23rd May 2014

PRINCIPAL’S ADDRESS

Have you downloaded our Newman Senior High School ‘Skoolbag App’? To improve our communication with parents, we have followed the lead of South Newman Primary and developed our own app.

What we know is that 30% of our newsletters are opened on mobile phones so we are hoping that our inclusion of an app to communicate information will be well received. As well as receiving notifications of upcoming events, you will find convenient ways to update contact information and absences. The app is available for both iPhone and android.

Please be aware that the Department of Education has recently updated their policy for student absence relating to in-term Vacations/Holidays. This form of absence disrupts student learning and is strongly discouraged. An unauthorised absence will now be recorded against a student's name unless the school is informed prior to travel and authorises the absence. Please make contact with Mary Duggan (Yr 8 and 9) or Dave Newman (Yr 10-12) and discuss in-term holiday plans.

I thank those of you who have taken the opportunity to provide feedback regarding our goal to achieve Independent Public School (IPS) status. With both primary schools IPS, if we are successful, we as a community are in an exciting position to develop strong and consistent K-12 education. We will know the outcome in early August.

I look forward to, on the 4th of June, sharing my office with our ‘Student Principal for a Day’, Deanne Heinrich. Deanne capably addressed the school at our recent assembly and, as someone interested in pursuing teaching as a career, will use the opportunity to see first-hand how a school functions. This leadership opportunity is supported by Principals Australia.

With exams just around the corner and semester reports being written, I encourage you to work with your children to ensure they achieve the best they possibly can.
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**Get skoolbag!**

We're very excited to announce the launch of Skoolbag for Newman Senior High School. This handy phone app will enable you to stay in touch with all the latest school news and events. It houses all sorts of useful information including the canteen menu, enrolment forms, newsletters, school contacts, term planners, information about co-curricular programs such as Kicking Goals and Shooting Goals and much more. It is an essential
communication tool which we strongly recommend you tap into. To install the app click on this skoolbag link. We look forward to you joining the skoolbag community!

**School Council Meeting**

*Invitation from the Newman Senior High School School Council*

The next NSHS School Council meeting will be open to all parents/guardians and community members. The meeting starts at 11.00am on Wednesday 28th May 2014. It will be held in the library at NSHS.

If you would like the opportunity to provide insight into the business planning of the school, please contact NSHS administration to RSVP on 9175 8100.

**OLNA-Online Literacy and Numeracy Results**

The Online Literacy and Numeracy results were posted to Year 10 parents on Monday 19th May. If they have not arrived please contact Deputy Principal Dave Newman as soon as possible.

If your child did not sit any of the tests or achieved a result of 1 in any of the tests it is extremely important that you make a time to discuss the course possibilities and limitations for Year 11 and 12 with Dave Newman. If your child is on track to achieve a 3, please ensure they are available to re-sit the required test during the 1st week of September.

**New Student Councillor**

We would like to welcome Year 8 student Lachie Thomas to the Student Council.

**Attendance**

Please note, absences, such as a vacation in term time, are unauthorised, and parents are invited to speak with the Deputy School Principals in regard to taking their child out at this time.

**Excursion to Eastern Ridge for MAP & Trade Training Centre students**
The Trade Training Centre & MAP students got to experience directly what mining operations are all about on their excursion to Eastern Ridge. They toured the Maintenance, Emergency Services and Mining Operations facilities. In addition, they got a taste for the wide ranging workforce that make up the mining industry, listening to speakers from mine planning, mining, safety, environment, human resources and more.

These experiences are really important for students’ knowledge and understanding of the mining industry and for their future pathway beyond school. We’d like to thank BHP Billiton Iron Ore for organising another outstanding opportunity for our Newman Senior High School Students.

Students’ comments below highlight their interest in the mining industry, the hands-on experience they get, and overall, what a significant positive impact these excursions have.

**Year 8 & 9 Mining Alliance Program and Trade Training Centre Students comments on the day**

*My favourite part of the MAP excursion to Eastern Ridge was how we got to meet the two people going to University and the other employers such as the Superintendents. The most interesting information was how BHP is connected throughout the world was astonishing.* (Marko Veledinovic)

*My favourite part of the MAP excursion was when Stephen took us through the ambulance office and showed us all the equipment in the back of the car and showed us how you use it. It was interesting that the new defibrillator can pick up if there is a heartbeat and if there is it won’t let you shock them, also that the best blasts are the ones with the least dust.* (Mitchell Outram)

*I enjoyed learning about the different choices of jobs; it inspires me to work for BHP and work on the mines.* (Mason Liebminger)

*My favourite part of the excursion was how big the mine actually was which makes me wonder...*
how big Whaleback is. I couldn’t believe how complex blasting is. If the explosive touches pyrite it will detonate itself. (Joshua Steinscherer)

Meeting the Apprentice was definitely a highlight; we talked about what he liked about being a fitter and why I should do it. We talked man to man and I realised how much I would like an apprenticeship. (Dane Faumuina)

What I liked was seeing the workshop at Eastern Ridge and the Apprentice talking to me was useful. (Jayden Kendrick)

West Coast Eagles visit - Brandt Colledge & Kyle Wheeler

This week, Newman SHS had the pleasure of welcoming two West Coast Eagles employees for the day. The guests visited Newman as part of Kicking Goals, which is a partnership program between Newman SHS, West Coast Eagles Football Club (WCE), V Swans (Swan Districts Football Club) and BHP Billiton Iron Ore.

Current player, Brant Colledge and Eagles Rehabilitation Coach, Kyle Wheeler were the special guests. They predominately worked with the Kicking and Shooting Goals classes, with Colledge talking about many facets of his life, including his pathway to AFL, a reflection on his school days, the rigorous world of AFL and the application needed to succeed.

Wheeler, explained his role at the Eagles and the process they follow in getting injured athletes back playing as soon as possible. Additionally, both of the guests put the students through speed and agility drills, teaching them the correct technique to improve, whilst also giving them pointers about correct posture to help prevent injuries.
Term two has had a busy start with lots of assignments and work to get done. We were privileged to have the West Coast Eagles Rehab Coach Kyle Wheeler and player Brant Colledge come and speak to us about how they have made it to where they are today. It is clear they have made the most of opportunities that have come up including volunteering and providing other pathways for themselves with their studies.

We have started looking at history and relevant topics in preparation for Sorry Day and NAIDOC week and how these things relate to us and our heritage. Students have been making progress with their work for school and the year 7 & 9’s have been practising and revising for NAPLAN. We have also had some fun with handball games after tutor time and a few thinking games at the end of some sessions. The current favourite is ‘Rushhour’ for students who have put in an exceptional effort.

**Footy students’ bright future**
Steven Garlett, Kaelan Agir and Graydon Wilson along with former students Sachin Barr and Dylan Matheson have displayed their fine football prowess successfully competing in the North West State 16s. They will compete at Karratha over the June long weekend to attempt to gain a place in the final squad of 25.

Dan Smith, Kicking Goals Coordinator, is interviewed here, sharing the story of the boy’s outstanding achievements playing footy.

**What competition are the boys playing in?** They are all competing for the North West State 16’s. They made it through the first round of the selection process and are now aiming to make the final squad of 25.

**Where are the games played?** The final team selection will be held in Karratha over the June long weekend. If they make the final team, they will play in the National Championships on the Gold Coast in July.

**What is significant about these competitions?** The level they’re playing at is of a really high standard. This is the highest level of football the boys can play for their age. It is a really good opportunity for the boys to show off their skills.

**Can you tell us about their footy playing skills/attributes?**

All have different attributes:

- Steven is a very creative midfield/forward with outstanding leadership skills.
- Sachin is a highly skilled midfielder who is a ball magnet!
- Dylan is a tall Ruckmen with excellent skills, agility and endurance.
- Kealan is a tough player with outstanding leadership skills
- Graydon is a midfielder with excellent skills, speed and endurance.

They all have a bright future because if selected in the final team they will play in the National Carnival in front of all the talent managers and scouts from each AFL club.
What has been their contribution to the Kicking Goals Program? They have all have been involved in the Kicking Goals Program over the past few years. They have been excellent leaders both on and off the field. They have spent many hours giving back to the community through umpiring, coaching and volunteering for their local clubs. We are very proud of them.

They are exemplary role models showing their peers that it is possible to be selected for higher honours training with hard work, even in a small remote town such as Newman.

and special mention for Steven Garlett......

Steven Garlett has also been selected in the Preliminary 40 man squad for the Flying Boomerangs Squad for the same Carnival. This team is composed of the best 15 year old Indigenous kids in the Country. Steven was picked based on his efforts in a National Carnival in April. The Flying Boomerangs look like they will also travel to South Africa and New Zealand later in the year (to be confirmed). If Steven does not make this team, he will play in the North West State 16’s team.

A big congratulations to all the boys for their success so far and we look forward to hearing about their performance in the games coming up.

Student Short Stories

Under the guidance of Miss Obst, students in the Year 8 & 9 ACE class have been writing 50-word short stories. The brevity of the stories makes the students consider the impact and utility of every word, encouraging them to expand their vocabularies and focus on the important elements of the narrative.

Below are three samples from the class:

**The Ghost Stallion by Lachlan Thomas (Year 8)**

*He had a shiny coat. He was a fighter; king of the ranges and protector of the herd.*

*But there was trouble; men were coming.*

*He had to distract them. He got them into a chase they wouldn’t forget. They’d gotten him cornered at a cliff.*

**Dawn of the Golden Age by Marko Veledinovic (Year 9)**

*She stared at me, with her shiny blue eyes.*

*The red roses are scattered along the ground. We both stay still, whilst the cool breeze lifts us.*

*The sun starts to set and the light shines around the stone.*

*I start walking home but first, kiss her cold*
He jumped into oblivion... stone goodbye.

**Seeing You Again by Phoebe Eun (Year 8)**

‘Run!’ The only word that was running through my mind. ‘Run!’ I ran so fast that I didn’t feel the cold air brushing against my face.

Finally, I came to a stop near a crystal clear stream. A cloud of mist filled the air. A figure approached.

“Grace?” I whispered.

**Student Teachers loving their time at NSHS**

We are delighted to have three wonderful practicum students join us for Term 2, Rebecca Obst, Jade Charles and Sonya Hoffman. They have involved themselves in a range of school activities as well as their robust teaching load and are making a fantastic contribution to NSHS. The practicum placement program plays a very important role in the school’s attraction and retention recruitment process. Practicum students get hands-on experience living and working in a remote region. It’s evident from our practicum students’ description of their time here that they have settled in very well, are thriving in our rural/remote region and have been warmly welcomed. Not to mention exceptionally well supported by their supervising teachers and whole staff.
The student teachers introduce themselves below and describe their experiences.

**Rebecca Obst**
Hi my name is Rebecca Obst, I am currently completing my final year of a Secondary Education degree. I major in English and my minor is History. I wanted to come to Newman as I saw it as an opportunity to advance my career by learning and participating in the wide range of programs the school offers. Since arriving in Newman I have thoroughly enjoyed the kind, friendly nature of everyone I have met and the diverse range of teaching experiences I have had the privilege of observing.

**Jade Charles**
My name is Jade Charles and I am a prac teacher from ECU, majoring in Mathematics and minoring in Science. As a fourth year education student at university, I have learnt a lot about Education in Australia and the differences in the various types of schooling. Even though this is the case, I knew that you can't learn any better than by doing and experiencing something. I have always loved the community feel of a remote or smaller community, and have certainly been convinced as to why I love it so much since arriving. The welcoming nature of staff and the outer community has been overwhelming. I had always wanted to undertake a rural practicum, and when the opportunity rose to apply for Newman I couldn't pass it up. It's the best decision I've ever made. The school is an exceptionally supportive environment and the amount of effort all teachers put in for their students is inspiring. Even though I am only three weeks in, I'm already upset that I'll be leaving at the end of term! I already feel like part of an amazing family and am so grateful I've been given the opportunity.

**Sonya Hoffman**
Hi my name is Sonya Hoffman, I am studying a Bachelor of Education at Edith Cowan University. My Major is Society & Environment focusing on History and Geography and my Minor is Design and Technology with a particular interest in Photography and woodwork. I wanted to come to Newman because it was a great opportunity for a new experience and I would like to teach in rural schools in the future. My experiences in Newman have been really good so far. Everyone has been really nice and supportive and the students have been a pleasure to teach. I thoroughly enjoyed my trip to the Eastern Ridge Mine Site with the Trade Training Centre students.

**Our Don**
A story about Don's career path was recently published in the paper. He has a fascinating background which makes him the wonderful teacher he is today. Please go to our website to read the article.

Glen Gerreyn Motivational Speaker, Leader & Social Changemaker

On Tuesday 20th May, international motivational speaker Glen Gerreyn provided parents, students and teachers with an enjoyable and informative session designed to equip them with
positive and powerful life skills. The sessions were uplifting, providing skills for each person to contribute, support and encourage each other. This included the ability to achieve great things in your life, finding your place in the world, making positive life choices and building long lasting relationships. Participant feedback indicated that they would enjoy further opportunities to hear him speak and be involved in workshops. Students were heard to say that “he’d made them think about things differently” and to “consider the important things”. The day was organised by Pilbara Joblink and Newman SHS and supported by BHP in partnership with Oxygen Factory and Outback Travel Centres.

Newman Senior High School's 40th Anniversary 1974-2014 Staff of 1975

A happy group of staff, one year after the school moved to Gregory Avenue.

Peep
Peep for Year 6 Primary students has commenced with students from Newman Primary School and South Newman Primary School enrolled in Iron Work, Wood Work, Kids in the Kitchen and Computer Coding.

Parents and Guardians are invited to attend a Graduation Ceremony on Tuesday 10th of June where they can see the Year 6 students in action, tour the school and watch student presentations.

Year 7 students will be invited to participate in Peep in Term 3. For more information please visit our website.

**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.

**Newman Sunday Series**
Newman Sunday Series is back again and as the media release, posted on the NSHS website, mentions...'it will delight the whole family'.

Comedy Gold, for 16 year olds and over, should not be missed and Grace Barbe and Morgan Bain will be big draw cards for the teenage audience.

We also want to encourage any aspiring musicians to be a part of our new Live & Local afternoon on the 29th of June. They can register their interest with us natalie@strutnfurt.com or we'll take walk-ups if there is extra time.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

'A Day in the Life of a Uni Student' & Course Information Evening

Please click on this link for information about these two events The University of Notre Dame is hosting.