Principal’s Welcome

NAPLAN is over for the next 12 months. The students all did their very best and the whole process ran smoothly. A special thank you to those students and staff involved. The results will be out in September.

The OLNA (Online Literacy & Numeracy Assessment) results have arrived and families were recently posted a copy of their results.

The Senior Students have just finished their Semester One exams and the exam supervisors once again were very pleased with students’ commitment and their conscientious and hard working approach. It is important that you talk to your child about their exam results and that students spend time over the holidays reviewing and revising their Semester One work.

I am pleased to say that next year Edith Cowan University in Bunbury, as well as offering their other suite of courses, will also offer First Year Engineering. This is a great initiative and will support students who may otherwise go to Perth to do Science and Technology or Engineering courses. I encourage parents to view these new offerings on the ECU website.

It is that time of year when we seem to have lots of excursions and events happening. It is important that parents make sure that permission notes and monies get to the school in a timely fashion. It is not long until the Country Week squad head off to Perth. We wish them all the best in their endeavours. It has always stood out for me the sportsmanship that students at Newton Moore display when representing the school in any special event.

The big push to improve attendance is paying off. Regular attendance has improved by 2% on last year’s figures. There is still room for improvement though, particularly with Year 10 students. Our present focus is getting notes back from parents confirming the reasons why students are away from school. We greatly value good attendance at school as do employers. When employing young people it can make the difference between receiving a job offer or not.

Most students are continuing to turn up every day looking fantastic in their uniforms. There are still a few who add bits and pieces or those who have coloured shirts hanging under their school shirt or wear non-uniform items. Please help us to get all students looking professional so they are a credit to you and the school.

A special thank you to all the parents and carers of students at Newton Moore SHS; you do a great job in supporting us at the school. It is a privilege to work in this supportive community.

Susan Kerr

Senior School Counselling in preparation for Year 11 2016

In the last two weeks of this term all Year 10 students and their parents/guardians will be involved in very important interviews with a course counsellor for their Year 11 and 12 subject selections. Parents have been communicated with via email and the post explaining the process to access a counselling interview. To book an
interview please access PTO (Parent–Teacher Online) through the school’s website or contact Mrs Tania Martyn (9722 2400) at the school to help you make a booking. At the course counselling interview students and parent/guardian will be provided with important information about what courses are available and what we do at NMSHS to support our Senior School students to achieve success.

On Tuesday 5th May we had a large number of our Year 10 students and their parents/guardians attend an information evening about the counselling process, pathways available at NMSHS in 2016 and the WACE requirements to achieve graduation at the end of Year 12. It was wonderful to see so many parents and students attend this very informative evening. For further information about the Pathways available at NMSHS in 2016 please refer to the Senior School Subject Selection Handbook 2016 on the school’s website (www.newtonmooreshs.wa.edu.au). For further information about graduation (WACE) requirements please refer to the SCSA (School Curriculum and Standards Authority) pamphlet contained in the package of information mailed out on Tuesday 16th June 2015.

NMSHS looks forward to working with our Year 10 cohort and their parents/guardians to ensure success at the end of Year 12 in 2017.

What does the Department of Education consider to be regular attendance?

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Absences affect learning outcomes whatever the reasons for missed days. This includes sickness, school reluctance/refusal and family holidays. Even where many of the absences are explained and unavoidable, planning between the family and school may be necessary so your child gets the most of his/her schooling.

This planning is often useful to help the school understand any problems or barriers preventing your child from attending school regularly. It may be necessary to review and modify any plans until regular attendance (90% +) at school is restored. It is important for schools and families to work together when planning for improved attendance to ensure the best possible outcomes for your child.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding your child’s attendance at Newton Moore Senior High School please don’t hesitate to contact us at the school 97222400. You can ask to speak to:

- Attendance Officer: Peta Parsons
- Student Services Coordinator: Pippa Herbert
- Year Coordinator Year 7–9: Donelle McInerney and Tonia Gelmi
- Year Coordinator Year 10–12: Kristy Harper

Newton Moore Senior High School app

Please download the free “Newton Moore School” app on your smartphone to keep up to date. We use the Skoolbag app to communicate important messages to parents.

Homework Club and Follow the Dream

The school offers four after school sessions for Follow the Dream students and two after school homework classes for Year 7–12 students. At these sessions students are assisted with their work by experienced senior teachers in the areas of English, Mathematics, Science and Humanities and Social Sciences.

Uniforms

The school dress requirement at Newton Moore is a reflection on the standards that are expected of our students. It plays an important role in promoting a positive image of the school, its
students and creating a sense of identity among our students.

The benefits of having a uniform include: promoting safety of students through easier identification; keeping costs of clothing within reasonable limits for parents; and assisting students to learn the importance of appropriate presentation. Being suitably groomed is part of the process by which students learn to engage with employers and the community.

As the weather is getting cooler, we ask that you remind students that they are required to wear the NMSHS rugby jumpers or track suit jacket at school or either a light blue or white jumper without a hood. Students who are not wearing an appropriate jumper will be asked to remove the jumper or exchange it for a loan jumper for the day.

**Energy Drinks**

Energy drinks are designed for an adult market. They’re only sold to children in Australia due to a loophole in the law. Many parents wouldn’t allow their children to drink coffee at home due to its caffeine content, yet kids can walk into a shop and purchase any one of a dozen highly caffeinated drinks.

So what’s wrong with caffeinated drinks? Caffeine is a stimulant that speeds up parts of the body and the brain. It increases heart rate, blood pressure and body temperature. In high doses it causes changes to heart rhythm and hand tremors, dizziness and nausea. There have been reported deaths from drinking a few as four of these drinks.

Caffeinated drinks give kids an instant high, making them feel awake and alert but doctors are concerned about links between high consumption of caffeine and insomnia and anxiety. Once in the system, caffeine stays around for hours, which causes sleeplessness and sleep disruption.

**Healthy Food and Drink**

Our school ensures:

- the consumption of lollies and bubble gum by students is not permitted.
- foods high in fat, salt and sugar are discouraged and not sold onsite.
- that nutritious food is sold at the school canteen and that the menu is regularly changed to accommodate seasonal variations.
- that we will provide a strong physical education and fitness curriculum for all students.
- that we have a school environment that is conducive to active living and encourages physical activity.

**Bush Ranger Cadets**

Bush Ranger Cadets is a voluntary group that runs after school enabling students who have a keen interest in environmental matters to get some hands on experience. Students are also given leadership opportunities to enhance their own skills.

Cadets is open to all students in Years 9 - 12, but unfortunately due to high interest we only have limited spaces available.

Students in the program have the opportunity to be involved in local rehabilitation projects, attend camps in the South West and learn more about the environment in which they live.

If you would like to know more information, parents can contact either Mr Schuttloflel or Mr Marinoni at the school.

**Our School's a Star!**

Over the past couple of months Moore Productions, the NMSHS Media Club, has been planning, shooting and editing an entry into the Department of Education’s Our School is a Star competition.

Students, staff and the wider community were surveyed for a response to the competition’s theme: *What makes your school shine?* The overwhelming response was that Newton Moore SHS shines due to the wide range of extra-curricular activities and support programs on offer. Students know whatever their interests,
there are programs and clubs on offer to meet their needs and to give back to the community.

The script was written with the aim of showing off as many of these programs as possible. After a couple of attempts at shooting the footage, followed by a little bit of editing, our video has been uploaded to the competition website. Please visit the following link to view and vote for our entry:

http://ourschoolsastar.com/contest/1/entry/136

Many thanks to the wide range of staff and students who contributed to the production of the video.

**Student Services Update**

**Senior School**

**Year 12 — Information Student Declaration and Permission online**

To reduce paper handling and the administrative load on schools, the School Curriculum and Standards Authority has developed an online procedure for collecting student declaration and permissions in 2015. The deadline for students to complete this process online is 29 July 2015.

Year 12 students enrolled in the WACE examinations need to declare that they are aware of the requirements to achieve the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) and for sitting the WACE examinations. These requirements are listed in the Year 12 Information Handbook which is available on the Authority website at:


It is strongly suggested that all students discuss all of the questions with their parents or guardians prior to completing the student declaration and permission online.

To complete the student declaration and permission online the student can either go to:

Student information site https://www.wace.wa.edu.au/ or

Student page via School Curriculum and Standards Authority’s main website http://www.scsa.wa.edu.au/internet/User_groups/Students

**Alcoa Apprenticeships (Year 10–12 students)**

Alcoa Wagerup will be taking applications for several apprenticeships from June 15th, closing July 3rd. For application details, keep an eye on the web page below and local newspapers for advertisements. Applicants will also need to consider if they will have transport:

◇ to get to the Wagerup worksite
◇ to get to SWIT Bunbury for blocks of training

For more information go to:


**Academic Success Workshops**

This free program will run during the first week of the July school holidays and includes sessions on exam preparation, career counselling and developing good study habits.

- Monday 6th July 9.30—12.30 Exams
- Monday 6th July 1.30—3.30 Careers
- Tuesday 7th July 9.30—12.30 Study

To register your interest please email james.skoda@education.wa.edu.au

Registration Forms have been sent out to students, and are available in the NMSHS Information Resource Centre (Library)

**Community News**

**Students Advising Youth (SAY)**

Western Australian Police (WAPOL) is calling on all WA students aged 12 – 18 years to become Community Safety Champions, as part of the innovative Students Advising Youth (SAY) Project for 2015.

Email: SAY.Project@police.wa.gov.au

Registration by: 30 June 2015
Closing date: 31 July 2015

**Fun Run: Run for their lives**

Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School are holding a Fun Run to raise funds for World Vision to support Syrian refugees.

When: 21st June
What: 3km walk or 6km run
Register at: www.bunburyrunsfortheirlives.com