17th December 2014

PRINCIPAL’S ADDRESS

What a busy year it has been. The recent fire has dominated our thoughts making it difficult to think back and remember the many highlights of 2014. The past seven weeks have been challenging for everyone. I would like to thank our staff, students, parents and community groups for rallying together to support each other during this most challenging time. We all look forward to returning to the high school site next year. As you are aware, students are finishing their year a day early (Wednesday 17 December) to enable the relocation of furniture and resources. Once again, we thank BHP who will be assisting with this process. Over the holidays more temporary classrooms and offices will be arriving. From 5 January, West Wing will be demolished in time for the school to reopen on 27 January.

There have been many highlights. These include:
- our first group of Year 11 students participating in the McClements Foundation Challenge,
- the Trade Training Centre was completed and students started using the facility,
- celebrating the school’s 40th anniversary,
- and, we were successful in our application for Independent Public School status.

2015 will be a very exciting year. Not only will we be providing the community with concept plans of the new build, but also Year 7 students will be in secondary school for the very first time, Year 11 students will be studying under the guidelines of the new Western Australian Certificate of Education and we will finally be aligned with the Eastern States in having some of our Year 12 students complete their schooling as 18 year olds.

There are always so many thank yous. We are truly lucky for the support we receive, no more so this year than that of our P&C Association who recently worked with the community to raise over $10 000 for our students. Many people have asked, what will we use the money for? That will be up to our students. Early next year I will meet with our Student Council to identify activities and areas within the school that will make the school a better place and ensure the effects of the fire are minimised.
Congratulations to Kimberly Bates and Anthony Jenssen who will be our 2015 Head Girl and Head Boy and lead this process. BHP Billiton continue to provide significant funding of programs and upgrades to facilities. To our ex student, James McClements for the wonderful leadership opportunity he gives our Senior School students. Groups like Pilbara Joblink, YMCA, the Shire, Mission Australia and members of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry consistently support us each year. I look forward to continuing these strong and positive partnerships in 2015.

For those in the mining industry, 2014 has been a challenging one. We have seen long term families leave as a result of restructures within major companies in the town. We also have a number of longer-term staff members leaving us this year. With Year 7 moving to high school, teachers have had a greater opportunity than usual to secure positions in schools of choice back in the city and larger country areas. It is a reflection on the quality of our teachers that many were able to secure employment many weeks ago, enabling us to run our selection processes to hand pick the best teachers for our school. I wish all staff and students who are leaving us, the very best for their futures.

If not already, you will shortly receive Semester Two reports. Please make contact with teachers should you have any questions regarding your son or daughter’s achievement. Year 8-10 subject award winners have received their certificates. Year 11 course awards, together with all overall highest achieving students, will be presented at the first assembly for 2015, scheduled for 10am on 11 February.

I remind you that Term One commences on Monday 2 February, with the school open from 27 January. Wishing you all a very safe and relaxing break.

Milanna Heberle
Principal

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2015 Term and Holiday Dates - Durack

Students
Semester 1
- Term 1 Monday 2 Feb - Thursday 2 April
- Break Friday 3 April - Sunday 19 April
- Term 2 Monday 20 April - Friday 3 July
- Break Saturday 4 July - Sunday 19 July

Semester 2
- Term 3 Monday 20 July - Friday 25 Sept
- Break Saturday 26 Sept - Sunday 11 Oct
- Term 4 Monday 12 Oct - Thursday 17 Dec

Newman SHS

Teachers
Semester 1
- Term 1 Thursday 29 Jan – Thursday 2 April
- Friday 3 April – Sunday 19 April
- Term 2 Monday 20 April – Friday 3 July
- Break Saturday 4 July – Sunday 19 July

Semester 2
- Term 3 Monday 20 July - Friday 25 Sept
- Break Saturday 26 Sept - Sunday 11 Oct
- Term 4 Monday 12 Oct - Friday 18 Dec

Staff Development Dates for 2015
- Thursday 29th January
- Friday 30th January
- Monday 20th April – Day One Term 2
- Friday 29th May
- Monday 12st October – Day One Term 4
- Friday 18th December

P&C News

UNIFORMS
Due to unforeseen circumstances school shirts will not arrive in time for the start of the school year due to a stock supply issue. As soon as stock arrives all parents and students will be immediately notified. There is a small supply of school shirts available from Tredways currently. We will have a limited supply of second hand shirts for sale on Thursday 29th January 2015. Times will be advised closer to the date. Donations of old shirts would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Natalie Martin to organise drop off or collection on 0402 640 901.

AGM
Our annual general meeting will be held on the 19th February 2015 at 7pm in the staffroom. All positions will be declared vacant. We are always looking for more members to assist in helping support the High School.

The P&C would like to wish all staff and students a very merry Christmas.
School Activity Day Wednesday 17th December

On the last day of school, Wednesday the 17th, NSHS will be holding a whole school activity day at the high school gym. It is going to be a great day with lots of fun, creative and challenging activities. Lunch will be provided (SUBWAY). Normal school hours apply and students are to enter via the gate near the Trade Training Centre.

Head Boy & Girl 2015

We welcome and congratulate Kimberley Bates and Anthony Jenssen to their new role as Head Girl and Boy for 2015. Kimberley and Anthony will be in a position to provide the school with outstanding leadership along with the strong Student Council line-up.
Congratulations to our newly elected 2015 Yr 12 Student Councillors.

*From left to right:* Mary Duggan (Deputy Principal), Kimberly Bates, Anthony Jenssen, Kadazan Cirilo, Sherry Tait Te Moananui, Ashlee Outram, Brandon Coghill, Callie Walker, Jordan Sachse.
Congratulations to our eight successful McClements candidates. Students will get to travel to Perth, Sydney and Canberra to participate in a range of special activities which will harness and develop their leadership skills. Some of their activities include: attending GRIP Leadership Conference, ASPIRE visit to UNSW, spending a day with James McClements as well as meeting a professional in the students career interest area (organised by James), attending Parliament House including observing question time, meeting their local Parliamentarian and Parliamentary role playing.

This is a unique leadership opportunity provided to Newman Senior High School students by co-founder James McClements. We are into our second year of this wonderful five year McClements Foundation sponsorship program.
Atlas Iron Limited and Newman SHS Parents and Citizens Association (P & C) - First Aid

The Newman SHS P&C completed a grant application with ATLAS Iron Limited to support the school to put students in selected programs through First Aid Courses.

This included:
- Trade Training Centre Program
- Achieve Challenge Extend (ACE)
- Mining Alliance Program (Year 10)

This extension activity enables students to make a real contribution at home, work and the wider community in the case of an emergency.

Thank you to the ATLAS Iron Limited and NSHS P&C for making this possible for our students.
On the 18th, 19th and 20th November a select group of Year 9/10 students from Newman SHS where able to participate in a Try-A-Trade Program. Fully funded by the Construction Training Fund and delivered by, Pilbara Institute Lecturer, Lee Elgood, this program provided students with the opportunity to gain valuable insight and hands on experience in the construction industry. During this program, our eager students worked on basic construction activities, culminating in the construction of three timber park benches.

Given the support that Newman Primary School and South Newman Primary School have provided to staff and students since the recent fire, a park bench will be donated to each school, in recognition of their support. It is hoped the presentation of the benches will occur early 2015 when the school is back in full operation.

Thank you to the Construction Training Fund, Pilbara Institute and Nathan O’Byrne, Newman SHS teacher for making this opportunity available to our students.
Last month, a group of dedicated Year 8 Kicking and Shooting Goals students from Newman SHS ventured to Broome for a rewards camp. The students earned the opportunity due to their high level of commitment to the program through their efforts at school (behaviour and attendance), together with their volunteer work in the community.

After the long trip to Broome, the group enjoyed the sights of Cable Beach before tucking into some excellent fresh seafood. The following day the students participated in many team building activities along with some modified games against Broome SHS. This was followed by shopping and later that evening, the group settled into a movie at the Outdoor Picture Theatre.

On the final day, the Kicking and Shooting Goals group were privileged to take a private tour of the Malcolm Douglas Wilderness Park where they witnessed the power of crocodiles first hand. Afterwards, the students participated in some beach activities on that famous Cable Beach before watching a magical sunset.
Follow the Dream end of year Perth trip

Which will fall faster - a brick or a feather? How many stairs are there up to the top of the leaning tower at Gingin? And….who is the best at lasertager? Of course, it’s Miss Klein – is that even a question?

These were some of the many questions we explored during the Follow the Dream: Partnerships for Success (FTD:PFS) Perth Trip. We had an amazing jam packed four days in Perth with nine of the FTD:PFS students who have displayed the ABCs across the year – high attendance, good behaviour and commitment to their schooling.

Activities included a visit to our industry partner BHP with morning tea on the 45th floor overlooking Perth, UWA School of Indigenous Studies visit where students got to splint cast their arms. We had so many concerned people asking how the students had broken their arms. Some of the stories got very creative. We were privileged to be part of the last ever Buzz Dance workshop and went to ‘Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs’ ballet. We had an amazing session with Teamworks Development Australia where students had to work out scenarios together and then had some individual challenges including the leap of faith. Five of the students even went up blindfolded. The facilitator commented he didn’t think he had ever seen a team complete the low ropes course as quickly as we did. One of the other highlights was Reefwalking at AQWA where we got to suit up and SCUBA round a tank full of fish.

It was a fantastic time away, with exemplary behaviour and so much fun. We had many comments from people working with us, and even people sitting near us in restaurants or in public spaces, on student’s exemplary behaviour. While good behaviour ensued, that did not stop the fun had by all. We would like to thank: BHP Billiton Iron Ore, Graham (Polly) Farmer Foundation and the
Department of Education for their support of the FTD:PFS program and making this trip possible, as well as our visit to their building in Perth, Mr Rod Kemp who joined us as a supervisor and bus driver extraordinaire as well as all of the other providers who delivered such great activities and programs for us. Finally, well done to the students on the trip for their behaviour and participation in the activities. It was a fantastic way to finish 2014.

High ropes course with Teamworks Development Australia including the 'leap of faith'

Splint cast up at UWA School of Indigenous Studies

Exploring the wonderous underwater world at AQWA

**Warning: Synthetic Drugs**

A warning to parents and students as Synthetic Drugs make their way into our community. These are highly lethal and can cause serious side effects that not only cause harm to one self but can be a potential threat to others. If you become exposed to them consider the risks, just because some may be legal it does not mean they are safe as it is impossible to know what they contain. Clear communication and monitoring is the key.

To find out more please view this link.
'My Story' - Lachlan McMaster

I’m 13 years old. I’m from New Zealand from a city called Hamilton and we’ve been in Australia for about 8 years. I haven’t really lived in New Zealand that much. I’ve got a younger sister and younger brother, Sienna and Liam, and Mum and Dad, Ginny and Calum.

I left (New Zealand) when I was about 5 years old. We used to live right next to a farm. We used to go and play with the cows. My dad built a tree house which was pretty cool. We had some chooks. We built a little coup for them. That was pretty good.

I’m close to both my parents. They always inspire me and try and push me to do my hardest. When I’m older I’d like to join the Army, or something like that. Or, have a trade and be an electrician. That’s the two main goals I want to have when I’m older. That’s what I’m going to push for.

I like my dog Pipi. She’s quite funny. My spare time would be playing video games. That basically keeps me occupied. I like watching what’s popular on You Tube; just random stuff. I mainly watch people who do video games-cheats (for cheating on the video game). And, I watch videos of people doing awesome things, they do cool stuff like skydiving. It’s pretty good.

Woolies is good, it’s a good opportunity, it gets you ready for the workplace. I’m mostly all around stacking shelves.

Significant moments in my life? One would be getting a job at Woolworths. That was pretty good. When I heard I got in I was wrapped; it was awesome. I had to go for interviews, do lots of stuff with the boss. They thought I was young. (I got in there probably) because I use good manners and am polite - show respect. I like talking to people, I like to socialise a lot and so talking to people is pretty good.

I like travelling, going to visit the beaches near France where the D-Day landings are. That was pretty good. It taught me a lot about the history. France is pretty cool. Tuscany was pretty picturesque. I liked all that.

Dreams and desires for the future? (Getting) my licence and a house with the money I’ve saved up. Owning a house would be pretty good. Maybe back home in New Zealand or maybe somewhere down south near Perth. I reckon that would be pretty cool.

I’m in MAP. It gets you set up for the mining side of things. We got to go to the mine. I like building stuff so it would be good to get a trade there. That would be pretty good.
Welcome to our new Vox Pop segment. Our vox pop will provide a forum for students to share their thoughts and opinions with you.

What has been your best achievement this year?

MELINDA WOOD 15yrs Yr10
(Melinda left, Georgia right)
Getting chosen to take part in the McClements Leadership trip.

GEORGIA BRADSHAW 14yrs Yr9 (Melinda left, Georgia right)
Moving town and making new friends.

KYLE SIMMUL 16yrs Yr10
Getting my moped licence.

From Newman Senior High School we hope you all have a happy, festive and safe holiday.