



# MOUNT LAWLEY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

An Independent Public School

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This week has been a sad one for the school community with the unexpected death of Middle School Design and Technology teacher, Ms Julie Price. She fell ill last Friday night and was admitted to hospital, however, did not recover. Julie commenced at Mount Lawley SHS in 2011 after transferring from Goldfields College. She quickly established herself as a highly competent and skilled D&T teacher. She was held in the highest regard by both her colleagues and students. Julie was always in good cheer and worked behind the scenes with at-risk students, improving their attitude and engagement at school.

Last year she featured in a series of promotional activities to encourage girls to enter non-traditional trades. As a boilermaker she made a choice to change careers and enter teaching, however, she retained an interest in the trades and was always willing to provide tips on how to secure a career in the metals area. Sympathies are extended to her husband and daughters. We will miss her.

In response to this sad event, the school's crisis response plan was implemented with staff and students advised and support measures put in place. Parents were also advised through a letter taken home on Monday night. The school's response to support students was largely undertaken by School Psychologist, Mr Greeshaw, and School Chaplain, Mr Paul. This situation was managed smoothly and a review established that the response plan is acceptable.

Over the past two weeks we have also rehearsed several other emergency responses. These were the annual evacuation practice and lockdown. These measures are rehearsed in the case of a fire, gas leak or intruder. These are not situations that we want, however, prudence dictates responses are practised. It is pleasing to see that students respond positively to these measures and co-operate. Having good processes is important should they ever need to be used.

Last week the 2012 Honours Society assembly was conducted. This is an annual recognition of outstanding achievement over Years 11/12 by the inductees. Whilst the benchmark of 12 'A' grades remains, given VET courses and such like, this standard is flexible to reflect excellence in all school programs. This enables the recognition of students in VET and non-university pathways. The Honours Society is for recognising excellence in all programs and not only the academic stream.

### A THOUGHT

*Sometimes people carry to such perfection the mask they have assumed that in due course they actually become the person they seem.*

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**JULIE PRICE**  
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**1973 - 2012**

### CONGRATULATIONS



**Jordan** Congratulations on winning the Silver medal at the National under 18 Ice Hockey Championships in Adelaide and for receiving the Most Valued Player Award.



**Terrel** was selected in the Athletics Australia Under 19 Talent Squad for the 110m hurdles. Terrel will train in Melbourne and at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra. Watch out for him at the next Olympics in Rio 2016.



**Madeleine** was selected to attend Australian Under 17 Basketball Camp following her great performance in the Under 16 Basketball Championship in July. She is a girl of many talents also being an Under 16 Schoolgirls Volleyball player!



**Bruno** has been selected for the 2012 Junior State Squash Team to compete at the 2012 Australian Junior Championship to be held at Hobart, Tasmania. He is rated 4th in the WA Male 15 years ranking.

### EVENTS CALENDAR

**Monday 27 Aug** Prefect nominations open, P&C meeting  
School Production Week Commences

**Tuesday 28 August** Languages Parent meeting

**Thursday 30 August** Music Support meeting

**Sunday 2 September** Bush Ranger Cadet Camp

**Monday 7 September** Languages Week Commences

**Wednesday 5 September** SVAPA Parent meeting

**Friday 7 September** GATE Club 4



This year 13 students were accorded the honour of being inducted into the Honours Society. The students inducted were:



Gur-Ashish  
Rachel  
Santi  
David  
Katherine  
Khang  
Megan  
Jun Ho  
Mei Ing  
Danica  
Fiona  
Alanna (Absent)  
Nicholas (Absent)

Congratulations to all 13 on a significant personal achievement.

The special guest was 1992 Graduate and Honours Society member, Dr Jonathon Paxman. Dr Paxman, who also won a General Exhibition, spoke to the school assembly on his journey since school. He studied Engineering at UWA and after gaining his honours degree, studied for his doctorate at Cambridge University. Dr Paxman encouraged students to enjoy school, participate in activities of all types, complete volunteer work and study hard. He, himself, continues to enjoy music and conducts a choir at UWA. As a member of the 1992 Jazz Band he noted that one of their signature tunes "Moanin" was played at the assembly by Big Band! Small world it seems!

Additionally, a number of other students were recognised at the assembly. Congratulations to Jackson (Year 12) and James (Year 11) for being awarded Defence Technical Scholarships. Teleah, Ashleigh and Madeline received certificates acknowledging their participation in a German exchange program earlier in the year. Colours were awarded to Georgia, Aria, Lauren, Teleah, Rebecca and Isabella.

Special Certificates were awarded to Bradley for assisting a friend in a vehicle accident and to Telea for conducting a fund raising campaign and donating the proceeds to the School's sister school in Timor-Leste.

Casey, who was acknowledged in the last Update, was also congratulated by the school community for being the first Mount Lawley SHS student to win the Chinese National Bridge Speech competition. Whilst a number of Mandarin students have won places, Casey is the first winner. Hopefully, others will follow in his footsteps. Congratulations on his success.

Thanks to the parents who attended – your support is appreciated. Mr Michael Sutherland, MLA Member for Mount Lawley attended and assisted with presentations. Thank you.

Year 9 GATE languages student, Alexandra, is also commended. Alexandra was invited to address the delegates of the WACSSO Conference on Sunday last. She spoke on the topic of how she sees the future and how she, as a young person, is preparing for the unknown. She spoke maturely and impressed delegates with her thoughts and confidence in delivery. She was a credit to Mount Lawley SHS.

The Year 8 students acknowledged Book Week on Wednesday. This reinforces the value of reading, which is a vital student skill as well as one for life. A number of students chose to dress in their favourite character. It is a very colourful and inquiring day. Thanks to the library staff and the Year 8 communities.

Last week, on a very wet day, the Year 8 Carnival took place. Many students participated in a range of sports. They all reported the day was enjoyable and worthwhile.

August is the Festival month for Music students and a number of Ensembles are taking part. The results will be reported in the forthcoming Update.



# COMMUNITY

## ATTENTION MUSIC STUDENTS

If you need new Music Uniform items before the WAAPA concert on 14th Sept, please come to Uniform Shop before the end of August to ensure your requirements are available

Mt Lawley Uniform Shop  
Tel 9494 5763

Trading Hours Tuesday 8 - 11.30 Thursday 8 - 11.30



**Courtesy of the Generation Next website an informative article on managing anger in teenagers. follow the link to:**  
[www.generationnext.com.au/2012/08/tips-on-how-to-tame-anger-in-teenagers](http://www.generationnext.com.au/2012/08/tips-on-how-to-tame-anger-in-teenagers)

## Supporting Parents Forum

Are you a parent or someone who works with young people aged 12-25 years?  
Want a chance to talk to an expert about an issue in your young person's life?

An expo of service providers and guest presenters will address topics including:

- Accommodation
- Family/Parent Support
- Mental Health
- Employment/Education/Training
- Drug & Alcohol
- Disability

Monday 24 September 2012  
Wanneroo Library & Cultural Centre  
2.00pm – 7.00pm

Wednesday 26 September 2012  
Joondalup Reception Centre  
4.00pm – 8.00pm

To receive a copy of the program outlining the key note speakers and stall holders, contact the Community Programs Project Officer on 9405 5600 for the Wanneroo forum or the Youth Services Team Leader on 9400 4223 for the Joondalup forum.

### Tennis Excellence – Mt Lawley

is now offering tennis programs and private coaching at Mt Lawley Tennis Centre.

Experienced coach Eddie Borsboom provides quality tennis coaching for Kindergarten children through to adults and caters for all levels of experience.

For more information call the Tennis Excellence office on 1300 424 544 or visit [www.tennisexcellence.com.au](http://www.tennisexcellence.com.au).

## Dads Day Out

Sunday 2nd September  
10am-12pm

Glendale Primary School  
Glendale Ave, Hamersley

**Inviting all families to come along in celebration of fathers and father figures.**

**Cooked breakfast & refreshments**  
**Bouncy Castle & Mechanical Surfboard**  
**Animal Farm & Scitech**  
**Information stalls**

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Enquiries, please call Family Services: 9205 8555

## Child Protection Week 2012 FREE Community Event

Scitech & Bouncy Castle

Free sausage sizzle

Face Painting & Craft Activities

Info stalls & giveaways

### PLAY YOUR PART

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September**  
10.00am-1.00pm  
**Barry Britton Reserve**  
Cnr Balga Ave and Keenmore Dr, Balga

Please bring a water bottle and hat

## Northern Saints BASKETBALL CLUB Inc.

Junior Basketball competition ages 7 to 17 years  
**NORTHERN SAINTS BASKETBALL CLUB**

New season starts on SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> October 2012.  
Come down join a team lean to play basketball.

**Registration Days** 25<sup>th</sup> August & 1<sup>st</sup> September from 9.00am to 2.30pm.  
Girls & Boys Mixed competitions.

**At Altone Park Rec Centre**, Benara Road Beechboro.  
Enquiries: Registrations Officer Ian on 0417 974 179 or The President Peter on 0417 924 514.





# 2012 YEAR 12 HOUSE CAPTAINS



Congratulations to the following Year 12's for being selected to represent their School House Teams at the 2012 MLSHS Athletics Carnival on Tuesday September 18:

**O'Connor**

Terrel, Nicolette, Nicole & Max

**Murdoch**

Thomas, Alana, Alexander & Santi

**Hackett**

Jamie, Matthew, Kirsten & Cecilia

**Forrest**

Jade, Jacob, Sam & Rachael

## Scene. Around the school.

### Year 8 Book Character Day Children's Book Week 2012

On Wednesday The Middle school exploded with colours and characters as the Year 8's dressed up in their favourite book character. The participants paraded in front of their community and then preceded to the Library for group activities.



## Scene. At the Lightning Carnival.

### Year 8 on the move..

The Year 8 Lightning Carnival went off without a hitch despite the wet weather. Students were involved in a wide range of sports from soccer to football, netball to basketball and even lacrosse. All teams performed well and great sportsmanship was displayed.

