

MOUNT LAWLEY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL An Independent Public School

LAWLEY UPDATE 4 Term 1 No. 5 2016

The last two weeks had an obvious highlight - the School Ball. Held on the evening of Friday, 18 March 2016 it was well supported by Year 12 students. It was a very enjoyable event.

Thanks are extended to Ms Tempone, Mr Hudson and the Prefect group who undertook the bulk of the work to ensure the evening was a great success. Most students had an official photograph taken and these will be available shortly.

The awards made at the Ball were:

- Best Suit Martin
- · Best Dress Dimity
- Best Dancer Girl Lily
- Best Dancer Boy Tim
- Most Dashing Griffin
- Most Elegant Joanna
- Cutest Couple Xavier and Maddy
- Beau of the Ball Theo
- · Belle of the Ball Nikki

Mount Lawley SHS has been in operation since 1955 and has now served the local community for 61 years. It boasts an impressive alumni and connecting the alumni to the school was mainly conducted by school Chaplain, Mr Andrew Paul. Mr Warren Daniel, Class of 1965, and a long serving English teacher has accepted the opportunity to work as the Alumni Co-ordinator. He has been active in organising records and is now seeking to establish a revamped record of former students. He intends to establish a newsletter and look to ways to connect better the school and its alumni. Mr Paul intends to finish his very impressive Alumni video by completing the several years that are currently vacant.

The Round 1, 2016 OLNA series of tests in English and Mathematics has now concluded. Success in OLNA, either by passing the test or achieving Band 8 in Year 9 NAPLAN is a requirement to meet the literacy and numeracy standards of Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) 2016. Students in Years 10 - 12 must sit OLNA if they have yet to satisfy WACE requirements. The next opportunity, if needed, is in September.

Students must take OLNA seriously and Year 9 students should note if they gain Band 8 in NAPLAN in Numeracy, Reading and Writing, they do not need to sit OLNA. This will hopefully inspire mid-range students to reach Band 8. The school's NAPLAN preparation program, that balances preparation for the test and the curriculum, is in place in the weeks leading up to testing period in Term 2, Week 3 (commencing Tuesday, 10 May 2016). Parents of students in Years 7 and 9 have been provided with information on NAPLAN through their children. The information set outlines the details of the test. This will also be placed on the school's website.

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CONGRATULATIONS







Nick 9H6, Will 9O6, and Dominic 10O1 have been selected to participate in the 2016 All Nations Team and will be competing in the AFL National Dversity Championships to be held in Townsville this week. They will be one of 22 Multicultural players representing Western Australia. This is an elite athlete program for boys aged 15 years or less. This Talent Pathway may allow the boys to to selected to represent Australia in the World Team program which is a national AFL initiative.



Jett 8F3, a Triton Club member (Goalie) has been selected to represent Western Australia in the U14 National Waterpolo Championships held in Queensland.



Ethan 8H3, a Triton Club member has been selected to represent Western Australia in the U14 National Waterpolo Championships held in Queensland. After the Waterpolo Championships Ethan will compete in the National Swimming Championships held in Adelaide.

A THOUGHT

You are always a student, never a Master. You have to keep moving forward. Conrad Hall

Please support our Green initiative by reading the rest of this Update online at P & C Website http://mlshspc.org.au or on school website www.lawley.wa.edu.au

The current Year 12 cohort is the first group of satisfy the requirements of WACE 2016. Students must complete either a university pathway or a Certificate II. In most cases, it is a very sensible course of action for a university aspirant to complete a Certificate. It gives options post-school and completing a Certificate at school is much less expensive than one as a school leaver. Fees at TAFE or private providers are much higher than for school students studying a Certificate II.

The school will present an information session on the WACE requirements - "Demystifying WACE" on the evening of Wednesday, 6 April 2016. Whilst the audience is primarily parents of Year 10 and Year 11 students, parents of younger students need to appreciate the new requirements for senior schooling.

The requirements for WACE achievement from 2016 onwards are currently:

- Demonstrate a minimum standard of literacy and numeracy (OLNA).
- Complete a minimum of 20 units (10 yearlong courses) or equivalent:
 10 units (5 yearlong courses must be at Year 12 level).
- -2 completed Year 11 English units and one pair of completed Year 12 English units.
- −1 pair of units (one yearlong course) from each of List A & List B.
- Achieve 14 'C' grades (or equivalents) in Years 11/12 units including 6 'C' grades in Year 12 (or equivalents).
- Complete at least 4 Year 12 ATAR courses (not counting unacceptable combinations) or complete a Certificate II or higher qualification.

Whilst the above summarises WACE 2016, there are a number of complexities and intricacies that parents need to be mindful of in subjects for Years 11/12. School staff are able to outline these requirements. Parents also need to be mindful that if students select a university pathway and do not succeed in Year 11, through insufficient 'C' grades, gaining secondary graduation and the Western Australian Certificate of Education is very problematic. It is for this reason, parents should listen to staff and ensure a Certificate course is selected.

Included in this newsletter is some information from School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA) on the Western Australian Statement of Student Achievement. The notice will also be placed on the school's website. This is issued to Year 12 students on completion of studies. It is not the WACE but a separate statement.

This Update also contains information the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data for students with a disability. Providing this data is a requirement of the Commonwealth government, however, no personal information (student details) are provided. The collection period is in August. If your child has recently been diagnosed with a disability or diagnosis of a learning need, please advise Ms Claire Morrison so that this can be dealt with within the school and records adjusted.

On Friday, 8 April 2016, the last day of Term 1, the school will conduct the annual ANZAC Day observance. It will include a presentation by Years 7-9 Gifted and Talented students on Mount Lawley ANZACs who were killed during the war in 1915

NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY

All Schools in Australia are required to participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) on school students with disability every year.

The Data Collection is an annual count of the number of students with disability receiving educational adjustments to support their participation in education on the same basis as students without disability.

All education agencies are now required under the Australian Education Regulation 2013, to provide information on a students' level of education, disability and level of adjustment to the Australian government's Department of Education. Data is in terms of the names of children and the school de-identified prior to its transfer. Information about the different types of needs and the programs and resources the school uses to overcome barriers and support children with special educational needs will be reported.

The collection of this information from states and territories will inform future policy and program planning in relation to students with disability.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on 9471 0300 or the Western Australian Department of Education NCCD Helpline on 0477 741 598. http://det.wa.edu.au/supportforschools

and 1916. This has been a project conducted in consort with the Mount Lawley Society and the Rotary Club of Heirisson. Parents are welcome to attend the assembly.

Milton Butcher, Principal

ECONOMICS: CHOOSE YOUR PURCHASE BEFORE THEY CHOOSE YOU – FINANCIAL LITERACY AT MLSHS!

The Year 10s had an insightful and a very entertaining financial literacy session conducted by Start Smart, sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank.

Ms. Lulame Azele from Start Smart conducted highly interactive workshop challenges students to ask 'why?' before they buy. By exploring the sometimes overwhelming influences that affect their decisions as consumers, students are equipped with practical spending strategies to help save money. Smart Spending inspires students to make responsible and discern-

ing personal financial decisions. The students enjoyed hour-long sessions and participated wholeheartedly. Hopefully, this will make them a smart consumer and curb impulse buying.

Ms Sunila Singh





Parent Newsletter Article SUPPORTING SCHOOL DIARY,

With the DIARY EXTRACT FOR THE WEEK

Funded by School P & C. Source: The Learning Curve

WEEK 9 – PLANNING & TIMELINES

Wellbeing Element: Skills & Achievement

Character Strength: Perseverance

Wellbeing Fitness Challenges: Years 7-9 – Values Living 10-12

- Brain Stretch

Students' Personal Timetables serve the purpose of

- organising their time to do what they have to do
- but they also need to learn how they are going to organise that time to complete what they have to do
- learning how to plan and set timelines is the growth mindset they need to overcome these challenges

Students need to set timelines for tasks such as:

- completing unfinished learning from the school day.
- practising further subject material to reinforce and consolidate the concepts in their minds. (If they can do it at home on their own, then they know it.)
- connecting with and applying new knowledge learned to new situations.
- revising what they have learnt in order to store it in their long term memory tanks to retrieve later for exams/tests and other situations.
- reviewing notes from class in a structured manner; timelines are a must here.
- going off on tangents which interest them and investigating new possibilities to explore and experiment with.
- reading, researching, evaluating, reflecting, thinking and imagining. Being able to plan and set timelines to accomplish what they set out
- broadens and engages their attention by connecting them with themselves and the moment.
- reduces anxious feelings.

"People with purpose create their own lives." Michael Morgan



WEEK 10 – FAMILY TEAMWORK

Wellbeing Element - Relationship and Optimism

Character Strength - Love

Wellbeing Fitness Challenges: Years 7-9 - Strengths Spotting-Years 10-12 - Bright & Light

When students enjoy transparent, honest and caring relationships with their families, they are

- happy in themselves and approach what they do positively
- in a position to make the most of family teamwork

Well functioning families look for what they are doing well

- a great exercise for families is for its members to do the free Character Strengths Survey at www.viacharacter.org
- then each member will know their top strengths
- and conversations can be about how they can use their strengths to achieve what they set out to

Receiving and accepting feedback from family on how they are travelling

- enables students self-assess and then set self-expectations to live
- they need regular developmental, non judgemental feedback.

The adolescent brain is a turbulent place, with the good decision making centre, the Pre-frontal Cortex, not completely wired up as such, while they can create emotions just like adults, they don't yet have the capabilities to consistently control them. This often leads to any feedback to be seen by them as criticism.

The key is to treat all of their activities equally; an over emphasis on school fires the turbulence in their brains up, discuss how they can use their individual strengths overcomes this.

> "All for one and one for all." **Alexandre Dumas**



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FOLLOW THE DREAM: PARTNERSHIP FOR SUC **CESS. MOUNT LAWLEY OUTREACH PROGRAM** ECU/WAAPA EXCURSION Wednesday March 23

The first excursion for the Follow the Dream Outreach program 2016 was ECU and WAAPA Mount Lawley. 19 students from 9 schools attended this excursion to experience the Mt Lawley campus and all it has to offer.

Dr Noel Nannup welcomed us to Country and spoke to us later in the day of the Noongar heritage, spirits and the atrocities that occurred to Aboriginal people on Rottnest Island in past times. Several of these students will be heading to Rottnest Island on a Cultural camp at the beginning of the school holidays so it was important for to have an understanding of this. As the day progressed, we learnt about the courses offered at ECU, the support structures through Kurongkurl Katitjin and we experienced first hand the Aboriginal theatre course at WAAPA, with a little help from past FTD student Demi Bennett. All in all a great day giving the students plenty to think about.







INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING AWARDS



Interschool Swimming Team Captains, Suci & Nicholas.

The school won the Interschool Swimming Meritorious Shield for the first time this award is calculated on the size of the school divided by the number of swimming points gained.



Our school Interschool Swimming Champions & Runner's Up. CHAMPIONS: Y7 Pavel, Y8 Ethan, Y11Phoebe. RUNNER'S-UP: Y8 Imogen, Y9 Lou-Ellen, Y10 Kiah (absent), Y12 Nicholas.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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DIANELLA WHITE EAGLES SOCCER CLUB.

Our club ground is Dianella Reserve 3A located at cnr Morley & Alexander Drv.

Since your school is located so close to our ground we would like to notify your students, that our club is seeking several players for our Junior Boys U15 and U16 teams.

We have place for goalkeepers for both teams.

Our teams are playing in Football West DIV 2 league and both teams are coached by highly qualified UEFA-A licence coach.

We appreciate very much if you pass this information to your students who were born between 2000 and 2003 and would like to join and play soccer.

Interested students could send email to: whiteeagleswa@ hotmail.com or contact Voyo, Junior Teams Manager, on mobile: 0450 019 775 or email: vojimir.raovic@bigpond.com



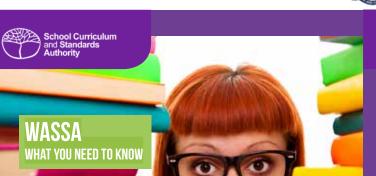
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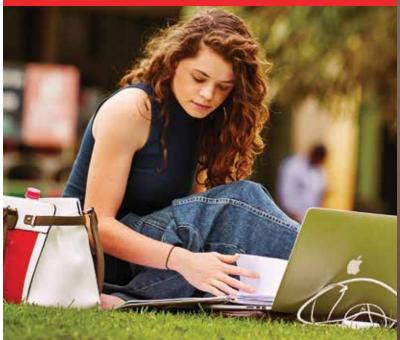


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A day in the life of a **Murdoch University student**

- > Year 11 & 12 program: 21 April 2016
- > 9.00am 3.30pm
- > Murdoch University, South Street campus

Register at experience.murdoch.edu.au



Do you want to experience what it's like to be a Murdoch **University student?**

If you're a high school student in Years 11 or 12, come along and explore our campus, meet our academics, find out about our courses and learn about our entry pathways.

Throughout the day, you will experience everything Murdoch has to offer - from our industry standard facilities to campus life, while also attending classes of your choice to work on practical activities.

You can choose from the following classes:

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- Games Art and Design
- Information Technology

- Web Communication

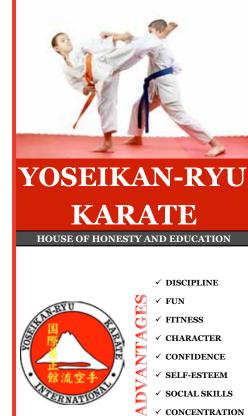
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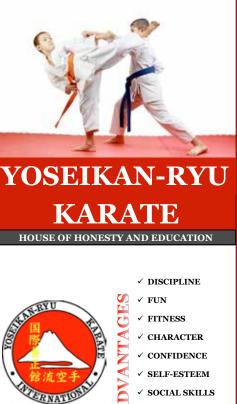
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