15th September 2014

PRINCIPAL’S ADDRESS

I am pleased to announce that recently we were informed of our successful application to become an Independent Public School (IPS) from 2015. IPS status gives us more flexibility with staffing and aligning our resources to what we identify as a community to be important. With both primary schools IPS, we now have the opportunity to vision education for the Newman community from K-12. We look forward to continuing to work closely with industry, community groups and families to ensure we are offering a quality education for all students.

It is always pleasing to receive positive feedback about our students. The Newman Way reflects the values; Respect, Responsibility, Care and Compassion. We consistently reinforce the positive behaviours associated with each. Demonstration of our values are used to select students to participate in a variety of co-curricular opportunities, for example, The McClements Foundation Challenge and reward camps for Kicking and Shooting Goals students. I was recently contacted by a member of the public to say how impressed she was by the manners and behaviour of Kicking and Shooting Goals students at the airport prior to their recent trip to Perth. On another occasion I received an email to say that two students assisted her 7 year old son when she was delayed picking him up from school. I welcome all feedback from the community as without it we can’t reinforce the good or address areas where we can improve.

An example of a magnificent positive was the opening of our Art and Design Exhibition, currently on show at the Newman Visitor Centre. Guests were treated to a smorgasbord of tasting delights and mocktails by our hospitality students, music by Adriana Omo and of course the creativity of our Art and Design students. Coordinated by Erica Sandison, the exhibition was a real team effort between the Visitor Centre, our staff and students. If you have not yet had the chance, I encourage you to check out the exhibition.

We are starting to get to the business end of preparations for the transition of Year 6 and 7 students to high school in 2015. Year 7 students have recently completed PEEP. Our Year 9 and 10 students have been visiting both primary schools and running peer mentoring sessions. Next term sees Year 6 and 7 students participate in a week long program at the school. If primary students have taken the opportunity to participate in all programs on offer over the past two years,
they would have spent over 40 hours at the school. I’m confident this would be more than similar aged students across the state.

Community support continues to grow. Recently students enrolled in MAP, ACE and VET Certificate courses have completed the Senior First Aid accreditation. We have been able to fund courses via an Atlas Iron grant and support from our P&C. I hope that other community groups can benefit from having so many of our students qualified to help out in emergency situations.

Next Wednesday 17 September we will be celebrating the 40th anniversary of the school. We have had many hours of fun and games trying to find the legendary time capsule buried in 1988. It has been a wonderful way to bring past and present students together. If you are an ex-student, please do come join us for the assembly at 10am. I look forward to seeing you there.

Milanna Heberle
Principal

Upcoming Events

TT Centre, Y12 & Kitchen Ops WP Learning  Monday 15th September
Cert II Engineering First Aid  Monday-Tuesday 15-16th September
NAPLAN morning tea  Tuesday 16th September
NSHS 40th Anniv. Assembly & morning tea  Wednesday 17th September
Cert II Kitchen Ops First Aid  Wednesday - Thursday 17-18th September
Yr 10 MAP TTC trip  Wednesday - Friday 17-19th September
TTC, Yr 12 & Kitchen Ops WP Learning  Monday - Friday 22-26th September
Year 7/6 parent info night  Tuesday 23rd September
Follow the Dream Camp  Wednesday-Friday 24-26th September
Year 6 & 7 enrolments close  Thursday 25th September
Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment

DID YOU KNOW…

From 2014, Year 10 students are required to sit three tests – known as OLNA (Online Literacy & Numeracy Assessment). These tests are linked to course enrolments in English and Mathematics in Year 11 and 12. Some students have pre-qualified for some of the tests with a Band 8 in their Year 9 NAPLAN. If your child has not pre-qualified, please ensure he or she is present during these dates next year. Results for the last OLNA tests will be available in November for Year 10s and students who haven’t achieved a 3 are required to sit again.

2015 OLNA dates:

Round One
Writing: 9–11 March 2015
Numeracy and Reading: 9–20 March 2015

Round Two
Writing: 31 August –2 September 2015
Numeracy and Reading: 31 August –11 September 2015

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

NSHS 40th Anniversary

Come and join us for our 40th Anniversary celebrations. We will be holding a Special Assembly on
Our second art exhibition **Switch Stance** opened last Friday evening at the Visitor Centre. It was wonderful to see so many people there for the opening, including students, parents, staff and the wider Newman Community. Angel Omo performed on the evening and delicious mocktails and finger food were served by our Cert II Hospitality/Kitchen Operations students. The key feature of the evening was a strong line-up of student artwork. It was fabulous to have a stellar judging panel involved in the exhibition, including Pilbara Artist in Residence Hannah Quinlivan, local professional photographer Bianca Woolhouse, Fusion Festival artists Steve Langton and Emma McDonald from the The Pyrophone Juggernauts and Newman Junk Orchestra and D&T expert Dwayne Johnson. They each made thoughtful choices with their judging. We thank our donators, Newman Visitor Centre, Customer First Contracting - CFC, Wideglide, Lions Club & RetraVision. The exhibition runs for one more week. Please visit and vote for the People’s Choice Award.

**Select this link for the North West Telegraph story about Switch Stance.**
Well done to our Physical Education teacher Sam Alexeeff for winning the Outstanding First Year AFL School Ambassador Award. His passion, commitment and dedication to his teaching and promotion of AFL in school and the wider community made him an ideal candidate for this prestigious award. Read more by going to our website link that posts the North West Telegraph story, ‘Teacher’s hard work rewarded’. 
NSHS held its Athletics Day Carnival on Friday 8th August. The day began with a large portion of the student population participating in the 100 metre race. Many heats went through building early point scoring for their house. The high jump was spectacular to watch, as seen in the photo of Graydon Wilson clearing a very high bar. Mr Alexeeff described the upper school high jump event as 'hotly contested'. As well, there were a number of running races featuring 'tight finishes'.

Students got into the spirit of the day wearing colourful crazy house outfits and cheering enthusiastically for their house. It was terrific to see parents dropping in to watch their children competing and cheering from the sidelines.

Click this link for our story in the North West Telegraph.

Newman Senior High School Athletics Carnival results.

- 1st Jigalong on 1617.1 points
- 2nd Bulloo on 1604.7 points
- 3rd Mundiwindi on 1346.7 points
- 4th Weeliwolli on 1319.2 points

Results of highest scoring individuals:

Year 8 male:
1st – Spencer Taylor and Nick Davis, 2nd – Warren Gilla

Year 8 female:
1st Phoebe Eun, 2nd Genie Greenland
Year 9 male:
1st Graydon Wilson, 2nd Bradley Widders

Year 9 female:
1st Sian Calyun, 2nd Amy Handley

Year 10 male:
1st Taran Widders, 2nd Maciej Lunardi

Year 10 female:
1st Claire Roles, 2nd Kayla Sandles

Year 11 and 12 male:
1st Ben Regan, 2nd Zach Baker

Year 11 and 12 female:
1st Callie Walker, 2nd Jacqui Thomson

Science Week

National Science Week 2014 was celebrated at NSHS with a week of fun filled Science lessons. Students had fun making honeycomb, sorbet, flavoured lip balm, bath salts and bath bombs. We also had Lego sailboat races and fun quizzes. Students had a wonderful week of experiments and working with other classes.
Astronomy Night was one of the highlights of the week. Guest speaker Jenny Gull from SPICE UWA spoke about the new state of the art SPIRIT telescopes that are located on the roof of the Physics building at UWA in Perth. These telescopes can be accessed online and can take photos of deep space objects like galaxies and nebula. Unfortunately, due to rain in Perth we weren’t able to use the telescopes, however, Jenny showed us some images she had captured earlier. We also demonstrated the use of ‘Stellarium’, a program that simulates a telescope and is currently being used in our Year 10 classes in the Space Science unit. There were some special surprise visitors on the night, our local Police who joined in with the students at the craft table. The event was catered by our Year 10 ‘Red Desert Deli’ business who did a great job. All in all, it was an action packed week which was made possible by the Science Department and our student teacher.

**Buzz Dance makes a movie with Follow the Dream students and Mark Greenwood runs a fascinating TYWP workshop**

The last couple of weeks have been very busy at the Enrichment Centre with visits from Buzz Dance and The Literature Centre, as well as lots of school work.

Leon Ewing and Nicole Ward from Buzz Dance spent three afternoons with us filming for a dance video. We spent some time looking at different kinds of moves, things that look cool and also different ways of filming. The result was a very cool video that we will show in the near future.

Mark Greenwood, author, illustrator, and man of many talents, visited recently with Lesley Reece from The Literature Centre. He spoke with the students about some of the processes involved in researching for his book ‘Jandamarra’ and ‘Simpson and his Donkey’. He also ran activities on illustration and interpretation. Many of the students had already read a number of his books and were delighted to meet the man who had written them.

We would like to thank all of our visitors for their time and energy and look forward to their next visit.
Cert II Sports Coaching students lead the way running sports clinics for Primary School Students

For the first part of Term 3, Certificate II Sports Coaching (Kicking Goals) students participated in a Coaching unit with students from South Newman Primary School. The students designed lessons which focussed on developing the younger students’ fundamental motor skills, particularly in athletics.

Throughout the lessons, the Certificate II students were in charge of delivering engaging lessons that enhanced the primary school students’ skills in the lead up to their athletics carnival. They also focussed on correcting and improving the students’ technique. During the lessons the Certificate II students exhibited excellent leadership and communication skills with both the coaches and participants thoroughly enjoying the experience.
'My Story' coming soon.....

Please keep your eye out for our 'My Story' segment which will appear on skoolbag next week.

Youth Services visit NSHS students at lunchtime to talk about what they do

Student Services held a Community Services Information Exhibition at the school during lunch time on Monday 8th September. The exhibition gave students the opportunity to interact with a number of people working in the organisations available in the community. We thank the following organisations for coming along and providing their time and resources: Youth Connections (Joblink), Youth Centre (Shire of East Pilbara), Puntukurnu Aboriginal Medical Services (PAMS), and Y-Time (Aboriginal Youth Services).
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.

After school tutoring

After school tutoring is offered in Maths, Science, WACE English & Cert II Business Studies. Please click this link Tutoring for details.

Kicking Goals students impress West Coast Eagles staff

Please view this link to read about Kicking Goals students impressing West Coast Eagles staff with their exemplary behaviour, attitude as well as initiative and engagement in class. Well done!

Michael Carr-Gregg upcoming sessions in Newman

Michael Carr-Gregg will be visiting Newman on the 14th October. Please select the following links to find out more.

- Parent Community Evening
- Combined Schools Professional Leadership Day

Happy holidays everyone!