

# Newsletter

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## Principal's Address



I hope you and your family are enjoying this beautiful time of the year, and the opportunity to get out and around the state. It has been really lovely to be able to have more activities and invite people into the school for presentations to students.

It is really important we continue to work together and keep our community safe. Activities at the school are planned around COVID-19 health and hygiene advice, and we continue to emphasise the importance of hand washing, using hand sanitiser and staying home if you are unwell. On behalf of the school, I would like to say thank you to students and parents for their support for this, care for each other and diligence in changing habits. I don't think I can understate how much we can appreciate our current state of 'normal' and we will never take 'normal' for granted again.

The school is working on a number of things to ensure there is continuity of education, and working with workplaces and training institutions in particular, to make sure our students are not disadvantaged. If you have concerns, please feel very welcome to contact me, one of the deputies or Student Services. We're here to help and work together with families.

Elsewhere in the newsletter you will find information about Year 12 dates – at the moment the goal is to end the year with a series of activities and events celebrating the end of formal schooling and entry into the wider world as young adults.

Our Year Nine students have completed their OLNA tests in Reading, Writing and Numeracy – this is an extra opportunity added to the OLNA schedule because the national testing (NAPLAN) was cancelled due to COVID-19.

Year 10 students and parents have been attending information sessions about course selection and traineeship opportunities for next year. They've commenced their selection sessions with deputy principals – this is a really good opportunity to review progress and talk about hopes, aspirations and goals.

In other developments, if you are using the school gym, you will notice how stunningly bright the lights are now. Thanks to the School Maintenance Blitz we have new LED lights in the gym and the library. The school has also obtained \$30,000 in a shade sail grant, which will go towards another large shade structure in the middle of the school.

## Art Expo

A poster for the Newman SHS Art &amp; Design Exhibition 2020. The poster features a collage of various art and design projects, including a colorful abstract painting, a sculpture of a face, a model of a house, and a drawing of a person. The text on the poster reads: 'NEWMAN SHS THE IRON HEART OF EDUCATION', 'Art &amp; Design Exhibition 2020', '28TH OF OCTOBER', '5PM - 7PM'. Below the text, there are three paragraphs of information: 'Come down to the high school and see some incredible, original pieces of work that our students have created over the last year.', 'The exhibition will be located in the school library and is open for the public to come and view.', and 'While you are enjoying some light refreshments, vote for your favourite piece.' The poster is decorated with various art and design projects, including a colorful abstract painting, a sculpture of a face, a model of a house, and a drawing of a person.

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## Athletics Carnival

Wednesday  
2 September 20  
All day



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When the Building and Grounds Committee meet, the student representatives advocate for more shade – so it's great to have this about to happen.

Finally – we appreciate your contact and communication. It is really important we have up to date contact details, including phone and email addresses. Please let the front office know if any of your details change. In a year of adapting, being flexible and pivoting – your contact details are really important, so check in with the front desk if you have any changes.

  
Carolyn J Cook  
Principal

## Farewells and Welcomes

We would like to farewell the following staff and wish them all the very best and a sincere thank you for all their work at Newman Senior High School: -

Ashley Ng – School Psychologist  
Fiona Tholet – Deputy Principal  
Cherie Matison - SSEP  
Melissa Johnson – Attendance Officer

Welcome to the team! We are thrilled to have the following people join Newman Senior High School, on behalf of all current staff and management, we would like to extend our warmest welcome: -

John Harris – Deputy Principal  
Emily Arndt – School Psychologist  
Shepherd Stephen – HaSS Teacher  
Ian McGowan – Engagement  
Lance Rumley – Engagement  
Ed Buckingham – Relief Teacher  
Emma Jackson - Reception

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WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

## Year 12 Important Dates



### 2020 School Ball

**Back to the  
Future**

Saturday  
17 October 2020  
7-10pm



### Dinner

Wednesday  
21 October 2020

### Final Assembly

Thursday  
22 October 2020

### Graduation

Thursday  
22 October 2020



# BHP School Presentation



On Wednesday 28 July 2020 former NSHS staff member, Brooke Wilson, now Coordinator Apprentices and Trainees at BHP Operations Services held a presentation in the Library for our Year 11 and 12 students interested in a BHP apprenticeship. Brooke was accompanied by a former student, Kyle Carbone who also spoke to our students on life as an apprentice.

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- Pre-employment checks > Offer >
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Heavy Diesel Fitters | Auto Electricians | Mechanical Fitters | Electricians

**Interested in applying?**

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## School Psychologist

*Hi, my name is Emily and I'm new to Newman. I moved here from Karratha and I've previously lived in Perth, Bunbury and the Middle East. I enjoy going to new places and meeting new people, and I've especially enjoyed exploring the Pilbara and admiring the lovely wildflowers (the Sturt Desert Peas are my favourite!).*

*I'm a provisionally registered Psychologist with School Psychology Services, which means I work with schools to support student's social, emotional, learning and behavioural needs. I believe everyone deserves to have good mental health and do well at school and I'm one of the people you can reach out to if you have concerns for yourself or someone else.*

*I look forward to meeting you J*

**Emily Arndt**  
**Provisionally Registered Psychologist**  
School Psychology Service – Pilbara Education Region





# UWA Aspire – WACE Revision Certificates



**Left to right:** Natasha Albert, Talia Walker, Daisy Carter and Ms Carolyn Cook

On the 6 and 7 June 20, Aspire (University of Western Australia) offered our Year 12 ATAR students online WACE Revision Seminar Scholarship, to assist them with their study and ease the pressure of the travel restrictions due to COVID-19.

The award assisted the students in participating in an intensive online revision session for English and Maths Applications before the Semester 1 school exam and covered the payment of the online revision seminar fee. Tutors from Academic Associates presented the sessions via an online platform.

All Year 12 ATAR students appreciated the opportunity and participated in the Revision Seminar. Those that received certificates were:

Natasha Albert, Daisy Carter, Caellum Henare, Jacqueline Houppapa, Tristan Salva and Talia Walker



# Teen Mental Health First Aid



**Left to right:** Abby Talbot, Amelia Willock, Phoebe Carter and Bianca Manu

On Monday 3 August our School Psychologist Ashley Ng completed the [Teen Mental Health First Aid](#) course with our younger students. The Teen Mental Health First Aid course is for high school students in Years 7-9 and Years 10-12. Students learn how to provide mental health first aid to their friends.

This course is based on guidelines developed through the expert consensus of people with first-hand experience of mental health problems and mental health professionals.

The teen MHFA course gives young people the skills they need to recognise and help with mental health problems and crises in their friends, and to get the help of an adult quickly. This course has not been introduced because of any specific problems at school and no individual person has or will be discussed in the course.

Young people will often turn to each other when stressed or upset, and try to help each other, and sometimes take too much on. This course teaches them not to try to take on these problems alone, and when you should get an adult involved.





# Science



**Left to right:** Jesse Luke, Trey Cumming and Sylvani Brooks

Year 9/10 Science have been studying Biology and learning about life cycles of animals. They researched the best conditions for worms to live in and set up a worm farm with soil, wet newspaper, straw and lots and lots of food! The worms have grown rapidly and get fed all the leftover food students bring into class.





Year 8 ACE Science have been learning about microscopes and cells. Recently in class students made a paper model of a cell by cutting out each organelle of the cell, learning an analogy to remember the function of the organelle and then gluing it to their cell model. Students then had their cell models displayed in the classroom.



Makenzy Russell and Chloe Johnson

Ms Amy Doyle  
Science Teacher

## School Fees and Contributions

Please read attached flyer – [Yellow and White Simple Dotted Circle Bookmark](#)



# FoodBank Visit



The dynamic team from Foodbank challenged the Year 11 Food Science Technology class to create four different dishes Fuel Your Future series of recipes during their recent visit.

The students had forty minutes to prepare the dishes then were quizzed on food safety and hygiene. We are looking forward to a follow up visit in November.



Kim Aroviri, Tayia McDonald and Tihanna Metcalf



Glen Eckerman, Zac Christie and Caleb Willock



Twelve students from the SSEP program had a fabulous time preparing and eating a range of healthy recipes in the Home Economics room.



# Follow the Dream



A special Follow the Dream celebration was held on Tuesday 28 July at the Centre. Students, families, community members and tutors gathered first for a formal ceremony with Liam Limbie and Noah Ford giving the Acknowledgement to Country.

Justin Bonney, Year 12, was the MC and he began by acknowledging FTD students for awards they had received earlier in the year but because of COVID-19 there had been no formal public recognition of them.



Justin Bonney



**Left to right:** Adelane Hawkins with Tayia McDonald and lieshia Dorey

Earlier in the year the Youth Centre sponsored the International Women's Day Youth Award, and three Year 11 FTD students were nominated – Kirra Lewis, Tayia McDonald and lieshia Dorey. The winner of the 2020 International Women's Day Youth Award was lieshia Dorey. Thank you to Adelane Hawkins, Coordinator Youth Services EPS, for attending the ceremony to present the certificates and prizes.



Georgie Ford Year 7 won a youth art competition held by MPC Kinetic. Young artists were invited to submit an art piece that reflects how they see their backyard – the Pilbara – and Georgie's winning art work is now featured on one of their trucks as a full vehicle wrap.

Allan Ewen and Phyllis Lockyer were inspiring guest speakers and both took the opportunity to reinforce to students that they are part of a large supportive family – some adults at the ceremony had been past FTD students and the primary school children would soon be FTD students themselves.



The Grand Opening of the basketball tower took place with Lochlan Sandell [Year 12] climbing the ladder to secure the hoop to the backboard. A competition was then held to see who would shoot the very first goal. Liam Limbie and lieshia Dorey scored this glory and Clayton Donation was the first primary school student to shoot a goal.



A BBQ followed and the words of a parent summed up the afternoon *'Events like this make me realise how proud I am of all our young people. Thank you for showing us how they shine and for the opportunity to celebrate it together'*

Debbie Douglass  
Follow the Dream Coordinator

