Dear Parent/Guardian

Re. Fire on Wednesday 29 October

As a result of this event, the school site has been closed until the beginning of the 2015 school year. Over the next two months the West Wing will be demolished and demountable classrooms and offices installed to allow us to function normally in 2015.

Classes for all students have now resumed and in accordance with the School Education Act, students are required to attend. The school is currently functioning on three campuses; Newman Primary School (Year 8 to 10); Newman Anglican Church (overflow classes from NPS); and Pilbara Institute (Year 11s). Plans are being made for students to be able to resume Health and Physical Education classes in the Recreation Centre and Year 10 and 11 Mining Alliance/Trade Training students, the Newman Trade Training Centre.

Please note, the last day of school for Year 11 students is Friday 21 November. Following exams and Workplace Learning students are required to return to Pilbara Institute for the final two days.

We can confirm that following the investigation by the Police Arson Squad that the fire was not deliberately lit, and started in a resource room.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Newman community, and specifically all those who have volunteered their time and premises to help us. Community support has been overwhelming.

- As a result of the efforts of the staff, students, community, Newman Primary School, The Pilbara Institute, and the Anglican Church, we were quickly able to recommence classes and minimise disruption to students.
- The combined efforts of our emergency services ensured students and staff were safe and that fire damage was contained to only the West Wing.
- BHP, CFC and volunteers who assisted us in relocating equipment and resources from the school to Newman Primary School.
- Pilbara high schools who have provided us with resources and additional staff.

Should you wish to contact the school, the NSHS phone has been diverted. Alternatively you will find us at Newman Primary School.

We look forward to finishing the year on a strong note. I look forward to sharing with you shortly a concept design for school refurbishment.

Yours sincerely

Milanna Heberle
Principall