



**MOUNT LAWLEY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**  
An Independent Public School

**LAWLEY UPDATE Term 1 No. 2 2015**

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Last week at the whole-school assembly for Term 1, the students who attained an ATAR of 90 or better were invited back to school and inducted into the '90s Club'. Of the cohort, 28 students met this condition and most attended. Some have already moved to the eastern states where they have accepted a university place or are in part-time employment.

It is always a pleasure to acknowledge this achievement. Few reach the 90 ATAR mark without hard work and a studious approach. Hopefully, younger students will understand this modelling effect and ensure that they "knuckle down" and work to capacity.

Exhibition winner, Collin Wiyoto Suryacitra, spoke on behalf of them and his remarks are worthy of consideration by students. He said the secret of his success was FAB:

- Focus
- Ask questions
- Believe in yourself.

He outlined how this worked for him and how others could apply the same methodology.

The idea behind believing in yourself is powerful. Whilst Collin was not suggesting students are arrogant, self-confidence is a useful weapon in stressful situations. Having self-belief can assist in working through challenging times and means people can persevere and try again. Trying again can lead to success, however, if we lack self-belief and give up, we do not succeed. FAB is an idea commended to all students at the school.

Also, congratulations are extended to Collin for being awarded a \$5000 scholarship from the Bayswater and Noranda Community Bank branch of the Bendigo Bank. This award follows scholarships to graduates Jackson Victory (2013/2014) and Mae Anthony (2014/2015). This is a well-deserved accolade and recognises his all-round ability and endeavour. This will support his university studies.

This week I received an email from a local bus passenger who complained that one of the students attending this school failed to stand for an adult. Students are reminded that they pay a lower fare and must give up their seat to an adult, especially the elderly. I would ask parents to reinforce this with their children. This is appreciated.

The P&C AGM is scheduled for next Monday, 23 February 2015. The P&C is an excellent way for parents to get involved in the education of their children. The P&C has a number of parent committees that support programs at the school and include Music Support, SVAPA and Languages. The P&C also support the Lawley Community Art Auction, which will again take

**CONGRATULATIONS**



Curtin University Scholarships have been awarded to **Shaun Ameduri and Jordan Lovelle**. (Class of 2014)



**Imran Erciyas** (12M3) has been offered to play and train with a German soccer team called SE Freising (close to Munich). It's a brother club to Bayern Munich and is in the highest league for (U17) age group. Whilst training in Germany Imran will be continuing his education with SIDE. We wish him all the best for his future.



**SCHOOL BOARD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ANNUAL OPEN DAY**



The School Board will hold its annual open meeting on Monday, 16 March 2015. The meeting will be held in the Conference Room and commences at 6:30pm.

**P & C MEETING**

MONDAY 25 FEBRUARY 7.00PM

Main Admin Building, Upstairs

ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND



| Student Term Dates        |                      |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| First Day                 | Last Day             |
| Term 1 Monday 2 Feb       | Thursday 2 April     |
| Term 2 Tuesday 21 April   | Friday 3 July        |
| Term 3 Tuesday 21 July    | Friday 25 September  |
| Term 4 Tuesday 13 October | Thursday 17 December |

*Please support our Green initiative by reading the rest of this Update online at P & C Website <http://mlshspc.org.au>*

**A THOUGHT**

Permanence, perseverance and persistence in spite of all obstacles, discouragements and impossibilities: it is this, that in all things, distinguishes the strong soul from the weak. *Thomas Carlyle*



place this year. In the last few years over \$20,000 annually has been raised for Music and SVAPA. The support committees would welcome new members as would the P&C itself. I would encourage parents to join and play a role. You will find parents there, like you, keen to support students and programs.

Ballot papers for the School Board have been posted to parents for the election of a parent representative for a two year term. This is to replace retiring member Ms Rachel McGirr who has been a valued member for the past two years. Ballot papers may be posted or returned in person or by a student and placed in the box in the main office. It is pleasing to see so many parents nominating and keen to assist with the processes of school governance.

At the meeting this week the Board considered the final report against the School Business Plan, 2012-2014. This will be posted on the school's website shortly. The 2014 Annual School Report and the next business plan were also considered and it is expected that these will be finalised at the next meeting and posted shortly thereafter.

In 2014 the school was reviewed by the Independent Review Team appointed by the Department of Education Services. The report was accepted by the acting principal for 2014, however, there were a number of contentious issues, which have been difficult to resolve. As the school's substantive principal I have prepared a commentary and this will be posted, accompanying the review report, on the website shortly. Should a parent wish to read these documents as there is no home internet, they may also be read in the main office.

This week saw the Year 7 and Year 8 Parent Welcome BBQ. These events, always well attended, provide a social environment when staff and parents can meet and establish a relationship. This event can break down barriers and develop a productive partnership that can benefit the education programs of students. The fact that so many parents attended is very much appreciated. It was pleasing to see so many staff attend and interact with parents. Thank you.

One issue that was raised by several parents with me was the question of lockers, especially given the notebook they bring to school. When the school was rebuilt the parent group at the time wanted the best facilities that could be provided and this included using funds that may have been used for lockers, being utilised in the design and setup of classrooms. Consequently, the architecture of the school does not support lockers. To provide them now would be an exorbitant cost. Additionally, there is no safe area where they could be protected from vandalism or theft.

We will look at the heavy bag question with the school leadership again and Middle School staff will look at solutions. In the past we have addressed this matter successfully. Students do not need to bring all their files to school and teachers will work with our new Year 7 and 8 students as part of their induction into the school.

I am happy to say that the Year 7 and Year 8 cohorts have transitioned successfully into the school. It is pleasing to see them attired in the school's uniform and demonstrating a sense of pride in attending what is one of Perth's premier public schools. I wish them all the best for their 5 or 6 year journey towards Graduation and a successful role as a citizen after school - that is our school's mission.

**Milton Butcher, Principal**

### GETTING INVOLVED

The P&C is a group of parents, family and friends that volunteer their time to support the school. Their aim is to build a closer relationship between the school and home for the benefit of the children attending the school.



The P&C has several roles:

- To encourage parental involvement.
- To give parents/caregivers a voice in the school.
- To hold discussions on topics relevant to the school.
- To carry out fundraising.
- To assist hosting special events.

Volunteering at the school is a great way to show your child that school is an important part of your family's life. Parent/Caregiver involvement can help enhance school programs, support teachers and boost the school's reputation.

The payback is enormous. You will get to know your fellow parents, learn what is happening at the school and have a hand in making it a stronger and more exciting place to learn.

P&C meetings are held on the 4th Monday of each month commencing at 7:00pm in the Main Administration building. So make a difference to your child's school and come along. It is a wonderful opportunity.

For further information the P&C President, Mr Ron Pearce, can be contacted via the school or you may wish to visit the P&C website at [www.mlshspc.org.au](http://www.mlshspc.org.au).

***I hope to see you at the first meeting of the year, Monday 23 February 2015. This is the Annual General Meeting.***

### The Mount Lawley Senior High School Music Soiree is fast approaching:



Date: Tuesday 3rd March 2015

Time: 6.30pm

Venue: Tricycle Theatre

The evening is a wonderful opportunity for parents to meet with instrumental teachers, classroom teachers and ensemble directors in a relaxed social environment, whilst also listening to performances by some of the school's music students.

Over the course of the evening upcoming performances and rehearsal expectations will be explained.

Wine and soft drinks will be available, provided by the Music Parents Support Group. Please bring a plate of supper to share.

This is a wonderful social event and a great way to be introduced to the Music Program at Mount Lawley Senior High School.

We would also like to invite you to download the Mt Lawley SHS phone app to ensure that you receive news and reminders of future events.



## GET READY FOR THE HOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL!



Our House Swimming captains are ready to get their houses in action for the upcoming House Swimming Carnival at Terry Tyzack Aquatic Centre, Alexander Drive, Inglewood, on Wednesday 25. All students are expected to attend as it is a normal school day. Remember the aim of the event is to have fun and support your house to win the Swim Cup. There are lots of fun activities for students to participate in especially the board, tube and caterpillar events proved to be very successful last year. All students are required to travel DIRECTLY from home to the pool. DO NOT COME TO school first. Students will be dismissed from the pool at the end of the carnival. Normal school buses will still run on this day. The school will pay the entry fee for all students. Students are to wear appropriate bathers, House colours OR PE uniform. Hats and sunscreen should be worn. There is a canteen available at the pool between 11.00am and 1.00pm ... or you can bring your own food.



### REMINDER

#### 2015 CHARGES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you to all the parents/guardians that have paid their child's Charges and Voluntary Contributions account.

We would like to remind those who have not yet paid that payment can be made at the Main Administration Office weekdays between 8:15am and 4:00pm using cash, cheque, credit card, EFTPOS or mailed to the school. Alternatively, you may wish to pay direct to the school's bank account.

Details are as follows:

**Name:** Mount Lawley Senior High School

**Bank:** Commonwealth Bank

**BSB:** 066:118

**Account number:** 00900116

Please include your child's full name, Form class and a brief description eg Jones Tom 12H3 C&Cs.

Should you have any queries regarding your account or if you would like to discuss time payment options please contact the school's Finance Officer, Mrs Lisa Viskovich on 9471 0302.

#### INCENTIVE PRIZE

Families who pay their voluntary contributions and charges by the end of Term 1 will go in the draw to win an iPad mini.

### 2015 SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME

Eligible Parents/Guardians holding a current:

- Centrelink Family Health Care Card
- Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card
- Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card

are invited to submit their Secondary Assistance Scheme application.

The application form must be completed at the school during Term 1.

The allowance consists of two components:

- **\$235 Educational Program Allowance paid directly to the school.**
- **\$115 Clothing Allowance paid directly to the school or the parent/guardian.**

If you intend having the \$115 Clothing Allowance paid directly to you please bring along your Bank BSB and account number details.

Please see the school's Finance Officer, Mrs Lisa Viskovich, in the Main Administration Office to make your application.

#### CLOSING

**4:00pm Thursday, 2 April 2015**

Please note:

Late applications will only be accepted by the Department of Education in extenuating circumstances and must be accompanied with a written explanation.






### COMMUNITY NOTICES

The following information is presented as a service to parents, however, Mount Lawley SHS does not recommend, endorse or promote these providers

#### CAMBOON PRIMARY SCHOOL P&C HARMONY DAY COMMUNITY FAIR

Camboon Primary school in Noranda, will be hosting a Harmony Day Community Fair on Saturday 21 March from 10am to 3pm. There will be bouncy castles, amusement rides, games to play, entertainment, food, drinks and heaps of fun for everyone!!! We are taking Expressions of Interest from those who would like to take part in our Harmony Day Fair and have a stall to showcase products and businesses. Please contact Vesna nv1@inet.net.au or 0411 443 939 so that we can forward you an application.



**ECU Rangers Hockey Club Inc.**

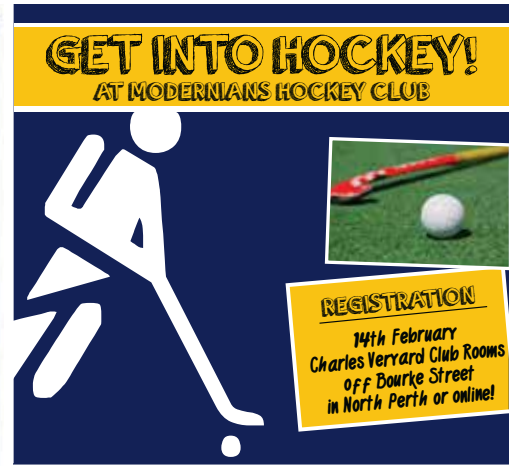
**Expressions of Interest for 2015 Winter Season**

Looking to play fun Hockey?

Rangers are looking for players for our Junior ranks. Competitive and social, join our club and be a part of our community.

Located at Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Ave. Yokine.

**Email:** info@rangershockey.org.au  
Amanda King (President) **MB:** 0416 016 437



**GET INTO HOCKEY!**  
AT MODERNIANS HOCKEY CLUB

**REGISTRATION**  
14th February  
Charles Verrard Club Rooms  
off Bourke Street  
in North Perth or online!

Hockey is a fabulous game for both girls and boys. We welcome players from ages 4-80 at Modernians Hockey Club. Experience is no barrier to starting our fantastic sport.

If your child (or you) are interested in joining us, please register by following the links on our website or visit us on registration day.  
[www.modernianshockey.org](http://www.modernianshockey.org)

*We would love to see you at our club!*

For further information regarding our Junior program call Ben Matthews on 0403 347 920.



#### Upcoming events at The University of Notre Dame

##### PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Parents of students in Year 10, 11 and 12 are invited to attend Notre Dame's **Parent Information Evening** to discuss subject selection, course information, the transition from high school to university, and how to apply to Notre Dame. Guest speaker, Robyn Smith (Director of Curriculum, Assessment and Moderation at SCSA) will present on how changes to the WACE curriculum will impact students applying to university from 2017.

**Tuesday March 10, 6:30pm**  
**19 Mouat Street, Fremantle**

##### MEDICINE INFORMATION SESSION

Students interested in studying Medicine at Notre Dame are invited to attend a **Medicine Information Session**. Learn about the Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery, the Pre-Medicine Certificate and speak with current Medicine students.

**Sunday March 22, 10:30am**  
**School of Medicine, 38 Henry Street, Fremantle**

To RSVP, visit [www.nd.edu.au](http://www.nd.edu.au) or contact the Prospective Students Office on **9433 0533**



**PERTH CHINESE SCHOOL**  
柏斯华文学校

Located at Mt Lawley Senior High School and West Leederville Primary School, Perth Chinese School provides a fun and nurturing environment for children to learn Mandarin. Through an activities based program, children learn to listen, speak, read and write in Chinese (Mandarin), and to gain greater appreciation of the Chinese culture and traditions.

提倡道德教育, 启发人生智慧; 尊重中国文化, 传承弘扬孝道。注重参与, 充分发挥孩子的天赋; 用生动灵活的方式教听、说、读、写中文及汉语拼音。

OUR GOAL 目标  
To be amongst the best Chinese Language Schools in Western Australia.  
创建和谐, 有爱心的一流中文学校。

**Enroll now for 2015**

Campus 1: Mt Lawley Senior High School (relocate from Yokine Primary School)  
Sunday 9:30am to 12:00pm  
Campus 2: West Leederville Primary School  
Wednesday 3:15pm to 4:30pm or  
Saturday 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Contact: Dr Hua Li – Principal P: 0401 686 306 E: perthmuzi@gmail.com http://www.perthchineseschool.com  
Ms Trinh Quach P: 9344 4821, 0400 963 774 E: trinhhong123@yahoo.com.au




**Join In The Fun**

**SUNNINGS warehouse**  
**Family FUN DAY**

**Saturday 28th February - 10am to 2pm**  
**Morley Warehouse**  
**#morleyfunday**

Special Guest  
**Josh Kennedy**  
10am-2pm



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## Understanding Stepfamily Relationships

Stepfamilies and blended families operate in a different way to intact biological families. The dynamics of a stepfamily are more complex and there is a need for special understanding and management from both biological and stepparents working together for a healthy stepfamily growth to happen.

### In this workshop you will

- find out what is and isn't helpful
- learn how to grow a strong and loving couple relationship
- learn how to manage discipline and understand the needs of the children
- have an opportunity to address particular issues within the group

### WEST LEEDERVILLE

22 Southport Street, cnr Cambridge Street

Friday/Saturday/Sunday  
13 14 15 March  
26 27 28 June 2015

**Times:** Friday 6.30-9.00pm / Saturday 1.00-5.30pm / Sunday 10.00am-1.00pm

**Fee:** \$75 per person/\$120 per couple

Places are limited so book now on 9489 6322

*Relationships Australia*  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## Fathering after Separation

It's important for fathers to distinguish between their parenting role and the relationship break-up.

This seminar, held in a male-only environment, suggests ways in which fathers can keep in touch with children, even if hindered by formal access arrangements.

This seminar looks at:

- developing age-appropriate communication skills
- particular skills with child/ children to cope with different space and time
- developing and communicating a functional and distinctly parent-focused relationship with the mother of their child/ children
- enhancing your own health and well-being

Thursday, 26 March

Thursday, 4 June

WEST LEEDERVILLE

22 Southport Street, cnr Cambridge Street

Tuesday, 28 April

GOSNELLS

Lotteries House, 2232C Albany Highway

**Fee:** \$25 per person

**Time:** 6.30 – 9pm

Places are limited

so please book now on 9489 6322

Address: 22 Southport St, West Leederville WA 6007  
Post: PO Box 1206, West Leederville WA 6901

Ph: 08 9489 6300  
Fax: 08 9489 6301

Relationships Australia (WA) Inc.  
ABN: 37 105 234 326

*Relationships Australia*  
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### Dads Raising Teenage Girls

The father-daughter relationship is particularly important during the teenage years to help girls navigate this difficult time.

Find out how you can build a more rewarding relationship with your teenage daughter.

This workshop will discuss:

- Building a positive relationship with your teenage daughter
- Issues teenage girls face today
- How to cope with the changes in your teenage daughter
- What do teenage daughters need from their dads
- Practical ways you can help her make better choices

22 Southport Street, cnr Cambridge Street WEST LEEDERVILLE

**Thursday, 19 March Fee: \$25 per person Time: 6.30 – 9.00pm**

**Places are limited so please book now on 9489 6322**



## SECONDARY

### Parent Newsletter Article

The Learning Curve™

**These articles are to be used  
with the School Diary  
which has been supported by the  
P & C Association.**

## WEEK 2 – PRIORITISING

**Wellbeing Element** – Engagement and Achievement  
**Character Strength** – Perspective

Prioritising is a life skill that enables students to use their time more effectively. Reflecting on and then arranging their daily/weekly activities and commitments in order of importance builds growth mindsets and their element of wellbeing Engagement and Achievement.

The reality is that most students find it very difficult to apply themselves to Home Learning/Study unless it is planned ahead of time. The 'spontaneous' approach of just letting it happen doesn't work, even though our students may disagree.

The best way for students to build their resiliency is to prioritise their activities and then design a structured timetable that includes all the activities that occupy their time, including:

- Sport training
- Part-time jobs
- Study, reading and home learning
- Socialising and networking with friends
- Favourite television shows and games
- Family commitments
- Leisure activities

Because our students' brains are not fully developed, they need our support and explicit guidance in learning how to arrange activities in the right order. It's not that they won't do it; they haven't the anatomical brain capabilities to do it consistently as yet.

Their positive efforts towards achieving life balance will benefit them considerably, particularly when they are willing and able to become more discerning in identifying 'musts' and 'options' in their lives and the time they allocate to each of them.

## WEEK 3 – MASTERING/ORGANISING TIME

**Wellbeing Element** – Engagement and Achievement  
**Character Strength** – Judgment

Time is the one thing that we all have the same amount of, but it's amazing how often we run out of it and are Time poor. It is avoidable, but requires a determined focus to ignore distractions, common sense prioritising and a purpose to achieve. As Zig Ziglar so clearly points out, "Lack of direction, not lack of time, is the problem. We all have twenty-four hour days."

Before students can control their time, they have to adopt growth mindsets and positive habits to live by.

A very rewarding exercise for them is to summarise their time usage over a typical week under the headings:

- Sleeping, eating, showering, grooming and dressing
- Travelling to and from school, at school, hanging out with friends before and after school
- Part-time jobs, jobs at home, looking after brothers and sisters
- Exercising, training for and playing sport, leisure activities, TV, games, social networking sites, texting, tweeting
- Visiting relatives, study and home learning, church, other things

The above exercise will provide them a good overview of how they spend their available 10080 minutes each week. It raises their awareness of how they use their time and builds their Engagement and Achievement element of their wellbeing.

Quite often the largest timewaster for students is just idling and wandering around between activities. Being mindful enables students convert this nothing time into something time; achieving something meaningful.

