



## MOUNT LAWLEY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL LAWLEY UPDATE Term 1 February 2011 No. 2

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mount Lawley SHS was accorded a grant for Asian Literacy in 2010, which is designed to improve the students' understanding of Asian cultures and societies. This will be developed through both formal and informal measures. Through participating in activities students of the school will no doubt develop an appreciation of Asia. Australia is, of course, closely connected to Asia through economic activity, tourism and shared cultural experiences.

Whilst not a formal component of the school's program, the visit of the Wengin Art Troupe from Zhejiang University presented students with the opportunity to enjoy a variety of performances within the concert. The troupe performed a number of times and all Middle School and Chinese Language students attended. They saw very polished performances from Zhejiang students, who, were Arts enthusiasts and not Arts students. The Mount Lawley SHS students enjoyed the performances and gained an understanding of the very broad cultural base of China. One of the performers was a graduate of our sister school, Hangzhou Number 14 Middle School.

Of course, we farewelled the visiting delegation from Hangzhou recently. They all enjoyed their home stay, Mount Lawley SHS experience and Western Australian adventure. Thanks to all of the families that hosted either a Hangzhou student or teacher. Your support of the school's languages program made this exchange possible. Thank you.

The Year 10 BBQ was well attended with 150 plus parents taking advantage of the opportunity to meet teachers. New parents to the school found the evening of value.

The BBQ is an initiative of the school's Year 10 Working Party, a group that is looking at ways to enhance programs for this cohort. Form teachers in Year 10 have a focus on checking diaries and reinforcing the good habits developed in Middle School. Year 10 students have been issued with a commercial diary at no charge as part of this measure to improve student planning, organisation and commitment to homework. Parents are asked to support the work of the Form teachers through checking diaries and reinforcing the messages about homework, study and maximum effort to achieve the best results possible.

#### A THOUGHT

When the character of a man is not clear to you,  
look to his friends.  
*Japanese Proverb*

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#### GENERAL SCHOOL ENQUIRIES

PHONE: 9471 0300 FACSIMILE: 9271 1126

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL (YRS 8-9)

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#### SENIOR SCHOOL (YRS 10-12)

PHONE: 9471 0320 FACSIMILE: 9471 0329

<http://www.lawley.wa.edu.au>  
[enquiries@lawley.wa.edu.au](mailto:enquiries@lawley.wa.edu.au)

### CONGRATULATIONS

UWA Fogarty Foundation Undergraduate Awards to:

Monte Masarei - UWA Excellence Award

Cathy Nguyen - Alumni Diversity & Merit Award

### MOUNT LAWLEY SHS SCHOOL COUNCIL

*The AGM and annual open meeting of the Mount Lawley SHS will be conducted on Monday, 21 March 2011 in the Conference Room commencing at 6:30pm. ALL ARE WELCOME*

## STOP PRESS

The government has advised that Round 3 of the Independent Public School application process is now open. There will be further consultation with parents and the community. Details will be advised ASAP. Parents may provide feedback on this matter at any time to Milton Butcher, Principal, Mount Lawley SHS on 9471 0300 or [Milton.Butcher@det.wa.edu.au](mailto:Milton.Butcher@det.wa.edu.au)

### EVENTS CALENDAR

February 28 Monday P & C Meeting

March 1 Tuesday

- Music Parent Support Group AGM 7.30pm, ALL MUSIC PARENTS INVITED.
- YEAR 8 BBQ 5-7PM Middle School

March 2 - 4 Wednesday - Friday SVAPA Camp, Point Water

March 2 Wednesday Linguistics Olympiad

March 3 Thursday GATE Club 1

March 7 Monday Labour Day HOLIDAY

March 8 Tuesday Year 11 River Cruise

March 9 Wednesday GATE-DOE Parent Presentation

March 10 Thursday Years 10-12 Parent/Teacher Evening.

Details to be posted with interim report.

March 17 Thursday Interscholar Swimming Carnival Challenge Stadium

March 25 Friday School Ball, Hyatt

March 28 -30 Monday - Wednesday SVAPA Selection Period

March 28 Monday P & C Meeting

March 29 Tuesday Languages Parent Support Group Meeting



The Year 10 Working Party has been ably led by School Council member and Middle School Team Leader, Mr Clayton. The driving force behind the committee are School Council Chair, Ms Catherine Smith and parent elected member, Ms Jo Furness. Ms Smith and Ms Furness have brought their experiences as parents to the group and advocated for parents and students. Their support of this initiative is warmly acknowledged.

The Music and Languages Support Committees recently held a very successful and well organised "Welcome to Mount Lawley" soiree. This event was devised to give new parents the opportunity to draw on the experiences of existing parents and to chat with teachers in an informal setting.

During the event parents were entertained by some of our very talented musicians while nibbling on some succulent finger food and sipping a drink or two. I would like to thank the Music and Languages Support Committee members, who orchestrated the event, and the teachers of these learning areas for their enthusiasm to nurture the Mount Lawley SHS community.



*The Principal of Mount Lawley SHS receiving a Top Public School award for the excellent results achieved by the 2010 Year 12 students from the Hon. Minister for Education, Dr Liz Constable, MLA and the Director General, Ms Sharyn O'Neill.*

The school's House swimming carnival was held on Thursday. It was a humid day and relatively uncomfortable for spectators. The attendance on the day was pleasing and the attitude and behaviour of students first rate. In fact, staff at the Terry Tyzack Aquatic Centre made positive comment on the manners and behaviour of students. Well done to all.

Thanks also to the parents who attended and very proudly supported and encouraged all students. The competition was fierce and races hotly contested. Congratulations to Forrest for winning (11 out of the last 12 years) and to the respective Year Champions and runners-up. Thanks to Mr Howard and his HPE team for managing the carnival and to all staff for their work on the day.

When the school was rebuilt air conditioning, in line with policy, was not installed. The classrooms in the school, as students will have reported to parents, are hot and uncomfortable during the summer. A group of Year 8 students, under the direction of Science teacher, Mr Hawke, are recording the temperature inside buildings and on most days the highest is mid to high thirties. This has been carried out at the suggestion of the P&C to assist in gaining an understanding of the conditions staff and students work under.

Last year, the P&C and the school agreed to air condition the school in order to improve the learning environment for students. At the start of 2010 the library and café were air conditioned to provide all students in the school with the opportunity to gain some relief from the heat. This was paid for by the school. For every dollar raised by the P&C, the school will commit a dollar.

The P&C is seeking donations from parents so that funds can be generated for the project. Donations will be paid into the school's tax deductible building fund so that tax deductions may be provided. Whilst the funds are paid to the school, all monies from parents or organisations are credited to the P&C for the purposes of the air conditioning project. There is a donation form in this Update.

**Milton Butcher**  
**PRINCIPAL**

**Stay in touch ... Mount Lawley's Email List is now up and running!**

Choose your content:

Year Groups & Communities

Music, SVAPA and GATE Languages programs

Parent Information Sessions

Bush Ranger Cadets, Carols on the Lawley Lawn

2nd Hand Clothing, Coffee Club ... & more

Under the 'community' tab  
on the school website

[www.lawley.wa.edu.au](http://www.lawley.wa.edu.au)



Dear Parent

In the interests of keeping our community informed I would like to advise that a man with red hair and freckles, in a green car stopped a student near Ashfield Primary School and offered food for them to get into his car on Wednesday afternoon after school. I urge all students to take care when going to and from school, and to report anything suspicious to parents, school and the police - call 000 in an emergency or 1800 333 000 to reach Crime Stoppers.

Here are some simple suggestions to help your child stay safer:

- ☞ Always travel in company
- ☞ Walk on the right hand side of the road so you face oncoming traffic
- ☞ Wherever possible, leave space between yourself and the roadway
- ☞ Stay in areas that are well lit
- ☞ Stay in view - avoid going into areas that are hidden from view  
(such as parkland bush or behind shopping centres) and plan trips to avoid such locations
- ☞ Be alert - earphones and headphones can reduce your awareness considerably
- ☞ If you have a mobile phone, have it turned on and ready to dial an emergency number
- ☞ If a passing car stops nearby never get too close
- ☞ Do not hesitate to run from a situation in which you feel at risk
- ☞ Provide this advice to brothers and sisters, especially if younger
- ☞ Report suspicious behaviour to parents, school and the police, noting number plates of cars and/or clothing or distinguishing features of individuals.

If you have any concerns, please feel free to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely,

*Milton Butcher, Principal*

### FINANCIAL MATTERS

Thank you to all the parents that have paid their child's Contributions & Charges accounts. We would like to remind those that haven't yet paid that payment is accepted in the front office weekdays between 8.15am-4pm.

We accept Mastercard, Visa, EFT, Cash or Cheque.

Those parents who would like to pay on-line may do so by paying to BSB 066118 ACCOUNT 00900116.

Please include your child's surname, initial and form group in the 'reference' field e.g. SMITH, H 80F1.

Any enquiries regarding your account can be made to our Finance Officer, Mrs Varsani on 9471 0302.

If you are experiencing difficulties with payment, please do not hesitate to contact us and a payment plan can be arranged.

Yvonne Scott  
Business Manager

### SECONDARY ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Assistance is available to eligible families for payment of school Contributions & Charges and Clothing.

Parents or Guardians must hold one of the following cards:

- Centrelink Family Health Care Card
- Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card
- Veteran's Affairs Pensioner Concession Card

The cards must be valid some time during first term.

An Educational Program Allowance of \$235, and Clothing Allowance of \$115 is payable.

**Please see Mrs Varsani, in the main administration office, to make your application**

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE  
TUESDAY 19 APRIL 2011**

### SCHOOL CAR PARK

Parents are reminded that students should not be dropped off or picked up in the main school car park. This is a road safety matter and your assistance is appreciated.

### ROAD SAFETY MESSAGE

All students are reminded that crosswalks where attendants are on duty should always be used.

### PARENT PARKING AT ELIMATTA UNITING CHURCH

Since the start of the school year it has been noted that parents of students at Mt Lawley Senior High School are using the private parking facilities and driveways at Elimatta Uniting Church Home (on the corner of Alexander Drive and Bradford Street) to park when waiting to collect students.

Whilst we appreciate that there is limited parking available in this area, the parking area available for our visitors and staff is also at a premium. Also, access must be available to the site at all times for emergency vehicles.

We would appreciate your co-operation in not using these areas in the future. Thank you.

Care Manager, Elimatta Uniting Church Home

### LEARN A NEW LANGUAGE

A new initiative of Bilingual Families Perth (BFP), a network of families with more than one language ([www.bilingualfamilies.net](http://www.bilingualfamilies.net)) is presenting the 'Language Challenge 101' to entice adults, but as well entire families, to learn a new language and commit to language learning for 101 days. More information about the project here: <http://www.bilingualfamilies.net/pages/en/get-involved/languages-challenge-101.php>.



**MOUNT LAWLEY SCHOOLS CRICKET COMPETITION**

Mount Lawley Year 11 & 12 students began their interschool Twenty Twenty cricket competition with a loss against a strong Ballajura team. All twelve players contributed in putting up a good fight against well experienced opposition. Mount Lawley won the toss and picked to bat first posting the defendable total of 104 runs from 18 overs. Positives from the batting performance came from inexperienced players such as Peter Hickey batting through the tough middle over's to steady the team. Other good contributions were made from Dylan Pietrocola (67 runs) and Gur-Ashish Bhatia (12 runs) to get Mount Lawley to set up the rest of the game.



The bowling was good but unfortunately Ballajura got away to a great start and finished the game in 12 overs. An excellent performance with the ball from another unidentified cricketer in Brant Simcock-Bailey (1W for 26R of 40) and Steele Senz (2W for 26R of 40) gave the team a chance at victory but unfortunately this was not enough to get over the line. Superstar fielder Mark Wren took two catches and gave the bowlers plenty of support. Mount Lawley now looks towards its next match. Team members are : Dylan Pietrocola (Captain), Flynn Mitchell, Rhyder Johns, Steele Senz, Brant Simcock-Bailey, Peter Hickey, Mark Wren, Jacob Wemyss, Milan Chhetvi, Gur-Ashish Bhatia, Sudeera Withanage, David Ristevski.

**Dylan Pietrocola**



**HOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL - FORREST RETAIN THE TROPHY**

A fantastic day was had by all the students who participated in this year's House swimming carnival held at the Terry Tyzack Aquatic Centre. The participation in all events especially the novelty events was outstanding once again. Congratulations to the House Captains for the enormous amount of energy and enthusiasm they committed to encouraging participation, organising the teams for the novelty relays and setting the example for participation. Hackett and O'Connor led early in the day, then Forrest assumed command by mid-way through the program. Once in front, Forrest gradually increased their lead throughout the day with a high number of participants in all events. Unfortunately for the other Houses it was not to be, as the "red machine" powered home to win by 364 points and claim the trophy for the tenth time in eleven years.



**RESULT**

Forrest 1764, Murdoch 1400, O'Connor 1322, Hackett 1264





**CHAMPIONS & RUNNER-UP**

YEAR	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
8	Samuel Koczwarra (H) Constance McIntosh (M)	Maksim Bacovic (F) Madison Bostock (H)
9	Shaun Ameduri (F) Tara Bacovic (F) Samantha Bain (F)	Elliot Ashbil (H) Aysia Carter (F)
10	Jason Wood (F) Georgia Pitt (F)	Henri Crisp (H) Gemma Ryan (O)
11	Brandon Stockbridge (O) Santi Wardana (O)	Jordan Williams (M) Jordan Caffery (M)
12	Dylan Pietrocola (O) Kirsten Quain (F)	Clayton Williams (H) Holly Richards (O)



**RECORDS**

Dylan Pietrocola – Yr 12 - 50m Freestyle 27.07sec, 50m Backstroke 32.10sec, 100m Freestyle 58.20sec  
 Samuel Koczwarra – Yr 8 - 50m Freestyle 29.29sec, 50m Breaststroke 38.75sec

**INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING CAPTAINS 2011**

Congratulations to Dylan PIETROCOLA and Kirsten QUAIN for being selected as this year's captains.

*The 'B' division Interschool swimming carnival will be held at Challenge Stadium on March 17.*

*Congratulations to all students who were selected to represent the school.*

**Mr Mark Howard**



**WANTED**

**GIRLS INTERESTED IN PLAYING SOCCER!  
 PERTH SOCCER CLUB ARE LOOKING FOR GIRLS  
 AGED 13, 14, 15 & 16 WHO ARE INTERESTED IN  
 BEING PART OF AN UNDER 16 ALL GIRL TEAM  
 COMPETITION FOR 2011.**

**ALL LEVELS WELCOME INCLUDING BEGINNERS  
 CLUBROOMS AT FORREST PARK, NORTH PERTH**

For registration details please contact:-

Joe Ferrante 0433934095 or Tim Head 94432567 asap.



**Bayswater City SC will be entering 2 teams into the  
 Smarter Than Smoking Girls League.**

**Girls Born 2000 -1994 are invited to join our club and be a part of something  
 special in season 2011. Registration forms can be found on our website.**

Taken from: [www.bayswatercity.com.au](http://www.bayswatercity.com.au)

Bayswater City SC announce Rodney Njirich as "Director of Girls Program".

Over the last few years Rodney has been working hard on the off season to get a girls program started in WA football.

2011 will see Bayswater enter 2 teams into the Smarter than Smoking Girls League, due to the hard work Rodney has done to get it up and running.

**Girl's teams continue to Train.**

With the 2011 season only weeks away from Round 1,

Training is now in full flight.

Where: Perth College Oval

Corner of Lawley Crescent & Beaufort St. Mt Lawley.

**Time:** 5pm to 6.15pm **Day:** Tuesdays

Please wear correct attire Boots shin Pads and please bring a Water Bottle.

Contact: Rodney Njirich on 0403 241 621

[bscsdjoic@yahoo.com.au](mailto:bscsdjoic@yahoo.com.au)

*Charity We Care Inc  
 Charity Ball*

*Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre  
 Bellows Ballroom*

**Friday 1st April 2011**

About the event  
 Enjoy great entertainment with outstanding  
 live entertainment, networking, auctions, music  
 and dancing.  
 Fantastic venue with fabulous views of the  
 river and the City of Perth.  
 A delicious buffet dinner with wine and  
 beers and soft drinks included.  
 Best of all just by having a good night you will  
 help families in need and contribute to the  
 raising of increased organ donation and  
 fighting drug addiction.  
 Dress formal dress, wear a cocktail or evening  
 accessories for ladies and a jacket, shirt and  
 tie for gents.

Charity: **Charity We Care Inc**  
 Registered A/c: ACD/ABN, Licence No: 21142

Come help us acknowledge and celebrate Closer's 15th  
 anniversary from 7.30pm to 10pm at the  
 Bellows Ballroom in the Perth Convention and Exhibition  
 Centre, 21 Murray Street, Perth.  
 Can you get a group of 10 people together to make up  
 a table?  
 Tickets are priced @ \$150.00 each, sold by tables of  
 10.  
 Ticket sales close March 20th 2011.

For more information contact:  
 www.charitywecare.com.au  
 www.charitywecare.com.au  
 www.charitywecare.com.au



## MUSIC SOIREE

New and current music parents enjoyed a pleasant, low key evening at the Music Welcome Soiree in the airconditioned Tricycle Theatre on Wednesday 23 February. They enjoyed some tasty nibbles and were entertained by students Daniel, Will, James and Jess playing a variety of classic jazz tunes:

- Sandu by Clifford Brown
- All the Things You Are by Jerome Kern
- Work Song by Cannonball Adderly
- Billies Bouce by Charlie Parker



Greg Coles, their Ensemble Director, welcomed everyone and outlined the structure of the music program, and was not swamped with too many questions! It was great to see the newest member of the music staff there, Jasmine Geffs, as well as instrumental teachers.

After the Music Soiree many of the participants swanned over to the Languages Welcome Soiree, as many of the music students also study languages. Here's to a terrific year with music at MLSHS!



## MUSIC UNIFORMS

Please note: all ensemble participants will need to purchase a music uniform by the first concert in June. This includes Chorale and SVAPA Choir. Some second hand music uniforms are available from the Chaplain.

### *For new clothes:*

- Each day in the week commencing March 14, music students can come to the Uniform Shop for a fitting in Lunch 2
- Uniform Shop staff will complete an order form with correct sizes which students take home
- Parents can organise payment and send it back with student - please remember no cheques
- Students can pay during normal trading hours but staff would like to keep fittings separate
- Orders should be available in time for first concerts in June



## LANGUAGES SOIREE

On Tuesday 22nd February the Mount Lawley Languages Parent Support Group held its second annual Soiree to welcome new parents and provide them with the opportunity to meet their children's Languages teacher. It was pleasing to see a large happy gathering sharing a range of food on offer with music provided by our very own MLSHS music students, Daniel Khaimov, James Stockbridge and Brittany Faranda. These students were absolutely fantastic and their outstanding talent is a demonstration of why our music program is so successful!



Thank you to all involved, especially the Committee members for their time, organisation, preparation and coordination of the event. Thank you to the Languages staff for making themselves available and of course thanks to the parents that came along and volunteered their ideas and time for some of the exciting events we plan to have in 2011. This community spirit is one of the strengths of our school and our Languages Program.







# REDUCE THE HEAT...

# HELP US

## DONATION TO THE P&C TO AIR CONDITION - MOUNT LAWLEY SHS

*This is to improve the learning environment for students.*

**All donations to the P&C (paid to the school's Building Fund) are tax deductible**

I/We wish to make a donation to the Mount Lawley SHS P&C Air Conditioning project.

NAME: .....

ADDRESS: .....

(Please tick ✓)      Cash       Cheque       Credit

AMOUNT    \$  :       Mastercard       VISA

Card No:     -  -  -

Cardholder's Name: .....

-

Cardholder's Signature: .....

**EXPIRY DATE**

**DIRECT PAYMENTS** may be made **direct** to the school's bank account.

**INFORMATION REQUIRED:** Student's name/Form group and brief description (if spacing allows) eg JONES, T 8F1 P&C AC

The school will issue a receipt once payment is confirmed.

**BANK DETAILS:** BSB 066040      ACCOUNT 19902837  
**NAME:** MOUNT LAWLEY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL  
**BANK:** COMMONWEALTH BANK

If you wish to give any information regarding the payment you can email  
shobna.varsani@lawley.wa.edu.au

**PHONE:** 9471 0302 - (Finance Officer - Shobna Vasani)