Principal’s Welcome

Welcome to the 2015 school year at Newton Moore SHS. A special welcome is extended to our Year 7 and 8 students and their families. It has been a terrific start to the year. Our Year 7 students are making history by being the first Year 7 intake at Newton Moore Senior High School.

Congratulations

You may have seen in the media coverage about the school’s 2014 Year 12 students. 82% of our students received their first choice into university and we are ranked eighth across the state in this league table. Some outstanding individual results were also received by students from our 2014 Year 12 cohort.

OLNA

Want to know about the OLNA? Some students in Years 10 and 11 are presently sitting the OLNA. OLNA is the acronym for Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment. You may have heard about it but are not sure what it means to your child. This is a test which some students will need to pass to demonstrate they have achieved the required standard of literacy and numeracy for their Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE).

The School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA) awards the WACE at the end of Year 12 to students who have met all the requirements. You can find out more about the requirements on the Authority website at www.scsa.wa.edu.au

Commissioner for Children

Recently the Commissioner for Children and Young People, Jenni Perkins, visited Newton Moore SHS to meet with some staff and a group of our student leaders.

The Commissioner works proactively with children and young people and their families, government, not for profit organisations and others in the community to improve the well being of children and young people. The commissioner was extremely positive about her visit to Newton Moore SHS and said she had gained some great ideas that she would like to consider in her future planning.

BBQ evening for Year 7 and 8 Parents and Students

On 25th February at 5:30pm we had our first meeting with our Year 7 and 8 parents. The afternoon gathering gave us an opportunity to meet new parents, to provide a quick overview about our school and to introduce key people who parents can contact should they have any concerns or questions. Following the BBQ, our Student Executive members conducted a school social for our new students. The students rocked the evening away. If you were unable to attend this event, please contact Mrs Donnelle McInerney or Tonia Glemi (Yr 6—9 Coordinators) for further information.
Athletics Carnival
A reminder, a whole school Athletics Carnival will be held on the Newton Moore SHS oval on March 18th commencing at 9am. Information will be disseminated to your child explaining the format for the day, what to bring and any event participation requirements. There will be an area for parents to cheer on their children and where they can join you for lunch. Any further questions can be directed to Mr Stuart Hayward, Head of Learning Area, Health and Physical Education.

Music
Welcome back to all music students and a warm welcome to our new Year 7 and 8 instrumental students, who are participating in the School of Instrumental Music (SIM) program for the first time. The SIM teachers in 2015 are Arwel Jenkins, Malcom Toft and Mr Jayden Williamson. Most of our students have had a first meet and greet with their SIM teacher and have been given their timetable for their SIM lessons. If parents have any questions about the music program or SIM lessons, they should contact our Teacher in Charge of Music, Jessica Moore on 9722 2461.

Newton Moore SHS Car Park
We would like to remind parents that the staff car park is not to be entered when dropping off or picking up your child. This makes for an unsafe practice. In the interest of safety, the car park is not to be entered for this purpose.

Bush Rangers WA
The Bush Rangers Cadet program is held at Newton Moore SHS every Monday afternoon 3:15pm to 5:00pm. Presently there are 47 students in Bush Rangers from Years 9—12. The Bush Rangers leaders are Armelle Chaussat, Jason Schutloffel, Luke Marinoni, Sam Testa and Naomi Trent. Bush Rangers is a free program for students as it is a State Government funded youth development program aimed at creating exciting opportunities for youth. The Bush Rangers receive training in drill, first aid, bush craft, survival skills, teamwork, leadership and problem solving.

BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)
All students at Newton Moore SHS can participate in the BYOD program. Year 11 and 12 students who do not have access to a portable device that they can bring to school may apply for a loan computer.

Act, Belong, Commit
An exciting week of lunchtime and recess events have been coordinated from 16th to 20th March 2015. There will be a variety of fun activities for students to partake in, including beach volleyball, big board games, drama games and laughter sessions. The message is to stay mentally healthy and enjoy life. This is another week of great activities for our students.

Canteen
Newton Moore SHS hosts 830 students now. Jenny Hall, canteen manager, needs your help. She is looking for volunteer parents, carers, grandparents...anyone interested in using their free time to help in the canteen at recess and lunch time. Thank you so much in advance. Please call Jenny on 9795 8620 for further information.

Health Centre Up-Date
Year 8 Immunisation
Parents and carers of Year 8 students: Please note on Tuesday 24th March, Year 8 students will receive their FREE immunisation. Year 8 students will need to have returned their signed consent form. Immunisation term one is HPV and Varilrix (Chicken Pox).

Anaphylaxis
Parents of all students with allergies/anaphylaxis, please make sure your child carries an up-to-date Epipen with them at all times.

Update Contact Information
Please also make sure that all current contact numbers are correct in case of an emergency. Any enquiries, please contact our school nurse, Mrs Piggott on 9722 2425.
Parent/Teacher Interviews

Years 7, 8 and 9 interviews will be held on 26th March. Years 10, 11 and 12 interviews will be held on 31st March 2015. Bookings will be made through PTO (Parent, Teacher Online) through the school website. We will be emailing information on how to make your bookings. It’s very important that you have informed us of your email address, otherwise you will have to book appointments through the school.

Senior School Up-date

Year 11 Ball

One of the most exciting nights of the year on the school calendar, is the Newton Moore SHS School Ball. The theme for the ball this year is Fire and Ice. As usual, the ball will be held at the Italian Club at a cost of $90. The students must be in the venue by 6:30pm and parents can pick up their child at 11:00pm. We are all looking forward to seeing our senior school students dressed up for this special occasion.

Special Examination Arrangements

To ensure that students with special education needs are catered for in an appropriate way and in accordance with the School Curriculum & Standards Authority (SCSA) guidelines the use of special examination arrangements in Year 12 WACE examinations is conditional upon a successful application being made to the SCSA. Newton Moore SHS will assist with this application, though we ask families to initiate the application and provide the appropriate supporting documents. Applications for Year 12 students are due to SCSA in May. Further information, including sample forms, can be accessed at http://www.scasa.wa.edu.au and following the links >senior secondary>WACE exams> Special Programs. If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact the Year 12 Deputy Principal, Mrs Kylie Cattaway.

The University of Notre Dame

Parent information evening—Parents of students in Year 10, 11 and 12 are invited to attend Notre Dame’s Parent Information evening to discuss subject selection, course information, the transition from high school to university and how to apply to Notre Dame. Guest speaker, Robyn Smith (Director of Curriculum, Assessment and Moderation at SCSA) will present on how changes in the WACE curriculum will impact students applying to the university from 2017. Tuesday 10th March at 6:30pm, 19 Mouat Street, Fremantle.

Medicine Information Session

Students interested in studying medicine at Notre Dame are invited to attend a Medicine Information Session. Learn about the Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery, the Pre-Medicine Certificate and speak with current Medicine students. Sunday 22nd March at 10:30am at School of Medicine, 38 Henry Street, Fremantle. Please RSVP at visit www.nd.edu.au or contact the Prospective Students Office on 9433 0533.

Congratulations to students of the month –
Dekota Scott (Yr 7)
Rory Culbert (Yr 8)
Ruby Bentley (Yr 9)
Emily Jones (Yr 9)
Ryan Bennell (Yr 10)
Kristen Jarvis (Yr 11)
Cory Dann (Yr 12)
A big congratulations to Ashleigh Collett and Aiden Ytting, two of our 2014 graduating students, for both winning Curtin scholarships.

Community News

Back Beach Bike Blast
29th March 2015
Visit: BackBeachBikeBlast.com.au

Headspace Bunbury
Workshop’s & opportunities to seek some professional help.