Federal Members Support Science at NMSHS

Friday, 1st May Federal Member for Forrest The Hon Nola Marino arranged for the Parliament Secretary to the Minister for Industry and Science, The Hon Karen Andrews to visit the Science Horizons and Engineering Specialist classes at Newton Moore Senior High School.

Ms Andrews is a mechanical engineer herself and was able to discuss with the students future directions for employment in science and engineering. Whilst traditional engineering will still be relied on heavily, areas such as Computer Engineering, Agriculture and Marine Science will increase in importance to Australia and the world.

The visit provided valuable support for the students who are entering into Year 11 and 12 with a Science and Engineering focus. Newton Moore SHS is the only school in the Bunbury region to offer Engineering as a face to face delivered ATAR course.

ANZAC Assembly

An ANZAC Day ceremony involving the whole school community was held on Tuesday 21st April to commemorate ANZAC Day 2015, marking 100 years since the ANZACs landed at Gallipoli. The Student Executive, CALM Cadets and School Band ensured the assembly was a solemn affair that captured an appropriate and fitting tribute to soldiers past and present.

Our guest speaker was Mr Terry Barker, a Vietnam Veteran who has recently visited Gallipoli. He presented an interesting and thought provoking speech that told us of stories involving bravery and sadness, and about the camaraderie that developed between the ANZACs and the Turkish Army, despite being on opposite sides. In our Head Girl’s response, Murphy Rankin, encapsulated the sacrifices that were made by young Australian men who went to fight in World War I and how the experience created many Australian values that we hold in high esteem today including mateship, honesty, integrity, pride and bravery.

Staff and students appreciated the many special guests and family members who attended our ceremony to witness the truly professional manner in which the Student Executive and CALM Cadets conducted the assembly.

The Student Executive represented the school admirably at the ANZAC ceremony held on 25th April at the Graham Bricknell Music Shell. They marched from the RSL Hall past Centrepoint Shopping Centre to the Music Shell where a full ANZAC Service was held. Head Boy, Dylan Phillips and Head Girl, Murphy Rankin laid a wreath on behalf of Newton Moore SHS.

Kaardas Kicking Goals

Some of our South West Academy boys (Kaardas) have been making headlines recently! The Clontarf Foundation is proud of their exploits on the football field and with the fact that they are all maintaining high standards at school also.

Ryan Bennell, Eli Hill and Izaisha Humphries all participated in the National Kickstart Carnival in Cairns in early April. The Western Australian team won the carnival for the fifth year running. Ryan was voted MVP of the carnival. Both Eli and Ryan were selected in the National Boomerangs Squad and will represent Australia later in the year.

“It was fantastic to get to know all my team mates really well. We developed a strong bond at the carnival!” said a proud Ryan Bennell.

Year 11 Kaarda Greg Humphries has also been selected in the Western Australian Under 16s squad. He is busily training hard to be selected in the final team which will participate in a national carnival in July.

Roelands Academy Camp ...

On Wednesday afternoon April 1st, 33 Academy girls drove out to our local Mission at Roelands. Roelands is of significant importance to this region’s Aboriginal history as most South West families have history linked to the Mission.

Roelands Manager, Mr Wallam, who also grew up on the Mission, and Troy Bennell, welcomed the girls and told them stories of the memories he had of the Mission. As the sun went down the girls walked up the hill to draw pictures overlooking the Mission.

In the evening, the girls were joined by Uncle Max and his family to enjoy a meal of roo stew, tail stew and stirfry with damper and salad. The evening was spent outside, listening to stories about the stars and how the Mission kids would use the stars to guide them and remember family.

The following day Mr Bennell took them for a walk to the river, and they then created a picture of the Mission, that they donated to the Mission.

The girls thoroughly enjoyed the camp and Mr Wallam and Mr Bennell’s stories of their lives on the Mission. They also learnt a lot about local Aboriginal history.

Shane Taylor - Previous Student Year 12 2006

Former Newton Moore student, AEIO, Clontarf Staff Member and mining entrepreneur Shayne Taylor has returned to the school to take up a position as an Operations Officer with the South West Clontarf Academy again. “We are ecstatic to have him back! He brings a lot of energy, local knowledge and experience to the position. Shayne spent a few years at our Carnarvon Academy also!” said a pleased Academy Director Gavin Greaves.

Born in Bunbury, Shayne moved to Kellerberin until he returned to Newton Moore for Year 9. Shayne was one of the few indigenous boys to graduate with his WACE prior to Clontarf’s arrival in 2007. He graduated in the class of 2006. Shayne will be a great asset to both the school and the Academy and we hope he stays with us for a long period this time around!