VET Students excel

Newton Moore SHS have students excelling in a range of areas in the workplace scenario. All Year 11 and 12 VET students spend time in workplaces to build their skills and confidence. One such student is Ria Martin who is attending Jackson’s Art Supplies one day a week. We appreciate the support our local employers.

Recently, an ex-student visited us in a different capacity. Courtney Ugle now works for the South Metro Youth Link (SMYL), who support young Indigenous students in securing School Based traineeships. They provide mentoring support and guidance. Melissa Garlett is also at SMYL and is working closely in supporting our students throughout 2015.

We currently have over 22 students engaged in School Based traineeships where students work towards a qualification and also get paid for their time in the workplace.

Cinderella – the fairy tale of the year!

It seems that the story this year to hit the stage and screen was Cinderella. Following the success of last year’s performance ‘Sleeping Beauty in the Woods’, the Newton Moore SHS Performing Arts Department embraced the Cinderella story and launched into a production of ‘Cinderella, A New Version of the Old Legend’. This classic pantomime was written by famous West Australian playwright Tony Nichols and involves a multitude of twists and turns that surprised and delighted our audience.

The performances ran smoothly and the puns were hilarious, delivered so well by our fantastic actors who ranged from Year Seven to Year Twelve, with some experienced drama students and some amateur actors.

The students in the cast, musicians in the band and crew backstage all spent a considerable amount of their free time preparing and rehearsing for the show, and what a show it was! With the dramatic guidance and expertise of Cherie Fielder (resident Drama Teacher) and the music creativity of Jessica Moore (Music Coordinator and teacher), we all built a memory that will last a lifetime.

Many thanks go out to the parents and staff who supported the Performing Arts Department and students in our endeavours. We look forward to the next big show… who knows which classic fairy tale will be next!!

Osprey Project

This year Science Horizon students from Year Seven, Eight and Nine took up an invitation from Bunbury Councillor Judy Jones to investigate the native Osprey to identify potential nesting sites around the Bunbury Mangroves and help design and construct nests.

Information from the mangrove excursions and research was collated to produce a proposal. The proposal was presented to our Principal Sue Kerr, Bunbury Councillor Judy Jones, City of Bunbury representatives Phil Harris, Ben Deeley, Orla O’Donnell and Osprey enthusiast, John Cross.

The Osprey Project is a great opportunity for Newton Moore SHS to get involved with and set ourselves a place in Bunbury’s history. We look forward to visiting the mangroves in the future to finalise the Osprey nests.

Clontarf Indoor Cricket Carnival

On the 17th of June the South West Academy played host to a large indoor cricket carnival for six Clontarf Academies at the Bunbury Cricket Centre.

ILUKA Resources, one of Clontarf’s great partners, were heavily involved in the planning and organisation of the day, providing umpires, one player for each team, prizes, food and volunteer cooks amongst other jobs. They helped make the day the great success that it was.

All the games were played in great spirit and some developing cricket skills were on display! The academies that participated were Bunbury, Swan View, Great Southern, Katanning, Girrawheen and Cecil Andrews.

The local boys took out the trophy this year in a hard fought grand final against the boys from Albany. The coveted Highest Partnership Medals went to Boyd Woods and Tyrone Roe from Katanning. Dylan Wallam (Girrawheen) won the Catch of the Day Medal and the Most Wickets Award went to Robert Woods from Albany.

Mayor Gary Brennan presented the awards and Clontarf Cricket Coordinator Doug Harris spoke about the vast amount of cricket being played in academies throughout Australia. The day was enjoyed by all who were involved. We look forward to next year’s event!