



**MOUNT LAWLEY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**  
*An Independent Public School*  
**LAWLEY UPDATE Term 3 Sept. 2012 No. 15**

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The last update was produced as usual, and posted on the school's website. Pages 1 and 2 were provided to students to take home to parents. This was undertaken as a measure to reduce the amount of paper taken to print the Update and to seek to reduce the school's environmental foot print. As with this one, there is a reference to the web address. At this point this has not attracted any adverse comment from parents and there will be an opportunity to provide feed back at the next P & C meeting.

Whilst the attention of parents was directed to the School Board approving the school's Drug policy in the last Update, at the last meeting, the Board chose to amend the policy. This was done to make it very clear that the policy covers what we commonly know as drugs as well as prescription medicines and other pharmaceutical products. The supply to students or misuse of any of these products is contrary to good order in the school. Even products such as Panadol can not be supplied by one student to another or even by the School Nurse (unless there is written approval from a parent). This particular provision is a factor in the Child Health Policy of the Department of Education.

Last week, the annual Year 9 camp was conducted. Over 2 and a half days, each Year 9 community experienced a range of character building and team work exercises and activities. The intent of the camp is to encourage resilience and encourage an adult approach through nurturing skills and a positive attitude. It is also the commencement of the transition from Middle School to Senior School. From all reports students thoroughly enjoyed the activities. Thanks to the staff for conducting the camp.

In the school component of the week, year 9 students received presentations on courses available in Year 10. This was to assist in subject selection for next year. Parents were invited to a parent evening and school staff also outlined Year 10 subjects. Subject selections for Year 9 students are due prior to the end of this term so that time tabling work can continue.

The schools' athletics carnival was conducted on Tuesday, 19 September 2012. Whilst the weather was windy and overcast, thankfully there was limited rain. The Phys Ed staff noted increased participation and as a measure of this, all houses gained more points than last year. Forrest continued the domination of the past few years. Congratulations to all students for their active participation. The efforts of supervising staff are acknowledged. Thanks to the parents who attended and supported the event.

**A THOUGHT**

Character consists of what you do on the third and fourth tries.  
**James Mechener**

**CONGRATULATIONS**



**Madeleine** was invited to participate in the Purposeful Academic Classes for Excelling Students (PACES) program in Geography. Well done Madeleine.



**Hannah** on being chosen as a finalist in this year's Black Swan Prize for Portraiture – Youth Competition. The organisers were exceptionally pleased with the creativity and standard of the artwork she has created!!



**Jarra** Recently represented Western Australia at the Australian gymnastics Championships. The team came 4th and Jarra was picked for the National Development Squad.



**Australian Asia Pacific Cheer Competition Brisbane 2012.**

Several Mt Lawley students have attended the Competition in Brisbane in September with some success.



**Lauren** Has competed in the Open Level 5 with her team the Starz. They were triumphant and will travel to Florida US to compete in the World competition.

**Kate** competed in Level 4 Senior



**Hannah & Nicole** will compete in Level 4 Senior this weekend. Good luck Girls.



**Isabelle** will compete in the World Cup Cheer Australia Asia Pacific Grand Final weekend. Good luck in this fast pasted competition.

**EVENTS CALENDAR**

**Monday 24 September** Yr 12 Exams week starts

**Tuesday 25 September** Prefect Interviews

**Wednesday 26 September** Prefect Interviews, Interschool Athletics Training Day

**Friday 28 September** China Tour, Last day of Term



The school production of the Threepenny Opera has also played out with both Year 11 Drama classes and supporting extras from the SVAPA program performing on different nights. The performances were well attend and enjoyed by all.



Year 12 students commence Semester 2 examinations next week. These examinations are the final assessments for the year and are a component of the school score that is forwarded to the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority.

Students not undertaking examinations are not required to attend, however, if there is outstanding work then they should attend and complete tasks. School Uniform is, of course, required. There are also some students finalising work placement requirements.

Students completing practical examinations during the forthcoming vacation period are receiving timetables from teachers. The timetables issued by SCSA, should be read and understood. As well as proving date, time and venue, they outline special instructions and requirements that must be met. Students must be on time.

With all of their examination commitments and assessments, the best wishes of all are extended to Year 12 students and their families. It is important that students strike a balance between study and free time in order to achieve the best result.

Welcome to our green initiative!  
You will notice that this Update is only one page long.  
This will save an estimated 1360 pieces of paper!!!!

**BUT where's the rest of the Update?**

Go to the school website and follow the links to the newsletter  
<http://www.lawley.wa.edu.au/view/newsletters/lawley-update/>

This issue contains heaps of photos of Languages Week, Sports Carnival Community Announcements.  
Your feed back is welcome at the next P&C meeting.

## CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Year 12 students **Alex and William**



who both won a special citation for musicianship at the WA Schools Jazz Festival 2012.



**William** on First Place the Year 8 State Mandarin Speaking Competition and the Year 8 Chinese Writing Competition.



**Jayde** Won First Place in the Combined category Year 9 & 10 State Chinese Writing Competition.



**Xin Ting** Won First place in the Level 9 State Chinese Writing Competition. The Level 9 is the highest level in this writing competition



**Linda** Won Fourth Place in the Level 1 & 2 State Chinese Writing Competition.



**James** Won Fourth Place in the Year 9 State Mandarin Speaking Competition.

## Congratulations to our students of Italian!

In August, 2012, eleven Senior School students of Italian sat for the National Dante Alighieri Exam. All of them came top in the state in the written exam and are now invited to take part in the speaking exam which will be held in September this year.

We have some very talented Language students with a wonderful future ahead of them. We are very proud of their hard work and achievements.

In bocca al lupo for the speaking exams.

# Scene - Around the school!

## Languages Week



**Well, what a lovely week we had for Languages Week 2012.**

We had a wonderful variety of activities which our students found both fun and interesting: the posters competition, guest speakers, games, movies, traditional dancing, painting, soccer match, inter-department activities and special food treats.

Special thanks to the Languages Parent Support Group .for giving our students tasty treats every day of the week. Monday it was Chinese cuisine, Tuesday it was Italian day and we had gorgeous gelati, Wednesday we had delicious Indonesian cuisine, Thursday and Friday we celebrated French and German with delicious éclairs and cakes.

In particular, very special thanks to our Languages staff for planning and coordinating the exciting activities for our students.

A big thank you to Suzie Barnes and the Student Service team for organising the amazing soccer match, Europe Vs Asia.

Grazie, merci beacoup, terima kasih, danke shon, xie xie to all concerned for giving their time to help our school community and make Languages come alive.

**MS Grace Costa Head of Languages**



# Scene - Around the school! Sports Carnival



OVERALL	
FORREST	7707
HACKETT	5080
O'CONNOR	4729
MURDOCH	4277

SENIOR SCHOOL	
FORREST	3517
MURDOCH	2308
HACKETT	2306
O'CONNOR	1747

MIDDLE SCHOOL	
FORREST	3561
O'CONNOR	2982
HACKETT	2764
MURDOCH	2169



Champion House- Forrest



Year 12 Trophy Winners



Year 11 Trophy Winners



Year 10 Trophy Winners



Year 9 Trophy Winners



Year 8 Trophy Winners

# COMMUNITY



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
**NOTRE DAME**  
AUSTRALIA

## Parent Information Evening:

Helping your Year 12 apply to and enrol at  
Notre Dame

Monday 24 September 6.00pm for a 6.15pm start  
in the Michael Keating Room, cnr High & Cliff Streets,  
Fremantle

Details will include: specific course information, academic entry scores, 'how to apply', application due dates, timing of offers, the enrolment process and the student transition from school to university.

Refreshments provided following the presentation.

Please RSVP by 20 September to: [admissions@nd.edu.au](mailto:admissions@nd.edu.au)



## Wild Life Holiday Program for Youth in Yrs 8-12

The Wild Life Holiday Program gives high school students the opportunity to go on a variety of excursions including Bowling / Monopoly City / Wakeboarding/Water Skiing / The W Day / Ice Skating & More! It's a high-energy week of sports, activities, and adventures that High Schoolers won't want to miss!

The Wild Life Holiday Program will run each day from 9am – 4pm, with drop off and pick up at the George Burnett Leisure Centre, October 8th – 12th from 9am to 4pm.

The cost is \$130 for the week or \$30 for a day. Fee help is available for eligible participants.

For more information or to register, contact Alyce Teal on Friday's on 9313 1600 or visit [www.spyouth.net/wildlife.html](http://www.spyouth.net/wildlife.html).



**FREE YOUTH EVENTS**

**MOVIE NIGHT PYJAMA PARTY**

Friday September 21, 7pm-10:30pm  
Royal Park Hall, West Perth  
Ages 13-18

**PRIZES FOR THE BEST PYJAMAS!**

**MUSIC AND STUFF BEFORE AND AFTER MOVIE**

**FREE POPCORN, PIZZA, SOFT DRINKS**

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OCTOBER WACE REVISION PROGRAM

Subject Revision – Exam Strategies

This revision program for years 10, 11 and 12 students aims to prepare them for their final year examinations. The classes will revise how to answer exam questions and demonstrate how those important components from the syllabus are used to construct successful responses. This is a teaching program and the small groups allow for individual problems to be addressed. For more information consult our web-site or call

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