31st March 2014

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Ms Heberle is currently on leave until the end of this term and as such I will be taking her place. It is a pleasure to be back, and wonderful to catch up with students, staff and parents.

One of the directions that the school is undertaking is to try and attain Independent Public School Status. This has been achieved by both of the local primary schools who are having great success under this system. The process requires the school to consult widely with the whole school community and industry. As a result Ms Heberle will be addressing the P&C at their next meeting to outline what IPS status means to us and the advantage of going down this path. Everyone is invited to attend this meeting.

If I was to try and summarize what becoming an Independent Public School (IPS) would give us, the words flexibility, control and freedom would come to mind. Becoming an IPS allows us to have greater control over things that enable us to address the needs of our students and our community. Flexibility in choosing what courses we offer, selection of staff to run these courses and greater freedom in financial management will enable us to meet this goal more effectively. Obviously there are areas that cannot be changed, ensuring students are learning knowledge and skills that are taught in other schools, but we have unique circumstances that can be capitalised on to give our students those skills that our community sees as valuable and advantageous.

With the changes an IPS offers there are also things that do not change. Students can still enrol in the local school as they have always done. Fees and charges are still determined in accordance with the same rules and guidelines as they are now. The school is still bound by the legislation, industrial agreements and policies that govern all government schools.

I have included a handout http://www.det.wa.edu.au/independentpublicschools/detcms/navigation/information-for-parents-and-communities/fact-sheet/?oid=Category-id-10337602 or see the PDF towards the end of this newsletter, that will give more of a picture of what IPS means for us and urge people to find out more about the advantages of Newman SHS becoming an IPS and being able to explore this option with Ms Heberle at the next P&C meeting.
The inaugural McClements Foundation trip has concluded and judging by the feedback from staff and students this was a resounding success. The experiences that the students were involved in has undoubtedly increased their knowledge and broadened their understanding of things past, present and future. Hopefully their experiences will help to enrich us as a school through the knowledge that they have gained.

Students will be undertaking work experience from the 24th March to the 4th April. We wish them every success and thank all the employers who have taken students on. Without employer support this program could not run and students would miss out on gaining valuable knowledge of the workplace and what it is like to work in a particular industry.

Our ASPIRE camp ran from 24 – 26 March. Miss Wong and the students visited universities to gain a greater understanding of what they had to offer and experienced what it is like to attend these institutions.

John Stewart  
Principal

**Upcoming Events**

- **Parent Teacher evening**  
  Wednesday 2nd April
- **Shooting Goals Carnival**  
  Thursday 3rd April
- **School Ball**  
  Saturday 5th April
- **National Youth Week**  
  Monday 7th - Friday 11th April
- **Career Expo/University parent presentation**  
  Wednesday 9th April
- **University Careers talks**  
  Thursday 10th April
- **Anzac Day Ceremony assembly 9.15am**  
  Friday 11th April

**Significant improvement in Year 12 results for 2013**

We are delighted to receive a congratulatory letter from Sharyn O’Neill, the Director General of the Department of Education WA for Newman Senior High Schools significant improvement in the number of students gaining ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Ranks) or Vocational Education and Training qualifications at Certificate II or higher for 2013.

These results are reflective of the outstanding teaching and support our school provides for students. Congratulations to staff and students for these significant achievements. A fantastic
Online literacy and numeracy assessment

In January 2013, Minister for Education Peter Collier MLC announced students would need to demonstrate a minimum standard of literacy and numeracy to achieve their Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) from 2016. This followed feedback from employers and training providers about the low literacy and numeracy capabilities of some school leavers. The implementation of an online assessment of literacy and numeracy from 2014 will provide students with opportunities to demonstrate the minimum standard.

We anticipate that student results from the first Year 10 assessment will be available at the beginning of Term 2. The next assessment for Year 10 students who haven’t demonstrated the minimum standard will be in September. The minimum standard is Level 3 of the Australian Core Skills Framework (ACSF).

There are two ways to demonstrate the standard:

• prequalification through Year 9 NAPLAN, or
• demonstrating the minimum standard through the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA).

Students who achieve Band 8 or higher in Year 9 NAPLAN Reading, Writing or Numeracy assessments will be prequalified for that component and will not be required to sit the corresponding OLNA component. For example, if a student achieves Band 8 for Reading and Writing but not for Numeracy, he/she will only be required to sit the OLNA Numeracy component of the assessment.

Please follow the link provided http://www.scsa.wa.edu.au/internet/User_groups/Parents for further information about Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE)

Mary Duggan
Deputy Principal

‘Take the Challenge’ The McClements Foundation Leadership Camp

In February eight students and two teachers travelled to Perth, Sydney and Canberra on the first McClements Foundation Challenge. The Challenge is sponsored by James McClements, a former student and successful businessman. He has sponsored the Challenge to develop students into the leaders of tomorrow. James is providing $27,000 per year for the next five years to fund the Challenge.

Students travelled to Perth, where James arranged for them to tour BHP’s IROC
facility and participate in a boardroom lunch with himself and other business people.

Also present to talk to our students were Ms Virginia Christie (recently Senior Representative for WA to the Reserve Bank of Australia and manager of Payments Policy Dept.; Assistant Director of the Treasury, Fiscal Policy Division; Assistant Director of the Treasury, Financial Institutions Division), Tony Ottaviano (Vice President Planning, BHP Billiton; previously Vice President Strategy and Analysis, BHP Billiton, Vice President Iron Ore Projects, BHP Billiton); and Robert Gordon (CEO, WorkFocus Group. WorkFocus Group includes WorkFocus Australia, at Work Australia, Kairros, and LabourNet. They also administer JobAccess on behalf of the Australian Government).

One of our Challenge participants, Lindsay Fumhanda, who aspires to be a doctor, toured a private hospital’ experiencing ‘behind the scenes’ hospital activities with Dr Paul Swan, Dr of Anaesthesia at Central Anaesthesia. This gave her a better sense of what her intended career entails. Students then visited UWA to tour the campus accommodation and sample the food at the dining hall – all-you-can-eat ice-cream being a big winner!

The busy itinerary continued in Sydney, where students toured the Opera House, walked over the Harbour Bridge, explored Taronga Zoo and dined in China Town.

Students attended a GRIP Leadership Conference (we got there, despite catching the wrong train!!) which was unanimously agreed to have been ‘awesome’! Students also toured the University of New South Wales, including a brief visit to the Museum of Human Diseases which has over 2,000 body parts, all of them diseased!

On to Canberra, where students learned about democracy, and wandered the famous “corridors of power”, both old and new Parliament Houses, looking for politicians. Students visited the Australian War Memorial, Questacon (Canberra’s version of Scitech), the National Art Gallery and played with Lego at the National Exhibition Centre.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $260 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

Students returned to Newman worn out, but full of inspiration and ideas. We would like to thank James McClements for his generous sponsorship and would highly recommend all students strive to be a part of this wonderful leadership opportunity.

**Quotes:**

“The GRIP Leadership Conference was really good. The presenters were so funny and they all spoke amazingly – I learned a lot. I met some really great people too.”  
Ashlee Outram

“I learnt a lot from the Leadership conference and felt inspired to make a difference in our school. I really wanted to see Tony Abbott at Parliament House but I guess he was too busy!”  
Lindsay Fumhanda

“The highlight of the trip for me was the bonds that have formed between the students. I learned that there are big places in the world as well as a lot of things about how to be an effective leader and work with other people.”  
KadazanCirilo

Amber Lewis
English teacher
Ms Heberle & James McClements

Orientation day at the University of New South Wales

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Australian War Memorial, Canberra

Anthony Jenssen framed up in Circular Quay

Seal at Taronga Zoo

Anthony Jenssen displaying seal like behaviour

NSHS Swimming Carnival
Kayla Sandles powers down the pool

On the 7th of March, the Newman Senior High School Swimming Carnival took place at the Newman Aquatic Centre. The day began at 8am when students lined up in houses and marched around the pool dressed in the house colours chanting their team song. Following this students were divided into year groups and the tabloid sports began. The games included tug-o-war, bocce, volleyball and we finished off with an underwater relay.

After a short recess the real competition began with the individual races. Categories included 50m Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly. The competitors did really well, and tried their hardest to win house points. Bystanders could also earn points by cheering the loudest, having the cleanest area and by showing respect and great attitude towards peers.

The relays came next. The competition was close so it was really important that each house selected the best swimmers from their year to participate. The final race of the day was the teacher relay where a team of four Newman SHS teachers competed against the best four students from each house. The teachers once again came up victorious.

At the end of the day we had presentations which included the following:

- Year 8 Girls runner up Samantha Johnson champ Jessi Oldham
- Year 8 Boys runner up Ryeley Ebert champ Sean Carroll
- Year 9 Girls runner up Kelly Williams champ Jaymee Moyle
- Year 9 Boys runner up Braedon Ebert champ Graydon Wilson
- Year 10 Girls runner up Kayla Sandles champ Allaena Wilson
- Year 10 runner up Boys Maciej Lundardi champ Waitoa Moiri
- Upper School Girls runner up Ashlee Outram champ Kirsten Parker
- Upper School Boys runner up Kaelan Agir champ Dane Faumuina

The following newly elected House Captains were also acknowledged during the presentation.

- Jigalong Jack Murphy & Ben Regan
Weeli Wolli Izac Armstrong & Jordan Smith  
Bulloo Dane Faumuina & Callie Walker  
Mundi Windi Nicole Jensen & Terence Simpson

In the overall House competition there was a very close score between Jigalong and Weeli Wolli, only seventeen points off.

House points were awarded and results were as follows:

- 1st Jigalong
- 2nd Weeli Wolli
- 3rd Bulloo
- 4th Mundi Windi

House Captain for Jigalong, Jack Murphy and Ben Regan thanked everyone that had participated and helped out during the swimming carnival. A big thankyou also went towards the manager of the pool Andrew Price and the life guards.

Follow the Dream: Partnerships for Success (FTD:PFS) Program

The application process for the FTD:PFS Program has been completed and we would like to congratulate the students who have been accepted into the program. Students will be expected to maintain a high level of attendance, work well in class and demonstrate positive behaviour.

Students have participated in the ‘Compact Signing Ceremony’ in recognition of this achievement and to mark
a commitment to the program. Well done to all the students who have made a positive start to the year.

**West Coast Eagles visit**

Adam Carter, 2nd year senior listed West Coast Eagles player, accompanied James Grabski, Community Engagement Coordinator, on a trip to Newman SHS to visit and talk to students involved in the *Kicking Goals program*.

They shared tips and advice about the importance of improving skills to maintain possession of the ball with students from years 8 and 9, whilst, Certificate II students were guided through a session of fitness conditioning specifically for AFL.

In between those classes, they visited Mr Prior’s Trade Training Centre students and the Martu students.

Before departing Newman, they boys shared their experiences about football with the V Swans Talent Academy players before taking them through a series of warm-up exercises that the Eagles players go through before training and games.
Kaelan Agir & Adam Carter in the Trade Training Centre

Talented Young Writers Program
The Literature Centre bought action adventure sci-fi author Brain Falkner to Newman for a series of workshops with selected students in March. Brian was entertaining and inspirational, using a combination of humour and technology to engage students in the writing process. The engagement of students was incredible as Brain played games, demonstrated the use of neural headsets, and talked about his own writing process. Students spent the day working through the process of creating fictional narratives. All students involved agreed it was an entertaining and informative day, and we would like to thank BHP, The Literature Centre and Brian Falkner for visiting!

**Excerpts from Stories**

“Clove picked herself up and stumbled towards the little girls’ room to wash out her eye. She allowed the door to slam shut behind her as she made her way to the sink and turned on the cold water using her wrists. The cold soothed her throbbing palms and washed off flecks of sand and paint flecks from the monkey bars. She started to sniffle and shake from the harsh words of the other children…”
*Courtney Green*

“Just recently a wave of zombies flooded Newman, all in a matter of days.”
*Jessinta Oldham*

“The room was darker than usual, quieter than an ocean without wind and swell. Johnny got up, nearly frozen, and started packing. Wade, the nerd of the group, called everyone…”
*Harry Wood*

“I got my phone out and texted Bailey and Dylan. I asked if their classroom was now a prison cell. They didn’t reply…”
*Tye McPherson*
“While Leo was focusing on fixing the radio, Amber noticed a raggedy, strange-looking man in the middle of the road, ten metres ahead.”

Cooper Henare

Author Brian Falkner entertained the students with anecdotes and technology

Newman Senior High School's 40th Anniversary 1974-2014

This year celebrates the 40th Anniversary of the official opening of Newman Senior High School where in its present location. Throughout the year the Newsletter will share ‘moments’ of the past for your interest and enjoyment. Hotrod Panic 9 was built by Year 11 students during work experience and was raced at the Speedway. A lot has changed and a lot stays the same here in Newman.

Mini Health and Wellbeing Expo
Shellee McNamara taking a stand against bullying

Newman Senior High School hosted a colourful lunchtime **Mini Health and Wellbeing Expo** on Friday 21st March to mark **National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence** and **Harmony Day**.

Health providers chatted with students about anti-bullying strategies, provided resources and wrist bands. We had three awesome 'legends of the pool' join us for the day, Kenrick Monk (Olympian), Bobby Jovanovich (Australian Swimmer) and Kate Hooper (Olympic Gold Medallist Water Polo Player). Students enjoyed meeting them, sharing stories and having fun. A big thankyou to everyone involved in making it a positive fun filled expo.

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**Clean up Australia Day**
Some of our enthusiastic and energetic Year 8 students participated in the Clean Up Australia Day campaign [http://www.cleanup.org.au/au/] at school on Friday 28th February under the guidance of Ms Makdessi. This was a joint initiative of the Clean Up Australia Day Council, the Shire of East Pilbara and Newman Senior High School. It provided students with the opportunity to accept responsibility and demonstrate respect for their environment. The shire supplied personal protective equipment and rubbish bags to fill and remove the rubbish at the end of the day. Carole and Luisa from Newman Youth Centre also joined us and assisted with the collection. At the end of the day students’ who had participated were proud of the improvement they had made to the aesthetics, cleanliness and healthiness of our school.

**World’s Greatest Shave & Make a Wish Foundation**

Linda bravely participated in ‘The Worlds Greatest Shave’ [https://www.worldsgreatestshave.com/] recently raising over $1,200 for the Leukaemia Foundation. This is a fantastic effort and we are very proud of her efforts! Mr Trott generously helped with the dry shave, the clippers beaking down mid-shave, and Mr Purcell, the wet. Students enjoyed being spectators as well as some helping to cut Linda’s hair. Money donated on the day went to the Make a Wish Foundation [https://www.makeawish.org.au/].

Linda would like to thank everybody for their support and donations.

![Mr Trott shaving Mrs Gannon's hair](image1)

![nearly there....](image2)

![Mr Purcell undertaking the wet shave to complete the task](image3)

**A Magical Night in Vegas**

The School Ball is nearly upon us, Saturday 5th April 6.30pm, and students are excitedly talking about it: describing dresses and shoes to each other. the boys have been measuring up for suits and invitations are ready to go out. Fabian the DJ is ready to raise the roof. It's going to be a fabulous 'magical' night to behold.

**Design & Technology needs you!**

Many parents will be aware that our school uniform shirts melt when
they come in contact with sparks from grinding and molten metal bits from welding.

To alleviate this problem, the P&C has suggested that we ask all parents if they could have a look at home for old work shirts (cotton or wool, long buttoned sleeves) that they no longer need, and would be willing to donate to the school's Design and Technology Learning Area.

BHP Billiton provides uniforms for students enrolled in the Mining Alliance Program and Newman Trade Training Centre. These students do not have these issues. Students not enrolled in these programs, however, are not allocated uniforms. Any assistance with protective clothing would be gratefully appreciated.

Donations can be left at the school's front office.

Thanks,

Dave Newman.

Canteen News

Please click the link 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 for details.

Games Design Course Pilbara Institute

The Pilbara Institute will be running a short course in Games Design http://pilbara.wa.edu.au/site/PSC/aboutpsc.aspx 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 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 for more information.

http://www.cpfs.wa.gov.au

Aboriginal applicants are encouraged to apply!

**Newman Neighbourhood Centre**

The Newman Neighbourhood Centre runs a range of weekly activities for the Newman Community. For more information click on the link to their facebook page [http://www.facebook.com/pages/newman-neighbourhood-centre](http://www.facebook.com/pages/newman-neighbourhood-centre)

**Parenting with Confidence** workshops will be run in early April. Workshops include: what is autism, best education practice for students with ASD, early days understanding behaviour, and positive behaviour change: a recipe for success.