

MOUNT LAWLEY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL An Independent Public School

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Dear Parents, Caregivers, Students and Staff,

What a fabulous start we have had to the 2014 school year! Students were assembled in the gym before the appointed start time for our very first assembly. I can honestly say that I have never before experienced this in my teaching career! It says so much about the culture of Mount Lawley SHS and the enthusiasm of students and staff. A culture of connection and sharing, and rejoicing in learning in such a positive and harmonious environment.

Thank you to the Mount Lawley Senior High School community who have welcomed me so kindly. As I said to staff on our very first day together, I feel humbled, honoured, privileged and fortunate to have the opportunity to serve as principal of this wonderful school for 2014. While I have spent the past eleven years working in country locations in very different contexts from MLSHS, I am struck by how many aspects schools have in common, starting of course with the focus that we have on our students and encouraging them to be the best that they can be.

On that note, it is appropriate to celebrate the excellent results of our Year 12 cohort from 2013. Some of the highlights included:

- 1 student with an ATAR of 99 or higher.
- 39 students with an ATAR of 90 or higher.
- 49.47% of students with ATAR of 80 or higher.
- 1 Certificate of Distinction –Vocational Education and Training (VET).
- 8 Certificates of Commendation (20 'A' Grades or better over Year 11 and 12).
- 13 WACE subjects above the State average.
- 14 WACE subjects above the Like School average.
- 2 Top 10 subjects Engineering Studies and Media Production and Analysis.
- Attainment rate of 89%.

Congratulations to; Serafina Fong who achieved an ATAR of 99+ and a Certificate of Commendation; Lillian Dorn who achieved a Certificate of Distinction and to the seven other students who achieved a Certificate of Commendation: Ashlee Brown; Kayleen Butler; Peta Dunning; Lynne Huynh; Victoria Ko-Peternelj; Andre Simmonds and Ben-

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CONGRATULATIONS



Alumni Brendan Ameduri (Class of 2009) was the Assistant Director of a movie called 'Revive' which was the only WA finalist at the 22nd Tropfest Australia (World's Largest Short Film Festival) held in December 2013. 'Revive' was also the recipient of the People's Choice Award.

UNIFORM NEWS

Students who have ordered dresses & jackets are advised these are now ready to be picked up from the Uniform Shop.

NEW SCHOOL PHONE APP AVAILABLE ONLINE

A useful communication tool for parents, students, staff and the school community. Notifications can be sent directly to your phone by the school, and you can select which notices you would like to receive. Links to the school Calendar, website and newsletters. You can email or phone the school directly from the app. Absentee notification can be submitted either by SMS or a form.

Type in - Mt Lawley SHS in either iTunes Store or the Android Market



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jamin West. We will recognise them formally at our first assembly on 14 February.

It is very pleasing to note the improvement in our median ATAR which rose from 72% to 79%. Our goal is to improve on this for 2014, a goal which I am sure is achievable with the commitment of our students and staff!

As many of you would be aware, while graduation rate is an important measure, the standard by which schools are increasingly measured is the attainment rate. This means the percentage of students who exited school with either an ATAR of 55+ or a Certificate II. Our attainment rate for 2013 was 89% (an improvement on the 76% of 2012) and compares very favourably with like schools. There were twelve students who did not achieve a Certificate II or an ATAR of 55%. It has to be said that this limits their options post-school. Given that our aim is to maximise opportunities available to students post -school, we will be doing our utmost to ensure that every Year 12 student is placed in a pathway that not only matches their aspirations but matches with their capabilities. Staff at MLSHS are very experienced in counselling students and providing support. We are committed this year to doing everything possible to ensure that every Year 12 student exits Year 12 having satisfied the attainment criteria. I am confident that by working together as a team, we can do this. Please seek the advice of staff if you have any queries or concerns-they are only too happy to provide assistance in this regard.

REMINDER 2014 CHARGES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you to all the parents/guardians that have paid their child's Charges and Voluntary Contributions account.

We would like to remind those who have not yet paid that payment can be made at the Main Administration Office weekdays between 8:15am and 4:00pm using cash, cheque, credit card, EFTPOS or mailed to the school. ly, you may wish to pay direct to the school's bank account. as follows:

Mount Lawley Senior High School Commonwealth Bank

BSB: 00900116 Account number:

Please include your child's **full name**, Form class and a brief description eg Jones Tom 12H3 C&Cs.

Should you have any queries regarding your account or if you would like to discuss time payment options plea Mrs Raddiah Evans on 9471 0302. lease contact the school's Finance Officer

2014 SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME

- Eligible Parents/Guardians holding a current:

 Centrelink Family Health Care Card

 Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card

 Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card

are invited to submit their Secondary Assistance Scheme application. The application form must be completed at the school during Term 1.

- The allowance consists of two components:

 \$235 Educational Program Allowance paid directly to the
 - school. \$115 Clothing Allowance paid directly to the school or the parent/guardian

If you intend having the \$115 Clothing Allowance paid directly to you please bring along your Bank BSB and account number details.

Please see the school's Finance Officer, Mrs Sue Faranda, in the Main

CLOSING 4:00pm Friday, 11 April 2014

Please note: Late applications will only be accepted by the Department of Education in extenuating circumstances and must be accompanied with a written explanation

During the summer break we were advised that Mr David Beckwith had won a position at Denmark SHS. It is with regret that we will be farewelling him (he is currently on LSL). He led a strong team in English and the Year 12 results of 2013 are testament to his hard work and that of his team. Every good wish to David for his change in scenery (and temperature!) Mr Raphael will take up the reins of leading the English team, and the position of English leader will be formally advertised during Term 1.

Languages teacher Mr Peter Stotzer has advised us that he will be retiring in the near future and hence not returning to us in 2014. I am sure that we will be able to farewell Peter in a most fitting manner later in the year.

We welcome a number of new and returning staff: Sue Chadwick (Home Economics); Melissa- Sofija Frzop (English MS); Lynda Godfrey (Languages-Indonesian); Danielle McCabe (Ancient History-Italian SS); Terry Mitchelmore (MS Year Manager); Bette Parker (English SS); Anne-Maree Rowe (Maths MS). It is fabulous to have new faces and to welcome some more familiar ones.

As with all school years, there are some changes to which we need to adapt. This year we are once again undergoing a building program (so that we can accommodate our Year 7s in 2015) and making adjustments to school structures to ensure that we are best placed to provide every opportunity for our students to succeed across all domains of school life.

Finally, thank you to all staff and the executive team in particular for their professionalism and support. It has been a great start to the year. I am very much looking forward to meeting many more students and parents/caregivers at the many functions and events that we have during the year.





SVAPA AND MUSIC Parents/Guardians

It's 2014 and that means it's time to prepare for

Mount Lawley Senior High School's **Art Auction**

The Art Auction is a prestigious annual event held in June of each year. Last year we raised over \$20,000 which was distributed equally between the SVAPA and Music programs. This money provides essential funding for our very talented children.

This event is spectacular and a lot of fun. Come along and be part of an innovative team that strives to make a difference. We need YOUR help.

The first meeting is on Tuesday, 18 February 2014 7:30pm in the Main Administration Conference Room

Please park in the school's front carpark and head up the stairs after entering the Main Administration.

ooking forward to seeing you.

Sonja Davidson Art Auction Committee, Convenor

HOUSE SWIMMING CAPTAINS 2014

FORREST	O'CONNOR	MURDOCH	HACKETT
Peter	Liam	Nathan	Clay
Shaun	Joshua	Ciaran	Elliot
Samantha	Lauren	Paris	Georgia
Lauren	Matilda	Bianca	Emily



Parenting Adolescents

Perth Central & East Metro Medicare Local would like to invite you to attend our <u>FREE</u> community education seminar on Parenting Adolescents.

Many parents find bringing up their teens stressful, but it doesn't have to be. By attending this workshop you will gain some practical tips about managing tricky behaviour, learn how to avoid problems before they start, and find out about some useful local resources.

Naomi Ward is an experienced child and adolescent psychologist and will be presenting at the event. Time will also be available to ask Naomi questions relating to your children.

EVENT DETAILS

Date: Thursday 27th February 2014
Time: 10am-12:00pm
Venue: Guildford Landing

114 Swan Street Guildford, WA

Please complete registration details below or for further information, contact the MindCare Team on (08) 9376 9200 or email ataps@pcemml.org.au

Morning tea will be provided.

Parking will be available onsite and along Swan Street. Guildford and East Guildford Train Station are a 900m walk from the venue.

To RSVP email ataps@pcemml.org.au, phone 9376 9200, or	r complete below and fax to 6316 1470.
Name:	

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Number of Attendees: _____

Would you like to be informed about future events (please circle):

YES

NO



The following information is presented as a service to parents, however, Mount Lawley SHS does not recommend, endorse or promote these providers



Do you like playing in water? Are you able to swim? Would you like to paddle a slalom canoe? If the answer is 'Yes' then you may

be interested in the free 'Come and Try' morning at Ascot Kayak Club on Sunday 16 February from 9.30am to 11.30am.

The energetic and enthusiastic slalom kids at Ascot Kayak Club would like to share their love of slalom and are looking for fresh talent to try out for 2014. Girls and boys aged from 10 to 16 are welcome to come and try, no experience is necessary, but all should be enthusiastic, motivated and be a competent swimmer. We may also have a few places available for parents to try paddling, but Mums & Dads will need to book their spot beforehand.

Limited Numbers – so register NOW!

Please email - akcslalom@gmail.com

Jenny Vogel-Slalom WA Secretary - 0427 449824

Charlie Collin (Ascot Slalom junior intake coordinator) -

0411 237 931 or 08 9272 7228)

Slalom Kayaking is looking for new recruits - so Register NOW!

E PERFORMERS

FREE TRIAL CLASS FEBRUARY/MARCH

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL MENTION THIS FLYER FROM YOUR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER AND RECEIVE ONE TRIAL CLASS FREE

Producing Perth's finest talent for over 25 years PROVIDING YOUR CHILD WITH LIFE SKILLS INCLUDING CONFIDENCE, CO-ORDINATION, SOCIAL INTERACTION, TEAM-BUILDING

> CLASSES IN MUSICAL THEATRE, VOCAL TRAINING, HIP HOP, JAZZ, TAP, CLASSICAL BALLET, LYRICAL & ACROBATS

EXAMS AND COMPETITIONS OPTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC PERFORMANCE

TODDLERS TO ADULTS

- Friendly atmosphere
- Qualified Teachers under direction of Leanna Del Basso
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 - Osborne Park

Current and graduate students now performing in National & International musicals, stage productions, TV commercials, mini-series and films.

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tanya@vogueperformers.com.au

45 Edward Street Osborne Park



Back to School?

Parents are reminded to park safely around schools.

Please:

- . Be mindful of children and parents walking or cycling to school, those catching buses or waiting to be picked up
- Exercise caution, courtesy and patience
- Allow time to pick up and drop your child off.

The City's officers will be patrolling schools during peak times.

Understand the parking signs to avoid a fine.

DIANELLA SC IS LOOKING FOR PLAYERS OF ALL AGES TO JOIN OUR FAMILY FUN IN 2014

WHEN:

SEASON 2014 REGISTRATION

Penalties will apply

www.stirling.wa.gov.au

School Parking

Areas in and around schools present potential parking problems as there may be speeding motorists, busy roads and limited parking bays.

Offences include:

- Parking over footpaths
- Blocking driveways
 Parking in a No Stopping or No Parking area
- Double parking
- Parking on a verge without the owner's consent
- Parking facing the wrong way.

Remember

- also an offence to stop or park a vehicle
- Within ten metres of an intersection/corner (without traffic control signals)
- On a median strip or traffic island So that any portion is within a bus zone

How can parents help?

- Walk or cycle to school when dropping off or collecting children
- Park nearby and walk a short distance to the school
- Plan your trip so you arrive on the school side of the road
- Avoid leaving your vehicle for long periods Adhere to signage at all times
- Form a School Road Safety committee (contact your principal and P&C)
- Use public transport
- Slow down around schools and be aware

How can schools help?

- Educate students about parking procedures around the school
- Encourage children to educate their parents and carers on safe school parking Establish a **supervised** Kiss-n-Ride facility or traffic policy, which can be published for the reference of all parents and carers.
- Notify parents of any problems via school newsletters and at assemblies.

The City of Stirling Officers conduct regular school parking patrols during school times and are happy to help with any parking concerns your school may have. We can attend your school to remind parents about safe parking and follow up



No stopping areas

No Stopping areas

No Stopping areas can be defined by signage or a continuous yellow line painted along the edge of a road. A driver is not permitted to stop on a length of road, or in an area, to where no stopping restrictions apply. Vehicles may only stop in these zones to comply with other regulations (for example at traffic lights or to avoid an accident). Drivers are not permitted to drop off passengers or goods in No Stopping areas.

Double parking

A driver must be so that any portion of the vehicle is between any other stopped vehicle and the centre of the road.



Example

In the example, the vehicle B is stopped in contravention of this regulation.

Parking DOs and DON'Ts

DON'Ts

- Park on footpaths
- Obstruct children's crossings Park on a verge without consent

Go to the school websitewww.lawley.wa.edu.au for the next few pages

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2014

1.00pm - 3.00 pm Clubrooms, Yokine Reserve

Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine



COMMUNITY NOTICES

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INGLEWOOD UNITED SOCCER CLUB

REGISTRATION DAY 8th February 2014

Free sausage sizzle between 9am-11am sponsored by

Osborne Park Branch

Bendigo Bank

Age Groups 6's - 11's & 12's - 18's Community Squads. **Time:** 9am-12noon **Venue:** Intiga Stadium 88 Hammer Parade Inglewood

TUART HILL JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB

Our Club Information/Registration Day is on Sunday 9th February between 10am to 12pm at the Tuart Hill club room at Woodchester Reserve, Woodchester Road, Nollamara.

Places are available in all age groups from U/6 to U/18s.

Our focus is on giving children of all abilities the opportunity to play in a team sport for fun and enjoyment.

For further information, please contact Angie on 0416 267567 or email Angie@tuarthillsoccer.com."

FLOREAT ATHENA JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB

Positions available for our 2014 season. U/6 to U/16

(NPL positions for U12 & U16 still available)

Come along to our registration days and become part of a historic premiership football club.

We invite all players of all ability to play the great game of football (Soccer) Sunday 9th & 16th Feb 11.00 - 2.00pm.

Tuesday 11th Feb 4.30-8.00pm

(Please note registration forms must be completed, full fees are payable on the day and photos and ID are required for new players 12 years and

Visit our website to download registration forms www.floreatathenafc.com.au

Enquiries welcome at: juniors@floreatathenafc.com.au

Extra Support during the year WACE Help Weekend Classes, Yr 11 – 12 Master Classes & Yr 7 -10 Saturday classes



Master Classes: Starting the week beginning 9th February master classes: Starting the week beginning 9 "February." Power your way to excellence at school and in your exams. Be inspired by expert subject specialist teachers, gain fresh insights into subject concepts and polish your work to achieve maximum marks. These weekly small group classes follow a specific teaching program and are available on various days at our Applecross Centre and Perth Modern School, Subiaco.

WACE Help Weekend Classes: Starting 15th February.

Get the help you need each week in these small lutorial groups. Taught by experienced teachers dedicated to improving your academic performance, these small group sessions allow you to ask questions, get individual support and strengthen your understanding. Various times and courses of study available. Saturday classes are available at Rossmoyne SHS and Churchlands SHS, Sunday classes available at Perth Modern School.

Yr 7, 8, 9 & 10 Saturday Classes: Starting 15th February
Receive extra support to help achieve success in English and Maths. Experienced teachers will work
with you to build your skills and understanding in a small group. Classes available at Rossmoyne SHS and Churchlands SHS, various times available.

Phone: (08) 9314 9500



CADEMIC Enrol Now: www.academictaskforce.com.au Email: <u>learn@academictaskforce.com.au</u>

ACHIEVE SUCCESS AT SCHOOL ACHIEVE SUCCESS IN 2014

Female Soccer Players Wanted



Balcatta Soccer Club welcomes new female members for the 2014 Season in the following age groups:

U13'S U14'S U15'S U17'S

Come and join in the continued success of our superior Girl's Programme where we offer a genuine pathway to Professional Senior Football.

2013 U17 Premier Team *League Champions *Top 4 Grand Final Winners *Cup Champions

2013 U15 Premier Team *League Top 4 Placed *Top 4 Grand Finalists *Cup Runner's Up

2013 U14 Div 1 Team *League Runner's Up *Top 4 Grand Finalists *Cup Champions

At Balcatta Soccer Club we are continually looking to improve and develop our players through our tailored Girl's Programme working closely with our Academy Coaches whilst maintaining a positive, fun and progressive team environment.

Registrations can be done either online by visiting www.balcattasc.com.au or email us at admin@balcattasc.com.au Alternatively Registration Day is at our Club Rooms, Grindleford Reserve, Grindleford Drive, Balcatta this Sunday, February 9th from 9.00 am till 12 noon.

For any questions please contact Paul Tana on 0412 207 077 (mobile) or paul.tana70@gmail.com (email)

INTERESTED IN AN EXCITING CHALLENGING TEAM WINTER SPORT?

Want to be part of a club

Voted "Best Junior Club 2013" by Rugby WA

Voted "Best Sporting Club 2013" by the City of Bayswater

Perth Bayswater Rugby Union Club is the first club in the Perth Metropolitan Area in rugby to achieve **Good Sports Accreditation**

> The oldest, most well established rugby club Participation in rugby in WA skyrocketed by 26.65% in 2013

THEN

PERTH BAYSWATER RUGBY UNION CLUB

WANTS YOU!

We offer rugby union as a team sport and no child is left out, there is a position on the field for every child

We foster a multicultural team environment for all children of all iges to engage in the sport of rugby union.

We pride ourselves in providing a club that is a safe family-friendly environment for young and old.

Ruaby union is

governed by strict safety guidelines

set down by the Australian Ruaby

Our coaches are fully accredited and attend regular training and accreditation programs, provided by Rugby WA

conducive to promotina the sport to all its members.

Union. We pride ourselves on doing Ensuring training is effective and effective

THE BEST WITH PRIDE

For all junior registration enquiries contact:

junior.registrar@perthrugby.com.au

Registration Dates: Saturday 8th February and Saturday 15th February 2014