

# MOUNT LAWLEY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL An Independent Public School

## LAWLEY UPDATE 17 Term 4 No. 4 2016

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This is the final Update for 2016 and effectively brings to a conclusion the regular report to parents of the current school year. The past two weeks have seen the transition activities for Year 6 students entering the school next year and Year 9 students moving to the Senior School. This week, when the Senior School students have commenced their summer break, Middle School students complete their program and undertake their reward day. School for students closes on Thursday, 15 December 2016 and for staff, the day after.

Semester 2 reports for all years have been finalised and provided to parents. Information on the 2017 school year has been included in the package, which includes invoices for next year. These may be paid when the school opens after Australia Day on 27 January 2017. Students return on Wednesday, 1 February 2017.

The 2017 Year 7 group attended their Orientation Day on Monday, 5 December 2016 and were taken on a tour of the school and then experienced a day in the life of a Middle School student. Many parents attended and listened to a presentation on the school and operations. This was appreciated as this is a very busy time of the year and they made the time to attend the presentation. Music parents were also invited to an evening where essential details on this program were outlined. Orientation activities are planned to set students up for success and it was well attended by the incoming cohort. At this stage, it is likely that this group will be the largest intake for some time with 10 classes being planned. This reflects the growing population within the catchment area.



## **DEEPEST SYMPATHIES**

Deepest sympathies are extended to the family in China and the carer of our International Student Zishan (Jade) who

was killed in a motor vehicle accident in the east of the state last week. 65 Woodsome St, Mount Lawley Western Australia 6050 ABN 47 842 936 866

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## CONGRATULATIONS



## Vanessa Vlajkovic Graduate of 2015.

2015 Graduate Vanessa Vlajkovic is congratulated for being the winner of the WA Youth Awards. Vanessa is currently a student at ECU.



#### Reuben - 9F6

Reuben of Year 9 is congratulated on being awarded a Gold Medal in English during the 2016 ICAS competition. Conducted by the University of New South Wales, Reuben gained the highest score of any Year 9 in the State. He was presented with his medal on Monday, 12 December 2016



#### Oscar 10F1

Oscar of Year 10 (now Year 11) is congratulated for being named as the winner of the Cultural Endeavour category of the WA Youth Awards.

## **APOLOGIES FOR ERROR IN YEAR BOOK**

The Year book is put together by a small group of Middle School students and several teachers. They do this work in addition to classwork or teaching. In the rush to complete the book for printing, an error was made in that the entry for Oscar was incorrect. Instead of being in regard to him being selected as a finalist in the WA Youth Awards, it was instead, an entry for another student placed in lieu. The error was unintentional and not detected in the final edit. Sincere apologies are extended to Oscar for the mistake. Congratulations are extended to him for winning the Cultural Endeavour category of the WA Youth Awards.

# UNIFORM LOCATION CHANGE

From Tuesday 3 January 2017 Mount Lawley SHS uniforms will be available from 832/834 Beaufort Street, Inglewood. This store operates 6 days a week for parents/guardians providing greater accessibility.



Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9am – 5pm

**Thursday 9am – 6pm, Saturday 9am – 1pm** Tel: 9270 4658 Email: inglewood@uc.nellqray.com.au

#### **A THOUGHT**

"The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows." **Sydney Harris** 

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



Year 10 and Year 11 students, now of course in Years 11/12 due to the Early Start initiative, have now concluded the first month of their 2017 studies. Where students have experienced difficulties in a course and realise that it is not in their interests to continue and fail to achieve, a better course can be selected. This is one of the reasons for Early Start as is the additional time that Year 12 students get with their teacher. This initiative retains the confidence of parents. Best wishes are extended to all Senior School students on their year's work and for their upper-school subjects next year.

Year 9 students spent two days of last week in Year 10. This Orientation activity prepares them for the different structures that are in the Senior School. In addition to classes, students had presentations on dealing with stressors and general wellbeing and career pathways. As with other Middle School students, they complete their reward activities this week and then commence holidays.

The final school assembly for the year was conducted on Wednesday, 7 December 2016 and a number of parents were able to attend. Thank you for your support. Over one third of the student population was recognised in some way in this assembly. Whether it was a major prize, 100% attendance or an academic award, this indicates the quality of students at the school. The winners of significant awards are listed later in this Update.

A number of special guests attended to present awards and the Hon Michael Sutherland, MLA, Ms Eleni Evangel, MLA, Cr Rod Willox and many others who show such great support to the school are acknowledged. Mr Arthur Leggett, OAM at 98 years of age remains a favourite with students. The student leadership positions were not able to be acknowledged and this will be done early in the new school year and hopefully, Cr Willox can attend and present their badges. He has performed this duty for many years and his support is appreciated.

Mr Peter Stokes and Mrs Stokes also attended. Mr Stokes is a leading Mason in the state and spoke to students about a number of scholarships that are mainly available for university students, and some for school students, including one he and his wife have established. He left some brochures for the front office and a copy is included in the Update. He noted to students that a number cannot be awarded as there are no applicants. Parents of the graduating class of 2016 may find this information useful.

This school is fortunate to have many parent and general volunteers. They add immensely to school operations and student outcomes. To acknowledge volunteers, the annual morning tea was held on Monday, 12 December 2016 with some 300 plus invitations issued. It was also the occasion to thank those who have gone above and beyond with a school plaque. Thanks to:

- Jo Furness
- Sondra Tate
- Vicki Andrews-Taylor and Rod Taylor
- Melanie and Brian Wood
- Tracy Kenworthy
- Jocelyn Edmonds

As the final Update for the year best wishes for the Festive season are extended to all families. May you all enjoy a restful break.

## Milton Butcher, Principal

## ASSEMBLY AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Walter Horeb Literary Award (Poetry) Aruwa The Walter Horeb Literary Award (Prose) Victor Jonah Olivia ECU Year 11 Citizenship Award ECU Year 12 Scholarship Suci Wardana

The Ex- Prisoners of War Association

Cadet of the Year Award Leroy ADF Long Tan Leadership Award – Yr 10 Joshua ADF Long Tan Leadership Award – Yr 12 Lily The Arthur Leggett Writing Prize Lily Middle School Poetry Prize Aaron Des Beard Middle School Citizenship Award Jasmine Alma Porter Award Teri Middle School SVAPA Award Hope Year 10 SVAPA Award Lauren Middle School Dux Award Aaron Year 10 Associate Principal's Award Amy

Australia China Friendship Society Chinese Award Yr 7 Australia China Friendship Society Chinese Award Yr 8 Australia China Friendship Society Chinese Award Yr 9 Australia China Friendship Society Chinese Award Yr 10

Principal's Gifted and Talented Award Year 7 Palak Principal's Gifted and Talented Award Year 8 Ananda Principal's Gifted and Talented Award Year 9 Kosara Principal's Gifted and Talented Award Year 10 Donia Rotary Club of Mount Lawley Student of the Year Olivia Rotary Four Way Test Speaking Competition Davis

SCHOOL PSYCH CORNER **IVA FILIPOVSKA, SENIOR SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST** 

**USEFUL LINK FOR PARENTS CYBERSAFETY** https://www.familyzone.com/blog





Valiant

Mei Lee

Cameron

Eric





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

**WEEK 47 – BOOSTING WELLBEING** 

Wellbeing Element: Exercise and Health

**Character Strength: Teamwork** 

Wellbeing Fitness Challenges: Years 7-9 - You Matter,

**Years 10-12 – Move M** 

The primary focus of the Learning Curve program is to build students' wellbeing bit by bit every day through them doing little positive actions, seeking out the good things that are happening and looking on the light and bright side of life

- the research indicates that this approach strengthens their social-emotional resilience to cope with life's adversity
- no silver bullet, but frequent positives
- particularly so to future proof them against mental health issues which currently affect one in four adolescents
- we believe it is more proactive for our community to build resilient students than to repair older people afterwards
- mindful use of their strengths in their every thought, word and action underpins this strateav

Mental Health is Australia's number one health problem and it affects all age groups.

• the World Health Organisation predicts depression will be the world's number health issue by 2030

The time to fix the roof is when the sun is shining, not when it begins to rain

- therefore we need to provide frequent opportunities for students (and ourselves) to experience positive emotions
- continually adding to their wellbeing fitnesss

SCHOOL DIARY EXTRACI

 it is very difficult to initiate positive dialogue with students who are already suffering from emotional health issues

"Be honest with the person you see in the mirror every morning." MW

WEEK 48 – Wellbeing Builder: Esteem and Focus Wellbeing Element: Relationships and Optimism Character Strength: Forgiveness Year 7-9 Discovery Learning, Years 10-12 – Adventure Eat

To build the wellbeing fitness of the whole school community there needs to be a shift in our thinking

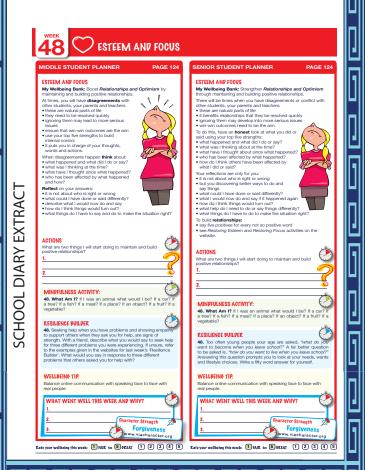
- from what school rule was broken, why did it happen and these are the consequences for the student who erred?
- to this was a violation of our trust which adversely affected relationships and how can they use their strengths to make things right for others and act more positively from now on
- doing this promotes growth mindsets to ensure others matter; because they
- asking students in this situation to complete the Restoring Esteem and Focus activity from the website also assists
- weekly doing the Mindfulness Strengths Based Positive Behaviours activity is a powerful school-wide wellbeing fitness booster
- the traditional approach leaves one base uncovered; what has to happen to make things right and how will it be done.

The world needs more good people with resilient social-emotional, ethical and moral infrastructures that underpin their thoughts, words and behaviours. To achieve this goal

- focus on students looking at what they think, say and do through the lens of their character strengths
- every week mindfully add to one of their elements of wellbeing through ideas in the Wellbeing Builders to promote growth mindsets

"Be the change you want to see in the world" Gandhi





COMMUNITY NOTICES

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



## TRANSPERTH TICKETING MESSAGES:

Remember to travel on Transperth services you must hold a valid ticket. Student SmartRider is the only way to access your 60cent student fare. Place your SmartRider on the card reader tag on at the start and end of your journey and your card will be charged the correct fare for your journey. If you don't tag on, you haven't purchased a valid ticket to ride on the service and you could be fined \$100. Don't have a Student SmartRider? You will need to purchase a cash concession fare.

Inspectors were on the buses on Friday and will be there again between now and the end of term.

## **SAFETY:**

Please be aware of the dangers of being distracted around buses. We have had reports of dangerous behaviour of students on the 725 to Maylands station in particular but it applies to all buses.

From stepping out in front of or walking too close to a bus, to mucking around near a stop, or taking unnecessary risks when crossing the road, students are taking too many risks around buses.

Bus drivers have reported that near-misses are an almost daily occurrence and students need to take more care. Students are getting off buses and walking out in front of bus and traffic sometimes distracted by mobile phones or fail to hear traffic approach because they are wearing headphones.

## STEAM STUDENT FUN HOLIDAY PROGRAM DURING 9-17 JANUARY 2017

Are you currently in year 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 or 12 and love building and solving authentic problems with digital technology?

Would you like to start and finish a digital STEaM project during the school holidays and keep it to show-case for a STEaM competition in 2017?

Over a two week period during the school holidays, you have an opportunity to explore and learn any of the following exciting STEaM topics.

Coding Games with Java (1 day)

**Building and Racing Drones (1 day)** 

Digital Photography (2 days)

Build your own website (5 days)

Coding with Python 1 (5 days)

Coding with Python 11 (5 days)

Digital Music (5 days)

**Exploring with Arduino (5 days)** 

Python Coding with Electronics in Minecraft (5 days)
These engaging STEaM courses are run by experienced Fire Tech Camp Australia Instructors in collaboration with Edith Cowan University, Australian Computer Society, Coder Dojo and Coding Kingdom.

Our STEaM holiday event also offers additional age appropriate courses for the younger primary sibling.

For any questions, please email info@firetechcamp. com.au or telephone 1300 347 383

Please book online at http://www.firetechcamp.com. au/school-holiday-courses and enter coupon code JAN1522 to receive a 15% discount.



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## ELIGIBILITY

To be leigible for financial assistance, students must demonstrate necessitous circumstances. The grants are intended to assist those students. The grants are made annually and are intended to assist students with books, equipment, and other education related costs. Fees covered by the Government HECS or HELP loan scheme are outside the scope of the grants, and will not be taken into

All applicants must meet the following criteria:

- meet the criteria for financial assistance due to necessitous circumstances; proven scholastic ability;
- residents of Western Australia; and
- sponsored by a current WA Freemason

A student may apply for a grant each year. This application will be assessed independently of any previous submission.

The education grants may be supplemented, with approval, by other similar awards, and limited parttime/casual employment is permitted.

Applications for grants must be submitted on the prescribed forms available from the Grand Lodge office or from the Western Australian Freemason's website at: www.freemasonswa.org.au.

Completed applications must reach the office by 4:00 pm on Friday, 26 February 2016.

PLEASE NOTE incomplete/late applications will not be considered. The decision to approve or reject forms is the right of The Grand Lodge. This decision is final & no correspondence will be entered into.



## Contact

If you would like an application form, please contact the staff at Grand Lodge, or visit our website:

> The Grand Lodge Office PO Box 929, West Perth WA 6872 61 Thomas Street, Subiaco WA 6008 Telephone: (08) 9355 3599 Facsimile: (08) 9355 4902 sue@freemasonswa.org.au www.freemasonswa.org.au



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## Freemasons of WA Grants

Since 1955, the Western Australian Freemasons have assisted students with education

More than 50 years later, The Grand Lodge Education Grants Committee are proud to continue this tradition.

The grants are made possible through generous donations and bequests from Freemasons and their families.

## Who may apply?

Grants are awarded to students who require financial assistance to complete their studies. Post-secondary students (eg undergraduates, TAFE, college) must be undertaking full-time study. However, post-graduate students may be studying full or part-time.

To be eligible for financial assistance, all applicants should make sure that they meet the criteria as stated under the eligibility section of this brochure,

- Students who meet the criteria for necessitous circumstances
- ensure ALL requirements of the application form are completed
- Sponsored by a current WA Freemason

A student may apply for a grant each year. This application will be assessed independently of any previous submission. Applicants will need to exhibit satisfactory academic progress and a continuing need for financial assistance.

## **Grants Available**

offering a variety of education grants. Our traditional funds have restrictions to whom they may be awarded (eg field of study).

When completing the application form, students do not need to specify the grant for which they are applying. The Education Grants Committee will determine the applicable category.

## **WA LODGE GRANTS**

The Grand Lodge of Western Australia currently has The Grand Lodge or Western Australia currently has 123 Lodges State-wide. Many of the Masonic Lodges, along with other Masonic Orders, have contributed funds for the education grants. There are no restrictions on these. This year, grants are available to post-secondary and post-graduate students. The grants are awarded using the Lodge's name

## For example:

- JD Stevenson St Georges Lodge Grant
- Leschenaultia-Fraternity Lodge Grant
- Abercorn Lodge Grant
- Cannington Lodge Grant
- Maylands Lodge Foundation Grant
- Epworth Lodge Grant

#### ALBERT F S OHMAN MEMORIAL FUND

This grant has no restrictions. This year it is available to post-secondary and post-graduate students.

## PREE MEMORIAL FUND. & UNITED PRESS LODGE GRANT

These two funds award grants to students undertaking a first degree course at university or other recognised tertiary institution in WA.

## ROBERT RUSSELL MEMORIAL FUND

This fund is for first degree courses at university, with primary consideration given to students in the field of Commerce, Economics and Marketing.

## UNIVERSITY LODGE GRANT

For students undertaking their first degree course at The University of Western Australia.

## LODGE ROSTREVOR GRANT

For first degree courses at a university, or other approved educational institution, with primary consideration given to students with disabilities.

#### J S BATTYE LODGE GRANT

Open to students holding post-secondary qualifications, who wish to continue or undertake a retraining/refresher course, a programme of study, an additional post-secondary course directly relevant to their present vocation, or a worthwhile and properly structured project. Students may be undertaking full or part-time studies.

## THE JOHN LESLIE & DORISE BARRON FUND

This award is offered for post-graduate studies in Medicine, the Behavioural Sciences, and the Social

## **JEAN AND PETER STOKES FUND**

This grant has no restrictions and is awarded at the Education Grants Committee's discretion.