirements.
- There will be a presentation on Traineeships and Apprenticeships by a leading industry expert.
- Sorcit Ltd- Incorporating Midland Job Link will present information on Parents as Career Partners.

The venue will be the Education Lecture Theatre Room 17 at ECU, Mt Lawley Campus. A map is provided in the newsletter.

For further information regarding these presentation, please do not hesitate to contact Catherine Smith in Student Services: Catherine.smith@lawley.wa.edu.au or 9471





COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

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ZONTA INTERNATIONAL YOUNG WOMEN IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS AWARD 2013

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- Do you want to pursue a career in politics, medicine, teaching, law, social welfare or similar community service?

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This award recognizes young women with a commitment to their communities and a vision for the future.

If this is you, go to www.zontaperthns.org.au (see 'Awards - Club - Young Women in Public Affairs Award') and download an Application Form. If you require further information contact -

Alison Martin, YWPA Award Coordinator, on 9446 2642 or 0418 947 515 or Email: alisonmartin00@gmail.com

Zonta is a worldwide service organisation that aims to improve the status of women through service and advocacy.

Talk to your Year 12 Co-ordinator and Head Girl who have more information about this Award.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS
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(hand written applications are not acceptable)

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APRIL / MAY 2013 HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Keep their brains active over the holiday break!

| Course | Day/Time | Investment |
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| ACADEMIC BOOST Designed to help kids "catch up" academically and get them all powered up for the next academic year. Each child is tested and placed on individualised programs to maximise strengths and overcome weaknesses. | (9.30am to 12.30 & 1pm to 4pm) 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26 th , 29th, 30th April 1st, 2nd & 3rd May | \$75 per 3-hour session or \$140 for full day (Discounts for multiple sessions) |
| CREATIVE COURSES READING & COMPREHENSION THROUGH ART WRITING THROUGH ART MATHS AND LANGUAGE GAMES | (9am to 4pm) Tuesday 23 rd April Wednesday 24 th April Friday 26 th April | \$135 each day, \$120 if attending for more than 1 day |
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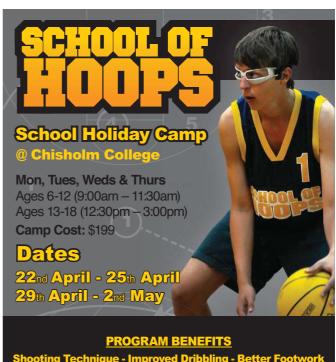
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Halliday Park, Coode St, Bayswater

The Bayswater Lacrosse Club will be hosting the Under 18's National Lacrosse Championships for 2013.

The tournament will run April 21st – 27th, at the grounds at Halliday Park Bayswater.

The Club would like to invite anyone who is interested in taking up the sport of Lacrosse, or if you've played before and would like to take it up again, to come along and watch some of the tournament games.

Lacrosse is an ancient sport, and the fastest sport played on a grass field. If you are interested in playing, then please contact the club via our website www.bayswaterlacrosse.com.

The Bayswater Lacrosse Club is a family focused club fielding teams in every grade from Modcrosse (8-12 year olds) through to open age group seniors in both the Men's (boys) and Women's(girls) competitions of Lacrosse WA.

For details on fixtures, training times and team information visit the club website listed above.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

Smarter than Smoking Shoot-out Competition!



Who can shoot the fastest?
WHO HAS THE MOST ACCURATE SHOT?



Your goal shot will be measured with a speed gun, and Australian, State and Division One players will provide instruction!

Who can enter: Boys/girls who are not currently

registered lacrosse players

Where: Bayswater Lacrosse Club, Halliday Park

When: Friday 26 April

Time: Ages: 8-13 9.30-11.30am Ages: 13+: 11-12noon

Cost: Free! Canteen available for lunch

BRING DOWN TWO FRIENDS AND ALL THREE OF YOU GO INTO THE DRAW TO WIN A PRIZE!

Bookings: petahi@westnet.com.au 043 898 6992

The competition is being held in conjunction with the Under 18 National Lacrosse Championships, during the school holidays. Come and watch the games afterwards.

Perth Futsal Youth Cup SEASON 1 4th May to 29th June 2013 Competition Locations: Edith Cowan University,

Edith Cowan University, Mount Lawley Campus 2 Bradford St, Mt Lawley Games are Saturdays from 8am

\$500 cash prize for the champions of Perth

The PFYC is Perth's Premier Youth competition for ages 13-15. Learn Quick Feet, Close Control & train your mind to react quicker. In 2014 the Perth Futsal Club

To avoid disappointment real from this league with opportunities to travel interstate to play youth sides from around the nation!

Seasons will run one after the other with 2 weeks break between.

Team nominations are \$35 per season Match Fees are \$50 each team per game. Each team may nominate up to 12 players per season. Maximum of 5 players on the Court from each team during game time with unlimited subs.

For more information or nomination forms: Email info@perthfutsalclub.com.au call or SMS 0488 470 850

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