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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to Term 3. I hope all students and staff had a very relaxing and enjoyable holiday. Term 3 is a very busy term for our Year 12 students as they finalise their school grades for graduation and prepare to sit the Curriculum Council external examinations early in Term 4. It is also important that all other year groups use the term to consolidate their studies and work to maximise their academic potential.

With the start of the new semester we farewell Mr Sam Sterrett from the Senior School English Department and Mr Tom Jones from the Middle School. Both have been valuable members of the teaching staff and will be greatly missed by their students and teaching colleagues. Mr Sterrett will be replaced by Mrs Shirley Hale and Mr Jones by Ms Carolyn Reed for Semester 2. Mr Bob Shuttleworth will be on leave for Term 3 and will be replaced by Mr Richard Ujma.

It is pleasing to announce that Mr Laurie Saunders has won a part time position as Deputy Principal with South Fremantle for Semester 2. Mr Saunders will be working with a number of schools in the region developing pathways for the current Year 8 half cohort. While taking up this exciting opportunity he will continue to work with Mount Lawley in the Middle School.

On June 29, 60 Year 9 and Year 10 students from Mr Richard Meagher's and Ms Jenny Martino's class competed in the PICSE Science competition at UWA. The standard of Science Investigations was exemplary and our students were fine ambassadors for our school. **Alana Shaylor** and **Vi Tran** won the people's choice award for the Best Investigation with their project titled "A Sticky Situation". They each received a \$50 cheque. I acknowledge Mr Mat Winter, Mr Reid Hamilton and Mr Laurie Saunders for their assistance with the organisation of the activity.

World Cup Soccer fever gripped Mount Lawley in the last week of Term 2 when over 180 students competed in teams of 4 or 5 students rotating through 4 minute soccer games over a two hour period. It was an entertaining afternoon and great to see students mixing it with special guests such as MLA Mr Michael Sutherland, staff, parents and volunteer helpers from Youth Care and the community. Ms Suzie Barnes and her team of assistants are to be congratulated for organising such an engaging and fun activity.

On the same day as the Soccer competition our Year 12 students enjoyed their annual reward 'Chill Out' afternoon. The students who participated were very appreciative of the effort put into the afternoon by staff, volunteer parents and the activity presenters. I would like to congratulate Ms Pam Rosenbaum and the Health Committee for their organisation of the event and Ms Mel Hudson for coordinating the day. Other major contributors to

OPEN LETTER- YEAR 12 QUIZ NIGHT Request for Donations

Each year the Prefects at Mount Lawley Senior High School hold a Quiz Night to raise funds for their activities. In organising this event, the school approaches businesses in the local community for support.

This year, the Quiz Night will be held on the 18 August 2010 and I am writing to you to request a donation which we can use as prizes at the Quiz Night.

The Prefects and I would greatly appreciate your generosity in supporting the school, and as in the past the school will acknowledge your support by promoting your name in its newsletter and the quiz night as well.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely
Mr Surinder Singh

Congratulations
Kristina Krstic for selection to the Australian Silver Tier Squad for Lawn Bowls.

EVENTS CALENDAR

- Sunday 1 August** Languages Parent Support Group Car Rally/Treasure Hunt 10:00 am
- Monday-Friday 2-6 August** MSE Testing All Year 9s, Language Week
- Tuesday 3 August** Music Support Group Meeting
- Saturday & Sunday August 7-8**
WA School's Orchestra & Jazz Festival
- Tuesday 10 August** Year 8 Carnival
- Thursday 12 August** Honours Society Assembly, Finance Committee Meeting
- Thursday-Sunday August 12-15** WA Schools Concert Band Festival
- Monday 16 August** School Council Meeting
- Tuesday 18 August** Prefects Quiz Night
- Monday 23 August** P & C Meeting 7.30pm
- Tuesday 31 August** Languages Support Group Meeting
- Wednesday 1 September** SVAPA Parent Meeting 7pm Tricycle Theatre



the organisation of the afternoon included Ms Tahlia Milroy, Mrs Michelle Masarei (Lawley Café Manager), Ms Jenny Fay (Health Committee), Mr Charles Warren, Mr David Greeshaw and Year 9 Health Committee members **Isabella Di Chiera** and **Matilda Kingdom-Barron**.

On Thursday July 1 we held our second Parent/Student/Teacher Interview Afternoon/Evening. I was impressed by the number of parents and students who participated in the evening and was pleased to receive a number of very positive comments from parents about the quality of the feedback provided by staff. I acknowledge the work undertaken by our wonderful clerical staff, café staff, student helpers and Mr Michael Camilleri for organising the evening.

In Week 11 of Term 2 following the farewell concert enjoyed by so many, teachers Mrs Leonie Stewart, Ms Tessie Palmyre, Mr Paul Cinque, Mrs Chloe Christian and parent Mr Peter McWhinney travelled to Sydney with 47 of our music students to participate in the Sydney Music Festival. While on tour there was a good mix of musical activities, including performing and rehearsal exchange, sightseeing, and cultural activities. The Concert Band and the String Orchestra gave outstanding performances at the Opera House, Angel Place, the Sydney Conservatorium and at First Fleet Park. Both groups were justifiably thrilled to receive the silver award for their adjudicated performances.

As reported in the last update music students **Samuel O'Connell**, **Josiah Padmanabham** and **Jade Richards** were members of the World EXPO Jazz band touring Shanghai and Hangzhou in Week 11. The band performed at a number of ceremonies including the Perth Education City Scholarships and Study Tours Award Ceremony, the Celebrate Western Australia luncheon and the Zhejiang Senior High School students English Language Competition Award Ceremony in the presence of the WA Deputy Premier, Dr Kim Hames and Zhejiang Province leaders. The band's Jazz rendition of a popular Chinese music item 'Butterfly Lovers' was very well received by the Chinese audience and despite the hectic schedule, the students managed to visit the Australian Pavilion at the EXPO and do some sightseeing and shopping. Mrs Anita Chong was chaperone for the group and commended our students for being outstanding ambassadors for Mount Lawley.

In the same week Year 10 students **Matt Parry** and **Max Owen** were at the Confucius Institute of SA competing in the Chinese Bridge Chinese Proficiency Competition for Foreign Secondary School Students. Both students performed admirably with Matt Parry awarded first place in the cultural performance section for his performance of Taiqi Fan.

Over the holiday period Mr Steve Raphael, Mr Lee Payne, Ms Belinda Derby, Mr Chris Carrigg and Mr Charles Warren along with parents Ms Andrea Ko and Mr Walter Peternelj took 31 Year 9-12 students to Victoria where they spent 6 days on the slopes of Mount Hotham. From all reports everyone had a great time, enjoyed some excellent skiing and exhibited exemplary standards of behaviour. While these students were having an enjoyable time many of our Year 12 students and our Port Hedland SHS partners were engaging in a series of revision courses aimed at consolidating the work done in their WACE subjects this year. These excellent revision courses are sponsored by BHP through our partnership with Port Hedland SHS and are conducted by Academic Associates.

In Week 1 of this term the Minister Dr Elizabeth Constable announced the second round of successful applications for Independent Public School status. Unfortunately Mount Lawley was one of 68 schools to be unsuccessful with its application. I believe Mount Lawley is ideally placed to become an IPS and hopefully will be successful in the next round of applications.

Mount Lawley has an active and hard working P&C. All parents are welcome to attend the monthly meetings advertised on the MLSHS P&C Server (server@mlshspc.org.au). A discussion at the last meeting raised the concern that some parents were blocking the front end of the 'kiss and drive' circuit at the front of the school by stopping to let students out even when there were plenty of parking bays free further down the drive. This practice is dangerous for people behind and I urge all parents to use the drive cooperatively.

As this is my last Update before Mr Milton Butcher returns on August 9, I would like to sincerely thank the Mount Lawley community for the opportunity to lead the school this year. As I mentioned in the last newsletter, I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as Principal and will leave Mount Lawley with many fond memories of the wonderful community I have worked with. I truly believe Mount Lawley is a great school and wish all staff, students and parents all the best for the future.

Stephen Spice
Principal

Mount Lawley Senior High School Year 12 Quiz Night 18th August 2010, 7.30 pm

Are you ready to test your knowledge and wit against the very best?

The annual year 12 quiz night is approaching

*To be held at the Senior School on the 18th of August at 7:30pm
Cost \$5 which will go towards class of 2010's gift to the school. Make your own tables of ten.*

*Please bring your own refreshments/food ☺
See Mr. Singh or Yr 12 prefects for tickets*



MUSIC NEWS

INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL :

SYDNEY TOUR 26 June - 4 July 2010

Senior Concert Band and String Orchestra

The tour was a huge success with both ensembles being awarded SILVER for their adjudicated performances at Angel Place, after being very well received at the Sydney Opera House. It was extremely valuable for our students to perform on internationally recognised stages, and students showed remarkable maturity in quickly adapting to new performance conditions. We were honoured to have several parents attend our Sydney performances and hope that they enjoyed them.

Thank you to our lovely students whose behaviour was outstanding and whose energy and capacity for fun was contagious if only school could always be like this! .



Students outside the Opera House with the bridge in the background, taken on the first Sunday just before our Opera House performance.

We were blessed with cold but sunny weather all week, apart from one very cold day at Taronga Zoo, so saw Sydney at her best. Our accommodation was comfortable, clean and modern and exceptionally well located in the heart of The Rocks, within walking distance of the Opera House, Circular Quay and the city centre.

A very special thank you to the staff who attended and worked hard over the course of the tour to keep everyone safe and happy: Paul De Cinque, Tessie Palmyre and Chloe Christian and of course our honorary staff member Peter McWhinney. Each of these wonderful people made a great contribution to the tour!

MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Music Festival season is starting soon! This is a great opportunity to see many student ensembles from all over WA performing at central locations, including most of our ensembles. Come along and see how brilliant our kids are! Directors have sent home notes about rehearsals and festival arrangements, and some information has also been emailed to parents on the music mailing list. Students need to be at the venue an hour prior to the performance time. Please note that some of the Festivals charge a small entry fee (check the relevant website) and refreshments are often sold at the venues.

Formal photos of each ensemble are taken immediately after the performance, and can be ordered/taken on the day. Last year they cost \$20 per photo, with a discount if you bought several.

If you would like to join the music mailing list to keep in touch with what is happening, simply send an email to : mailmusic-subscribe@mlshspc.org.au

TIMETABLE FOR FESTIVALS 2010

date	perf time	ensemble	director	location	web address
Saturday 7-Aug	5.10pm	Big Band 2	Greg Coles	Dickinson Centre, Scotch College	http://www.sim.iinet.net.au/jazzfest.html
	6.10pm	Year 10 Combo	Greg Coles		
	6.25pm	Year 11 Cert IV Combo	Tessie Palmyre		
	6.45pm	Year 12 Cert IV Combo	Tessie Palmyre		
Sunday 8-Aug	7.50pm	Big Band 1	Tessie Palmyre	Perth Modern School	http://www.sim.iinet.net.au/orchfest.html
	11.05am	String Orchestra	Chloe Christian		
Sunday 15-Aug	9.45am	Junior Concert Band	Paul de Cinque	Perth Modern School	http://www.sim.iinet.net.au/bandfest.html
	12.40pm	Senior Concert Band	Paul de Cinque		
Sunday 22-Aug	12.15pm	Guitarstrophe	John Casey	Churchlands Senior High School	http://www.sim.iinet.net.au/guitfest.html
Sunday 29-Aug	not finalised	Chorale/SVAPA Choir	Leonie Stewart	Churchlands Senior High School	http://www.sim.iinet.net.au/chorfest.html
Saturday 4-Sep	not finalised	Contemporary ensembles	Jeremy Peet	Ellenbrook Community College	http://www.sim.iinet.net.au/cont_guitar.html

LANGUAGES PARENT SUPPORT GROUP INVITE YOU TO..... CAR RALLY / TREASURE HUNT - 10:00 AM ON SUN 1 AUG

We are inviting all staff, students, their family and friends to join us. Starting at Mount Lawley Senior High School Car Park (Woodsome St) \$20 a ticket to register your car – available from any of the Language Staff. (No tickets will be available on the day so please register early) Follow a set of directions to an unknown destination answering questions and collecting a list of items along the way. The car answering the most questions correctly and collecting all the items will be announced the winner and presented with the Winner's Trophy. Each car will need to bring along a picnic lunch to share at the final destination (which also happens to be the Languages Lunch) Dress up your car to receive Bonus Points.

More information, please contact Sondra Tate: sondra@iinet.net.au



FACT SHEET: BUILDING BETTER RELATIONSHIPS

The Issue: Communicating With Your Kids

We all have busy lives and taking small amounts of time to really be with and listen to our kids, can create stronger relationships. Each family is unique, so find a way that works for you.

How you talk to your kids is important. Create an open environment where they feel safe to say what they feel. Be honest with them and make sure no topic is out of bounds. Kids need to talk about sex, relationships, drugs, death and everything else, with the people they trust. If they ask the question, they are ready for some information. Use everyday opportunities to talk, initiate conversations with your kids, communicate your values and be open to their views.

Talking With Teenagers

Communication with teenagers can be challenging. Teens want privacy and independence and may find it embarrassing to talk to or hang with their parents. With teens you have to take the initiative. Here are 7 ways to build trust with teens.

Spend time with your teenager whatever way you can.

Respect their privacy

Take an interest in their interests and share yours

Have faith in them

Even if they don't seem to need it, be there for them

Take care of yourself – you are a great role model

Even if you don't see eye to eye, let them know you care for them

TIPS - 10 things your child needs to know

1. You love them, No Matter What. Let your children know you love them unconditionally. Emphasize that they do not always need to be good, successful, or smart for you to love them. Love their successes and failures.
2. You respect them. Children deserve respect too! You will teach your children a lot about respecting other people's values and boundaries, when you show them respect.
3. You support them. Be supportive in their decisions, as long as it is not something that will cause them harm. Help them towards their dreams and goals.
4. You listen to them. Listen without judgement or criticism or talking about yourself. You don't need to understand, relate or like what they are saying. Just listen.
5. You are happy they are in your life. Let your child know how much joy they bring. Show them that you value them as they are.
6. You like them. Tell them what unique qualities you admire. Encourage them to share their skills and talents with you.
7. You are interested in them. Be inquisitive in a good way. Show enthusiasm when they are speaking. Be curious about what they are saying, but don't interrupt.
8. You want to understand them. Let your child know when you do not understand what they are going through. Ask them to share, but don't push. Let them come to you on their own free will.
9. You are thankful for what they do. Show gratitude for the little things, even if it is their responsibility. Thank them when they do something without you asking.
10. You want to help them. If your child needs help, be there.

Help Is a Phone Call Away

If you feel you need some advice or support call the confidential 24 hour helpline 1800 200 526 to talk with experienced counsellors.

For more information check out www.bullyingnoway.com.au <<http://www.bullyingnoway.com.au>>

What can I expect when I call the helpline?

Your call will be answered by a person, no answering machines, no recorded messages. The person who answers your call will be an experienced counsellor, not the police, not a government department.

You will not have to give your name, You can request a male or female counsellor.

They can also help connect you to other support services as needed.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

PHYSICAL EDUCATION COURSE OF STUDY

Students studying the stage 2 or 3 Physical Education Course of Study might be interested in having a look at the website www.pestudiesrevisionseminars.com.au for details of revision courses that will be run in term 3 in preparation for the TEE exam. Any enquiries can be sent to admin@pestudiesrevisionseminars.com.au or by ringing Jonika on 0433 540465 if you have a general enquiry, or David on 0413 342999 if you have any course specific enquiries.

WACE HELP: ACADEMIC TASK FORCE

Weekend Classes for year 11 and 12 students. Excellent Exam Preparation Subjects include Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, English, Literature, Human Biology and Economics. They are small group classes with very experienced teachers. Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 Saturday Classes are also available, in English, Mathematics and Science

For more information please contact: Dr Pam Bagworth or Dr Robert Hallam on 9317 4421



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October Programs

October Program
(28 September – 8 October 2010)

October Short Program
(4 – 8 October 2010 at limited centres)

Enrolments close 1 September 2010

Country Early Start Programs at limited centres

Early Start Program 1
(17 – 23 December 2010)

Early Start Program 2
(29 December 2010 – 7 January 2011)

Enrolments close 10 November 2010

January Programs

January Program 1
(29 December 2010 – 7 January 2011)

January Program 2
(10 – 21 January 2011)

January Short Program
(3 – 7 January 2011 at limited centres)

Enrolments close 10 November 2010

A standard program is the equivalent of 10 days (approximately 350 minutes of lesson time). The actual program may be fewer days if there is a public holiday. A short program is five days (approximately 175 minutes of lesson time).

Online enrolment closing dates vary - check website for details.

Enrol online at det.wa.edu.au

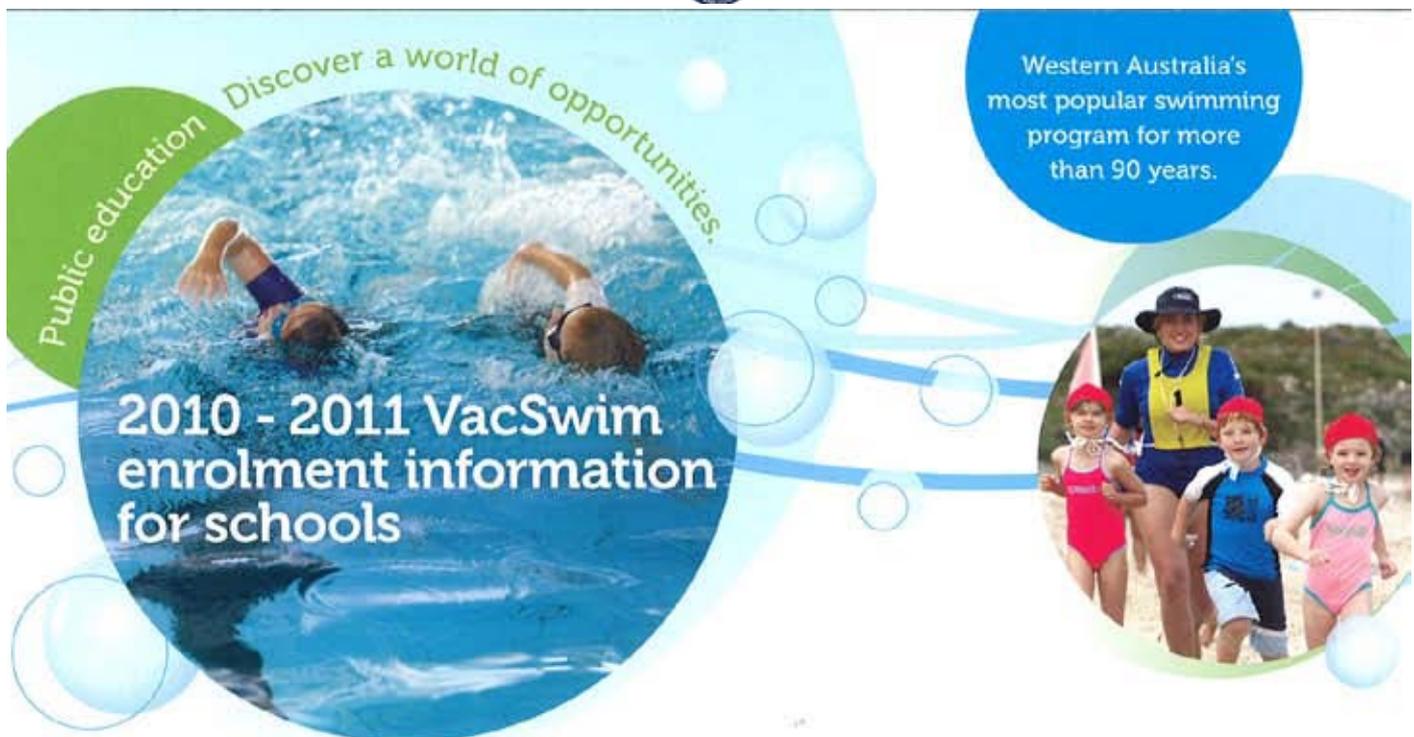
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The Department of Education conducts one of Australia's largest swimming programs during the October and January school holidays. VacSwim has more than 50,000 enrolments annually.

Western Australia's location, climate and close proximity to beaches, rivers and swimming pools makes swimming a natural pastime. However, the real advantage of being able to swim is to stay fit and healthy and to ensure greater safety in a range of aquatic environments. VacSwim classes build on and further develop the skills, attitudes and understandings learned during Intern swimming lessons. VacSwim classes extend and promote the learning of important life skills.

Every person should learn to swim properly and develop essential water safety skills–VacSwim creates that opportunity for all students.

Why are schools important to the program?

The VacSwim office has set a target of pre-enrolling 40,000 students in the January Program and school support will be crucial in achieving this target.

Schools are a critical link in ensuring that all families are aware of this opportunity to access affordable and conveniently located swimming and water safety lessons. In the past up to 65 per cent of the January VacSwim enrolment was processed through schools. Unfortunately, in recent years this number has declined to less than 10 per cent. Schools can support this valuable program by ensuring an enrolment form is distributed to every student.

How can schools contribute?

Schools are requested to distribute the VacSwim information booklet to every student and are asked to actively promote the program to parents through school newsletters, giving clear instructions about how to enrol. Schools have three enrolment options to offer to parents.

Option 1

Parents enrol direct with VacSwim, online or by post, before the closing dates of 1 September (for October programs) or 10 November (for January programs). Dates for online enrolment may vary and parents should be encouraged to check the VacSwim website at det.wa.edu.au

Option 2

Parents can enrol direct with VacSwim, online or by post, alternatively they can enrol through their school. The school will need to send the parents' individual payments to VacSwim before 24 September 2010. Schools are asked to check carefully that the forms are completed correctly and that the submitted applications and fees balance. Please note, schools cannot accept enrolments for October programs using Option 2.

Option 3

Parents can enrol direct with VacSwim, online or by post, alternatively they can enrol through their school. The school is required to bank the money and send one cheque to VacSwim. The school will receive a rebate for each enrolment. VacSwim must receive this information before 24 September 2010. Schools are asked to check carefully that the forms are completed correctly and that the submitted applications and fees balance. Please note, schools cannot accept enrolments for October Programs using option 3.

Please note: The prompt distribution of forms would be appreciated as enrolments for the October VacSwim program close on Wednesday 1 September 2010.

The benefits of Option 3 for your school

The VacSwim office understands how busy schools are and appreciates that this request may impact on the workload of administration and support staff.

The VacSwim office conducts a rebate scheme for schools that choose **Option 3**. These schools are entitled to a \$1.10 rebate (GST inclusive) for each individual enrolment they process. That is, application forms are checked for completion and the school processes payment so that one cheque is sent to the VacSwim office. The VacSwim office will process credit card payments if a school cannot. Credit card enrolments **SHOULD NOT** therefore be included in the claim for rebate.

To streamline the payment of rebates a tax invoice proforma has been printed on the back of the Summary of Enrolments form. Please complete the proforma carefully including all relevant details (eg tax invoice number, ABN, name and address of school) and return the original to the VacSwim office before Friday 24 September 2010.

NB: Original tax invoices with errors, corrections or initials will not be processed.



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