11th April 2014

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

The end of term is again upon us and a quarter of the school year has now past. It has been a good term and one that contained some exciting things such as the school ball, the swimming carnival, students on Work Place Learning, the Follow the Dream signing ceremony and the handing over of the Newman Trade Training Centre to the school to use. All in all a very successful term and a great start to the year.

I would like to congratulate Mrs Amber Lewis and her team on a very successful School Ball. Changing the location to cater for a smaller group was something that was done with a lot of anxiety but proved to be a master stroke. The appearance and functionality of the venue combined with greater visibility to students being dropped at and walking the red carpet was outstanding. Most importantly the feedback is that the students had a great night.

Thank you to everyone that came to the Teacher/Parent night. We used a new online booking system for the first time and feedback from parents and staff was that this worked better than the previous system. For those that were not able to make the night or who may have any concerns at any time please contact staff to discuss your child’s progress or education.

The Newman Trade Training Centre is ready for use next term. Having looked through the centre it can only be described as a top class facility and one that is going to enable our students to develop skills that will make them highly competitive in the future job market.

Our Expo has again been run and has given students and the community the opportunity to explore career options. I would like to thank BHP, our major sponsor, the Shire and all those involved on the committee for making this day possible. Thank you also to all the exhibitors for passing on your knowledge and experience to our students. We hope everyone enjoyed the morning tea and lunch provided by our Certificate 2 Kitchen Operations students.

On a personal note, it has been great to come back and see how the school has been progressing, see the students and catch up with parents. As I said to the students recently, we are a very lucky school. Hopefully I will be able to again come back either out of retirement or when passing through and spend some more time here in the future.
Upcoming Events

West Coast Eagles Visit
Naplan
Glen Geren-Oxygen-Year 10-12
PEEP starts
V Swans Boys & Girls football carnival
Newman 8/9 boys 8-10 girls
Aspire visit
Foodbank visit

Wednesday 7th May
Tuesday 13th - Thursday 15th May
Tuesday 20th May
Tuesday 20th May
Wednesday 21st - Thursday 22nd May
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NAPLAN Test Schedule for Year 9 in 2014

What are the benefits of a national test?

The test results provide a snapshot of a student's achievement in comparison to all students of the same year level across the country. They assist teachers to better identify students who require additional support or enrichment. Students and parents can use individual results to discuss achievements with teachers. The tests allow the progress of each student to be monitored over time. The results support schools to identify strengths and weaknesses in teaching programs. State and territory departments of education gain information to help them evaluate programs and allocate resources. Sample questions can be accessed at http://nap.edu.au/naplan/the-tests.html on the national NAPLAN website.

From 2014, students who achieve a Band 8 result in Writing, Reading and Numeracy are not required to sit these components in the Year 10 Online Literacy and Numeracy Test (OLNA).

Sessions

Tuesday 13 May:
Language Conventions 45 Minutes
Writing 40 minutes

Wednesday 14 May:
Reading 65 minutes

Thursday 15 May:
Numeracy Calculator Allowed 40 minutes
Numeracy Non-calculator 40 minutes

Workplace Learning

Our first group of year 11 and 12 students have completed eight days in the workplace to gain valuable on-the-job learning and insight into their chosen career pathways. Following this experience the students will again be given an opportunity to choose the same career pathway or explore something different whilst completing their next eight days of on-the-job learning in semester two. Our workplace learning industry partners have provided fantastic feedback about our students during this placement, which is a credit to our students and their ability to transition from school into the workplace. Students have also enjoyed their experience and now have a clearer idea of their future career pathway.

Thank you to the following industry partners that make this valuable program possible by accepting our students into their workplaces and mentoring them throughout the experience:
AGK Automotive Electrics
Axis Design & Construct
BHP Billiton Iron Ore - Mt Whaleback
Chandler Macleod
Crawford Real Estate
Customer First Contracting
DTMT
East Pilbara Tyre Service
Lend Lease
Newman Day Care Centre
NRW Civil & Mining
Sargent Rental & Maintenance
Savannah Engineers
Shire of East Pilbara
South Newman Primary School
Thrifty
Transpacific Cleanaway
Western Australian Police
Westrac
YMCA of Perth - Y Time Newman

Our workplace learning students are broken into groups and workplace learning is scheduled for June, September and November 2014. If your business would like to be involved in this valuable program, please contact Kim Bowering on 08 9715 8100 or http://Kim.Bowering@education.wa.edu.au.

Certificate II in Kitchen Operations

Students completed their first five day block of intensive training with Pilbara Institute this week, working towards the completion of Certificate II in Kitchen Operations. Diana Dawson, Lecturer Hospitality & Commercial Cookery and Suzanne Waterson, Lecturer Literacy & Numeracy from Pilbara Institute worked in collaboration with Newman Senior High School teacher Jasmine Harris to cover key industry skills and knowledge.

A highlight for the students was to be asked to provide catering and service to stall holders for the New Horizons Career Expo which was held at the Newman Recreation Centre on Wednesday 9th of April. Students prepared and served morning tea and lunch to stall holders, along with refreshments throughout the day, including freshly made coffee to order.

Stall holders were extremely impressed by the food produced by the students, their politeness and professionalism. Congratulations to the Certificate II Kitchen Operations team, who did an amazing job.

Thank you also to Diana Dawson and Suzanne Waterson from Pilbara Institute and Jasmine Harris who did a fantastic job guiding and coordinating the Certificate II in Kitchen Operations Team.
Careers Expo

The 2014 Careers Expo was even more successful this year with students commenting on the high level of enthusiasm from stallholders. In addition, this Expo was particularly hands on, allowing students to participate in cooking demonstrations and tastings. Professional Chef Steven Newcombe, from Taste Buds, cooked gourmet treats for expo attendees with assistance from our catering students. Stalls were visually engaging and it was inspiring for students to listen to peoples’ career stories. Students walked away at the end of their visit with a show bag of informative goodies.

A unique feature of the Careers Expo was year 10, 11 and 12 students listening to ‘a day in the life of a professional’. They were captivated by a local policeman’s engaging talk about his work life stories. Equally interesting were speakers talking about their work including a lawyer, youth worker, bank manager and teacher. Students got to experience first hand what these career
pathways entail.

A big thankyou to the committee, stallholders, the Shire of East Pilbara and BHP Billiton Iron Ore for generously sponsoring this event.

**Stall holders:**

- AFL Sports Ready
- Apprenticeship Solutions
- A Troop - Pilbara Regiment
- BHP Billiton Iron Ore
- Chandler Macleod
- Curtin University
- Department of Child Protection & Family Support
- DeLancey Legal
- Edith Cowan University
- Greening Australia
- Mainstreet Project
- Many Rivers
- Mission Australia
- Murdoch University
- Newman Chamber of Commerce & Industry
- Puntukurnu Aboriginal Medical Service
- Pilbara Joblink
- Pilbara Institute
- Shire of East Pilbara
- Skilled Group
- Spotless
- St John Ambulance
- The University of Notre Dame
- University of Western Australia
- WA Country Health Services (WACHS)
- Woolworths
- WorkPac Group
- V-Swans
- YMCA "Y Time Newman"
- Taste Buds

**Speakers:**

- Cr Lynne Craigie – Newman Shire President
- Sam Alexeef - Physical Education Teacher, Newman Senior High School
- Kat Hay - Physiotherapist, Newman Medical Centre
- Nikki Seed - Dolly Met Frank Clothing Boutique, Iron Core Pilates, Dancing Instructor, Organic Tanning
- Emma Witteck - Child Care Director, YMCA Newman Early Learning Centre
- Tarryn Mousdale - Operations Trainer, BHP Billiton Iron Ore
- Leonie Bailey - Lawyer, De Lancey Legal
- Chelsea O'Neill - Manager, Bank West Newman
- Chloe Glass - Primary School Teacher, Newman Primary School
- Matthew Winters - Process Engineer, BHP Billiton Iron Ore
- Jarlath Brennan - Youth Services, YMCA Newman
- Sergeant Mark McKenzie – Western Australia Police

Thanks to Jordan Fisher for introducing the speakers and to John Wilmot for being MC for the
Going to University Parent Information Session & University Expo

University was brought to life for students when representatives from the University of Western Australia, Curtin University, Edith Cowan University, The University of Notre Dame and Murdoch University came and spoke to parents and students. A lot of content was covered enabling parents and students to understand and plan for university. Representatives gave energetic presentations talking about: university life, accommodation, scholarships available, step-up ATAR support, campus life, the application process and much more. Both sessions were very valuable for students and we would like to thank the universities for providing this forum and Kim Bowering’s thorough planning that enables these sessions to run successfully. The presentations were complimented by universities informative stalls and advice provided at the Careers Expo.

Returning and ongoing staff

We welcome Mr Daniel Kinuthia back next term from leave. He will be teaching in the Humanities and Social Sciences learning area. Mr Jordan Fisher will continue teaching at Newman Senior High School while Mrs Christine Blackwood is on leave.

A Magical Night in Vegas
Belle & Beau of the Ball.....Sherry Tait-TeMoananui and Kaelan Agir

On Saturday night Year 11 and 12 Students attended the Senior School Ball. The students chose the theme “A Magical Night in Vegas” and the parent and teacher volunteers did an amazing job of decorating the Senior Sports Pavilion at Boomerang Oval, creating a glamorous and intimate space with black, red and white decorations.

The much-anticipated red carpet arrivals did not disappoint, with three red carpets giving ample viewing (and photo opportunities) for the watching crowd. Some of the more interesting vehicle choices included a 1957 Chevy, a hearse and a horse – the last one being a crowd favourite! The girls looked absolutely beautiful in their formal attire, and the boys did not disappoint either, looking very suave in their suits. For photos of the evening please go to this link - website school ball pics

With the red carpet over, students enjoyed a delicious meal provided by Seasons Hotel, with the ever-popular chicken parmigiana being the favourite! Students then had the opportunity for many (many, many) photos to be taken, with both the formal shots and the informal photo booth being hot favourites. The crowd then danced the night away, pausing only to vote in the People’s Choice awards.

Our winners for the night were:

Belle of the Ball – Sherry Tait-TeMoananui
Beau of the Ball – Kaelan Agir
Best Dressed (Female) – Elena Smirk
Best dressed (Male) – Kadazan Cirilo
Best hair (Female) – Elena Smirk
Best hair (Male) – Jordan Smith
Best Dancer (Female) – Miki Ryan
Best Dancer (Male) – Terence Simpson
Best Arrival - Deanne Heinrich

I’d like to personally thank all of the students on the Ball Committee, and especially Kimberly Bates (for the music) and Miki Ryan (for the seating plan). I’d also like to thank all the parents and teachers who helped out – I think we had about 40 people come and go throughout the Saturday to set up, and another 15 cleaning up on the Sunday. Extra thanks must go to Kylee Ryan and Lisa Mounsey for the decorations and centrepieces, and Ren Goad for the invitations.

Amber Lewis

SHOOTING GOALS CARNIVAL
Pilbara Region schools came together for the Shooting Goals Carnival held in Newman on Thursday 3rd April. Two divisions played on the day, year 8 and years 9 & 10. Newman Senior High School had a large group of players and were able to form two year 8 and two year 9/10 teams. Port Hedland was a very strong performing school on the day coming first in both divisions.

Well done to all students involved in the day. It was a good effort and everyone enjoyed themselves with some great teamwork displayed.

Thank you to Miss Wisewould, Mr Smith, Mrs Bayman, Brittany Ebert, Mrs Swami and Mrs Govender. Thank you also to our sponsors BHP and V Swans.

Follow the Dream: Partnerships for Success (FTD:PFS) Program – Compact Signing Ceremony

The FTD:PFS ‘Compact Signing Ceremony’ (CSC) was held on Thursday 27 March. The CSC is an opportunity to get all people involved in the program and its running together, including participants and their families, and formalise their commitment to their roles in the program. Commitments are made by the students, parents/guardians, program coordinator and the partners. It was a great evening and wonderful to see so many people there support the students who are striving to make the most of their education. Thank you to everyone who took time out to attend the CSC and contribute to the positive atmosphere.

Newman Senior High School's 40th Anniversary 1974-2014
Newman Senior High School Swimming Carnival 1985 (with two diving boards!)

Infectious diseases

From time to time students or family members contract infectious diseases such as whooping cough. The Department of Health is responsible for coordinating information or notification to people who may have come into contact with people with this particular sickness. For more information about whooping cough please select the following link Department of Health and/or contact the Department of Health.

Canteen News

Please click the link Canteen to view details of delicious food & drinks available from our canteen.

After school tutoring

After school tutoring is offered in Maths, Science and senior English. Please click this link Tutoring for details.

Games Design Course Pilbara Institute
The Pilbara Institute will be running a short course in Games Design during the holidays. Participants will create simple games using Unity 3D software. The course is offered to students from years 10-12. For more information please select this link, Games Design or contact jeanette.schaer@pilbara.wa.edu.au, phone 9158 2300 or visit www.pilbara.wa.edu.au

**Foster Care**

Can you help?

The Department of Child Protection and Family Support is looking for foster carers. Caring is required for planned weekend respite, emergency, short term and/or long term periods.

Training, support and subsidy payments will be provided.

Please call Katie Priest or Annette Fulton on 91602400, or Fostering and Adoption Services on 1800 182 178 or go to the Foster Care WA for more information.

Aboriginal applicants are encouraged to apply.

**Newman Neighbourhood Centre**

The Newman Neighbourhood Centre will run afternoon activities and movie sessions for kids during the holidays. For more information go to the Newman Neighbourhood Centre facebook page.

**Happy holidays everyone!**