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FROM PERTH TO THE GREAT WALL: STUDENTS ON TOUR IN CHINA

During the April school holidays, a group of Mount Lawley Senior High School students embarked on an unforgettable educational tour of China, accompanied by Chinese Language Teachers Rafie Dobbs and Lesley Liu, and Associate Principal Michael Camilleri.

The journey began in Shanghai, where students explored the vibrant Nanjing Road and The Bund, immersing themselves in the fast-paced energy of one of the world's great global cities.

The group then travelled to Xi'an, home of the world-famous Terracotta Army. Here, they also visited the historic Xi'an City Wall, gaining a powerful insight into China's ancient history and cultural heritage.

From Xi'an, students experienced China's state-of-the-art high-speed rail network as they travelled to Beijing.

Highlights of their time in the capital included the awe-inspiring Forbidden City, the iconic Great Wall of China, and a walk through the traditional Beijing Hutongs, offering a glimpse into everyday life and history intertwined.

Returning to Perth on 13 April, students brought back lasting memories, new knowledge, and a deeper appreciation of Chinese language and culture. Staff reflected on the experience as one where students consistently embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm, curiosity, and genuine cultural engagement.

The tour not only strengthened language skills, but also built confidence, independence, and lasting connections between students as they navigated a truly international learning experience together.

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Principal's Report

As we reflect on Term 2, it has been another outstanding term at Mount Lawley Senior High School, filled with achievement, creativity and community spirit.

Our performing and visual arts programs flourished, with students showcasing their talents through The Seagull, the Middle School Drama Showcase and A Midsummer Night's Dream. The annual 21st Lawley Art Auction & Exhibition, raised tens of thousands of dollars to support our Specialist Visual and Performing Arts (SVAPA) and Music programs.

Students also embraced a diverse range of academic and cultural experiences, including the China Educational Tour, Languages activities, Media Camp, STEM projects, science excursions and the United Nations Security Council debate.

Commemoration and service remained an important focus throughout the term. Our school proudly hosted the annual ANZAC Assembly and participated in the Mount Lawley and Mount Hawthorn ANZAC Day services, the Aboriginal Veterans Commemorative Service and the Ex-Prisoners of War Memorial Service. This year marked a significant milestone as we hosted the 30th Ex-Prisoners of War Memorial Service, continuing a proud tradition of remembrance that has become an important part of our school's history and reflects our enduring commitment to honouring the service and sacrifice of Australia's veterans.

Our sporting program celebrated outstanding success across volleyball, netball, cross country and the Lightning Carnivals, with our Senior Boys Volleyball team crowned SSWA North Coast Zone Champions.

Student leadership continued to grow through the Year 10 Leadership Camp, Student Leader Training Day and the Year 12 Prefect Quiz Night, while the launch of our new school website marked an exciting step forward in strengthening communication with our school community.

As Term 2 comes to a close, I thank our staff, students, families, volunteers and community partners for their ongoing support and commitment. I wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday break and look forward to another exciting term ahead.

Lesley Street

Lesley Street
Principal

Voluntary **Contributions & Compulsory Charges**

Thank you to those families who have made payment or entered into a payment plan.

This is appreciated as the school relies on parents paying the compulsory charges and voluntary contributions associated with your child's schooling to provide additional resources and opportunities not provided by the Department of Education.

The payment deadline is Monday 20 July 2026. Payments can be made by cash, direct deposit, Bpoint, EFT or credit card (Mastercard or Visa only). Families with outstanding charges, which are compulsory, are requested to set up a payment plan immediately by contacting the Finance Desk on 9265 1504.

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Julie Moxey

Julie Moxey
Manager Corporate Services

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Callum (12M1)

Year 12 Music student Callum has released two original tracks under his artist name Cal M, including the single "Point Nemo." The track has already received early airplay on RTRFM as he begins sharing his work with a wider audience.



Shea (9H1)

competed at the 2026 National Youth Archery Championships in Launceston, Tasmania (9–13 April), representing the U16 Recurve Female Division. She achieved outstanding results, winning three silver medals and finishing 2nd in her division overall.



Liam (12H1) & Hamish (10H2)

Liam was selected in the Western Force U16s squad and went on to compete in the inaugural Super Rugby U16s competition in 2025, including matches against the Waratahs in Sydney and the Brumbies in Canberra. He has also been included in the WA Schools U18s squad and the Western Force Emerging Player Program (U17–19), with potential selection for the Australian Schools Rugby Championships.

Hamish, one of the youngest in the program as a 14-year-old, was included in the Western Force U16 Development Program and has shown resilience in returning to play after significant injury setbacks, including a dislocated finger and cracked collarbone.



Oscar, Conrad and Francis (12F3)

continue to achieve outstanding success with their indie pop band, Birdland. The trio has amassed more than 1.2 million music streams, 500,000 social media followers, and national airplay on Triple J.

Following the release of their debut EP, He Was Me, Birdland will embark on its first national tour during the July school holidays, with performances across Perth, Sydney and Melbourne. Recently featured in The West Australian and PerthNow, Birdland's remarkable success is a testament to their talent, dedication and hard work.

Student Success – Celebrating Lawley Achievements

At Mount Lawley Senior High School, we love celebrating the achievements of our students both in and out of school. From sporting excellence to creative and academic success, our students continue to shine across a wide range of fields.

If your child has achieved something noteworthy, we'd love to hear about it!
Please email details and photos to: mountlawley.shs.media@education.wa.edu.au



Chinese Bridge Competition

Year 9 GAT Chinese student Eileen recently participated in the Chinese Bridge Chinese Proficiency Competition and achieved an Excellent Award.

The competition provided students with an opportunity to showcase their Chinese language skills and cultural understanding.

As part of the event, Eileen delivered a speech in Chinese with confidence and clear pronunciation. She also performed a Chinese song, demonstrating both her language ability and enthusiasm for learning Chinese culture. Her hard work and dedication were reflected in her performance throughout the competition.

Eileen's achievement is a wonderful example of commitment to language learning and willingness to challenge herself beyond the classroom. Congratulations to Eileen on her success and for representing the school so positively in the competition.



Year 11 Production – The Seagull

Early in Term 2, our Year 11 Drama students delivered an outstanding production of Anton Chekhov's The Seagull, impressing audiences with their talent and professionalism.

Supported by the Certificate II in Live Production students, who expertly managed lighting, sound and front-of-house duties, the production showcased the creativity and dedication of everyone involved. Congratulations to the cast, crew and Director Tomas Mawer on a memorable performance.



Year 10 Brain Bee

On Tuesday 30 June, Yash, Filip and Boggi represented Mount Lawley Senior High School at the Brain Bee Challenge at the The University of Western Australia.

The students delivered an impressive performance while exploring the fascinating world of neuroscience through a series of interactive activities and experiments.

Highlights included investigating how the nervous system works by observing nerve stimulation demonstrations and taking part in hands-on scientific investigations.

Congratulations to Yash, Filip and Boggi on representing the school with enthusiasm, curiosity and a passion for science.











Lawley Art Auction & Exhibition 2026

On Saturday 20 June, hundreds of guests gathered for the 2026 Lawley Art Auction & Exhibition, celebrating creativity, talent and community.

With a new 2.00 pm opening, the afternoon featured student music performances, canapés, refreshments and an impressive exhibition of works by professional artists alongside student artwork.

The highlight of the event was the live auction, where spirited bidding, plenty of excitement and a wonderful atmosphere reflected the community's strong support for the arts. From first-time bidders to experienced collectors, everyone played a part in making the event a memorable success.

Funds raised will directly support Mount Lawley Senior High School's arts and music programs, helping provide outstanding opportunities for our students.

A heartfelt thank you to our artists, sponsors, musicians, students, parents, volunteers and the wider school community whose generosity and support made this year's event possible.

The Lawley Art Auction Committee 2026





Year 10 – United Nations Security Council Debate

Our Year 10 Academic Extension class recently took part in a United Nations Security Council debate activity, developing their critical thinking, collaboration and public speaking skills.

Students were presented with a global conflict scenario and tasked with proposing, negotiating and debating resolutions, just as members of the UN Security Council would.

A fantastic learning experience that challenged students to think globally and communicate persuasively.

Well done to all students involved and thank you to their teacher, Grace Willshire.





Secondary Literacy Leaders Network Day

On Friday 8 May, Mount Lawley Senior High School proudly hosted the 7th Semesterly Secondary Literacy Leaders Network Day.

The professional learning event brought together 22 Literacy Leaders from 20 secondary schools across both metropolitan and regional Western Australia.

The workshop provided participants with valuable opportunities to explore Literacy Journeys across schools, engage in collaborative and data-informed discussions, examine evidence-based literacy practices in secondary settings, and strengthen professional connections through networking and shared dialogue.

Thank you to all schools and educators who attended and contributed to this valuable day of professional learning.

Olivia George
Literacy Specialist





A Midsummer Night's Dream

From Monday 29 June to Wednesday 1 July, our Year 8 SVAPA students delighted audiences with A Midsummer Night's Dream, showcasing their creativity, talent and dedication.

A heartfelt thank you to Director Tomas Mawer for his outstanding leadership, and to our Certificate II Creative Industries students, staff, volunteers, families, Meg Parker, Natalie Diggins, Michelle de Rozario, Andrea Cook, Kristy Riches, Kathi, Mary Street Bakery, Laura Drysdale, our sewing volunteers, the SVAPA PSG, Lawley Art Auction Committee, and the wider SVAPA community for their incredible support in bringing this production to life.

Congratulations to everyone involved on a truly memorable performance.

Shahna Gallagher
SVAPA Coordinator



Middle School Drama Showcase

On Thursday 11 June, our Middle School Drama students took to the stage for the annual Drama Showcase, presenting an impressive evening of performance and creativity.

Year 8 students performed scenes from Lord of the Flies and Let Him Have It, while Year 7 students showcased their original devised production, Comeuppance. The evening highlighted the talent and confidence of our emerging performers.

The showcase was expertly supported by our Year 9 and 10 student leaders, Drama Captain Maisie, and the Certificate II Creative Industries students, who managed the technical production with professionalism.

Congratulations to all students involved, and thank you to the Drama staff, support staff and volunteers whose dedication made the evening such a memorable success.





ANZAC Assembly

On Thursday 23 April, Mount Lawley Senior High School held its annual ANZAC Assembly, honouring the service and sacrifice of all veterans and current serving personnel.

We were privileged to welcome representatives from the Australian War Widows – WA, Mount Lawley Inglewood RSL Sub-Branch, EX-POW Association of WA and the Mount Lawley Society.

Students played a significant role throughout the ceremony, with School Prefects leading proceedings, Year 8 Councillors laying the wreath, Year 12 Air Force Cadets raising the flag, and Year 10 Music students performing The Last Post and Rouse. The School Choir and Concert Band 2 presented a moving musical program.

A special addition this year was the inclusion of New Zealand's national anthem, recognising the enduring partnership and shared ANZAC history between Australia and New Zealand.

Thank you to all staff and students who contributed to this respectful and memorable commemoration.





















Ex-Prisoners of War Service

Mount Lawley Senior High School was honoured to hold its 30th Ex-Prisoners of War Memorial Service at Kings Park on Friday 8 May, continuing a proud tradition that began in 1997.

For nearly three decades, our school has hosted this important annual service to honour the service and sacrifice of prisoners of war, ensuring their stories and legacy continue to be remembered by future generations.

We were privileged to welcome special guests including the Governor of Western Australia, His Excellency the Hon. Chris Dawson AC APM, the Hon. Pierre Yang MLC representing the Premier, the Hon. Roger Cook MLA, Hon. Paul Papalia CSC MLA, Minister for Defence Industries and Veterans, Hon. Stephen Price MLA, Speaker of the House, the Right Honourable Lord Mayor of Perth Bruce Reynolds, and Mr Frank Paolino MLA, Member for Mount Lawley.

A total of 115 Mount Lawley students attended, including Councillors, Prefects, the School Choir and Concert Band. Students led and supported the ceremony with great maturity and respect, demonstrating the strong values of remembrance and service that define our school community.

Our Music students performed the Last Post and Rouse, while the Choir and Concert Band provided moving musical tributes throughout the service.

Following the ceremony, students had the opportunity to meet families and guests, continuing the spirit of connection and community that has long been at the heart of this special event.





Indigenous Veterans Commemoration Service



On Wednesday 27 May, students from Mount Lawley Senior High School's Aboriginal Excellence Program and Follow the Dream program attended the Aboriginal Veterans Commemorative Service at Kings Park, honouring the service and sacrifice of First Nations men and women who have served Australia.



Students laid wreaths in tribute to Aboriginal veterans, while the School Choir and Concert Band performed Abide with Me and the Australian National Anthem. Following the service, attendees watched the premiere of The Not Forgotten, a documentary recognising Aboriginal soldiers who lost their lives during the First World War and the work of students preserving their stories.



Former student Tahlia-Rae Willcocks and School Captain James served as Masters of Ceremonies, while the documentary also showcased the research of our Follow the Dream students, whose work contributed to commemorative plaques on the Kings Park Avenue of Honour.















NAIDOC Assembly

Mount Lawley Senior High School recently hosted an outstanding NAIDOC Assembly, bringing together students, staff, families and community members to celebrate Aboriginal culture, leadership and achievement.

A highlight of the event was an inspiring presentation by Bronson Richards, who spoke about motivation, wellbeing, future aspirations and the importance of striving for success. Students were also captivated by the cultural performances of Ash Penfold and the Jinjeejerdup Mob, with our Follow the Dream students proudly participating alongside them.

Congratulations to School Captain James and emerging leader Zach, who represented themselves, their families and our school community with pride. Well done also to Cleo, Mahan and alumni Tahlia-Rae Willcocks for their excellent leadership of the assembly.

The celebrations extended beyond the assembly, with the Follow the Dream room transformed into a vibrant cultural space featuring artwork, displays and an impressive chalk mural, showcasing the talents and stories of our Aboriginal students. Thank you to the Follow the Dream team, alumni and everyone involved in making this year's NAIDOC celebrations such a success.

Here's to the next 50 years of deadly!

Tina Deegan
Follow the Dream Program Coordinator





Building Community Connections

Mount Lawley Senior High School is pleased to introduce Sergeant Evan Damianopoulos the new Community Youth Engagement Coordinator for the Mirrabooka Police District.

With 37 years of service in the Western Australia Police Force, Sergeant Evan Damianopoulos brings extensive experience to the role, having served in frontline policing, detective work, regional communities and mentoring young police officers. As a first-generation Australian, he also understands firsthand the challenges that can come with language barriers and cultural differences, helping him connect with the diverse communities he serves.

The Mirrabooka Police District is one of the most multicultural areas in Western Australia, and Sergeant Evan Damianopoulos is passionate about ensuring all cultures, values and backgrounds are respected. He believes that understanding and connecting with communities helps build trust and confidence in the police, creating safer and more supportive environments for everyone.

Working closely with schools, students, families and community organisations, Sergeant Evan Damianopoulos aims to build positive relationships that support young people to thrive. He sees schools as important partners in fostering wellbeing, resilience and achievement, while also helping students feel confident to seek support when needed.

One piece of advice that has guided him throughout his career is: “Never stop learning and never stop asking questions.” Through his new role, Sergeant Evan Damianopoulos hopes to make a positive difference by building connections, strengthening trust and demonstrating the human side of policing.

Minister’s Education Forum

On Tuesday 28 April 2026, Principal Lesley Street attended the Mount Lawley Education Forum, hosted by Coolbinia Primary School, alongside local school leaders, P&C representatives and education partners.

The forum, convened by Hon. Sabine Winton MLA, Minister for Education, and Frank Paolino MLA, Member for Mount Lawley, provided a valuable opportunity to discuss shared opportunities, challenges and the future of education within the Mount Lawley community.

It also reinforced the importance of collaboration between neighbouring schools, families and community partners in supporting positive outcomes for all students.





French Film Festival Excursion

Towards the end of Term 1, our Year 10, 11 and 12 French students had the wonderful opportunity to attend the Alliance Française French Film Festival in Leederville.

Students watched the interesting film Le Secret de Khéops, an adventure-comedy about an unusual archaeologist who believes the lost treasure of Pharaoh Khufu is no longer in Egypt, but hidden in Paris. The movie combined exciting treasure-hunting adventures with humour and heart-warming moments, exploring themes of family and forgiveness.

It was a perfect chance for students to learn more about the French language and add new French words to their vocabulary.

We are grateful to our teachers for taking the time to organise this valuable excursion. The day was fabulous!

Ruby
Year 10 Student

Year 7 Chinese Calligraphy Activity

Our Year 7 Chinese students recently participated in a Chinese calligraphy activity as part of their cultural learning.

Using traditional-style calligraphy brushes and reusable water-writing cloths, students explored the art of Chinese calligraphy while learning the correct techniques for holding and controlling the brush.

As the water revealed the characters on the special cloth, students were able to practise repeatedly in a fun, engaging and mess-free way.

The activity provided a valuable opportunity for students to experience an important aspect of Chinese culture while developing their understanding of Chinese characters. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm, creativity and concentration students brought to the session.

Lesley Liu
Languages Teacher – Mandarin and Japanese





Year 10 Italian Dinner at Siena's

Pasta, pizza, gelato and plenty of lively conversation set the scene for our recent Year 10 Italian Dinner at Siena's of Leederville.

Students enjoyed an evening of authentic Italian dining, sharing a range of traditional pasta and pizza dishes before finishing with delicious gelato. The excursion provided a wonderful opportunity to experience Italian culture and cuisine beyond the classroom while spending time together in a relaxed and enjoyable setting.

With the atmosphere of a traditional Italian trattoria, students fully embraced the experience and, for a moment, it was easy to forget we were still in Perth. The only reminder was the collection of signed West Coast Eagles jumpers on the wall, celebrating some of the restaurant's famous visitors.

A fantastic evening of great food, great company and a little taste of Italy





Year 11/12 Japanese Dinner

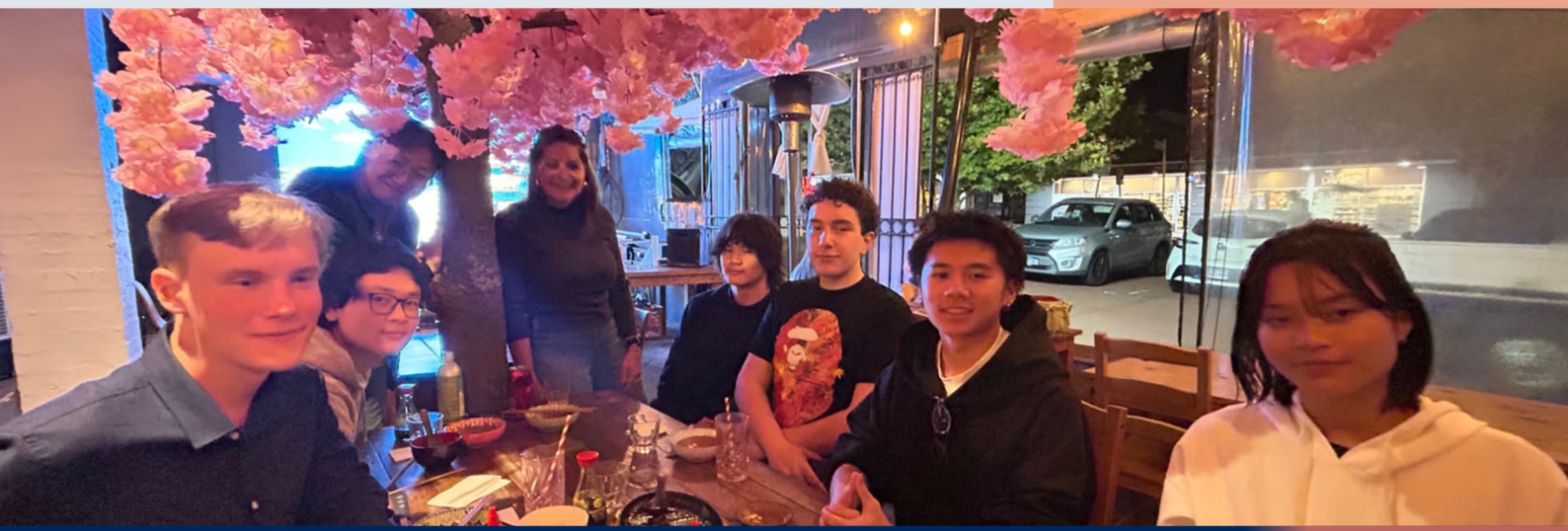
Recently, our Year 11 and 12 Japanese students enjoyed a Japanese dinner excursion at a local restaurant as part of their language and cultural learning.

The evening provided an authentic opportunity for students to apply their Japanese language skills in a real-world setting, with many confidently ordering their meals in Japanese.

Students also sampled a variety of traditional dishes, expanding their understanding of Japanese cuisine. A highlight of the night was watching one of Japan's signature foods, tofu, being freshly prepared in front of them.

It was a valuable and enjoyable experience that supported both language development and cultural appreciation. Well done to all students involved.

Sanja Hogarth
Japanese Teacher





P&C Day WA 2026

P&C Day WA was marked on Friday 22 May, recognising the incredible contribution of our dedicated P&C community.

Held during National Volunteers Week, the day acknowledged the parents, carers and volunteers who generously give their time, energy and support to our school. Our P&C plays a vital role in strengthening school life and fostering connections across the community.

The P&C also supports a number of parent groups, including Music, GAT Languages, the Lawley Art Auction and SVAPA, helping create valuable opportunities and experiences for students.

We thank all members of our P&C for their ongoing commitment and the positive difference they make to the Mount Lawley Senior High School community.



Year 12 EAL/D Students Visit Study Perth

On Monday 22 June, Year 12 EAL/D ATAR students visited the StudyPerth Student Hub in the Perth CBD to learn about the services available to international students studying at university, TAFE and other tertiary institutions.

Students enjoyed a guided tour and presentation outlining the wide range of free support services offered by StudyPerth, including wellbeing, legal and career assistance. Staff also shared their own experiences of living and studying in Perth and answered students' questions.

The visit provided valuable insight into future study opportunities and the support available after secondary school. To finish the session, students tested their knowledge in a fun Kahoot! quiz, with several taking home a cuddly quokka prize.

Lynn Sawchuk
Program Coordinator - EAL/D and International Student





Year 11 General Media Shark Tank

As part of their studies of the gaming industry, Year 11 General Media students took part in a Shark Tank-style pitch, presenting original digital game concepts to a panel of "sharks" made up of their classmates and teacher.

Students showcased a range of creative and innovative ideas, with the panel allocating fictional investment funds based on each game's commercial potential. While the money wasn't real, the competition and lively debate certainly were!

Congratulations to Xanthe and Jade for Library Mayhem and Matt and Amelia for The Mind of Arthur, who were named the 2026 winners, taking home the coveted Shark Trophy and a selection of well-earned prizes.

Deb Edwards
Teacher - Media





Year 10 Lab Rats Excursion

On Wednesday 24 June, Year 10 Academic Extension students visited the Edith Cowan University for the LabRats experience, giving them a taste of university life while exploring a range of STEM activities.

Throughout the day, students participated in chemistry experiments, tackled mathematical challenges, tracked wildlife using infrared motion capture cameras, and examined pond organisms under stereo microscopes. They also enjoyed experiencing life on a university campus.

Thank you to ECU for hosting such an engaging and inspiring day, providing our students with valuable insight into future study and careers in science.

Rachel Donnelly
Teacher - Science





Year 7 GAT Chinese Students Explore Xiangqi

During Term 2, Ms Liu's Year 7 GAT Chinese students explored the traditional game of Chinese chess (Xiangqi, 象棋) as part of their cultural learning.

After learning the names and movements of the pieces, students put their knowledge into practice through friendly matches, developing strategic thinking, problem-solving skills and patience along the way.

The activity provided an engaging opportunity to experience an important aspect of Chinese culture beyond the classroom.



Year 12 Biology Fieldwork

On Wednesday 17 June, Year 12 ATAR Biology students visited the Perth Zoo as part of their Unit 4 studies on homeostasis.

Students observed how animals regulate their body temperature through adaptations such as countercurrent heat exchange in penguins and behavioural thermoregulation in reptiles. The excursion provided an engaging opportunity to see biological concepts brought to life while enjoying a memorable day of fieldwork.

Rachel Donnelly
Teacher - Science









Building the Leaders of Tomorrow

As part of our ongoing commitment to developing student leadership at Mount Lawley Senior High School, our second Student Leader Training Session was held after school during Week 4.

Prefects, Year Councillors and House Captains came together for an afternoon of learning, collaboration and camaraderie, with our newly elected Year 7 Councillors and House Captains officially welcomed into the wider student leadership team.
Students also heard from Esther Deng, Client Services Manager for CARAD-Centre for Asylum Seekers, Refugees and Detainees Inc, who spoke about the impact of the Year 8 fundraising efforts in Term 1. Esther, a Mount Lawley SHS graduate and former School Captain, also shared insights into her pathway after school.

Year 12 Prefect Lana presented on a student-led uniform project that has been in development since Year 11, highlighting the importance of planning, research, data collection and persistence. Students were also given a preview of new uniform prototypes.

The session concluded with students working together in year groups and house teams to reflect on their leadership achievements and plan future initiatives for the remainder of the year.

Thank you to Lou Kirkby and Student Services for coordinating another valuable leadership development opportunity.

Year 10 French Dinner

During Term 2, Year 10 French students enjoyed an evening of authentic French cuisine at Chez Pierre in Nedlands.

The food was wonderful and the night was incredible! We got to practice using our French skills to communicate with the wait-staff. It was a bit nerve-racking to talk to the waiters, but we all had a fun experience speaking French!

We were able to choose from a set menu including French cuisine like French onion soup, seafood crêpe, duck leg, lemon tart and creme brûlée. The food was magnificent!

We all hope to visit 'Chez Pierre' again soon and to relive the experience! Thank you to our amazing teachers, Madame Lucas and Language coordinator Madame Chapman for organising this dinner for us.

Ruby
Year 10 Student











Library Buzz

Term 2 has been another busy and exciting term in the library, with students embracing opportunities to read, create and compete.

One of the major highlights this term was the Premier's Reading Challenge. Running over 12 weeks, the challenge encouraged students to read six books and celebrate the joy of reading. We were thrilled to have 156 students from Years 7–12 register for the challenge, with 53 students successfully completing all six books.

Throughout the challenge, weekly prize draws helped keep students motivated, and congratulations go to our two weekly prize winners, Jeff (Year 7) and Hiya (Year 7). It was wonderful to see so many students challenging themselves to read more and discover new books.

To celebrate the arrival of winter, students were invited to create their own tealight lanterns. This craft activity proved to be one of our most challenging yet, requiring patience, precision, and creativity. The effort certainly paid off, with students producing a collection of beautiful lanterns that showcased their artistic talents.

Our annual House Puzzle Competition also returned this term, with students competing for those sought-after House points by racing to complete a jigsaw puzzle before the other Houses. This year's theme was France, with each puzzle featuring a different iconic French location. Although the competition began slowly, O'Connor quickly found their rhythm and surged ahead, finishing their puzzle days before the other Houses to claim this year's House Puzzle Championship.

It has been fantastic to see so many students participating in library activities throughout the term. Whether reading more books, learning new creative skills or representing their House, students have once again helped make the library a vibrant and welcoming place to learn, create and connect. We look forward to another exciting term of activities, including Book Week, in Term 3.

Ainsley Bakitch
Teacher Librarian







Year 9 GAT Chinese Students Embrace Traditional Performing Arts

During Term 2, Ms Liu's Year 9 GAT Chinese students explored traditional Chinese culture through the practice of Tai Chi Fan (太极扇) and Handkerchief Dance (手绢舞).

Students developed balance, coordination and confidence as they learned the graceful movements of these traditional art forms. The hands-on experience provided a meaningful and enjoyable way to connect with Chinese culture while building teamwork and performance skills.

Year 8 Japanese Students Bring Hiragana to Life

During Term 2, Ms Liu's Year 8 Japanese students strengthened their Hiragana reading skills through a series of interactive board games.

Working in small groups, students practised recognising Hiragana characters while developing teamwork, communication and quick thinking. The hands-on activity provided a fun and engaging way to build confidence and fluency in Japanese.







Learning Through Discovery

On Thursday 2 July, Year 7 HASS students showcased their Ancient Egypt Gallery Walk, displaying artefacts they had created as part of their studies.

The hands-on project gave students the opportunity to bring history to life through creativity, research and design. Science teacher Dominic Letch-Fanciulli and his classes also displayed their Solar System models, adding to the interactive exhibition.

Ms Maria Coate
STEAM Coordinator

Year 8 Lightning Carnival

On Wednesday 17 June, more than 400 Year 8 students represented Mount Lawley Senior High School at the 2026 Lightning Carnival, competing or coaching across eight sports at venues throughout Perth.

The carnival provided students with the opportunity to enjoy sport with friends while competing against schools from across the zone. Mount Lawley celebrated outstanding success, claiming championships in Green Division Netball, Girls A Basketball (undefeated), Girls Soccer, Boys AFL, Mixed Volleyball and Mixed Floorball. The school also finished runners-up in Blue Division Netball and Division A Mixed Volleyball, and placed third in Floorball.

Congratulations to all students and staff for their enthusiasm, teamwork and outstanding achievements, making the day a great success.







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Year 12 Prefect Quiz Night

Late in Term 2, the Year 12 Prefects hosted their annual Quiz Night, bringing students together for an evening of friendly competition, creative costumes and fundraising.

Across eight quiz rounds, GGFC claimed a narrow victory and also won Best Dressed, with standout costumes including ball gowns, medieval characters and giant rats. The evening concluded with several staff members and Prefect Sunny being pied in the face, much to the delight of the crowd.

The event was a tremendous success, raising more than $7,000 through raffles, a silent auction and generous community support. The funds will contribute to the Year 12 graduating class gift to the school.

A special thank you to Ms Morskate, the Year 12 Prefects and the many local businesses whose sponsorship and donations made the evening possible. Your generosity helped create a memorable event for the Year 12 cohort.

Rebekah
Year 12 Prefect





Year 9-10 Lightning Carnival

On Thursday 7 May 2026, more than 300 Year 9 and 10 students represented Mount Lawley Senior High School at the annual Lightning Carnival, competing, coaching and umpiring across eight different sports at venues throughout Perth.

Students participated in Mixed Volleyball, Mixed Floorball, Boys and Girls Soccer, Boys and Girls Basketball, Girls Netball and Boys AFL in a friendly round robin competition format against other schools. The carnival focused on participation, teamwork and giving students the opportunity to represent the school in a sport of their choice.

With excellent weather and strong school spirit throughout the day, students embraced the opportunity to participate, experience different sports and compete in a positive and supportive environment. All teams represented the school exceptionally well, with a number of strong results achieved across the various sports.

The day ran smoothly and was a fantastic example of student teamwork, sportsmanship and school pride.

Jackie Halse
Teacher - Health and Physical Education













Year 8–9 Volleyball Carnival

Congratulations to our Year 8 and 9 volleyball teams on their outstanding performances at the SSWA Volleyball Carnival at Warwick Stadium.

Both the girls' and boys' teams displayed excellent skill, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the competition, with each side progressing to the grand final and finishing as runners-up in their respective divisions.

This success reflects the dedication of our students and the strength of our Wednesday afternoon Volleyball Club, which continues to provide opportunities for students to develop their skills and enjoy the sport.

Well done to all players and staff involved.





Year 7–10 SSWA Cross Country

On Thursday 21 May, Mount Lawley Senior High School sent a team of 55 students from Years 7–10 to compete in the SSWA Interschool Cross Country event.

Competing in the 3km and 4km races, our students delivered outstanding performances against a highly competitive field.

They demonstrated determination, resilience and excellent sportsmanship throughout the day, representing the school with pride.

Congratulations to all students on their fantastic efforts and achievements.



Dominating the Court

Mount Lawley Senior High School enjoyed an outstanding day at the SSWA North Coast Zone Volleyball Competition, held at Lords Recreation Centre on Tuesday 23 June.

Congratulations to our Senior Boys A team, who claimed the championship and will now represent the North Coast Zone at the SSWA State Finals next term.
Our Senior Girls A and Senior Girls B teams both finished as runners-up after excellent performances, while the Senior Boys B team placed fourth.

Congratulations to all players for representing the school with outstanding skill, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the competition.



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Year 8 & 11-12 Netball Carnival

On Thursday 11 June, students from Years 8, 11 and 12 represented Mount Lawley Senior High School at the SSWA North Netball Carnival at PNA, competing with determination despite the wet and challenging conditions.

A highlight of the day was the return of a Mount Lawley senior boys' team for the first time in five years, while our Year 11/12 girls impressed with an outstanding performance to finish near the top of their pool.

Congratulations to all players for their resilience, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the carnival.



Year 9-10 Netball Carnival

On Tuesday 10 June, our Year 8 and 9 volleyball teams competed at the SSWA Volleyball Carnival at Warwick Stadium.

Both the girls' and boys' teams displayed excellent skill, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the competition, with each side progressing to the grand final and finishing as runners-up in their respective divisions.

This success reflects the dedication of our students and the strength of our Wednesday afternoon Volleyball Club, which continues to provide opportunities for students to develop their skills and enjoy the sport.

Well done to all players and staff involved.











Bush Ranger Cadets Head South

On Sunday 14 June, Mount Lawley's Bush Ranger Cadet Unit travelled to Dryandra Woodland for this term's camp, enjoying a weekend of outdoor adventure, teamwork and learning.

Highlights included hiking a section of the Bibbulmun Track near North Bannister, exploring the area's historic railway site, and working together to prepare a traditional camp oven roast dinner. The return journey included a stop at North Dandalup Dam, rounding out a memorable experience.

Thank you to all Cadets for their enthusiasm and participation, and to the staff and volunteers whose support made the camp possible.

Andrew Paul
School Chaplain and Mount Lawley Bush Ranger Cadets Unit Leader



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