



MOUNT LAWLEY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

An Independent Public School

LAWLEY UPDATE Term 2 2013 No. 10, 2013

This is the final Update for Term 2 and is issued just prior to the parent/teacher reporting day on Thursday, 4 July 2013. Information on the reporting day has been posted. This included instructions on how to book appointments. Days like this one are important in giving parents the opportunity to meet with teachers and discuss progress of their children. For those families unable to arrange supervision of their student because of the suspension of the timetable, supervision will be arranged by the school. Students should bring private study materials.

The day also features a Careers forum and parents will be able to meet with representatives of Universities, training organisations and employer bodies. The careers forum enables parents to get a better understanding of post-school options. It is an on-going initiative that was established by Ms Catherine Smith, the school's VET Co-ordinator and Careers Adviser.

The annual Lawley Art Auction was held on Saturday, 15 June 2013 and was an outstanding success. It was possibly the largest viewing crowd in the 10 years and there were certainly more bidders at the end than in the past few years. Sales provided at least \$22,000 to the SVAPA and Music parent committees with the proceeds of the bar and raffles yet to be determined. This is a parent driven event and the organising committee, led by Mrs Sonja Davidson, is commended for their sterling performance, dedication and perseverance. There was a huge number of volunteer parents over the weekend who completed many jobs. They are also thanked. It was simply an excellent community planned and managed event. The P&C, as the overall umbrella group, does much for the school and the fund raising achieved by the Lawley Art auction is acknowledged. ALL proceeds of the Auction go to SVAPA and the Music program. Thanks are also extended to parent Russell Goodrick, who again was the MC. Russell brings his consummate media skills to the auction and ensures the night runs smoothly. P&C Web Master, Mr John Pryor ensured that the webpage was up to-date and prepared the presentation for the night. Mr John Cook, one of Perth's leading art auctioneers, has conducted the auction for the past 8 years and he did so again, donating his time. To mark his time with the auction a portrait of him auctioneering was presented to him. The work of Mr Cook, looking over his glasses for a bidder, was captured supremely well by the artist, Head Boy Jack Caddy. Jack, a resident at the National Gallery Art Master class over the January holiday, employed his considerable artistic talent to capture John well.

A THOUGHT

Life is a foreign language. All men mispronounce it.
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CONGRATULATIONS



Annalise (8H2) has been selected as one of ten finalists in the Young Travel Photojournalist competition conducted by *The West Australian*, Education Section of the newspaper. She received a Certificate and a Canon G15 camera as a finalist.



Lily (11F1) has been selected as one of ten finalists in the Young Travel Photojournalist competition conducted by *The West Australian*, Education Section of the newspaper. She received a Certificate and a Canon G15 camera as a finalist.



Brody (11M2) has been selected to compete in a National Dancesport competition in Canberra.



Tianna (9O3) has been selected to represent WA in the Junior Elite National Diving Championships in Brisbane.

REPORTING DAY - THIS THURSDAY
Instructions have been mailed

EVENTS CALENDAR

Friday 5 July Last Day of Term 2 for Students, Cambodian Tour
Wednesday 24 July Term 3 starts for Students
Wednesday 31 July ICAS English
Thursday 1 August Australian Maths Competition,
Music Support Committee Meeting 7pm
Monday -Friday 5-9 August WAMSE TESTING
Tuesday 6 August Language Support Meeting 7.30pm, Y11,12
Accounting Student Challenge, SS Alliance Francaise Exams
Wednesday 7 August SVAPA Parent Group Meeting 7pm Tricycle
Saturday-Sunday 10-11 August Jazz Festival

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



URGENT

FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO HOST CHINESE STUDENTS

Following the success of previous cultural exchange programs
Mount Lawley SHS is hosting overseas students
who will be visiting our school:

Chinese students from our sister school Hangzhou No.14
28 July - 2 August

The students will have classes at our school,
participate in some organized activities and accompany host students.
As many families have already discovered,
hosting an international student offers many unique opportunities,
including the chance to learn about another culture and
build life-long friendships.

If you are interested in hosting a student please contact:

CHINESE : Mrs Chong 0413 888 619

ONLY A FEW PLACES LEFT

Years 10 to 11 counselling has now concluded with families being able to discuss pathways with a staff member. Forms indicating subject selections are now due and from this the subjects to be offered in 2014 will be determined. Experience indicates that students selecting out of recommendations do not succeed in courses that are too difficult. For this reason, recommendations should be considered carefully. Selections against recommendations must be discussed with Mr Johnston. The wish of the school is for all students to achieve success and gain a WACE.

The Year 10 Leadership Camp has concluded and from all reports, was a great success. Students completed a range of activities designed to heighten key skills in leadership, teamwork and communication. Thanks to Mr Neil Hudson, Mr Vick Lazarov and the Student Services staff for the activity.

The annual Canberra Tour, focused on government and law, has also concluded. Whilst there were some issues around several ill students, the majority were able to complete the itinerary and learn first hand about government structures and processes. A number of land mark national institutions were also visited.

The school community celebrated NAIDOC Day and Reconciliation at the recent whole school assembly. The assembly enabled students to acknowledge Australia's Indigenous past and reflect on how we need, as a community, to shape

a better future. Mr Ken Taylor, AM, an Aboriginal elder awarded for his contribution to Reconciliation, outlined how previous policies impacted on him personally and his generation. He explained to students his hope for a better future and the importance of education as a tool for young Indigenous Australians to build a future. His brother, Mr Alf Taylor, read some of his poetry. He also explained to students his background and how some of his writing has been published in Spanish. As usual, the behaviour of the students was outstanding and they presented as excellent role models for young people. Thanks to the school's AIEO, Ms Penne Pickett, for arranging the guest speakers.

The assembly also saw a number of students recognised for excellent achievement across a number of domains. More were acknowledged at the Middle School assembly several days later. Congratulations are extended to all award winners.

The Year 12 Prefects co-ordinated the annual Quiz Night which, as usual was well supported. It is the Prefect's major fund raising and social event for the year. Thanks to those local businesses that supported the Prefects and to all who attended.

The Semester 1 Music concert was held last night to a full house. Both components of the school presented a full program across the various music genres offered. The ensembles had a virtual dress rehearsal for the August Festival season and provided first rate entertainment. The highlight was an item from the forthcoming school production of the "Lion King". This has been adapted by Music Teacher-in-Charge, Mr Chris Manning, and involves musicians and vocalists – almost 100 strong.

The concert was also noted for the strong support provided by the parent Music Committee and the parent stage crew. They did a brilliant job in setting up for each performance, which left the music staff focused on preparing the performance. To all, thank you for a sterling job.

Last week the school hosted Australia's Ambassador to China, Her Excellency, Ms Frances Adamson. Ms Adamson conversed with a number of Mandarin students and was impressed with their speaking ability. Five of this group recently competed at the Mandarin Speaking competition with Jayde Wilson and Tara Bacovic winning trips to China. She also met with the school's teachers of Mandarin.

This week saw many of the 2014 Year 8 GAT Languages class commence orientation. For several years, the cohort has been invited to a day where they experience Mandarin and Italian activities. They are then able to choose their language. Their parents also attended and gained an understanding of Mount Lawley SHS.

With the end of Term 2 approaching, students and staff will enjoy a well earned break. School commences for students on Wednesday, 24 July 2013. The Monday and Tuesday of that week see staff involved in professional development work. The second of these days is focused on the Australian Curriculum. I wish all students a relaxing and enjoyable break.

Milton Butcher, Principal



KIDS BOXFIT CLASSES

Boxing is a great way for your kids to have fun and gain confidence through the art of Boxing.

Need something for your kids to get involved in? Do they require improved confidence in school, or could they benefit from an activity to release all that pent-up energy?

Our boxing classes teach how to box in a safe environment keeping the kid's fit and healthy. It's a great way for your child to meet some new mates and join a team environment whilst gaining invaluable confidence along the way.

The class covers all the fun components of boxing & fitness - no contact or sparring.

Feel free to come along & view our gym before making a decision to join us.

Next course commencing: Saturday 27th of July
Running through school term 3

SATURDAY MORNINGS 9am to 10am

GIRLS AND BOYS 10 – 15 YEARS OLD

Course Trainer: TONY IOPPOLO
Tony has over 30 years of boxing experience.

COST \$139

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ADITL

A Day in the Life of a University Student

Friday 19 July
10am - 3pm

Registrations, tours and refreshments from 9:30am.
Prindiville Hall (corner of Mouat and Croke Streets)

What can I expect?

- Talk to current students
- Take part in lectures and activities
- Go on campus tours
- Lunch with other academic staff

A day for Year 10, 11 and 12 students to experience what university life is really like.

To book visit www.nd.edu.au/aditl or call 9433 0533

COMMUNITY NOTICES

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PRESENTED AS A SERVICE TO PARENTS, HOWEVER, MOUNT LAWLEY SHS DOES NOT RECOMMEND, ENDORSE OR PROMOTE THESE PROVIDERS.

NEED A BOOST TO YOUR MID-YEAR SCHOOL BUDGET?

The second payment of the Schoolkids Bonus is coming in July. If you are eligible you could receive up to \$205 for each primary student and up to \$410 for each secondary student.

You could receive the Schoolkids Bonus if you have a child in primary or secondary school and receive Family Tax Benefit Part A or you are a primary or secondary student receiving an income support payment.

If you think you are eligible and you haven't already updated your child's education details with Centrelink, then visit Online Services by 29 June 2013 to ensure you receive the correct amount and are paid on time.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaced the Education Tax Refund in January 2013 so eligible families cannot claim education expenses in their 2012-13 income tax return.

To ensure you receive the Schoolkids Bonus payment in July, check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus