



MOUNT LAWLEY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL LAWLEY UPDATE Term 2 June 2012 No. 9

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Thankfully, the storm that was predicted to do great damage to the metropolitan area earlier this week was relatively subdued. Damage was, therefore, limited. In terms of the school, it made little impact and the small amount of damage had no impact on student learning.

The letter advising parents that the school may have had to close due to the damage or service failure was used if the worst case scenario developed. It was noted that many parents rang to confirm that school would go ahead. The SMS message that was released to confirm this took some time to arrive with parents due to the enhanced activity on the telephone network.

There were two important events last week – both on the same day, which was unfortunate, however unavoidable. The first was the induction ceremony for the Aboriginal Excellence Program (AEP) initiative and the second, the Term 2 concert. The AEP is being consolidated to improve educational outcomes for participants. The Education faculty of Edith Cowan University, through Dr Deb Callcott, assists the program through the provision of a mentor for each AEP participant.

The program is proudly supported by the mining company, Independence Group NL and the Chair of the Board, Mr Peter Bilbe, and the Company Secretary, Mr Terry Bourke, attended to induct new members. Independence Group NL provides financial support to participants and their families. The good will and support of Independence Group NL is very much valued. The good work of the AEP Co-ordinator, Dr Phil Paioff, is also acknowledged.

The Semester 1 Music Concert, in two parts, was a very enjoyable event. It was pleasing to see virtually full houses for both the Junior and Senior Concerts. The audience was treated to some very fine music making across vocal, jazz, small ensemble and larger groups such as the String Orchestra and Big Band. The effort of the school and SIM staff in delivering such a fine concert is appreciated. The concert was also marked for, yet again, wonderful assistance from many parent volunteers. This volunteer help, through picking up a range of jobs, enabled the staff to focus on student preparation and performance. The work of the members of the parent Music Support Committee, led by Ms Prue Griffin, is warmly acknowledged.

A THOUGHT

A man's character is his fate.
Heraclitus

CONGRATULATIONS



Casey (Year 11)
came third in the
Hanyuqiao (Chinese Bridge)
Speech Competition Selection. He now qualifies to compete in Adelaide at the end of July for a place in China in October.

The following students have been selected to represent state volleyball teams this year.



Under 17 Women
Mikaela



Under 16 Boys
Maksim (reserve)

Under 16 Girls
Agner
Georgia
Maddy
Kaity (reserve)



EVENTS CALENDAR

Monday 18 June School Board Meeting

Tuesday 19 June Language Parents Meeting 7.30pm

Monday 25 June P & C Meeting

Monday 2 July Opus Concert

Thursday 5 July Career Expo Day 2-6pm School Library

Thursday 5 July Whole school Reporting Night

Friday 6 July End of Term 2

Tuesday 24 July Students start Term 3



Student reports for Semester 1 are being finalised prior to posting. This is an enormous task but reports will be available for parents prior to the forthcoming reporting day. This will take place on Thursday, 5 July 2012. Also on that day, the school will again conduct a Careers Expo.

This has proven to be very popular with students and parents. A range of employers, industry groups and training providers will be establishing displays. Staff, at booths, will welcome the opportunity to outline career choices, entry to industries and training requirements. This will be in the library and will operate for much of the day.

The reporting component will commence at 9:00am and conclude at 7:00pm. Appointments are in 10 minute slots and can be made on-line. This booking system has been used successfully for several reporting periods. As it is not possible to place all teachers in one spot, if making appointments in both Middle School and Senior School "travel" time should be factored in to bookings. It is generally better to book appointments manually rather than rely on the automatic feature. The system will be available shortly. Personalised information as to the system will be provided shortly.

Next week will see the conclusion of Year 10 into Year 11 counselling. The school is committed to meeting with each family to chart Year 11 subject choices. It is imperative that students select courses wisely and ensure that they can achieve success. If too difficult a course is chosen, they may struggle and not be successful, which can have implications for post-school pathways.

Milton Butcher, Principal

NEW PROOF OF IDENTITY REQUIREMENTS FOR YEAR 10-12 STUDENT LEARNERS PERMIT

It is now a requirement by the Department of Transport that all students in Years 10,11 and 12 will need five forms of identification when applying for Learners' Permits.

SCHOOL MUSIC CONCERT @WAPPA





CONGRATULATIONS

The West Australian Young Travel Writer Contest 2012

Jadviga 9H2 was one of ten students to win a Canon G12 camera and an invitation to spend the day with The West Australian's Travel editor and writer, Stephen Scourfield and Niall McIlroy at WA Museum's in Perth & Fremantle. Also congratulations to **Chaz** 9F1 and **Constance** 9M1 who received a book and certificate in the competition. Jadviga's article can be viewed online at <http://au.news.yahoo.com/thewest/travel/a/-/europe/13833687/timeless-tuscany/>



Timeless Tuscany

JADVIGA KOBRYN-COLETTI, The West Australian
May 31, 2012, 9:32 pm

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Tuscany: Cathedral of Siena. Picture: Jadviga Kobryn-Coletti

Meet our Young Travel Writers 2012. Jadviga Kobryn-Coletti is one of 10 students to win a Canon G12 camera each and join the West Travel team on a workshop day with Western Australian Museum.

Jadviga Kobryn-Coletti
Mount Lawley Senior High School, Year 9

Pictures in glossy travel magazines may show one side of Italy but they are nothing compared to the diverse and vibrant culture to be experienced in person.

My recent trip to Tuscany was a challenge, both to the mind and body, as I overcame the differences to my normal Australian lifestyle. We used trains to get our school tour group around to the cities of Florence, Siena and Pisa. They were like time travelling machines that could completely change the scenery in under an hour. Everywhere I went it felt like I was not an awestruck tourist but part of a tight-knit community.

The experiences I had, such as seeing the fake designer handbags, were unique and, unlike the handbags, could not be sold.

Florence was a sanctuary of intricate and rich architecture, with a deep history behind every nook and cranny. Michelangelo's David was an exceptional representation of what Florence and its lively people were all about. Such detail and precision even carried through to small things like slices of pizza, which were impeccably cut.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL AUSTRALIAN GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION

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The National Geographic Channel Australian Geography Competition attracts students from all over Australia – around 80,000 of them each year – so it's a real indicator of how well our students are doing in this important subject. The competition could only cover a small slice of the diverse subject of geography. This year's competition tested the students' understanding of topics such as natural disasters, sustainable energy, and countries in our region, and also skills such as interpreting information in statistics, maps and satellite images. Congratulations to the following students :

- Madison** High distinction in the intermediate category of the Australian Geography Competition
- James** High distinction in the intermediate category of the Australian Geography Competition
- Izaak** High distinction in the intermediate category of the Australian Geography Competition
- Clare** Distinction in the intermediate category of the Australian Geography Competition
- Maksim** Credit in the intermediate category of the Australian Geography Competition
- Ashleigh** Credit in the intermediate category of the Australian Geography Competition





**YEAR
9
CARNIVAL**





COMMUNITY NOTICES

THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA
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A Day in the Life of a Uni Student

APRIL & JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

A Day in the Life of a Uni Student is a free event that gives high school students the chance to discover what a typical day at university is like.

ACHIEVE INTERNATIONAL EXCELLENCE

During the April and July school holidays, UWA is holding five "A Day in the Life of..." events.

- Wednesday, 18 April - A Day in the Life of an Arts Student
- Thursday, 19 April - A Day in the Life of an Environmental Science Student
- Friday, 20 April - A Day in the Life of a Music Student
- Tuesday, 17 July - A Day in the Life of an Engineering Student
- Thursday, 19 July - A Day in the Life of a Business Student

For more information or to receive an application form please contact Alison Chan - alison.chan@uwa.edu.au or on 6488 1450.

MASTER MIND AUSTRALIA – ACADEMIC PATHWAYS JULY WACE REVISION PROGRAM
Subject Revision – Exam Strategies

This revision program for years 10, 11 and 12 students aims to prepare them for second semester and the examinations later in term 3. The classes will revise those important components from the syllabus that are vital for future success. This is a teaching program and the small groups allow for individual problems to be addressed. For more information consult our website or call

Dr Robert Hallam at Master Mind Australia on 9486 1377 or 0488 102 907
academicpathways@mastermindaustralia.com.au
www.mastermindaustralia.



CURTIN UNIVERSITY FREE HEALTHY LIFESTYLE PROGRAM

Free healthy lifestyle program for overweight teenagers and their families. Curtin University, with funding support from Healthway, is providing the program in Midland and Cockburn. There are limited places – so if you may be interested please visit the program website at cafap.curtin.edu.au or call Kyla on 92663694 for further details.

Help your kids put the right foot forward.

Parent Information Evenings 20 June and 4 July 2012

Understanding how your child's decisions in high school - such as subject selection or TISC preferences - might affect their university options can be daunting. That's why we have information evenings, specially designed to help you help your child take their next step in the right direction.

Year 10 Parent Information Evening:

Date: Wednesday 20 June 2012
Time: 5.00pm - 7.30pm
Location: Curtin University, Bentley

Year 12 Parent Information Evening:

Date: Wednesday 4 July 2012
Time: 5.00pm - 7.30pm
Location: Curtin University, Bentley

To RSVP or for more information, visit curtin.edu.au/parentsve or call 9266 1000. Make tomorrow better.



WACE REVISION COURSES JULY 9th-20th

Study Skills and WACE Subject Revision Courses for Years 11 & 12
Small groups with highly qualified, experienced teachers maximise your performance; achieve success

Now at three convenient venues North & South of the river

Enrol with full payment before June 23rd to receive our 10% "early bird" discount

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visit: www.academictaskforce.com.au



MOUNT LAWLEY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

CAREERS EXPO

Thursday, 5 July 2012

(Coincides with the whole school report day)

Time: 2:00pm-6:00pm

Location: School Library

- **W.A. Universities**
- **State Training Providers**
(formerly known as TAFE colleges)
- **Industry Groups**
- **The Defence Force Recruiting**
- **Apprenticeship & Traineeship Organisations**
- **Employers**

**VISIT THE LANGUAGE SUPPORT COMMITTEE
“MULTI-CULTURAL” CAKE STALL**

For further information please contact:
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