Principal’s Welcome

Welcome back to the start of Term 3. I trust everyone had a great break and have returned ready for a very important term. As I look at the Semester Two calendar I am overwhelmed by the excursions, incursions, events, celebrations and opportunities that are offered to the students at Newton Moore Senior High School. The commitment of staff and determination to go above and beyond is second to none.

Reading semester reports is one of the highlights of my role. It is a privilege to gain the insight into student achievement, read the teacher comments and identify those students who go above and beyond in their commitment to their learning. As I read these I really try and focus on the comments as these are what are most important, knowing those students who are working to their potential and or those students who are really excelling.

The end of last term was very busy as the Admin team had individual interviews with nearly all Year 10 students and their parents and or guardians. The interviews were in preparation for 2016. At these interviews we discuss career options and students select courses and subjects for next year. With over 120 families in attendance it has affirmed the strong partnerships that lay the foundation for student success. I would like to thank and acknowledge every student and family member who came along to the interviews.

We continue to develop our strong partnerships with feeder primary schools. At the start of this term we have many students from the primary schools who will visit us to participate in a variety of challenging science activities. These visitors are part of our STEM project which is about enhancing students involvement in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

Congratulations goes to all those students and staff who were involved Country week. Once again Newton Moore SHS teams put in an excellent effort and were outstanding ambassadors for our school. The strong sportsmanship and the dedication by each and very Country Week team member was greatly appreciated.

Finally can I encourage all parents to complete the national school survey. We really like to get your feedback about how we are performing as a school. As members of our school I would also strongly encourage you to share the successes of our students to the wider community.

Susan Kerr

Assessment and Reporting

Assessment is often viewed, especially from the child’s perspective, as unfair, daunting and stressful; however, it is an important aspect of your child’s education. Teachers use informal and formal assessments to draw out a student’s current ability and identify any gaps in their learning. Teachers can then provide timely feedback and plan personalised learning
opportunities to ensure all students move forward and improve. This year, students have performed well in formalised assessment weeks and during exams. Teachers continuously analyse these assessments so the curriculum can be adjusted to cater to our students’ needs.

The Semester 1 reports were mailed home at the end of last term. These are a valuable indicator of how your child is progressing with assessments and their learning. Please ensure you discuss with your child their progress and support them with their learning. Reports should be used to plan for improvement and build better results in Semester 2. Parents who attended the Year 10 interviews discussed with Admin how their child could improve. If you wish to know more about your child’s progress please do not hesitate to contact the school to arrange an appointment with the teacher concerned as they are happy to support students in their learning.

Transitions

Year 6 to Year 7

In preparation for the transition of Year 6 students to Newton Moore SHS, we are running “taster” days in Science for Year 6 students from feeder primary schools.

Carey Park Primary, Maidens Park Primary and Picton Primary participated in these workshops in Term 2. Activities include using laboratory equipment to make gases and extracting DNA. Year 6 students will also be invited to a separate, additional transition day later this year. Enrolment packages were distributed to students when the Year Coordinator and students visited the primary schools at the end of Term 2. These packages can also be collected from our school’s reception.

Amazing Opportunities for YR 10’s & 11’s.

Bunbury Regional Trade Training Centre – Opportunities are available for our current Yr 10 and Yr 11 students to access qualifications/courses on Thursdays or Fridays for 2016. Applications can be obtained from Mr Mungioli but time is running out.

Applications close: 10th August

This opportunity allows students to attend a qualification 1-2 days per week in Building and Construction, Painting, Electrotechnology, Youth Work, Health, Emergency Medical Services, Dental work, Medical Business Admin. Some of the above options are delivered FREE.

South West Institute Of Technology – An opportunity to attend other courses 1-2 days per week also exists at SWIT in 2016. Applications are expected to close end of August. See Mr Mungioli for a list of options and about how to apply. Some are free and some have costs. They are a great way to build on your skills.

Applications close: late August

School Based Traineeships – Get paid while on work experience one day per week in 2016! If you are interested in a higher level qualification, Cert III Disability Services could be for you while you are in Upper School. See Mr Mungioli as soon as possible for more information and an application form for a School Based traineeship with Active Foundation.

Applications close: beginning of September

These are very popular and rewarding and late applications are not considered. These have been advertised to students over the last few weeks in form classes and Year meetings.

Student Services Update

Student Recognition

It was fantastic to have the opportunity at our last whole school assembly to recognize students who uphold our Newton Moore values. Over fifty students received certificates and wristband USBs to acknowledge 100% attendance in Semester One. Senior School students who achieved top of their subject and A grades were awarded Honour certificates and will be enjoying the Academic lunch in Week 5. Students of the month for July were awarded to the following students:

Year 7  Kynen Neill
Year 8  Shachar Eyal
Year 9  Laura Harris
Year 10  Kelley Roberts
Year 11  Cameron Kendall
Year 12  Taylor Watson
Our next whole school assembly is on Tuesday 25th August 2015. Parents are always welcome to attend.

Pippa Herbert

**Year Twelve Information**

The end of school year is fast approaching for our Year Twelve students. Their last day of school is Tuesday 20th October (Week 2, next term). On this day the traditional Year 12 final assembly will take place in the gym commencing at 8.40am. A morning tea for students and staff and Activity Day will take place after the assembly. On Monday 21st September, the Year 12 Dinner will be held at Barbados.

The Presentation Evening is on Wednesday 28th October at the Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre (BREC). Rehearsal for the Presentation Evening is compulsory for every student and is held at the BREC on Wednesday 28th October from 10.30am to 12 noon. On the night, students must arrive at BREC no later than 5.50pm. Parents need to be seated by 6.15pm. The ceremony will start promptly at 6.30pm.

Tickets for the Presentation Evening are limited to five per student. If more than five tickets are required, please contact the Senior School Coordinator, Kristy Harper in Student Services. Parents will not actually receive a ticket or a particular seat – seating will be based on first in, first served.

Permission notes and further information will be sent home shortly about the above events, however if you require any further information in the mean time please contact Kristy on 9722 2400 or via email Kristy.Harper@education.wa.edu.au

As the Learning Support Coordinator (LSC) I would like to offer parents the opportunity to contact me for assistance and support with their child’s learning. Not only do I support students with diagnosed disabilities but I am here to assist all students who have learning difficulties. I can be phoned on 9722473 or emailed at kirsty.jacobs@education.wa.edu.au

Each newsletter I will include a few tips, websites, applications that may help students, or assist parents in supporting their children at school. This issue the focus is on organisation.

Staying organised at home and at school can be difficult. Here are a few simple ideas to encourage students to stay organised:

- **Prepare** – Don’t go scrambling for a pen and paper. Go to class with all your materials ready to go.
- **Organise** – Keep your notes for each class in one place. Use a file or multi-subject notebook to keep notes together. Remember to include a place for any loose handouts.
- **Label** – Use dividers to separate each class into sections by unit or topic.
- **Chronology** – It can be tempting to shove your notes into your file after a long class, but take the time to ensure that they are in the correct order. Better to take the time now, rather than search for them when you need to study.
- **Maintain** – Go through your file or notebook weekly to ensure that there is no loose paper and do a general tidy up of them.

**Community News**

**Forum on Apprenticeships and Traineeships**

South West Vet Link are running a forum at the Trade Training Centre, Bunbury Catholic College.

It is for students in Year 9 – 12 who are looking at VET pathways, to explore their options and get a better understanding of the Apprenticeship & Traineeship world.

When: 5.30 – 8.00pm Wednesday 19th August
Registration: phone 0409 200 702 or Email: donna@southwestvetlink.wa.edu.au
Outward Bound School Holiday Program

Outward Bound runs a wilderness and adventure based program called Navigator which aims to build integrity, resilience and compassion in 15–17 year olds.

When: Sept 28—Oct 9, 2015
       April 12–23, 2016
Email: http://www.outwardbound.org.au/courses/navigator/

Bunbury Junior Squash

Junior Squash is run by the Bunbury Squash Club every Tuesday, at South West Sports Centre, 4.30pm to 5.30 pm, during the school term.

Contact: Leanne French
Ph: 0418 598 075
Email: ascbunburysquash@gmail.com

Community Education Program

Relationships Australia are running workshops for parents and teens designed to support families where anger is an issue. Programs are run at Bunbury Family Relationship Centre and bookings are essential.

Course: All about anger for Parents and Teens
When: 10am — 2pm, 5th September 2015

Course: Parent Teen Connection
When: 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th August 2015
Cost: $50 pp, $75 per couple
Ph: 9792 1111 for bookings

Holiday Camps

Scripture Union of WA are running a range of summer holiday camps for primary and secondary students.

Ph: 9371 9100
Email: suwa@suwa.org.au
Web: www.suwa.org.au