



## MOUNT LAWLEY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL LAWLEY UPDATE Term 2 May 2012 No. 6

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to Term 2 for all students and parents. It is a very busy term with all Senior School students undertaking Semester 1 examinations and Year 9 students, the NAPLAN regime. All students need to ensure that they are doing the best that they can with their studies in order to gain the best report possible.

The term will include a parent-teacher reporting day/evening on Thursday, 5 July 2012. Further details will be provided as soon as possible. The School Board will be looking at some options at the next meeting to improve access to teachers for parents.

Attendance remains a concern. For the last week of Term 1, some year groups recorded an attendance rate below 80%. The impact of this one week was considerable in terms of several groups not achieving the desired 90% for the term. Term 2 is one where attendance can decline and parents are asked to ensure that students attend school regularly. Time in class does make a difference to student understanding and results.

Unexplained absences also remain a concern. Parents have a legal responsibility to account for absences and this may be done through a note, email, SMS or verbal reason. Your support in this matter is requested.

Last Friday the school conducted its annual ANZAC Day observance. A number of guests attended and shared the ceremony with staff and students. Cr Rod Willox, AM, RFD, ED, JP from the City of Stirling supported the school and on behalf of Mr Michael Sutherland, MLA the Member for Mount Lawley, who was an apology, presented a book on Gallipoli to the school library.

Major Peter McKenzie represented the Australian Army whilst Captain Ray Galliot, RFD, the Secretary-Treasurer of the Ex Prisoner of War Association and Mr Arthur Leggett, OAM, ED the President also attended. Mr Des Beard, who does much for the students of the school, was an apology. Best wishes are extended to Des from all at school. Mr Leggett, a good friend of the school, delivered the ANZAC Address. He spoke of the original ANZACs and the link to today. He connected the values displayed by the ANZACs and how students could apply these in their lives.

Throughout the ceremony the behaviour of all was impeccable.

#### A THOUGHT

*I am a man of fixed and unbending principles,  
the first of which is to be flexible at all times*  
Everitt Dirkson

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### CONGRATULATIONS



**Sven 804**, has been selected for the Australian Team (Under 13 Boys) travelling to Poland for the Junior Masters VW World Cup tournament in June. Sven who plays for ECU Joondalup Club competed in Sydney against 20 other clubs and was successful in his selection to the Australian Team.

### EVENTS CALENDAR

- Tuesday 8 May** SVAPA Production The Dream 7pm
- Wednesday 9 May** SVAPA Parents Meeting 7pm
- Thursday 10 May** Year 10 Carnival (All Students)
- Tuesday 15 May-Friday 18 May** NAPLAN Testing  
All Year 9 Students
- Monday 21 May-Friday 1 June** Year 11 & 12 Exams
- Monday 28 May-Friday 1 June** Year 10 Exams
- Monday 21 May** School Board Meeting
- Thursday 24 May** Year 5/6/7 Primary School Information Evening 7pm
- Monday 28 May-Wednesday 30 May**  
Bush Ranger Cadet Climate Change Camp
- Monday 28 May** P & C Meeting
- Monday 4 June** PUBLIC HOLIDAY Foundation/WA Day
- Wednesday 6 June** SVAPA Parent's Meeting 7pm
- Friday 8 June** School Music Concert WAPPA
- Wednesday 13 June** Year 9 Carnival
- Saturday 16 June** Mt Lawley SHS Community Art Auction

#### YEAR 10 CARNIVAL

- DATE:** Thursday, May 10 (week 3, Term 2)
- TIME:** 8.30am – 3.00pm
- ATTENDANCE:** ALL Year 10 students
- COST:** \$10.00 per student. Paid to the Form teacher
- SPORTS:** Girls – volleyball, netball, soccer  
Boys – basketball, AFL, soccer
- UNIFORM:** School PE shorts & PE shirt
- Parents will receive a letter in week 2 of Term 2 with additional information relating to the carnival.**



The special guests, all whom have seen military service, applauded the conduct and demeanour of the students. This was most noted in the silence. Truly, a dropped pin would have been heard.

A former parent telephoned to pass on her congratulations on the behaviour of the students during the ceremony. Paraphrasing her comments, she noted:

*She would like to congratulate the school on a wonderful performance at the assembly today. She was on her way to the ECU gym and heard the Choir singing and thought what lovely music coming from the children – as she got closer she realised that it was coming from the Mount Lawley SHS gym. She said the children were very well behaved and the assembly went really well – it was a powerful moment for her and two other ladies that were with her. Her children went to the school many years ago and the other ladies children went to a private school – but they said they would have been happy for them to come to this school after today's performance. She would like to pass on her congratulations to all the children and staff.*

The behaviour of all students is commended. Parents can rightly feel pleased with their children. They did their school and families proud.

This week, the school continued the theme of respect to those who have served their country with the annual Ex Prisoners of War (POW) ceremony. Mount Lawley SHS has assisted with this service for a number of years and in agreement with the Association, now manages the event. The student body who attend have always demonstrated great respect for the Ex POW and their families. It is an opportunity to showcase the excellence of the school's music program and the representational skills of student leaders.

RSL President, Mr Bill Gaynor, OAM, RFD attended and complimented the students for the good work that they did on the day. Other dignitaries also applauded their efforts. Mr Leggett on behalf of the Association, as usual, very much appreciated the great work of the students.

Later this month, the Indigenous War Veterans Ceremony will be conducted and will again be supported by Mount Lawley SHS. This will be through the Middle School's Junior Band and Choir. Mount Lawley SHS is pleased to be associated with the acknowledgement Indigenous Veterans.

With the onset of winter, warmer clothing is required. The school's uniform has a clearly defined jumper and rain jacket. Whilst most students comply with the current school jumper, there are some who wear warm clothing that is outside the uniform. School Uniform is compulsory and parents are asked to support this requirement through ensuring the approved jumper and jacket are worn.

The students and staff who attended the recently concluded Italian tour participated in a "reunion" this week. Parents and other siblings also attended. The group shared experiences promoted by a presentation from tour leader Mr Camilleri. All students were presented with a booklet and CD Rom of images. Both this tour, and the SVAPA one of France and England, were great successes with participating students immersed in either the Arts or Italian culture. Thanks to parents for funding the experience.

The Healthy Active Program has commenced for the term with the "Glee Club". This is a wellbeing program with music and dance. A group of keen students from Years 8-12 has signed up and meet weekly. Spaces are available and it is recommended to all.

The P&C has funded the successful Sewing Club from last year and this will commence next week. Students interested in this should see Ms Smart. The very valuable Homework Club, also funded by the P&C, is also up and running as of Week 2. It is strongly recommended for all students. It is free tuition and help from the school's teachers.

***Milton Butcher, Principal.***

## **HOSTING FRENCH STUDENTS (2ND- 22ND AUGUST 2012)**

For the last four years a programme has been in place offering the opportunity to young French students aged 16-17 years to discover Australia and its education system.

We are looking for families willing to host students for the three weeks of their visit. The girls and boys will be part of a larger group of 25 students who spend mornings in their respective schools and go on bus tours in the afternoons. They will usually travel to and from Mount Lawley SHS with your child.

The purpose of the programme is for these French students to experience living with an Australian family, to see how an Austral-

ian school operates, to improve their English language skills through this full immersion and to create a strong friendship with their Anglophone peers. The programme is highly successful and both Australians and French students greatly enjoy the exchange. Many families still keep in touch with each other.

The students are fully briefed about the school rules, are not to leave the school premises and will attend morning classes daily. They will be fully covered by appropriate insurance.

Host families will be visited prior to the arrival by the organiser to explain the programme.

We believe such an exchange is also highly beneficial for our students, opening their eyes (and ears!) to similarly minded students for an extended period.

Please contact Mr Stotzer, the French teacher or Martine Floyd, email : [aupairoz@iinet.net.au](mailto:aupairoz@iinet.net.au), mob : 0403 019 609 before the end of May if you are interested in hosting.

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Community Art Auction coordinated by the Mount Lawley P&C  
Music and SVAPA Support Groups




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**Murdoch Open Night:**  
**When:** Wednesday 23 May  
**Where:** Kim Beazley Lecture Theatre, 90 South Street Murdoch  
**Time:** 6.00pm - 8.00pm

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### SCHOOL ANZAC CEREMONY

