



MOUNT LAWLEY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL LAWLEY UPDATE Term 1 February 2012 No. 2

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Nomination papers for parents for the parent representative on the School Board have now been posted. There is one parent position for a term of two years. The successful parent will join Mr Carl Penkin and the P&C representative to be elected next week as parent members. The other positions include Staff (3 positions), community representatives and students (2 positions). Nominations for the position close at 4:00pm on Friday, 24 February 2012. Nominees are asked to provide a 200 word statement that will be sent with ballot papers for parents to consider in voting.

The first meeting of the Board for 2012 is Monday, 20 February 2012. The members will provide guidance on the current school planning direction and consider the broad school budget in terms of the staffing component. The Board meeting of 19 March 2012, which will be the first meeting of the "new" Board is also the Annual General Meeting. Whilst all Board meetings are open, and parents may attend, this is the "official" open meeting that must be held each year. As required, this meeting is advertised in this Update. As the Board is not an incorporated body, there is no requirement to advertise in the press.

Monday, 27 February 2012 is the first P&C meeting of the year. This is the Annual General Meeting and all positions will be declared vacant and filled by election. Long serving President, Ms Suzie Barnes, has publicly stated that she is standing down. Ms Barnes has served the Association, and the school community, with distinction. The school has been graced by outstanding parent leadership and whilst Ms Barnes' contribution will be missed, there is an opportunity for a new President to be elected to continue the tradition of parent contribution and leadership. The AGM is always well attended. All parents are encouraged to attend and exercise the opportunity to play a role in the life of the school.

Recently, the Aboriginal students in the Middle School visited the Rock Solid Foundations at Edith Cowan University. This is a set of stones listing Aboriginal graduates of ECU and its heritage institution by decade. The students were asked to consider the hard work, perseverance and commitment to excellence exhibited by these graduates. These qualities were commended to the students. The school's Aboriginal Excellence Program will continue this year and will see a range of services available. This includes an innovative mentoring program by the School

A THOUGHT
Panem et circenses
Bread and games (or circuses)
Juvenal

65 Woodsome St, Mount Lawley WA 6050

GENERAL SCHOOL ENQUIRIES

PHONE: 9471 0300 FACSIMILE: 9271 1126

MIDDLE SCHOOL (YRS 8-9)

PHONE: 9471 0350 FACSIMILE: 9471 0338

SENIOR SCHOOL (YRS 10-12)

PHONE: 9471 0320 FACSIMILE: 9471 0329

<http://www.lawley.wa.edu.au>
enquiries@lawley.wa.edu.au



CONGRATULATIONS

Logan 12H3, achieved **FIRST** place in the National Acrobatics Champion at Showcase National Dance Competition January 2012 held at Broadbeach Queensland.



Cody 11H1, has been selected in the cycling state track team to go to the National track championship in March to Melbourne.

DO YOU KNOW A PERSON WHO CAN HELP THE SCHOOL?

The Mount Lawley SHS School Board is seeking expressions of interest from members of the community who would like to join the Board. The commitment is two meetings a term.

The qualification is a wish to improve the school and to bring a skill or an experience to the Board.

Any interested community member is welcomed to speak to the Principal, Milton Butcher on 9471 0300.

Make a difference to Mount Lawley SHS.

OFFICE WORK AVAILABLE

The school has an office with a variety of positions. There are times when we need relief staff when staff are sick, on courses or undertaking other duties. Relief work may well suit some parents. There are a range of skills such as operating office equipment, data entry, typing and general clerical duties. A Working with Children Card is required and if you do not hold one, this can be managed.

If you would like to register your name or seek further information, please speak with Ms Millea Ph 9471 0300.

EVENTS CALENDAR

February 21 Tuesday Language Parent Support Meeting 7.30pm

February 21 Tuesday Art Auction Committee Meeting 7.30pm
ALL PARENTS WELCOME

February 23 Thursday Whole School House Swimming Carnival
Terry Tyzack Pool ALL STUDENTS ATTEND

February 27 Monday P & C Meeting

February 29 Wednesday GATE Parent Meeting 7.30pm, Start of SVAPA Camp

March 2 Friday End of SVAPA Camp

March 5 Monday LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

March 6 Tuesday Languages Soiree
Music Soiree 7-9pm @ Tricycle Theatre

March 7 Wednesday Year 10 Parent/Staff BBQ 5-7pm @ Dee Kaf,

March 8 Thursday Music Support Committee Meeting 8pm

March 9 Friday School Ball Hyatt, GATE Club 1



of Education at ECU. The school will be seeking Special Program status for the AEP for 2013.

This week has seen several significant events. On Monday, a GATE information evening was held for 2014 entry. This was extremely well attended and Department of Education staff outlined the various GATE programs to parents.

Henry Thai (Year 10) and Brittany King (Year 10) spoke at the event outlining this school's GATE Languages program to parents. This was a daunting task and both did an excellent job in giving a student's perspective. Peter Logue was an energetic and friendly welcoming officer who guided parents to the meeting. Thank you to all for their excellent contribution.

The annual Year 8 BBQ was conducted Tuesday with again, an outstanding attendance. Parents were able to listen to a presentation on the Year 8 program, meet teachers and then engage in conversations with teachers and parents over a sausage sizzle. Thank you to Andrew Paul and Suzie Barnes for being chefs extraordinaire and all staff for attending. The attendance of parents was greatly appreciated.

On Wednesday, 15 February 2012, the Premier of Western Australia, the Hon. Colin Barnett, MLA unveiled the school's "General" Terracotta Warrior. The "General", along with the "Captain" stationed outside the library, were acquired from the authorised replica factory in Xi'an, China in 2010. Also attending were the Minister for Education, the Hon. Dr Elizabeth Constable, MLA and the Consul-General of the People's Republic of China, Madame Wang Yiner. Madame Wang and the Premier spoke about the strong relationship between China and Western Australia. The ceremony acknowledged the 30 years and more of Mandarin teaching at Mount Lawley SHS.

Parent, Mrs Sandra Tate made the cover for the "General" and as the Premier pulled the bow the cloth fell away bringing the "General" to view. Former teacher, Mr Geoff Davis, AM, who taught the first Mandarin lesson in WA in 1980 at this school attended. Mr Davis continues his involvement with this school as a volunteer Mandarin teacher. Board member, and Member for Mount Lawley,

Mr Michael Sutherland, MLA negotiated the Premier's visit. Thanks to Mr Sutherland for gaining the Premier's assistance in celebrating the school's Mandarin program. A number of distinguished visitors were present and shared the event.

On Friday, 10 February 2012 the first formal whole-school assembly was held with a number of scholarships. Thanks to former School Council Chair, Mrs Christine Richardson, the school's Science Ambassador, who presented the Science Scholarship, former Council Member Ms Anne Griffiths who presented the VET Scholarship that is named in her honour and Cr Rod Willox, AM, RFD, ED, JP, representing Mr Michael Sutherland, MLA, who presented Mr Sutherland's Humanities Scholarship. The Booklist Scholarships were also presented by the Business Manager, Ms Elaine Millea. The City of Vincent Art Scholarship was presented by Mr Matthew Hunt on behalf of the Mayor of the City, The Hon. Alannah MacTiernan.

Perhaps the most prestigious scholarship, the Peter Sparbier Perpetual Mathematics Scholarship, was also presented. Mr Sparbier, a former mathematics teacher at the school left a large sum in his will for this award. It was presented by his friend, Mr Rodney Cunningham. Thank you to all presenters. Congratulations are extended to all Scholarship winners:

The Peter Sparbier Perpetual Mathematics Scholarship:

The Anne Griffiths Scholarship for Vocational Education and Training:
Science Scholarship:

The Michael Sutherland, MLA Scholarship for Humanities:

Moshe Meyer

Bradley Staines, Zachary Dean

Lily Baitup, Henry Thai, Lynne Huynh

Mikayla Barty, Jackson Casserly

**OPEN MEETING OF SCHOOL BOARD
19 MARCH 2012, AT 6:30PM**

The annual open meeting of the Mount Lawley SHS School Board will be held on Monday, 19 March 2012. This is also the AGM and commences at 6:30pm. All parents are members of the community are welcomed to attend. It will be held in the Conference Room.





Booklist Scholarship:

Brittany Faranda, Jayde Wilson, Mei Lyn Woon,
Mei Ing Woon, Orla Bacon-Rees, Asmita Shrestha,
Benjamin Ognenis, Ashlee Brown

The City of Vincent Art Scholarship:

Georgina Cotter

The school has received a significant number of new enrolments, especially in the Senior School. This has led to an adjustment in some classes to ensure that these are within industrial parameters. Whilst I appreciate the concern of some parents where a student has had to be moved to balance numbers, it is not possible to maintain classes in excess of agreements. There has also had to be some changes in the Middle School for the same reason. In closing this Update I acknowledge the many parents who have paid their Contributions and Charges for the year. We have had a good response to all areas; including the P&C contribution, Chaplain Fund and Healthy Active account. School's rely on this income stream to meet many costs of program delivery. All funds paid by parents go to learning programs and are not retained or spent on school administration. For those parents yet to pay or make an arrangement I would urge this is addressed so that your child's classroom experience will be resourced as best as possible.

Milton Butcher, Principal

SVAPA AND MUSIC Parents/Guardians

It's 2012 and that means it's time to prepare
for

Mount Lawley Senior High School's Community Art Auction

The Art Auction is a prestigious annual event held in June of each year. Last year we raised almost \$20,000 which was distributed equally between the SVAPA and Music programs. This money provides critical funding for our very talented children.

This event is spectacular and a lot of fun. Come along and be part of an innovative team that strives to make a difference. We need YOUR help.

The first meeting is on
Tuesday, 21 February 2012
7:30pm
in the Music Department.

Please enter the school via the large rear gate on Learoyd Street and follow the signs.

Kind regards.

Sue Faranda
Secretary
Art Auction & Music Support Committees

A SMALL COMMITMENT OF YOUR TIME IS AN INVESTMENT IN YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE

ANNOUCEMENT OF HOUSE SWIMMING CAPTAINS

FORREST :	<i>Saxon, Jacob, Jade, Rachael,</i>
O'CONNOR:	<i>Brandon, Max, Paige, Nicolette,</i>
MURDOCH	<i>Jordan, Thomas, Santi, Jordan</i>
HACKETT	<i>Jamie, Hollie, Cecilia, Kirsten</i>





SCHOOL NOTICES

GIFTED AND TALENTED SECONDARY SELECTIVE ENTRANCE PROGRAMS: APPLICATIONS CLOSE TUESDAY, 6 MARCH 2012

Applications are now open to all Year 6 students for Gifted and Talented programs in Year 8 in 2014. Applications are also open to students currently in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 wishing to apply for available vacancies in 2013.

These programs offer Western Australia's brightest students the opportunity to study selective academic, languages or arts curriculum at one of 17 public secondary schools.

All applications must be lodged online on the website. Parents can also learn more about Gifted and Talented programs and view the application guidelines and key dates on this site. <http://det.wa.edu.au/curriculum/support/giftedandtalented/detcms/portal/>

The information brochure, Behind every gifted and talented child is a parent who saw their potential, has been distributed to schools with Year 6 classes and secondary schools with eligible students this week.

This brochure can also be downloaded from the Gifted and Talented website.

CHANGE OF UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Opening hours :
Tuesday 8.00am - 3.30pm
Thursday 8.00am - 11.30am

SECONDARY ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

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

Parents/Guardians must hold one of the following cards:

- Centrelink Family Health Care Card
 - Centrelink Pensioner Card
- Veterans' Affairs Pensioner 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 the Finance Officer,
Main Administration Office,
to make your application**

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE
FRIDAY 9 MARCH 2012**

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 8.30 am-4 pm.

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 Faranda on 9471 0302.

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

Elaine Millea
Business Manager

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Whether you are a high flyer looking for that extra edge to your results, or would like additional support in reaching your potential, **Academic Task Force** can help you get the results you deserve.

With 25 years experience in providing academic support to WA students, **Academic Task Force** has a team of dedicated, experienced teachers ready to work with you in maximising your academic performance.

Master Classes: Starting the week beginning 12th Feb

Power your way to excellence in the WACE exams! Be inspired by expert teachers, gain fresh insights into subject concepts and polish your performance. These small group classes follow a specific teaching program and are available on various days at our Applecross Centre and at Scotch College, Swanbourne.

WACE Help Weekend Classes: Starting 11th Feb

Get the help you need each week in these small tutorial groups! Taught by experienced teachers dedicated to improving your academic performance, these small group sessions allow you to ask questions, get individual support and strengthen your understanding. Saturday classes are available at Rossmoyne SHS and Churchlands SHS, Sunday classes available at Perth Modern School.

Yr 7, 8, 9, & 10 Saturday Program: Starting 11th Feb

Keep up to date with your work and get extra help in English and/or Maths. Experienced teachers will work with you to build your skills and understanding in a small group. English and Maths classes are available at Rossmoyne SHS and Churchlands SHS.

For more information and enrolment contact **Academic Task Force**
Ph: 9314 9500, email: learn@academictaskforce.com.au, or visit www.academictaskforce.com.au

WACE HELP For Year 11 & 12 Students



- Small group classes • Improve your study skills
- Achieve exam success.

SATURDAY CLASSES

Corpus Christi College starts 11th Feb

HOLIDAY COURSES

Corpus Christi College starts 9th April
UWA starts 16th April

Book 30 days prior and receive
a FREE Trial Exam Booklet

www.academicassociates.com.au/school
or call 6299 8303 and make success a reality!

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE ACADEMY (ADFA)

Defence Force Recruiting will be holding an information session about the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) and would like to invite you and your parents to attend. Date: Wednesday 21st March 2012 Time: 6.30 - 8.00 pm Venue: Defence Force Recruiting, Level 7, 66 St Georges Terrace, Perth RSVP: 12th March 2012 Anna Katselas akatselas@dfrc.com.au.

Jane Farrell, Student Recruitment Manager, Australian Defence Force Academy will present you with the wide range of career paths available within ADFA. The presentation will cover entry requirements, the benefits of an ADF career as well as provide you with the opportunity to chat one-on-one with our Defence personnel about what life is really like in the Navy, Army and Air Force. Should you have any queries about the event please do not hesitate to contact myself on the number below or on the email above. We hope you are able to join us.

Anna Katselas, Careers Promotion Coordinator, DEFENCE FORCE RECRUITING, Level 7, 66 St Georges Terrace, Perth WA 6000 Phone: (08) 9488 7103 Fax: (08) 9488 7126 Email: akatselas@dfrc.com.au

VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILIES NEED TO HOST INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENTS : LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF !

As Marcel Proust, a late 19th century novelist wrote: "the real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes". Volunteer to host an international high school student in July 2012 through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange and prepare to be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.

Carefully selected students will arrive in July for one or two semesters from France, Italy, Germany, Austria, Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland. They will attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at our website www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our booklet of international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship.



FREE Community Parenting Workshops

Family Services welcomes you to the Free Parenting Teenagers Workshops by Debbie Bushell, Parenting Coach.

Wednesday Evenings 7.00pm sharp to 9.00pm
(light refreshments will be served at 6.45pm)

Scarborough Community Recreation Centre, 173 Gildercliffe Street, Scarborough

Date	Workshop
22 February 2011	Understanding your Teenager
29 February 2012	Building optimism and resilience during the teenage years
7 March 2012	Creating boundaries with teenagers that work!
14 March 2012	Encouraging positive friendships and managing 'party time'

Booking essential. Contact Family Services on 9345 8555 or email: familyservices@stirling.wa.gov.au

Visit www.stirling.wa.gov.au/families and subscribe to our e-Newsletter to stay up to date with the latest workshops, programs, activities and events.

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- Attitude of Caution & Survival ■ Ability to React & Escape or Defend

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Corner Fitzgerald & Farmer Street, North Perth

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Teen Positive Parenting Program Term 1 2012
North Metropolitan Education Region



Teen Positive Parenting Program is an internationally renowned program being offered by the North Metropolitan Education Region to schools in your area. Parents from across Perth have given it rave reviews and it is free.

If you are a parent of a teenager, you are invited to:

- Play an active role in guiding and supporting your teenager
- Discuss common parenting challenges that come with the teenage years
- Enrich your parent - teenager relationship
- Explore effective behaviour management strategies.

Remember, you don't have to be experiencing difficulties – Teen Triple P is for every parent!

This course is generally useful for parents of year 7, 8 or 9 students.

Venue: John Forrest Secondary College Library
Term: 1st term 2012
Dates: Tuesdays - Feb 21, Feb 28, March 6, March 13
Time: 6.30 – 8.30 pm
Parking: Ample parking in JFSHS staff parking area
Cost: There is no cost for this program

After the four group sessions there will be four follow-up telephone consultations. These are scheduled at a mutually agreed time to help you tailor the program to suit your family.

Please register to attend as soon as possible by returning the slip below by Mon Feb 13, 2012 email, post or fax.

For more information contact: Nicci Cottrill at John Forrest Secondary College on 94734048, email nicolette.cottrill@det.wa.edu.au or Melissa Morgan on 0467815751, email melissa.morgan2@det.wa.edu.au

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REGISTRATION

North Metropolitan Education Region - Triple P Teen
Course Venue: John Forrest Secondary College library
Commencing: Feb 21, 2012 (Registrations due by Mon Feb 13, 2012)

Name of Carer(s) / Parent(s) wishing to attend: _____

Phone Numbers: (H) _____ (M) _____ (W) _____

Mailing Address: _____ Postcode: _____

Email address: _____

School year of your child: _____

School your child attends: _____

Return slip attention 'Triple P Teen program 2012'

BY FAX: John Forrest Secondary College on 92728504

BY MAIL: John Forrest Secondary College
180 Drake St MORLEY WA 6018

BY EMAIL: nicolette.cottrill@det.wa.edu.au

The Music Support Group presents:



Music Soiree



**Tuesday, 6 March 2012
7:00pm to 9:00pm
Tricycle Theatre, Mount Lawley SHS**

- Live entertainment featuring:
MLSHS's very talented
Music students
- Welcome address by Directors of Music
Chris Manning and Tanya Chapman
- An opportunity to meet instrumental and WAAPA teachers.
- Hear about the music opportunities available for your child.
- Mingle with new and current music parents in a casual and relaxed environment.
- Tasty treats.
- Beer, wine and soft drinks available for purchase.

Please enter the school via the large rear gate on Learoyd Street and follow the signs.