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MOUNT LAWLEY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL An Independent Public School

LAWLEY UPDATE 13 Term 3 No. 4 2015

In May, Year 7 and Year 9 students sat the annual NAPLAN regime of literacy/numeracy tests. The results of the tests are now available. The individual student reports have been provided to families.

The school's performance was very creditable, with the mean scores above both the state and nation in all tests.

Test	Year 7			Year 9		
Area	National	WA	MLSHS	National	WA	MLSHS
Numeracy	543	538	569	592	596	625
Reading	546	542	565	580	585	618
Writing	546	542	567	583	584	620
Spelling	541	536	569	568	571	611
Grammar and Punctua- tion	511	506	532	546	552	599

Compared to like (similar schools) Mount Lawley SHS performed very well. Writing, in particular, remains a strong suite for the school.

In terms of value add or improving student performance from one test cycle to the next, in Year 9, the school achieved a positive result in all English areas. In numeracy, the value add, given the consideration of the difference in the national and student scores, was -9. Writing was +22. For the number of students at or above the minimum standard, all areas in Year 9 showed an improvement over 2014.

The Year 7 results were also of a good standard with the 3 key areas of Numeracy, Reading and Writing showing a positive value add from Year 5. Again, as with Year 9, for all areas, over 90% of the cohort were above or at the minimum standard.

The second round of OLNA testing for Years 10/11 students for 2015 has also concluded. This is to establish the minimum requirements in terms of skill level to meet the requirements of the 2016 and beyond Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE). The results will be made available next term.

There are six opportunities to achieve OLNA over Years 10 - 12. It only needs to be sat by those students who did not achieve a Level 8 in NAPLAN. The school conducts preparation work for students needing to sit the series.

The Year 11 students enjoyed the annual Mocktail party for 2015. This is their social event for the year and there was a very good turnout. Student behaviour and conduct was at the expected standard and their co-operation facilitates staff preparedness to attend and provide the duty-of-care for the event to be offered.

Last week a team of Year 11 girls won the School Sport volleyball championship. Congratulations to Georgia, Elysse, Mathilda, Jamie, Dimity, Mikayla and Suci for their sporting success. The



CONGRATULATIONS

Austen 11M3, Josh 11F3 Griffin 11F3

are members of a band called J.A.G who received third place, in the Gozzy Rock Band Competition, run by the City of Gosnells. They also won the Encouragement Award, which consists of prize money and a recording session for their original songs.

There were 18 bands in the competition, 12 were selected for the first heat, 6 were selected for the final, the following weekend and J.A.G, were the youngest band in the competition. *Links*:

http://thehive.net.au/band/j-a-g/ https://www.facebook.com gozzyrockbandcomp



Peri 1101 was awarded Second Place in the Upper Secondary Category, Years 10, 11 & 12 for the Tim Winton



Award for Young Writers held by the City of Subiaco. This award encourages creativity and imagination, and is a great opportunity to develop writing skills. There were 1800 writers who entered the competition. Congratulations Peri.



Winners of Year 11 Indoor Volleyball Schools Cup, Georgia 11H3, Elysse 11H3, Mathilda 11H3, Jamie 11F2, Dimity 11O3, Mikayla 11F3 and Suci 11H2.

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team was managed and supervised by a parent, Ms Tanya Hislop. Thanks to Ms Hislop for taking on this responsibility as this enabled the team to enter and compete in the competition.

This Update is the last one prior to the Year 12 Semester 2 examinations. They take place over the last week of term and during the second week of the holiday break. The WACE practical examinations for students studying subjects such as Languages, Physical Education, Music and Drama are scheduled in the first week. It is critical that students completing a WACE practical examination attend on time and at the correct location.

With Year 12 students shortly to complete courses, it is essential that students complete all assessments and finalise work. There are a number of students who are behind in completing tasks, including certificates. These must be completed to maximise scores and grades. The support of parents is sought.

On the other side of the coin, there are many students working well. Teachers offer revision classes at lunch times, before and after school and even on Saturdays. The efforts of teachers are acknowledged and students should take very effort to attend and maximise their results.

Congratulations are also extended to the place getters in the Italian State Speech competition. In Year 7, Phoebe was the winner with Olivia, second. In Year 8, Kosara, and in Year 9 Donia, also placed second in their year group. Eccellente result.

Year 12 student, Alex, has returned from representing Australia in the 2015 Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) World Junior Track Championships. The competition was held in Kazakhstan. Alex, and his team mates, qualified in first place for the gold medal ride off in the under 19 men's team pursuit. Their victorious ride, against the Swiss team, saw them across the line five seconds ahead of the challenger. Congratulations on an inspiring win.

I will take this opportunity to advise parents that for the last week of Term 3 and for the first week of Term 4, I will be on Defence leave in Townsville. Mr Johnston will be point of contact for Senior School matters and Ms Simon, Middle School. Mr Camilleri will act for me as Principal of the school.

In closing this Update I wish all Year 12 students the best for the forthcoming school examination series and all families a relaxing break. School, for students, resumes on Tuesday, 13 October 2015.

Milton Butcher, Principal

NATIONAL SCHOOLS OPINION SURVEY FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS

Mount Lawley Senior High School has sent out the 2015 National Schools Opinion Survey to its parents, students and staff. This survey should have reached you by email and gathers data to which schools can reflect and make improvements. The School Survey was developed by Education Services Australia (ESA) on behalf of the Australian Government Department of Education, as agreed by Commonwealth, state and territory ministers for education through the Standing Council on School Education and Early Childhood (SCSEEC).

SCSEEC acknowledged the importance to schools, schooling systems and jurisdictional authorities of gathering and analysing school opinion information and changes to that information over time. SCSEEC approved the use of agreed student and parent survey items by schools and schooling systems and made provision for a **survey and data collection tool that schools could use to collect responses**.

The survey should only take a few minutes and we encourage everyone to complete it. Michael Camilleri, Associate Principal



CONGRATULATIONS

Alex 12H2

Has just won the 2015 World Junior Track Championships Gold medal (world championship) Under 19 Men - Team Pursuit in Astana, Kazakhstan.

The Australian under 19 men's team have won this highly esteemed event for six years running (so there is huge pressure not to be the team that relinquishes the crown) The Australians qualified first and rode in the Gold medal ride off against the Swiss team - beating them by five seconds in the final.





SCHOOL PSYCH CORNER IVA FILIPOVSKA, SENIOR SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

HOW TO CONTACT THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST at MOUNT LAWLEY SHS

If you need to contact the School Psychologist regarding your child, please discuss your concerns with the relevant Community Team Leader or Year Coordinator in the first instance.

The Community Team Leader or Year Coordinator will refer your concerns to our Student Services Coordinator and these will be discussed and triaged in our relevant Students At Educational Risk (SAER) meetings.

If it is deemed that the School Psychologist needs to be involved in the case management of your child, the Team Leader or Year Coordinator will schedule a meeting with you to discuss an action plan further.



















YEAR 9 CAMP

Nearly 200 students participated in an extremely successful Year 9 Camp during Week 7. The camp provided an opportunity for all students and teachers to get away from our classrooms and head down to beautiful Waroona. The magnificent forest and beautiful green scenery provided the perfect setting for students to spend time with their old friends, forge new friendships, and to improve their relationships with their teachers.

The focus for camp was about students getting out of their comfort zone or 'paradigm' (as it was referred to on camp) and challenging themselves in all sorts of ways. Many students were challenged enough just to have to get into the kitchen and do some dishes while, for other students, it meant challenging themselves on the incredibly scary Pamper Pole or abseiling down the 20m abseiling tower.

It was very exciting to be part of a school camp where the 'vibe' was so positive and where everybody obviously enjoyed themselves so much. Every student and staff member made a very positive contribution to an outstanding camp that had so many benefits for all who participated.

















ROAD SAFETY COMMISSION

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CHILDREN - PEDESTRIANS

Children's vulnerability as road users is centred around their cognitive and perceptual abilities which are not fully developed until young adulthood.

Children are at risk on the roads because they:

- are small and can't see over parked cars
- can't be seen easily by drivers
- are energetic and have trouble stopping at corners
- have trouble judging the speed of cars reliably
- tend to focus on what is in front of them

• may behave differently when they are out with other children, forgetting about traffic may freeze if they find themselves in the path of a car, rather than jump out of the way

Children are passengers, pedestrians, cyclists and users of small wheeled vehicles like skateboards. Their road safety skills change over time, and they face different dangers at different points in their development.

Most crashes involving child pedestrians and vehicles are the result of errors made by the children.

CHILDREN - CYCLISTS

Most cycling injuries occur on public roads and don't involve another vehicle, but occur when children fall off their bikes.

The figures for cyclist deaths in Western Australia vary, but the overall pattern is one in which, on average, roughly 40% of the people who died were aged under 20.

For young cyclists, a footpath or shared path is the best place to ride. It is legal for children under 12 to ride on the footpath, but it is important to be aware that driveways are dangerous.

Everyone must wear approved cycling helmets that meet Australian standards and fit correctly at all times while riding. Head injuries are the main cause of death and disability for cyclists. The wearing of helmets significantly decreases the chances of serious injury in the event of crashes, so it is important that you ensure your children wear a helmet at all times whilst cycling, rollerblading or skateboarding.

CHILDREN - OTHER WHEELED DEVICES

Rollerskaters, skateboarders and scooter riders are legally allowed to use footpaths and shared paths. They must keep to the left and give way to pedestrians. Scooters, rollerbladers, inline-skaters and skateboarders can use roads but only in daylight hours on local roads that do not have white lines or median islands and which have speed limits of 50 km/h or less. These road users must keep to the left.

Helmets are recommended for the safety of rollerskaters, skateboarders and scooter riders.



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Maritime Day, Victoria Quay Saturday 31 October, 10am-4pm

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Maritime Day expo celebrates the maritime industry in the working Port of Fremantle, and provides information about maritime jobs and education.

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There will be up to 40 information booths in B Shed, Royal Australian Navy displays, tugs for visitors to explore, free harbour rides, free entertainment and great food.

For more information, contact Jane Edwards on 9430 3373, or email:

ane.Edwards@fremantleports. com.au











FREE SKATEBOARDING CLINIC

CURE SCHOOL HOLIDAY BOREDOM!

The City of Vincent and Skateboarding WA present Free Skate Clinics these school holidays;

Sunday 11 October 3pm – 5pm Leederville Skatepark

We provide all the equipment, all you need to do is turn up. For more information, contact Bek on 9273 6043



TWILIGHT TOUR DATES

Wednesday 21 October 2015, Wednesday 9 December 2015 Time: 5.30 pm to 7.15 pm Meeting Point: Building 211; Room 222 Curtin University, Kent Street, Bentley

http://news.curtin.edu.au/events/twilight-campus-tours/?utm_source=rnm-1392&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=um-corp-twilight-tour





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- the refugee experience
- the changing status of men
- family and domestic violence
- intergenerational conflict

Reviewing our own practice and developing an enhanced response:

- Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs addressing multiple needs
- Resilience the factors that support successful settlement
- Strength Based Practice how to identify and build on family strengths

WEST LEEDERVILLE 22 Southport Street, cnr Cambridge Street				
Wednesday, 23 September 2015				

Time: 9.30am-4.30pm Fee: \$165

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SEPTEMBER

ONE NIGHT SEMINARS

22 Southport Street, West Leederville 6.30-9PM

MUMS RAISING TEENAGE GIRLS This seminar helps mothers to better understand their daughters and the challenges they go through during puberty and helps them to better equip their daughters to be happy and strong individuals	DATE: 21 September DAY: Monday COST: \$25
MUMS RAISING TEENAGE BOYS For teenage boys the relationship they have with mother has long term implications including how relate to others, particularly to girls and women.	DATE: 22 September DAY: Tuesday COST: \$25
Transform your Relationship with MINDFULNESS People who practice mindfulness in their daily lives are more likely to respond in a loving way rather than automatically reacting.	DATE: 23 September DAY: Wednesday COST: \$25
DADS RAISING TEENAGE GIRLS This workshop helps dads understand the changes occurring in their teenage daughters and offers ways to help them navigate this difficult time and encourage them to make good choices.	DATE: 24 September DAY: Thursday COST: \$25

Please phone 9489 6322 to enrol



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In order to write fluently, students need to develop a combination of complex skills to the point of automaticity. This requires the contribution of a number of neurological processes and a teaching approach that is grounded in current research knowledge. Participants in this workshop will examine the underlying cognitive processes implicated in the acquisition of writing and will review current research evidence on effective writing instruction and remediation.

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Presenter: *Mandy Nayton* is the Executive Officer of DSF Literacy and Clinical Services. She is an educational and developmental psychologist and qualified teacher with extensive experience in the field of literacy education. Mandy supports schools with literacy planning and recommends appropriate classroom-based and individual strategies for struggling students.

Where: **DSF Literacy Services -** 10 Broome Street SOUTH PERTH (off Douglas Avenue)

Date:	Thursday 17 th September 2015	Time:	9.00am – 3.00pm
	(Note: Lunch is provided. Please inform us of any special dieta		

Cost (GST Inclusive): Members: \$165 Non-Members: \$175

PLEASE NOTE: Payment is required prior to the date of the Professional Learning Course in order to secure attendance. If school is paying, please present this form to the registrar to arrange payment, as this form is the tax invoice for the Professional Learning Course. Please also fax a copy to DSF on 9217 2599 or post it to DSF Literacy Services, PO Box 409, South Perth WA 6951

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Please register me to attend: The Psychology of Writing				Course Code: 215W			
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CANCELLATION POLICY

DSF Literacy Services has a 'no refund' policy. The exception would be when a Professional Learning Course had to be cancelled by the Foundation. All other requests for cancellation will be invited to re-register for another session. Late cancellation (less than 48 hrs) will necessitate the Foundation deducting an administration fee of \$25.00 and transferring the balance to another Professional Learning Course.