



## MOUNT LAWLEY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL LAWLEY UPDATE Term 2 May 2010 No. 6

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Apart from the excitement of the Arts Festival, this term is about assessing how the students are progressing academically and reporting to keep our parents informed of that progress.

**Arts Festival:** Congratulations to the Head of Department Dr Dale Irving, the Arts Department and the many other staff and students who contributed to make the Arts Festival afternoon of Friday April 30 such a success. It was my first Arts Festival and I was very impressed by the level of participation from students and staff and by the general atmosphere of the festival. It is a great way to showcase the Arts and to provide opportunities to engage our students and I am sure the festival will continue to grow. It was also pleasing to welcome some of our Primary School students to join in the afternoon festivities and to experience life at a high school. Well done to all concerned!

**Year 9 National Testing:** During week 4 every Year 9 student undertook the NAPLAN tests. These National tests in English and Mathematics have been the subject of national controversy as many educators throughout the country argue that they will be used to create national League Tables that will name and shame schools. While I understand and to a certain extent share the concerns, I also feel parents like to receive the one off test results that give a national comparison. Some points to consider while assessing the NAPLAN results both from an individual and school perspective are:

- The tests are NOT based on a national curriculum so some sections of the tests are not explicitly taught in the WA curriculum.
- WA is one of only a couple of states that does not have Year 7 students as part of the high school. Hence they don't have the access to specialised subject teachers, particularly in mathematics.
- Any individual test in a one off situation is not necessarily statistically significant due to a whole range of factors that could affect the result.

Having said that, Mount Lawley treats the NAPLAN tests seriously and combined with our own knowledge of student performance, use the results to guide and inform our teachers of student progress and specific areas on which to focus.

**Examinations:** During week 5 all Year 10 students will sit examinations in English, Mathematics, Science, Society & Environment and Languages. These exams are very important for students as their results will give clear indication of viable pathways and

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### WANTED

#### FOR SCHOOL ART AUCTION RAFFLE

*Items are required for the upcoming school raffle.  
Suggestions such as gourmet items,  
luxury indulgences for men & women, and  
vouchers are acceptable.*



**DONATIONS ACCEPTED AT  
MAIN ADMINISTRATION OFFICE**

**HELP SUPPORT  
MT LAWLEY'S MUSIC AND SVAPA STUDENTS**

### CONGRATULATIONS

**Ailish Ingle**, Year 11 selected in the WA Ladies 18 & Under National Indoor Netball Team.  
**Jade Dolman** Yr 10 has been selected in the State U17 Girls Volleyball team.

### DENTAL THERAPY CENTRE

Offers enrolment for ALL school children from Pre-Primary to Year 11 (5-16 years of age)

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### EVENTS CALENDAR

- Monday 17 May** School Council Meeting
- Tuesday 18 May** Photo catch up Morning AM, Whole School Assembly
- Wednesday 19 - Friday 21 May** EXAMS Year 10s
- Thursday 20 - 21 May** Year 11& 12 Study Break
- Friday 21-23 May** Middle School Music Camp
- 24 May - 4 June** Year 11 & 12 Exams
- Tuesday 25 May** Year 6/7 Parent Information Evening, Music Support group Meeting 7.30pm
- Sunday 20 May** Middle School Music Concert, WAAPA
- Tuesday 1 June** Year 10 Parent Information Night, Language Support Group Meeting
- Tuesday 8 June** Senior School Semester 2 begins
- Wednesday 16 - 18 June** Year 10 Counselling with Parents
- Friday 18 June 3.00pm** DEADLINE for Year 11 Subject selection forms for 2011
- Saturday 19 June** Art Auction
- Monday 21 June** Year 12 subject selection sheets for 2011 given out
- Friday 25 June 3.00pm** DEADLINE Year 12 subject selection sheets to Senior School reception



course selections for Year 11. Year 11 & 12 students sit their Semester 1 exams during weeks 6 and 7. I wish all students the best of luck for all of their exams and am sure the hard work being put into study as I write this update will be rewarded with deserved marks and grades.

*Subject selection:* During week 3 approximately 20 staff spent the day undergoing some intensive Course Selection counselling training. With the Curriculum Council New Course of Study Courses now firmly entrenched, it is important all course counsellors are brought up to date with the latest developments. An important recent development that will affect our current Year 10 and 11 students will be the changes to the University of WA (UWA) courses. From 2012 UWA will offer only five Undergraduate Courses. Students will be required to do one of these three Year degree courses before they then specialise in a course of selection. The five Undergraduate degree Courses on offer are

- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Commerce
- Bachelor of Science
- Bachelor of Design
- Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours)

The degrees feature a simple, flexible course structure that will allow students to move from a broad range of subjects in first year to a more focused approach as they progress. More information can be accessed on the UWA website.

During Week 9 all Year 10 student and their parents will be given the opportunity to participate in a Subject Selection Counselling session for Year 11 2011. I encourage all students to research the careers they are interested in and the pathway and course subjects that are required for that course. It is very important that all Year 10 students achieve the highest possible mark and grade for the upcoming examinations because these results are clear indicators of future success.

*Lanyards.* Along with this Lawley Update all students have been issued with a personal Mount Lawley lanyard. The purpose of the lanyard is to provide security for your students Smart Rider and mobile phone.

*Special award:* On Tuesday May 4 I had the pleasure of attending the Year 8 assembly. It was pleasing to see a number of parents attend the assembly to witness their child receive an award. One aspect of the assembly that impressed me was the awards given for attendance. Sixty two students received a Gold Award for 100% attendance and another 82 students received a Silver Award for between 92-99% attendance. These are wonderful figures and given the high correlation between school attendance and school success I am really encouraged by the way our Year 8 students have settled into high school.

**Stephen Spice**  
**Principal**

#### **CLOTHES WANTED FOR CHILDREN IN EAST TIMOR**

The Year 12 Councillors are preparing to send clothes to children (aged from 1-5 years) in East Timor. The plan is to collect clothes that are still in good condition (only clothes for warm weather, please) from the school and local community. The donation of clothes will then be sent to East Timor c/o of Mr Butcher (School Principal) who is currently serving in the Reserves there, to be distributed to the local community. Councillors are planning to contact the RAAF to fly these clothing to East Timor or raise funds to transport the clothes over. If you have any children clothes to donate, please look out for further information and donate through your students at MLSHS.

**Year 12 Student Councillors.**



#### **MUSIC SUPPORT GROUP NEWS**

##### **Music Tour 2010**

The Music Tour to Sydney is shaping up! Now that we have the performance program for the Tour, staff are working hard to fill in the free days with cultural activities in and around Sydney. If parents or relatives are lucky enough to be able to attend our performance in the Opera House, book your seats through <http://www.sydneyoperahouse.com/>

##### **Middle School Camp**

This camp will be held at Araluen from 21 -23 May. Notes should have reached home by now, either by email through the music mailing list, or by hand. This is a great opportunity for our young musicians to get to know each other well while doing some intensive ensemble practice...though of course it is not all hard work!

##### **Middle School Concert**

The first Middle School Concert for the year will be held in the WAAPA Auditorium at 2 Bradford St, Mt Lawley on 30 May 2010. Bookings are now open at <http://www.trybooking.com/EWU>

This is a very effective way of booking your tickets, at any time of the day or night, and now, you can choose where you will sit! If you do not own a credit card, please email the Convenor of the Music Support Group [penny.scott1@bigpond.com](mailto:penny.scott1@bigpond.com) stating: Your name , How many tickets you need (adult \$15 and senior/child \$5) , Payment method (cheque or cash) and Penny will confirm details by return email.

Remember, to keep in touch with all that is happening with Music at MLSHS, subscribe to the Music Mailing List by emailing [mailmusic-subscribe@mlshspc.org.au](mailto:mailmusic-subscribe@mlshspc.org.au)

Next meeting of the Music Support group is at 7.30pm on Tuesday 25 May in the Music building, enter from Learoyd Street. All welcome!



### ULTIMATE FRISBEE GALA DAY

Mount Lawley Senior High School recently played host for an Ultimate Frisbee High School Gala Day. The event was organized by the WA Flying Disc Association (WAFDA) and sponsored by the Department of Sport and Recreation and Lottery West. Top state

coaches provided excellent tuition in skills for new players and advanced tricks for the more experienced students followed by informal matches. The day was open to students from all high schools, not just Mount Lawley. It provided a great opportunity to exercise, maybe learn a new sport and also have fun with friends from other schools. Every participant received a free disc, T shirt and yummy lunch – we even concluded the day with chocolate! The WAFDA will be holding another day in Term 3, look out for information and register to come along. It certainly was a great day, highly recommended.

### HEALTH CENTRE NEWS....

This School has a Community Nurse four days of the week. Pam Rosenbaum, Monday to Wednesday and Mel Hudson, Thursday. Andrew Paul, the Chaplain, provides First Aid cover for the school on Fridays. Health Centre Internal Extension Number: 324 Nurse Mobile Number: 0408 944 382. External Direct Line: 9471 0324

### Encourage Young People to be Drug Free!

There is no sure way to prevent young people from experimenting with cigarettes but parents and other adults play important roles in teenagers' decisions about smoking

### What can parents do?

Set a good example. The best thing parents can do is be a non-smoker or Quit. If you smoke here are some things you can do to create a safer environment for your family.

#### **Make Your House Smoke Free.**

Even if you smoke with the window open the smoke lingers in the room so.... Smoking outside is better.

#### **Don't Smoke in the Car.**

This is risky behaviour because of the small confined nature of the car. Even with windows open smoke will circulate so.....

Wait until you are somewhere more appropriate

*Explain how hard it is to QUIT once you become addicted.*

#### **What can you say....?**

When you see others smoking point out that most adults started smoking as teenagers and find it more difficult to Quit than they thought.

Explain that trying smoking and smoking regularly are not the same. Of all the people that try smoking most do not continue to smoke. They decide it is not for them!

Help your teenagers practice refusing an offer for a cigarette. Ask them what they would say to turn down a cigarette....

Many myths exist about smoking. Check out these three!

#### **Smoking Myth: Smoking won't do anything until I am older.**

Short term effects of smoking like smelly breath, wheezing, more coughs and colds and poor skin appear straight away, even in young smokers

#### **Smoking Myth: Lots of people my age smoke.**

**Not true!** Many young people think that smoking among their peers is more common than it really is. In WA, only 1 in 10 school students aged 12 to 17 years smoke regularly.

#### **Smoking Myth: Smoking helps reduce stress.**

**Untrue!** Smoking actually causes stress to the smoker's heart and body. Cigarettes contain stimulants that increase blood pressure and heart rate. This causes the heart to work harder. Smokers may feel more relaxed after a cigarette because of the deep breathing when inhaling a cigarette, or because they have removed themselves from a stressful situation.

Have you heard something about smoking and don't know if it's a myth or fact?

Check out the OxyGen website ([www.oxygen.org.au](http://www.oxygen.org.au)),

# Where are those school blazers & ties ???



### MISSING SCHOOL BLAZERS

**Do you still have a school blazer or tie at home that you have not returned ?**

**Can you please bring these back to school ASAP as some sizes are still missing ?**

***The school only has limited stock. PARENTS CAN YOU PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD'S BEDROOM ?***





Call Smarter than smoking Project on 9388 3383

#### **HEALTH CENTRE NEWS....CONT The School Health Committee:**

Is a dynamic group of people who are interested in the health and wellbeing of staff and students at MLSHS.

#### **What do we do?**

We plan and run health promoting events for the whole school community. Our major aim is to encourage positive lifestyle choices that will make a difference in the lives and education of our young people.

#### **What's On in 2010?**

The Proactive Keep Active @ Lawley project Federal Funds of \$195,000 have been spent and we have the fabulous Mt Lawley Fitness Circuit to show for it! It will be a very exciting year using this new equipment in our programs.

We support the D-Café as it maintains the Department of Education's Healthy Food and Drink Policy, run the Annual Chill-Out Sessions for Year 12 students and Lifestyle Forum for Middle School students.

We invite you to get involved....Further meeting dates will be posted in the Lawley Update Events Calendar. It will be great to have 'YOU' on the team!

**PAM ROSENBAUM, COMMUNITY NURSE. HEALTH CENTRE, MT LAWLEY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL.**



**CURTIN UNIVERSITY**

#### **Year 12 Information Evening**

Hosted by ABC Radio's Geoff Hutchison, this event provides parents of year 12 students with vital information about TISC, university preferences, admissions, scholarships and support services available.

The event, held on Wednesday 21 July 2010, offers parents the chance to talk with faculty representatives about specific courses and chat to current students about their university experiences and studying at Curtin.

[http://futurestudents.curtin.edu.au/fs/parents-and-teachers/information-evening/?utm\\_source=studentbox&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=pie12](http://futurestudents.curtin.edu.au/fs/parents-and-teachers/information-evening/?utm_source=studentbox&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pie12)

#### **Faculty Information Evenings**

After the successful events in 2009, Curtin Business School, Health Sciences, Humanities and Science and Engineering will again be holding information nights in June. The nights will provide future students, their families and friends with a chance to meet lecturers, talk to current students, attend presentations and tour facilities.

It's a great opportunity for students considering university to find help with deciding which course they want to do, what subjects and score they require for entry, and to get a taste of university life. Dates and times are:

Science and Engineering 5.30 - 7.30pm Wednesday 2 June,

Humanities 5.00 - 7.30pm Wednesday 9 June,

Health Sciences 6.00 - 8.30pm Tuesday 29 June,

Curtin Business School 5.30 - 6.15pm Wednesday 30 June.

[http://futurestudents.curtin.edu.au/fs/infonight/#linkid=curtinhomeredirect\\_fe10](http://futurestudents.curtin.edu.au/fs/infonight/#linkid=curtinhomeredirect_fe10)



#### **VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILIES NEEDED**

Overseas students will be arriving in July 2010 and require Host families.

There are two different programs arriving ranging from 5 months to 11 months. We have students arriving from countries including Chile, Austria, Argentina, Germany and many more.

Gain friendships that can last a lifetime? So - whether you have cattle or a poodle, six children or none, you have the perfect family.

For more information please call Joyce on 95345823 or go to [www.afs.org.au](http://www.afs.org.au)



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