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PRINCIPAL’S ADDRESS

I was part of the way through writing this newsletter article several weeks ago, then, as you are all aware, a fire at the school completely changed our focus. West Wing housed Aboriginal Education, Student Services, Mathematics and Science. While losing these rooms and associated resources is a tragedy and very distressing for staff and students, more importantly, all students and staff were safe and accounted for very quickly thanks to our staff ensuring evacuation procedures worked effectively. I can’t thank enough the emergency services who ensured the fire was contained to only one wing. Captain Steven Smoor, together with his team of fire fighters from Newman and Paraburdoo, Ambulance Officers; Wendy Hagan and Jeff Doggett, Shire representatives and members of the local police, worked tirelessly for several days. My thank yous go on;

• Newman and South Newman primary schools and Pilbara Institute for offering classrooms, office space and resources,
• Tom Price, Karratha and Hedland Senior High Schools for providing resources and staff,
• BHP, CFC and volunteers for clockwork precision in the relocation of furniture so that classes could recommence, and
• NSHS staff who have worked countless hours after work and on weekends to ensure the school is functioning effectively.

The last few weeks have been challenging for all. Our major goal was to have all students back into their educational programs as quickly as possible and to work with Department officials to ensure we can return to the high school site as quickly as possible to prepare for the 2015 school year. We are very excited to have the Year 7s joining us next year. While we will have the inconvenience of construction being undertaken, as a community we should be very excited about the rebuild and opportunities it will provide for our students. I have commenced discussions, thrown in many ideas and hope to have a concept plan available to share in the very near future.

As with all older buildings in Newman, a large amount of asbestos sheeting was used in the original build. This has slowed down the process for clean up and as a precaution, resulted in the decision to relocate the school for the remainder of the year. Over the next 10 weeks, temporary classrooms and offices will be installed to ensure we are ready to commence the 2015. To enable classroom furniture to be relocated back to the high school and staff to relocate their resources, permission has been granted by the Department of Education and endorsed by our School Council to close the school for students one day early. This means the final day for Year 8-10 students is WEDNESDAY 17 DECEMBER.

Pre-fire, we said farewell to our Class of 2014. It was pleasing to see how over the year this group transformed from teenagers to mature, well-presented young adults. Mrs Lewis has worked tirelessly through the year to assist students to ensure they finished their schooling on a high note. Their year culminated in a two-day celebration that included the annual dinner, assembly and presentation evening. A special thank you must go to the many community groups and businesses who donated prizes. A full list of award winners can be found later in the newsletter.

Our preparations for 2015 are now back on track. I ask you inform us if you are leaving town and not returning for 2015 or planning holidays before Wednesday 17 December, the official last day of the school year for students. Our school number, 9175 8100, diverts to Newman Primary School or alternatively you can find us there in person. The school reopens on Tuesday 27 January with the first day for students on Monday 2 February.

Milanna Heberle
Principal

Upcoming Events

Year 11 School Exams  Monday 10th - Wednesday 19th November
Year 11 Work Placement  Monday 10th - Wednesday 19th November
Try-a-Trade Program  Tuesday 18th - Thursday 20th November
Last Day Year 11  Friday 21st November
School Assembly

Yr8 Kicking&Shooting Goals incentive trip Broome

Yr11 Kicking&Shooting Goals incentive trip Broome

Friday 21st November

Thursday 27th - Sunday 30th November

North West Telegraph publishes NSHS stories

The North West Telegraph has recently published stories about NSHS. Please select the following links to find out more.

School’s repair bill could run into the millions

Fire closes school

Psychologist speaks at NSHS

Newman school celebrates 40 years

Notes of Support from South Newman Primary School Students

South Newman Primary School students have written some wonderful letters of support to the High School. Please go to this link to read their stories. We are overwhelmed by their kind words, their generosity of spirit and practical ideas on how to pick ourselves up and dust ourselves off.

Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment dates for 2015

Year 10 & 11 students who have not achieved an OLNA 3 or a Band 8 in Year 9 NAPLAN will need to sit OLNA in 2015.

The test dates for 2015 will be between:

- 9 March - 20 March
- 31 August - 11 September

The school still has some final OLNA statements for collection by Year 10 students for this year’s OLNA.
OLNA stands for Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment and is now a requirement for students to achieve a WACE. English and Mathematics courses for Year 11 are also connected to OLNA test outcomes. Students have six opportunities to sit the tests, which are mandatory for Year 10 students and first semester of Year 11 depending upon test results.

Congratulations to all Year 10 students who have achieved 3s this year.

Further information is available on the School Standards and Curriculum Authority website.

Year 12 Presentation Evening

The Year 12 Presentation Evening was held on Friday 24th October at the Senior Sports Pavilion. This event celebrated the completion of secondary school for 17 students, and numerous prizes for excellence and citizenship were awarded. The event was supported by the Newman community through generous donations. We would like to thank Australian Defence Force, Australian Super Westscheme Division, BHP Billiton, Caltex Australia, Edith Cowan University, Follow the Dream, Land Lease, Newman Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Newman Hotel, Newman Lions Club, Pilbara Joblink, NSHS Parents & Citizens Association, Shire of East Pilbara, and V Swans Football Club for their generosity. We would also like to congratulate the Year 12 students for their outstanding effort and dedication throughout 2014.

'You saw me before I saw you...'

This is the opening line of the book Stolen by Lucy Christopher – a visiting author with the Literature Centre. On Thursday 6 November we were privileged to have Lucy and Lesley Reece visit the Enrichment Centre.

Lucy told us about her life, the places she had been and the things she had done. A few years ago she passed through Newman on a desert journey, much of it research for Stolen. Currently, Lucy is working on making Stolen into a movie. We were lucky to get to read through the first page of the manuscript.

We talked about creative writing, how to come up with ideas when we are stuck, strategies for making a story people want to pick up and read. Lucy read us part of her book, and went through the processes she used in planning her books and publishing them.

It was an excellent afternoon, and got people thinking about reading - almost everyone (including the tutors!) wanted to take a copy of one of her books home to read.

We would like to thank Lucy and Lesley for their visit, and our mutual partners BHP Billiton Iron Ore for making this possible.

RAAF flies over Newman

Thursday the 13th November saw the arrival of the RAAF in Newman. They flew over the school at lunch time on their way in from Broome, and then came and presented to our year 10 students along with the 8/9 MAP class. After the presentation there were many who liked the idea of pursuing a career in the Defence Force. With this visit, students now have a pretty good understanding of what’s required to join up. Who knows, in a few years maybe some of our ex-students will be flying into Newman to present to our students! Thanks to the RAAF for their presentation, to Ren for organising this event, and for the students who participated.

**Mining Alliance Program (MAP) Students Tour - Perth**

The Newman Senior High School Year 10 Mining Alliance Program (MAP) students recently participated in a three day trip to Perth as part of their curriculum. The trip focused on the opportunities and pathways presented by the mining industry.

During the trip the students learned about other aspects of Mining through a tour of the IROC Central Control at BHP Billiton’s Perth office, as well as attending a Skills and Trade Expo. This gave the students an insight into future career opportunities in the Mining Industry and put their studies in the MAP into a real life context.

The Mining Alliance Program (MAP) is an innovative concept in education offered at Newman Senior High School that has been developed to provide opportunities for students to explore career pathways available in the resource sector. The MAP Curriculum addresses key state and national agendas which will improve work prospects for students and raise their awareness of further education and training options.

Built on proven partnerships with local business and strongly supported by BHP Billiton, MAP provides a unique opportunity to focus on developing sound knowledge and enhanced skills through links with industry including excursions, work shadowing and/or work placement. Various speakers from local businesses will attend classes regularly to inform students about working in the resource sector with an emphasis on required academic standards.

Thank you to BHP Billiton Iron Ore and the teachers involved for providing our students with a fantastic learning opportunity.

**Year 9 Shenton Exchange trip to Perth**

At the end of October four of our students went to Perth to meet with students from Shenton College to participate in the Shenton Academic Exchange. This program is available to Year 9 ACE students, and with the Centenary of ANZAC troops leaving WA, had a WWI theme. We went to Kings Park, and the Army Museum in Fremantle and learnt about the history of WWI. We also spent a day in classes at Shenton College where the lessons had a WWI theme. In English they studied war poetry, in Science they learnt about chemical warfare, in Maths they became expert code breakers, and in HASS they found out about dead man’s pennis.

Aside from all the school stuff, we also learnt about the intricacies of travelling on public transport, ate at places like Sizzler and Tony Roma’s and sampled the Shenton College Canteen. On Thursday
night we found ourselves out shopping, and much money was spent!

It was a wonderful experience, and congratulations go to Harry Wood, Marko Veledinovic, Amy Handley and Anchalee McColl. You were all wonderful students to take, and I'm glad you had a great time.

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'My Story' - Harry Wood

My name is Harry and I'm 14. I was born in Geraldton and lived in Newman. I lived in Newman for 5 years. We moved to Geraldton and then to Tassie and then we came back to Newman. I've got my little brother Jesse and Dad and Mum.

I would just say Dad would be more involved with the sports and activities I do while Mum would be more with the learning side. Jesse just pushes me to be better than him. He tries to be the same as me. We're competitive. Jesse is 12.

I love soccer and motorbikes. If I could, I'd do them all year, every day. I ride motorbikes just for fun. Dad's into it too.

I reckon going to Country Week for soccer (was a significant moment for me in my life). Representing Newman at Perth. That was pretty good. Personally I thought we went great, but we didn't do so good on the score board. I guess (another significant moment/achievement was), when I did swimming and running. I got into, like, the individual stages. Instead of representing the school I got to represent myself. I was one off State level. For swimming I did freestyle and relay. (I did) 50 and 100 meters and running was the 100 metre sprint and the 400 metre. This was in Tassie when I was over there. We just went to the city to the state park. In the running I got 4th in the Champions relay and 6th in the Individuals 400 metre. In the swimming I got 3rd in the 100 metre. I started swimming because of Mum. She represented WA at Singapore in backstroke and the relay. She's got heaps of gold medals. Jesse's more the opposite (to me). He's short and (has) straight hair. He doesn't like running or swimming. He doesn't like sports. He likes video games.

Ishfa is one person that encourages me to broaden (my horizons) with what I want to do. I'd love to do something with the ocean. Here in Newman I can't really do much, but I'd like to go to Uhi and maybe have a job that can involve the ocean. Maybe marine biology, or something along those lines. I love snorkelling. We've snorkelled at Geraldton and (we) go up to Cape Leveque. We went there and you could see a whale every 5 minutes. You could see whale after whale from the cliff edge. I love looking at sea animals as well.

Vox Pop

Welcome to our new Vox Pop segment. Our vox pop will provide a forum for students to share their thoughts and opinions with you. This vox pop question allows students to reflect on the changes they have experienced since the school fire.

How has the fire changed your life?

SPENCER TAYLOR 14yrs Yr8
It feels weird, change of scenery. It feels like there's less high school people and because the year 11s aren't here.

BLADE MIND 14yrs Yr8
I go to Primary School now. People are playing sport now.

DAYNE JACOBS 15yrs Yr10
Has it?

Congratulations - 'Red Desert Deli' students win Small Business in Schools Competition

Congratulations to NSHS students for winning the Small Business in Schools Competition for a second year in a row. Judges commented that the report written by Kayla Sandles was an 'inspiring read'. The pool this year increased making competition tougher.
Well done to the 'Red Desert Deli' team, Kayla Sandles, Amber Giles, Taran Widders, Eden Symonds, Shalyce Copperthwaite, Cheyenne Sheehy, Josh Vigar, Waitoa Moiri, Steven Garlett, Jacen Widders and Abby Grey. Click this link to our website to read their report.

Get your fresh bread rolls and sandwiches from the Canteen

The Canteen is now sourcing fresh bread rolls and sandwich loaves from the local bakery. Enjoy a fresh and healthy roll or sandwich of your choice today.

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