



MOUNT LAWLEY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
An Independent Public School
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Term 2 opened with several parent information evenings. The first, arranged by Ms Barnes through the Healthy Active program, dealt with drugs and alcohol. Delivered by renowned expert in the field, Professor Steve Allsop parents gained much information about the negative impact of drugs and alcohol. The second, dealt with alternate pathways after school than just university. Whilst we are all aware of how a place at university can be gained, Mrs Smith arranged for a number of presenters in the training and employment spheres to discuss options. From parent feedback this was valued.

Both presentations, even though the weather was inclement, were well supported by parents. The time would have been well spent and parents would have come away from both with a good appreciation of how to plan options for their children. The support from parents in attending the seminars is very much appreciated by staff, especially the organisers.

Over the holiday period, a number of students completed their rehearsal and preparation for the Len Hall Game on Friday, 26 April 2013. The Fremantle Dockers, through the Department of Veterans Affairs, requested the school provide a choir to perform the National Anthem at this signature match on the AFL Calendar. The students performed fantastically well and all are acknowledged for their preparation and musicality. They are also commended for their flexibility as arrangements were subject to change to fit in with requirements of the Dockers and TV. Thanks to music staff, Mr Manning and Ms Gallagher, for rehearsing the choir.

The school was asked by DVA due to our on-going support of the annual Indigenous Veterans service. We will again support this event in 2013 – it is on Wednesday, 29 May 2013. The Junior Concert Band and Junior Choir will represent the school. Aboriginal students will also represent the school.

Mount Lawley SHS has also been asked to support Memorial Day – the annual remembrance of US Veterans and Years 8/9 student leaders will attend. Two students will lay a wreath on behalf of the school.

On Friday, 10 May 2013, the annual Ex Prisoners of War (POW) Association held its annual commemoration. Supported by Mount Lawley SHS

P&C Art Auction

**Coming soon –
Saturday, 15 June 2013.
Be there and acquire
an art work!**

STOP PRESS

**THE P&C MEETING
HAS A NEW STARTING TIME
7:00pm.**

**THE NEXT MEETING is Monday,
27 May 2013
AND STARTS AT
7:00pm**

THE P&C NOW STARTS AT 7:00pm

EVENTS CALENDAR

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
Wednesday 30 May Y567 Primary Parents Information Evening
Monday 3 June WA Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 5 June Year 10 Parent Night
Saturday 9 - Wednesday 12 June Cadet Camp Kalbarri
Wednesday 12 - Friday 14 June Music Camp All Years
Thursday 13 June Music Support Committee Meeting 7pm
Saturday 15 June Art Auction

A THOUGHT

A little sincerity is a dangerous thing, and a great deal of it is absolutely fatal.
Oscar Wilde

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rest of this Update online at P & C Website
<http://mlshspc.org.au>**



for 17 years, the service was seen by many as the best for many years. Thankfully the weather stayed dry and some of our elderly ex POW friends attended and enjoyed the day. The special guest was the Federal Member for Perth and Minister for Defence, Mr Stephen Smith, MP. Mr Smith spoke of the times endured by those captured – over 30,000 in WWII and how the nation owes those who served and suffered captivity a debt. The President of the RSL, the Hon Graham Edwards, AM was also a guest.

The President of the Ex POW Association, Mr Arthur Leggett, OAM, ED, was again very grateful for the efforts of the students. He is especially pleased that Mount Lawley SHS will continue to remember the former POWs in the future. The Ex PO Association has committed to support a Mount Lawley SHS student to attend the Quiet Lion Tour of 2014. This is appreciated.



The event followed closely on the school's ANZAC Day commemoration. Mr Leggett attended and spoke whilst the keynote address was delivered by the Secretary–Treasurer of the Ex POW Association, Captain Ray Galliot, RFD. Mr Michael Sutherland, MLA Member for Mount Lawley and Cr Rod Willox, AM, RFD, ED, JP also attended. The school community was able to acknowledge Mr Sutherland's election as speaker of the Legislative Assembly. Congratulations to him.

The decorum of the students at the ceremony was first rate. They behaved impeccably and were a credit to families. The Senior Concert Band played superbly and Christian La Piana played the very demanding Last Post and Reveille like a veteran musician. The music students add much to these ceremonies and the many hours of rehearsing certainly showed. Well done.

This week marks the NAPLAN testing regime in Year 9 with students completing tests in Mathematics, Reading and Writing. These results will be made available later in the year.

Next week sees Years 10-12 commence their Semester 1 examinations. On the days when they have examinations students should ensure that they are on time and have all required equipment. They must also wear full school uniform. Year 10 students have examinations on several days during this period. Where an examination is not scheduled Year 10 students will be completing their usual timetable. The Year 10 students complete examinations as part of their preparation for upper-school studies.

Best wishes are passed to all students during this time.

The next P&C meeting is scheduled for Monday, 27 May 2013. Parents should note the new start time of 7:00pm. The meeting will consider a number of submissions for funding and parents are urged to attend. It is a way of engaging in the education program of your children. President Ron and his team would very much value your attendance and contribution.

The Annual Art Auction will be held on Saturday, 15 June 2013. This will be the tenth art auction and as usual, an impressive array of high quality art works will be available for bidding. Mr John Cook is again donating his time as auctioneer and Mr Russell Goodrick will be the MC. The hard work of the parent committee, convened by Mrs Sonja Davidson, is appreciated. Mrs Davidson and her team have done a fine job and would be delighted by parents attending the auction and seeking to purchase some of the excellent work for auction.

ROAD SAFETY

Road safety for students remains a concern for school staff. Again, I am seeking the co-operation of parents, especially during the busy start and end of the school day.

To improve traffic flow on Woodsome Street parents of Mount Lawley PS have been reminded that the car park on Hamer Park is to be used to drop children off and not Woodsome Street.

Additionally, the City of Stirling has made some modifications to the Middle School kiss-and-drop to only allow a left hand exit. This was a solution to ease congestion. Parents should exit the kiss-and-drop and drive down Woodsome Street to the Stancliffe Street round-a-bout and then proceed. Some are seeking to enter the car park of the bowling club and then reversing back into Woodsome Street, which is creating a dangerous situation. Please assist by driving safely – in the end it will be quicker.



Parking on the verge of Woodsome Street next to Hamer Park also contravenes the City of Stirling parking by-laws and should be discontinued. The City of Stirling has been requested to assist with managing Woodsome Street.

I would also repeat the request that the main staff car park should not be used as a drop-off and pick-up point during these busy times. Students, including primary school ones, can walk in this area at these times and parent assistance is requested to ensure there are no accidents.

I would ask for your support to assist road safety around the school.

Milton Butcher, Principal

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN 2013

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Monday 8th April to Sunday 9th June, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Point for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Points onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and when it's complete, the Points Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school in Student Services.

At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic supplies for Sport and for our library. If you'd like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

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Calling all art lovers. The Annual Lawley Art Auction is being held on Saturday 15 June 2013 in the Senior School's English building. Viewing of artworks starts at 5.00pm and the auction will commence at 7.00pm.

We have again attracted a high standard of varied art works including paintings, photographs, textiles, sculpture, glassworks and ceramics, allowing buyers the opportunity to bid on affordable, stunning pieces from Western Australian artists.

As the premiere fundraising event for the Mount Lawley Senior High School's Arts and Music departments, these funds will ensure that not only are our students receiving amazing art related opportunities, we will continue to be a flagship school within the arts.

In previous years, the Music Department has utilised the funds towards technology and resources to support ensemble development and classroom programs. Purchases include important equipment such as timpani, bass guitar, amplifiers, microphones and IT.

The SVAPA department has made use of their funds in a variety of ways; contracting artists to conduct workshops, providing enrichment programs, the opportunity for students to attend Perth International Arts Festival performances, the Awesome Festival and organise and participate in the Arts Day Festival, celebrated by the whole school.

There will be live music provided by the Music students, wine, beer, tea & coffee to purchase, and complimentary appetizers, silent auction and raffle prizes. So tell your family, friends and neighbours about this fantastic event.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

WANTING TO HELP YOUR KIDS STUDY?

Red Tick Education is offering a free parent guide that provides a wealth of sound information for parents looking for ways to get their children to develop better learning behaviours and study routines. If you are interested in finding out new ways to help you kids succeed please go to the following website **Redtickeducation.com/schooloffer** where you will find a range of resources.

SCHOOL JACKETS ARE NOW IN STOCK.

Students with orders may collect their jackets from the uniform shop during opening hours. Tues & Thurs 8 - 11.30am
Mount Lawley SHS Uniform Shop Tel 9270 4663 Email mountlawleyshs@uc.ubd.net.au

YEAR 10 SPORTS CARNIVAL



BRING CULTURAL EXCHANGE INTO YOUR HOME!

STS Student Exchange are seeking Aussie families who are busy, friendly, interested in other cultures and willing to welcome an STS exchange student into their family. Aussie families come from all walks of life and all cultural backgrounds, that's what makes up our country. Our volunteer host families provide room & board and treat their host son or daughter as a member of their own family. Exchange students have their own spending money and medical insurance. While your exchange student is learning about Australian culture, your family members will learn about theirs. What a great way for your children to learn about another country!

CONTACT US TODAY TO START YOUR ADVENTURE IN STUDENT EXCHANGE!

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Free Event

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beach rhythms
Scarborough Amphitheatre
- Friday 10 May - Rapping 4pm-5.30pm
- Friday 14 June - Urban Dance

street rhythms
Mirrabooka Square 4pm-5.30pm
- Friday 17 May - Rapping
- Friday 21 June - Urban Dance

Prizes for performers
open for 12-22 year olds

Come along to our Workshops then showcase your skills at our Beach and Street Rhythms sessions

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**In the event of severe weather Beach and Street Rhythms will be cancelled.

WORKSHOPS

Scarboro Surf and Life Saving Club
Rapping Workshops for 18-22 year olds
Get some tips to flow an epic beat
Wednesdays 5-6pm: 17 April, 24 April, 1 May

Urban Dance Workshops for 12-17 year olds
Show us your moves and learn some new ones
Wednesday 22 May 5-6pm
Wednesday 29 May & Wednesday 5 June 4-5pm

Herb Graham Recreation Centre, Mirrabooka
Rapping Workshops for 12-17 year olds
Get some tips to flow an epic beat
Tuesdays 3.30-5pm: 23 April, 30 April

Urban Dance Workshops for 18-22 year olds
Show us your moves and learn some new ones
Thursdays 5-6pm: 27 June, 4 July, 11 July

Limited places so book your space
For more info call 9205 8555

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Parents Victoria Online Conference 2013 6am Sunday 19 May to midnight Saturday 25 May (Australian time)

Register (for no cost) at: <http://www.straighttothepoint.co/pv/default.php>

* Principals, headmasters and teachers are invited to inform parents of this no-cost opportunity for discussion and debate topics of interest to parents of school-age children.

PARENTS of primary and secondary students, in all Australian states, territories and countries, are warmly invited to take part in this year's online conference, to be held next month by Parents Victoria, in Australia. The conference will be held non-stop on the internet from 6am Sunday 19 May to midnight Saturday 25 May 2013.

No special software is needed, other than an internet-connected computer and a browser (speakers are an advantage but are optional). The online discussions will be very easy to join in, online resources will be provided, and guidelines about how to participate will be available. *You don't need to be a member of Parents Victoria to take part. Join in for all days, just some days, or even a few hours, depending on your lifestyle and other commitments.

*Please note: The 'placeholder page' that is currently visible at this website address will automatically redirect to the live conference homepage, at precisely 6am on Sunday 19 May.

The conference will feature seven 'live' daily online discussions, each of them hosted, for several hours each day, by a member of Parents Victoria or expert commentators from a number of different associations. Each 24-hour period will focus on a different topic that is currently of concern to parents. There will also be two continuous online discussions that will last all week.

I look forward to meeting all of you online soon, to discuss these important issues. The more of you join in, the more successful this e-vent will be.

Best wishes, Debra Crouch Online Conference Manager E: debrajocrouch@gmail.com