PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

In the last fortnight school work continued, however, I guess if any Year 12 student was asked as to the highlight, the chorus would be the “School Ball”. Held last Friday, many Year 12 students, partners and staff enjoyed the social highlight of the year.

The ball was conducted at the Hyatt Hotel and attended by over 400. Thanks to Year 12 Co-ordinator, Mr Andy Outten for planning, managing and leading the event.

The staff at the Hyatt were complimentary with regard to the conduct of the students. This is also a factor of the expectations of the school and the value set of families. Congratulations to all students for their conduct at the School Ball, 2012.

Congratulations to the Belle and Beau of the Ball – Hollie and Eilia. Congratulations also to the “Cutest Couple” – Jade and Dennis, the “Best Dancer” – Matthew and the “Best Dressed” – Christian.

Over the forthcoming holiday period, two groups of students will undertake Foreign tours. A Languages group is travelling to Italy and the SVAPA/Music group will visit France and England. Thanks to parents who have assisted in the management of these events through completing forms, paying invoices and attending meetings. The students will no doubt have an enjoyable and informative study tour. Thanks to the staff for their assistance with the tours, especially the leaders, Mr Camilleri and Dr Irving. Both of these tours have now been approved through the Department’s formal processes.

Parent nights for prospective parents of the GATE Languages and SVAPA programs have also been held. For the Jazz Music program, it is not my intent to conduct meetings and such like due to the small number of available places. This will most likely be promoted later in the year when enrolments are called for 2013.

Elections for the School Board have also been decided. Thanks to those parents nominating and to all those who voted. Dr Jenny Fay has been elected as a parent representative for the next two years. The two student places will be held by Teleah (Year 11 – one year term) and Georgia (Year 10 – two year term). The staff have elected Mr Outten for the 2012-2013 period.

CONGRATULATIONS

Paras 9F2, has been selected for to compete in the upcoming Australian National Swimming Championships.

Paras recently returned from Wellington N.Z. after winning gold in the 1500 metres (14yrs age group) at the NZ National Age Group Swimming Championships.

Kaity 9F1, has selected to compete in the U15 National Athletics in Combined Events. The events’ are Long Jump, 200m, High Jump, 90m Hurdles, Shot Put, Javelin and 800m which occur over a 2 day period.

Cody 11H1 has been selected for the State Team to compete in the Junior National Cycling Competition in Melbourne

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 19 Monday School Board Meeting
March 21 Wednesday Whole School Arts Festival Day PM
March 23 Friday Photo Catch Up MORNING ONLY
March 25-27 Bush Ranger Cadet Camp Wellington
March 26 Monday P & C Meeting, Yr 12 Drama Production - The Visit
March 29 Thursday Yr8-12 Interim Report Parents Night 4-7pm
April 1 Saturday Italian Cultural Study Tour starts
April 4 Wednesday SVAPA UK/Paris Tour starts, LAST DAY OF TERM
April 5 Good Friday PUBLIC HOLiDAY
April 26 Thursday Students start School Term 2

A THOUGHT

Devx ex machina
(God from the machine)

Traditional Saying which relates to the sudden resolution of a conflict.
Congratulations to all new members of the Mount Lawley SHS School Board.

Mr Glenn Scott will continue as a community member and Mr Don Rowe, who has completed his term as a parent representative has likewise agreed to join as a community representative. Their continuing commitment is welcomed.

Attendance has been discussed in each Update this year. For the first month of the 2012 school year Years 8 – 10 all achieved a 90% attendance result – Year 10 just, however, the desired outcome was achieved. However, it is disappointing that both Year 11 and Year 12 fell below this benchmark. For Year 12 students, many preparing for WACE examinations, this attendance position is difficult to understand. Attending school is important and parents are asked to stress this point to their children.

There are also a number of students with outstanding notes. It is a legal requirement for parents to provide an explanation for an absence. Whilst absences should be minimised, when students are away, an explanation is required. This may be from a note, telephone call, SMS, email or personal explanation. These matters are important and I would ask that parents give attendance issues due consideration.

Milton Butcher, Principal.

ONLINE GAMING ADDICTION IN ADOLESCENTS

Online gaming is the fastest growing form of internet addiction. Adolescents can spend hours immersed in a virtual world. The impact of this issue can become widespread and can result in interruption to sleep patterns, physical health problems, social isolation and relationship breakdowns with family and peers.

Some of the warning signs are a preoccupation with gaming, lying about or hiding gaming use, loss of interest in other activities, and social withdrawal.

Recently I have been engaging students who have found that gaming is interfering with their abilities to focus on their schooling.

I am keen to work to address this gaming addiction with a small group of boys whose parents feel that their sons may be experiencing issues associated with gaming.

I have been approached by two university students who have developed a strength and fitness training program for students at Mt Lawley Senior High School. The boys would be guided through a variety of basic strength and fitness exercises designed to challenge and motivate them. Each week the training advances so as to give the students a sense of accomplishment. The purpose of the program is to enhance self-esteem and confidence whilst providing the physical benefits of regular exercise.

One of the students is a final year Law/Arts student at UWA and the other is a qualified personal trainer.

The program would run for 1 hour a week during school time. The outcomes would be centred on developing a healthy lifestyle, engaging the physical and mental benefits of a regular exercise program, and a chance to engage positively with others in a social context.

If any parents are interested in engaging their sons in this program, please ring my direct line at the school on 9471 0314 and I will contact you to talk about being part of the program.

David Greeshaw
Senior School Psychologist

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.

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 or Dale.Irving@det.wa.edu.au
BUS SMARTRIDERS
All Smart Riders have now been issued to ALL Year 8 students, any student who has not received one, please come to the Main Admin Building at Lunch 1 or Lunch 2 to order one.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS
A reminder for those students who were absent on School PHOTO DAY there will be a catch up on the morning on FRIDAY 23rd March.

It is only a MORNING SESSION and photographers will be leaving straight after lunch 2.

The Photographers will be in the Main Administration Staff Room and student will need to enter by the outside stairs.

A reminder also that the school group photographs will be taken during this time.

ALL NON SPORT Student Groups will need to have WHITE SHIRTS for the photographs.

The following groups will be photographed at the following times:

8.35  Debating Teams
8.45  Volleyball Teams
8.55  Head Boy & Head Girl
9.05  Councillors - 9 - 12
9.15  Prefects – 12
9.25  House Captains - 4
9.35  Year 10 GATE Class
9.45  Aboriginal Excellence
9.55  Follow the Dream Program
10.05  Basketball - Boys
10.15  Basketball - Girls
10.25  Netball one team…
10.35  Mock Trials Group

Parents will be given the opportunity to purchase these photographs with a special order form which will be given to students when the photographs are ready.

UNIFORM SHOP
Even though summer seems to be going on forever, the chilly mornings are not far away.

Beat the rush, order your winter uniform now.

Jumpers, jackets & long pants are in stock now.

Why not add not some style to your uniform with a lovely warm scarf, check it out at the Uniform Shop.

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CHINA
JOIN THE SCHOOL TOUR!
WAC E April Revision Program

> Will prepare students for First Semester Exams
> Available for Year 10, 11 and 12 students
> Small group classes
> Individual attention
> 10 hrs per subject (12 hrs per subject per day)
> Course includes: Exam Preparation, Revision of the Syllabus, Exam Techniques and Strategies (Study Skills)

“These courses are designed to boost students’ classroom confidence and improve exam results.”

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