

MOUNT LAWLEY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL LAWLEY UPDATE Term 1 March 2012 No. 3

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The highlight of the school program since the last update was the House Swimming Carnival. It was pleasing to see an improved attendance rate, especially with senior students. The day was enjoyable and many students participated in the events on the day. Thankfully, the weather was reasonable and the temperature not extreme as it can be at this time of the year. Congratulations to Forrest for again winning the Carnival.

A student was hit by a car in the car park on leaving the carnival. The injuries sustained were, thankfully, relatively minor and the school nurse was on the scene to render assistance.

I have also had several members of the public contact me about road safety matters in general. There are times when students may be enjoying each other's company and not concentrating on roads and cars and this can be dangerous. Parents are asked to remind students of the need to exercise caution in crossing roads or in the vicinity of vehicles.

There are places where students concentrate on leaving school, such as entrances to car parks and key crossing points. Parents and older siblings are asked to exercise caution in driving around the school to assist road safety. Learoyd Street continues to be a concern with poor parking practices of ECU students. Efforts to improve this have taken many years and I am very hopeful that ECU will control this area shortly through parking inspectors.

Parents are also asked **not** to use the school's car parks as drop and go for students at peak times as this is dangerous. The safety of students needs to be paramount.

The first meeting of the School Board took place on Monday, 20 February 2012. The next meeting is Monday, 19 March 2012, which is the Board's Annual General Meeting and open meeting. All parents and community members are welcome to attend. The meeting is held in the Conference Room (Blue building) and commences at 6:30pm.

The P&C held its AGM on Monday, 27 February 2012. It was, as usual well attended. Long serving President, Ms Suzie Barnes, stood down after 5 years of dedicated service. Ms Barnes has been a very energetic President and an effective parent advocate. Treasurer, Mr David Rose also stood down. Mr Rose has again been a very effective Treasurer and leaves the Association in

A THOUGHT

*Omni vita servitium est.
The whole life is slavery*
Seneca

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

Adam 12M2, has been selected for the AUSTRALIAN Under 19 Lacrosse team to play in the World Championships in FINLAND this year. Congratulations ADAM!

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

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

March 13 Tuesday SVAPA Parent information Evening 7pm

March 14 Wednesday Whole School Photo Day

SVAPA Parents Meeting 7pm

March 15 Thursday Interschool 'B' Division Swimming Carnival

March 19 Monday School Board Meeting

March 21 Wednesday Whole School Arts Festival Day PM

March 23 Friday Photo Catch Up MORNING ONLY



a strong financial position. Both Ms Barnes and Mr Rose agreed to serve on the P&C committee as ordinary members. This demonstrates their commitment to the parent body and preparedness to assist the new office bearers.

The 2012 Officers of the P&C are:

President:	Mr Ron Pearce
Vice President:	Mr Vern Bastian
Secretary:	Mr John Pryor
Treasurer:	Ms Monica Selvey
Minutes Secretary:	Ms Clemency Nicholson
Committee:	Ms Suzie Barnes
Committee:	Mr David Rose
Committee:	Ms Sharon Cockcroft
Committee:	Ms Julie McKay

Congratulations to all office bearers and thanks for their commitment to serve the school community.

Mr John Cloake was re-elected to the School Board and Mr Gary Cockcroft agreed to continue representing the P&C on the school's Finance Committee. Again, thank you for this service.

The P&C is also active through Parent Support Groups for SVAPA, Music and Languages and the Health Committee. The annual art auction will also be taking place this year with the proceeds assisting the SVAPA and Music programs. These services to students are provided because of the willingness to serve by parents. Thank you.

Parents have a legal obligation to send students to school. When a student is absent, a reason must be provided. This can be done through a note, email, telephone call, SMS or text message or verbal advice to a staff member. The school's attendance performance is under what is considered a reasonable absence rate. It is expected that the school should be able to achieve a 90% attendance record. There are also a number of absences where no reason has been provided. At the first assembly this year I addressed attendance and notes with students. I would ask that parents recognise that time at school is a factor in student results and encourage attendance. There are times when a student may seek to stay home as he/she is ill – sometimes they should be sent to school as they will recover quickly. When students are absent, a reason must be supplied. A note on attendance appears in this Update.

The My School website is now active and conveys information on all schools in Australia, including NAPLAN. This confirms information provided to parents last year that the 2011 Year 9 performed well in the tests and achieved as should be expected. Data also shows that the Middle School "added value" to the Year 7 scores.

Milton Butcher, Principal.

A REMINDER ABOUT ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance at school is fundamental to your child's learning. Consistent attendance and participation are essential for your child's social and academic learning.

As parents or legal guardians of an enrolled child, you are responsible under the School Education Act 1999 to ensure the attendance of your child at school every day. It is important to assist your child's achievement and learning by making regular school attendance a priority in your child's life.

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.

YEAR 10 BBQ

INVITATION



ALL PARENTS OF YEAR 10
to attend the Year 10 BBQ
Wednesday 7th March 5.00-
7.00pm
outside the Cafe.

Come along and introduce yourself to staff as your child starts their journey through Upper School.

Refreshments and a sausage sizzle will be provided, courtesy of Mount Lawley Senior High School & the Student Services team.

**ANY PARENTS
WHO MIGHT
HAVE ARTS'
IDEAS, TALENT**



ARTS FESTIVAL DAY ON WEDNESDAY 21 MARCH

Any parents who might have arts' ideas, talent and would like to be involved.

Contact Dr Dale Irving. 94710342

INTERSCHOOL 'B' DIVISION SWIMMING CARNIVAL

2012 CAPTAINS

Santi WARDANA & Saxon GOODRICK

Date: Thursday, March 15
Where: Challenge Stadium, Mt Claremont
Uniform: School PE shirt & PE shorts

All team members must meet in the school gym by 7.50AM.



A REMINDER ABOUT ATTENDANCE CONT.

The Department of Education’s Student Attendance policy requires parents/guardians to provide an acceptable explanation to the school principal for any absence of their children.

Principals must authorise all absences. The Act defines health, religious and cultural observances as reasonable cause for a school absence and the absence would be recorded as ‘authorised’ by the principal.

As the parent/guardian you must obtain the principal’s approval for any planned absence.

BEHAVIOUR IN PUBLIC

Recently a member of the public telephoned me and advised that she had seen a Mount Lawley SHS student in public with a profane slogan inked on her leg in large writing. The woman was offended by the language. Parents are asked to remind students that the school enjoys a positive reputation in the community and this has benefits for them on entering the workforce full-time or part-time. Students are asked to ensure their actions in the community preserve the school’s reputation.

ROAD SAFETY

Parents are asked to remind students to be careful when travelling to and from school. They should exercise caution on getting off buses and not cross roads unless it is safe. They need to be alert to vehicles and be safe near roads.

INSURANCE FOR STUDENTS

EBM Insurance Brokers are offering Student Cover insurance for school students. A flyer is available from the school for interested parents. Applications are completed on-line at www.studentcover.com.au.

This is presented to parents for your consideration. It is not endorsed by the school. No financial benefit accrues to the school in the form of commission etc.

BOOKS WANTED - INTERACT CLUB

The Mount Lawley SHS Interact Club is seeking books you no longer want to sell at a fund raising activity. Proceeds will go towards Interact projects.



Books to be donated for the Interact sale can be left in the Main Administration Office (blue building).

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

Parent Connect

You may have noticed a new button on our school website’s home page. ie parent connect.



By clicking on this you can log into the Department of Education and Training portal and retrieve information regarding your children’s attendance, and performance in assessments.

To log in you require a DET username and password. Parents who have enrolled in Parent Connect when picking up their child’s laptop computer would have already received an email from DET with their username and password. If you did not receive this email or have lost it, then you can retrieve your username and reset your password by clicking on ‘Forgot Your Password?’ at the login screen. ie



Follow the instructions by typing in the email address that you nominated when you applied for access to Parent Connect, and your username will be resent along with instructions for resetting your password.

Once logged in you can connect to ‘My Connect’ and you can keep track of your children’s attendance and performance in assessments.



**INTERSCHOOL SPORT 2012
SENIOR SCHOOL
Year 10, 11, 12**

SPORT	WHEN	COACH
Basketball – girls	Term 1	Miss Tempone
Basketball – boys	Term 1	Mr Nichols
AFL (Yr 10 – 12)	Term 1 & 2	Mr Tipping
Swimming	Term 1	Mr Howard
Soccer – girls	Term 2	Andrew Paul
Soccer – boys	Term 2	Mr Howard
Volleyball	Term 1, 2, 3, 4	Miss Milroy
Netball	Term 2	Miss Renner
Athletics	Term 4	Mr Howard

NOMINATIONS: Students are to see the coach of the each team to register their interest

MIDDLE SCHOOL PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM 2012

TERM	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	SCHOOL SPORT COMPETITIONS
1	<p>Week 2 - 9 Volleyball</p> <p>Week 6 - 7 Fitness Testing (2 lessons)</p>	<p>Week 1 - 5 Volleyball</p> <p>Week 6 - 9 Boys – Badminton Girls - Hockey</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Sport Swimming (12-16th March 2012)-March 15th School Sport Tennis (Boys and Girls)-2 days-March 21st/22nd High Schools Beach Volleyball Championships (NEW) –March 8th (Boys and Girls)-2 days (2nd day to be confirmed)
2	<p>Week 1 - 11 Boys Football (Week 1-6) Touch (Week 6-11) Girls Netball</p>	<p>Week 1 - 11 Boys - Soccer Girls Week 1 - 5 Tennis Week 6 - 11 Softcrosse</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Touch Rugby (Boys and Girls)-1 day Year 9 Carnival (all Year 9 Students)-June 13th 2012 School Sport Soccer (Boys and Girls) –after school comp School Sport X Country-May 25th 2012- 1 day (NEW) School Sport Football (Boys)- after school comp Champion Schools Volleyball- 2 days each School Sport Netball (Girls)- 1 day
3	<p>Week 1 - 8 Athletics</p> <p>Week 9 - 10 Teeball</p>	<p>Week 1 - 7 Boys – Basketball Girls – Softcrosse (Week 1-5) Week 8 Camp Week (no PE programme) Week 9 - 10 Boys – Tennis Girls – Soccer (Week 5-10)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 8 Carnival (all Year 8 Students)-Week 4-August 14th 2012 Schools Cup Volleyball (Boys and Girls) – 2 days each-Week 6 School Sport Basketball (Boys and Girls)-2 days each-Week 5 and 8
4	<p>Week 1 - 7 Teeball</p> <p>Week 8 - 9 Minor Games</p>	<p>Week 1 - 4 Boys - Tennis Girls – Football</p> <p>Week 5 - 9 Boys – Handball Girls - Badminton</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girls Football (Week 3) –1 day School Sport Cricket (Week 5)-1 day YMCA Active Expo (Week 6)- 1 day Melbourne Volleyball Nationals (Week 8)-December 7th-15th School Sport Water Polo (Boys and Girls) – 1 day (NEW) School Sport Triathlon-Nov 8th and 9th (Boys and Girls) – 1 day (NEW)

COMMUNITY NOTICE

ECU : PARTICIPANTS WANTED FOR RESEARCH ABOUT ADOLESCENT RESILIENCE

Resilience is an important tool for adolescents. In contemporary society, adolescents are exposed to numerous negative influences that can powerfully shape their health behaviour choices (such as unhealthy lifestyle, participation in alcohol, tobacco and other drug use and risky behaviour) (Brown and Witherspoon, 2002). Unhealthy choices in adolescents often continue into adulthood.

Researchers at the Child Health Promotion Research Centre at Edith Cowan University are seeking participants to be part of a study about resilience of adolescents. The aim of the research is to discover if there are similarities or differences in resilience of adolescents who live in fly in fly out families compared to adolescents who do not live in fly in fly out families. We want to identify the factors and processes that influence good resilience in adolescents, especially those who live in fly in fly out families.

In order for us to develop strategies for families to boost resilience amongst adolescents we invite your family to participate by completing a once only short confidential questionnaire. Participants will not be identified in the results of the study.

When families participate in the study we will make a donation to Kids Helpline. We are hoping to raise \$500 to donate to Kids Helpline.

If you have at least one adolescent child aged 12 – 17 years and your family would like to be involved in the research study please contact Jacinth Watson: E: jacinth.watson@ecu.edu.au or, M: 0457 434 801 (Monday to Friday 7.00.am – 8.00pm)



HOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL RESULTS - FORREST DEFEND TITLE FOR THE ELEVENTH TIME

A fantastic day was had by all students at this year's colourful House swimming carnival. The attendance and level of participation was amazing and the students are to be congratulated on this wonderful display of school spirit. Congratulations to the House swimming captains for their enormous amount of energy and enthusiasm they gave to encouraging participation and setting the example in entering all events.

The carnival scores were extremely close all day and there was a clear possibility of a boilover. However the fantastic participation of the Forrest girls led to Forrest gradually increasing the points margin. Despite the much improved point scores from the other Houses, Forrest again won comfortably.

OVERALL CHAMPION

Forrest	1742
Murdoch	1536
Hackett	1528
O'Connor	1420

MIDDLE SCHOOL CHAMPION

Hackett	1111
O'Connor	915
Murdoch	820
Forrest	706

SENIOR SCHOOL CHAMPION

Forrest	1036
Murdoch	716
O'Connor	505
Hackett	417

CHAMPION

Year 8 Nicholas Suci

Year 9 Paras Suzanna

Year 10 Liam Samantha

Year 11 Jason Georgia

Year 12 Saxon Reisha

RUNNER-UP

Matthew Mikayla

Sam Madison

Elliot Tara

Ben Gemma

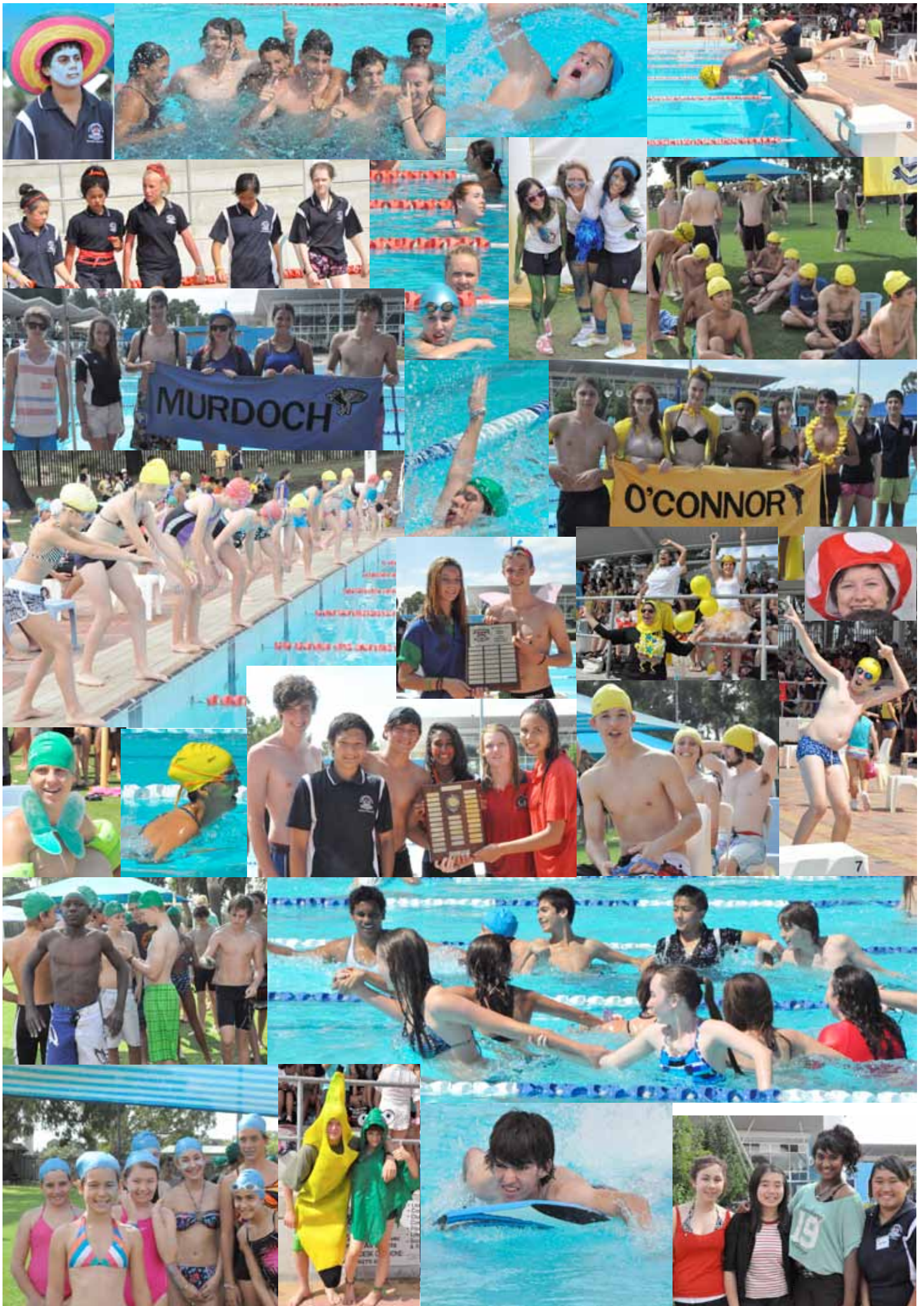
Jordan Santi

RECORDS

Sam Yr 9, 50m Breaststroke 37.44sec

Paras Yr 9, 50m Backstroke 32.66sec







**YEAR 11
PARENTS
ONLY**



Government of Western Australia
Department of Education

Registration for Parent Connect Trial

Dear Parent/Guardian

Mount Lawley Senior High School, with endorsement from the P&C, is excited at being accepted into an innovative trial being conducted by the Department of Education. The trial which began last year with parents of Year 11 students, will provide parents with web portal access to their child's assessment outlines, marks and grades in each of their Learning Area courses. The trial will also provide parents with web portal access to attendance trends and allow for the provision of direct class communication from the teacher. This will be easily accessible from the Department of Education's web "Parent Connect" portal.

This trial is only available to the current Year 11 and Year 12 students and if successful. It has the capacity to enable parents to be kept fully informed about their child's progress at anytime.

Thank you for agreeing to be part of this trial. This exciting opportunity has the capacity for parents to access their child's assessment records, keep track of attendance trends as well as receive teacher communications and feedback information to the school. There is also the prospect of further advanced services being provided to parents in the future.

The Department of Education will provide secure online access for parents or responsible persons, such as guardians, to teaching and learning information about their children via "Parent Connect." By signing up for this service, as parent or guardian, you understand and accept the attached Conditions of Use.

If you wish to be included in this trial, please provide the following details. Once you have been set up for Parent Connect access you will be provided with a User ID and Password as well as details on how to access the service.

I trust that you find the information useful to assist your child at school.

Yours Sincerely

Milton Butcher
PRINCIPAL

14th February 2012



PARENT CONNECT TRIAL FOR YEAR 11 PARENTS

Parent Connect Conditions of Use

- Only parents or responsible persons as defined in the *School Education Act 1999* and verified by the school will be given access to Parent Connect.
- The person signing up for the service understands their responsibility for keeping the service access details (username and password) confidential.
- The Department of Education does not accept responsibility for any event arising from unauthorised access or use of Parent Connect.

Limits of the Service

Parent Connect is an initiative by the Department of Education to improve communication between schools and parents/guardians on matters impacting student education. It is an optional communication channel and the Department of Education does not undertake to provide all student-related information via Parent Connect. The Department of Education is providing Parent Connect as a trial and reserves the right to modify or withdraw the service at any time.

When using Parent Connect, I agree that:

- The information contained in Parent Connect is personal and private information.
- The parent username and password is only shared between the child’s legal parents / guardians.
- I will not interfere with network security, the data of another user or attempt to log into the network with a User ID or password of another user.
- If I become aware of unauthorised access to my parent account I will immediately inform the school.
- I consent to the logging, monitoring, auditing and disclosure of my use of Parent Connect.
- Any breach of these conditions for which I am responsible will result in my access to Parent Connect being suspended or revoked.

The following details must be completed. Please print legibly.

Student Details:

Student First Name:

Student Last Name:

Parent Details:

Parent First Name:

Parent Last Name:

Email:

Parent Signature:

Date:



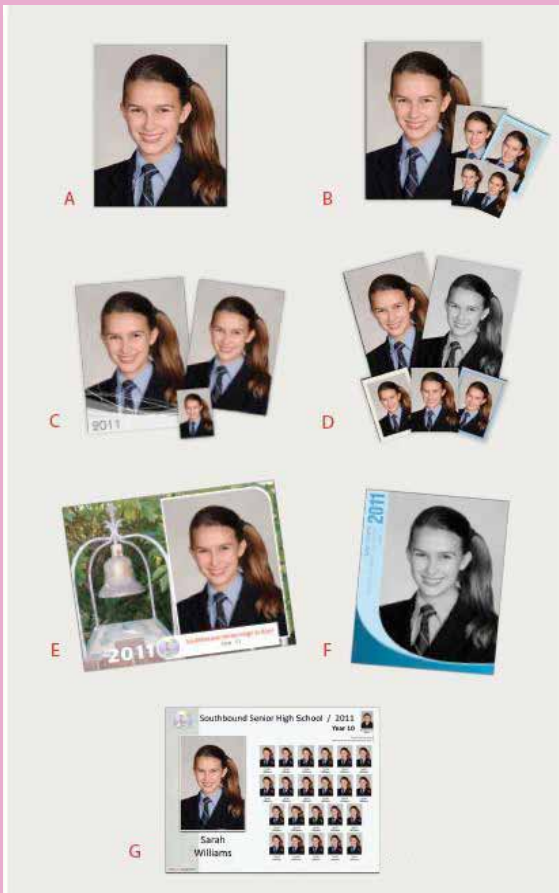
SCHOOL PHOTOS



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Our **fotoworks** photographers will be taking school photos on **Wednesday March 14th**.

Approximately two weeks prior to the photography day each student will receive an envelope for his/her order and payment. Parents/Guardians are asked to select the photographs that they require and **return the envelope to the school on the photography day with payment included**. Please ensure correct change is placed in envelopes, as our photographers, the school office and the canteen can not give change.



Any students who forget to bring their envelope on the photo day will have a second chance to order school photos after the photos have been returned to the school, although additional charges may apply. Special Group photographs will also be available for purchase from the school office when the photographs have been returned to the school.

The photo packages work on a "build your own" basis and are priced as follows:

1 Unit = \$20, 2 Units = \$35, 3 Units = \$40, 4 Units = \$45, 5 Units = \$50, All 7 Units = \$60.

1 Unit may include one large photograph or several small photographs allowing parents to tailor a package that suits their needs and budget.

fotoworks guarantee a total refund for any parent who is not fully satisfied with their photos. Family discounts are available and details are on the envelopes.

If you have any queries please contact the **fotoworks** office directly on **9244 8211**.
The team at **fotoworks School Portraits**

SCHOOL GROUP PHOTOGRAPHS	
<i>On the School Photo Catch up Morning (Friday 23 March)</i>	
<i>Special School Group photographs will be taken which will be available for purchase.</i>	
<i>Students from the following groups will need to ensure that they are in correct uniform :</i>	
Debating Team (one group photo)	Full School Uniform
Volleyball Team (one group photo)	Full Sports Uniform
Councillors Years 8/9/10/11	White Shirts required for Blazers & ties with school uniform
Head Boy & Head Girl	White Shirts required for Blazers & ties
House Captains - 4 each house	White Shirts required for Blazers & ties
Year 10 GATE Class	Full School Uniform
Aboriginal Excellence Program	Full School Uniform
Follow the Dream Program	Full School Uniform
Basketball Teams (Boys & Girls)	Full Sports Uniform for Basketball
Netball Team	Full Sports Uniform for Netball



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.

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CONTACT
ANITA.CHONG@LAWLEY.WA.EDU.AU



CHINA JOIN THE SCHOOL TOUR!

