



## MOUNT LAWLEY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL LAWLEY UPDATE Term 2 June 2010 No. 8

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### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The past fortnight has been an extremely busy time for our Senior School students as they undertook their Semester 1 examinations. For many students the results of these examinations will be reward for effort. For some they will reinforce the need to improve their commitment to their studies. Year 10 students in particular will be able to select appropriate subjects for Year 11 based on their achievements and also their teacher recommendations.

On Tuesday June 1 over 250 parents attended the Year 10 Information Evening in the school staffroom. The main messages that were delivered on the evening were:

- Students should choose subjects and pathways of study for success.
- There is clear evidence of the importance of following teacher recommendations.
- It is important students are engaged with their studies and should choose subjects that interest them.
- Students and parents need to research the careers of interest and understand any prerequisites that may exist for future careers or study.
- Doors never close in education and there are many pathways to success.

I would like to thank Mr Ian Johnson for organising the evening, the Learning Area Leaders, VET and Workplace Learning coordinators for their presentations and the many parents and other staff members for attending the evening.

I continue to be amazed by the number of activities and opportunities that are made available to the students of Mount Lawley even during times of stress with examination marking and report writing for staff. Following are four events that are examples of such opportunities:

- During week 6 our Year 8 GATE students benefited from the expertise of an Italian cooking expert, who showed them how to make fresh pasta, create a classic carbonara, arrange an amazing amatriciana and finish with a traditional tiramisu. The experience enriched the students and extended them as they assisted and participated in cooking from recipes in Italian. Having experienced wonderful taste sensations on the recent Italian tour, I can testify that the carbonara was sensational.
- On Saturday May 29, 45 of our Year 8 and 9 SVAPA students gained experience and an opportunity to enrich their Arts work as they participated in workshops with visiting experts in the areas of design, devising and movement. Arts teachers Dr Dale

*The Mount Lawley Senior High School Specialist Visual and Performing Arts (SVAPA) Parent Support Group and the Music Parent Support Group are currently organising the highly successful 'Art Auction'. We need items to raffle either small items to be included in a gift basket or larger items for a silent auction. We would greatly appreciate the support of your business/enterprise by kindly donating any item that could be used as a prize in return for acknowledgement of your business by advertising your business on the night.*

### MOUNT LAWLEY WORLD CUP

Thanks to everyone who has registered for the World Cup, a five a side soccer competition will be held on Weds June 30th 12.30pm – 3.00pm. We still need more players, girls and boys and staff! This should be a fun afternoon with prizes to be won. Mark Lee, professional coach/player will be organising the matches. Pull out your soccer boots and shin pads and join the competition. *Please register your name with Mrs Barnes at Student Services.*



### EVENTS CALENDAR

- 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
- Sunday 20-25 June** Canberra Trip
- Monday 21 June** School Council Meeting, Year 12 subject selection sheets for 2011 given out.
- Tuesday 22 June 7pm** Senior Music Concert Perth Modern School
- Friday 25 June 3.00pm** DEADLINE Year 12 subject selection sheets to Senior School reception
- Tuesday 20 July 7.30pm** Music Support Group Meeting
- Saturday 26 June - 4 July** School Music Tour -Sydney
- Monday 28 June** P & C Meeting 7.30pm
- Thursday 1 July** Whole School Reporting : Middle School 1- 6.30pm, Whole School 2-7pm



Irving, Ms Jane Packham, Ms Moya Thomas and Ms Cherie Mac gave their time to support the workshops while the SVAPA Parent Support Group provided lunch and facilitated access to the visiting experts. On Wednesday evening of May 26, I had another opportunity to witness the immense talents of our Year 10 SVAPA students as they conducted a presentation evening of their latest projects working with artist-mentors from the community. This is a new course that extends the Year 10 SVAPA students in their contemporary Arts work.

- At 7.15am on Wednesday June 9, approximately 20 students and staff joined coordinator Ms Suzie Barnes for a morning session of 'Zumba' followed by a healthy active breakfast in the multi-purpose room in the gym as part of the Proactive Keep Active @ Lawley Project. The exercise session was provided free to all students to celebrate Physical Activity Week and was enjoyed by all participants. Even Mr Andrew Ruck enjoyed his time although he struggled with some of the more hip swivelling moves.
- The fourth event I would like to highlight was the Middle School Music Concert conducted on Sunday May 30. While I unfortunately could not attend I have it on good authority from Associate Principal Mrs Bev Burnside that it was a wonderful performance. I would like to congratulate the Music staff of Ms Leonie Stewart, Mr Paul de Cinque, Mr Geoff Connor, Mr Greg Coles, and Mr Jeremy Peet who would be well-pleased with the quality of the performances from the various ensembles. The Junior Concert Band, SVAPA Choir, Classical and Electric Guitar Ensembles, Year 9 Combo and Big Band 2 all delighted the appreciative audience, and Ms Sylvia Cornes was an excellent MC. The Parent Support Group provided help with ticketing and supper, Mr Greg Richards and Mr Jeremy Peet did an excellent job with the stage management and the evening ran very smoothly.

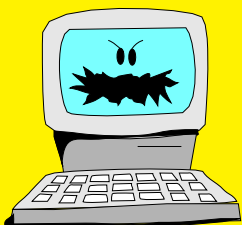
As I write this update approximately 50 of our aspiring leaders are attending the Year 10 Leadership Camp north of Hillary's Harbour at the Ern Halliday Camp site. Students will be undertaking activities and workshops aimed at improving their communication and leadership skills that will assist them to mentor new Year 8 students in 2011 as part of our Peer Mentor Program. A full report on this important excursion will be available in the next update and I look forward to the review from organisers Mr Neil Hudson and Mr Andy Outten.

On Monday May 31, the Honourable Dr Elizabeth Constable, Minister for Education, visited our school to announce the 'Better Schools, Brighter Futures' policy on attendance. During the morning I had the pleasure of giving Dr Constable an unscheduled tour of our school. It fills me with pride to be able to showcase our school to distinguished guests who are always impressed by the behaviour, attire and attitude displayed by our students and the level of engagement that is evident within our classrooms.

With over 1200 students entering and exiting the school grounds every day I remind all parents to kindly abide by the road rules and signs around the school regarding drop off and pick up protocols. The 2 minute 'kiss and drop' drive outside the Middle School building is designed to be just that. I request that all parents obey these rules. Similarly parking on the footpaths and in clearways creates dangerous situations for our students and I would encourage all parents to organise appropriate drop off and pick up venues within the rules or at a safe distance from the central convergence areas around the school. A good alternative not used by many parents is picking up and dropping off students on the other side of Hamer Park. Stirling Council and the Traffic Police are also concerned about the situation and have indicated that they will be patrolling the area and issuing fines to anyone illegally parking or speeding around the school.

To complete this update I remind parents of two very important events and dates. The first is our Careers Expo on Wednesday June 16 commencing at 2pm for our senior students. Parents are welcome from 3pm to 5.30pm in the Senior School Building. The second is our parent/student/ teacher afternoon/evening on July 1. Middle School appointments are from 1pm to 6.30pm and Senior School appointments are from 2pm to 7pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to discuss the progress of your student with the relevant teachers.

**Stephen Spice, Principal**



## **CYBERSMART FOR STUDENTS: 9 Steps to upgrading your personal security on Facebook cont....**

### **8. Let your friends know you have boundaries — in person.**

Some of us may have checked our Facebook sites to find that an overzealous friend has posted dozens of unflattering or embarrassing photos of you. Chances are, they didn't do this to embarrass you, though if they did you have bigger problems. Rather, they probably don't know that you don't want these photos posted. Yes, tweak your photo privacy settings on Facebook. But if someone starts snapping pictures of you at a party, ask them to check with you before posting it anywhere.

### **9. Never assume complete privacy.**

Even for the most tech-savvy person, unflattering and inappropriate photos, incriminating text messages or angry status posts about work, school or friends have a way of worming their way out in the open. Please be careful.

**Mount Lawley Senior High School Safe Schools Committee.**

Adapted from an article at the following web address:

[www.theage.com.au/digital-life/how-to/9-steps-to-getting-some-privacy-on-facebook-20091218-1173.html](http://www.theage.com.au/digital-life/how-to/9-steps-to-getting-some-privacy-on-facebook-20091218-1173.html)



## Year 12 CULTURE Photographic Exhibition 2010

The Year 12 Design Photography Students of Mt Lawley SHS invite you to their Photographic exhibition 'CULTURE';

When: 28th June to the 2nd July  
Where: Media/Arts Building, Room MA4 Mt Lawley SHS



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## MOUNT LAWLEY SHS CAREERS EXPO

The MLSHS Careers Expo will be held on Wednesday the 16th of June in the Senior School building, commencing at 2.00pm for students.

Parents are welcome to attend between 3.00pm and 5.30pm.

With over 20 exhibitors, including all of the WA based universities and most of the TAFE's, together with industry representatives,

This is an opportunity for our students and their parents to find out information on courses and careers.

Parents of Year 10 students are encouraged to attend to assist with subject selection for Year 11.





### PROACTIVE KEEP ACTIVE GROUP TRAINING

For the past 5 weeks we have been running twice weekly group training sessions after school. These sessions are taken by Heath, Nat and Daniel – Cert IV Personal Training students from Central Institute of Technology. Now half way through the program, the results are showing and fitness is improving. These sessions are a lot of fun and are having great effects on our strength and health. Keep up the good work and huge effort everybody!



### PHYSICAL ACTIVITY WEEK – ZUMBA AND HEALTHY ACTIVE BREAKFAST

In celebration of Physical Activity Week, Wednesday morning saw a bleary eyed group of staff and students head to the ECU Health and Fitness Centre for a 7.15am Zumba class followed by a delicious breakfast; this was provided by the Proactive Keep Active @ Lawley Project. There was a lot of giggling and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the session. We all decided that it was definitely worth leaving our cozy beds on such a cold morning for some exercise and fun. Thanks must go to the Health Committee for their help with the breakfast.



### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### THRESHOLD – YOUTH BALLET WA'S EXCITING NEW PERFORMANCE

Youth Ballet WA is a charitable organisation aimed at helping talented young dancers to achieve their goal of dancing professionally, and promoting a healthy way of life. YBWA has put together a performance titled Threshold, primarily consisting of fantastic contemporary works. It includes an amazing contemporary piece created by Tim O'Donnell, a guest artist working with YBWA who was a final four choreographer for So You Think You Can Dance. Bring your friends along to watch a remarkable performance by YBWA performing SYTYCD choreographer Tim O'Donnell's work Threshold. Threshold is being performed at WAAPA on 2 July at 7.00 pm. Admission is only \$10 per person, ticket sales at door.



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*Threshold is proudly sponsored by Propel Youth Arts WA and Healthway to promote the Drug Aware message.*

#### MOUNT LAWLEY AFTER SCHOOL MATHEMATICS TUTORING WORKSHOPS

Maths Tutoring for Small Groups by an experienced and qualified Mathematics Specialist Teacher with experience in teaching Primary and High School Mathematics is available for Year 8s and Year 9s.

Commencing Term 3, (19th July 2010); 10 weeks x 1 session Per Week at the Mount Lawley Neighbourhood Learning Centre, Contact Kristal 0402 439 390

(\*\*\* Receive your Free Maths Pre-Test to identify your child's learning needs upon enrolment. )

#### WACE REVISION COURSES IN THE JULY HOLIDAYS

Study skills and subject courses for years 11 and 12 students. Now at FOUR venues both North and South. Small groups, expert teachers and individual help.

For more information contact Dr Pam Bagworth or Dr Robert Hallam, ACADEMIC TASK FORCE - Phone 93174421