Principal’s Welcome

Newton Moore Senior High School is definitely a school of choice. Presently, we are consolidating our planning. This has included the production of our 2015–2017 Business Plan and Workforce Management Plan which will be ratified by our School Board.

Our status as an “Independent Public School” acknowledges the capacity of our school and community to make decisions at a local level that are the best for our students. It acknowledges the school’s performance, and its ability to continually improve, through self-assessment.

Newton Moore SHS welcomes the increased accountability and responsibility that we have as an Independent Public School in a time of increased autonomy for schools.

As an Independent Public School we are able to develop a workforce profile that suits the needs and priorities of our school community. This means we can select our own staff, both teachers and support staff. We continually work to ensure that we have the right people in the right positions.

As we look towards the future we are confident that we will continue to provide students with an excellent education, world class opportunities, high quality teaching, learning and leadership. We are proud of the fact that our students are confident learners and Newton Moore Senior High School is a place that respects and fosters their strengths and interests.

We will continue to focus on our two priorities of: Quality Teaching and Learning, and Relationships and Partnerships.

We know how important quality teaching is and how that makes such a difference to learning in the classroom. Thus we prioritise up-skilling and supporting our teachers so that students can achieve the best educational outcomes.

We also understand the importance of building strong, positive relationships with students. We acknowledge the importance of our partners, parents, community members and industry. By us working together we get great outcomes from our students.

Susan Kerr

NAIDOC Day 2015

NAIDOC celebrations are a highlight of the school calendar at Newton Moore Senior High School in Term 3. The celebrations will be held in Week 10 on Tuesday the 22nd of September. It is a great opportunity for our Indigenous students to proudly share their culture with the Non Indigenous staff.
and students and with the broader school community.

The 2015 day promises to be action packed, educational and fun! Our assembly will feature a Welcome to Country and smoking ceremony conducted by local Noongar man Troy Bennell who is hugely popular and respected in our school community. This will be followed by a short student generated film and an interview style presentation by two local Aboriginal past students from Newton Moore SHS. Some NAIDOC Awards will be presented at the assembly.

During Periods 3, 4 and 5 our Year 7, 8 and 9 students will participate in a variety of activities aimed at celebrating and sharing Aboriginal culture. These will include: short films, art activities, a motivational talk presented by Dennis Simmonds, cultural cooking and music activities.

The Great Bookswap will occur again over the recess and lunch break raising money for literacy resources in remote Indigenous communities. Talented Year 12 artist and Clontarf Academy member Stephen Taylor will also work on a mural alongside the Bookswap in the undercover area near the canteen. It promises to be a significant and dynamic day.

PISA (Programme for International Student Assessment)

On Thursday 20th August a selection of students completed PISA testing.

PISA is an international assessment run every three years, involving around 70 participating countries. It is a computer based assessment of how prepared students are for adult life, real-life problem solving and skills necessary to cultivate life long learning.

All participating students will receive a certificate of participation and small gift as well as a Student Profile showing their results.

The results from PISA will assist governments, education systems and schools to improve equity in education for all students, and identify areas in which Australian students are doing well and areas for improvement.

Winter Carnival 2015

What an awesome day was had by the Year 9 and 10 students who represented the mighty ‘Newton Moore Knights’ at the 2015 Winter Carnival. The school sent 11 teams to participate in 6 different sports against other schools from the South West. The Knights competed tremendously well across all sports but excelled in, and won mixed hockey and the A grade boys football. Boys basketball and girls volleyball placed second in their respective sports awesome work team. Well done to all players in those teams.

A carnival can’t happen without the time and effort of staff to volunteer to coach teams before and during the carnival so to those coaches thank you very much. To the student helpers for the day, again, your help is very much appreciated by the coaches.

Overall Newton Moore finished 4th in the championship and 4th in the meritorious shield.

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Year 10s & 11s—SWIT 2016 Course Options

South West Institute Of Technology (SWIT) recently released the list of courses they are offering for the VET in school’s program. These courses have subsidised fees and are a terrific opportunity to obtain industry skills, qualifications and experience. Be aware that students must apply for and be accepted into these courses by SWIT. SWIT normally only accept students who have achieved a C grade in English and Mathematics. OLNA results may also be taken into consideration.

At some stage over the next 2 weeks, Year 10s and Year 11s will be given the opportunity to apply for one of these courses using an on-line process at school. Over the page is a list of the
course on offer. Students should keep note of Year Meeting announcements and Daily Notice announcements to find out where and when they can complete the on-line applications.

Mr Alf Mungioli is available before school or during lunchtimes if you have any questions.

Not a surprise

Examinations don’t suddenly appear from nowhere. You can see them on the horizon from quite a way back. Make the most of your study time to be as ready as you can be.

Read Actively
- Highlight, underline or circle words
- Develop a comprehensive set of study notes
- Draw maps and charts of ideas and systems
- Review and summarise your notes
- Check your understanding

Support and be supported
- Study with a friend or three
- Test each other on key ideas and terms
- Share your ideas
- Help each other out (without colluding or cheating...don’t take work from study group to use as your own)

Know what you know, learn what you don’t
- Make a list of what you know and what you don’t
- Anything that falls into a “middle ground” belongs on the “don’t know” side
- Move ideas and concepts across to the “know” side as you learn them
- Celebrate each move to the “know” side
- Do this for each course

Practise
- Memorising essays won’t help you in an exam. Knowing how to write answers with limited time will
- So...practise as much as you can
- Use practice answers as part of your study routine

Resources
- You don’t know what is in the exam
- You do know what is in the syllabus
- Work out study questions based on the syllabus

The 2016 Yr 12 Mock Examinations take place from Monday 21st September to Friday 9th October.

Battle of the Knights

The annual “Battle of the Knights” is happening on Friday 25th September. Parents and family are all welcome to dress-up and spectate.

Events on the day include the Knight Houses Parade, a Medieval Photo Booth, the Knights and Knaves in Battle and for the finale, the Knights Fun Run.

The event will be held on the Newton Moore SHS oval, Hotchin Street, Bunbury 11am — 3pm.

Student Services Update

SMS

When a child is marked absent an SMS is automatically sent to parents/guardians informing them of their student’s absence. Parents/guardians can either phone or SMS to explain their child’s absence. It is important that parents/guardians respond to an SMS.

SMS can be done 24/7.

Lates

Students must be in Form class by 8.40am. If your child arrives at school after this time they must present themselves to Student Services to receive a late note. If your child is late, they are
required to bring a note from their parents/guardians explaining the lateness.

Arrival to school on time is important because:

- Your child does not miss out on important learning activities.
- Students learn the importance of punctuality and routine.
- Students have the time to greet their friends before class.
- Students can begin their school work with everyone else in their class therefore decreasing the opportunity for disruption.

Any queries about your child’s attendance? Please contact Peta Parsons, Attendance Officer on 97222429.

**Every minute counts**

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**Community News**

**World Education Program Student Exchange**

World Education Program (WEP) Australia is a not-for-profit student exchange organisation which arranges overseas student exchanges, and hosting of exchange students. For more information and to request an information pack visit the website at: [www.wep.org.au](http://www.wep.org.au)

**Teeball and Junior Softball**

Bunbury & Districts Softball Association are calling for nominations for teeball and softball teams. Teams are mixed gender and include Nippers (5-7), Stubbies (8-9), Little League (12 & Under) and Junior League (16 & Under).

Teeball Co-ordinator: Nathan Smith  
Ph: 0421 318 935  
Email: teeball@badsa.com.au

Softball Co-ordinator: Ben Fraenkel  
Email: juniorsoftball@badsa.com.au

**Surf Lifesaving**

Dalyellup Beach Surf Lifesaving Club is calling for registrations for the 2015/15 season.  
When: Sept 19 2015, 9-11am  
Ph: Kaara Andrew 0433 802 192