After 6 months of intense training and coaching, Donelle McInerney, Newton Moore Senior High School’s Physical Education and Health Teacher, has been selected by the Athletics WA Talent ID (TID) Program to be the athletics state coach. “The Athletics WA TID is a high performance pathway program funded by the WA Department of Sport and Recreation and Athletics WA. It is strongly aligned with the activities of the Athletics Australia High Performance Department and underpins the national Target Talent Program” (www.waathletics.org.au, 2015).

Donelle has been training high level junior athletes in sprints, hurdles and relays. In early March she is travelling to Sydney as a state coach with 11 of her athletes competing at the Australian junior Athletics Championships. She is particularly excited about the three students from Newton Moore Senior High School travelling with her: Zach Rankin (Year 9), Courtney Butlion (Year 8) and Emma Innes (Year 8).

For the last nine years, Donelle has been coaching tracks and field athletes. Nine of her athletes have been awarded South West Academy of Sports individual scholarships and over 40 of her athletes have represented WA.

In December 2014, the gifted Newton Moore SHS student Isabel Hislop won two more state poetry competitions. Boosted by her earlier success at the Shore Lines Writing for Performance competition where she finished second in March 2014, she entered two other competitions. The first one was hosted by the Lambing Flat Regional Writing Competition, supported by the Fellowship of Australian Writers Inc. It was held in conjunction with the National Cherry Festival, and Isabel wrote a very moving poem about a cherry as the main character. The jury was very touched by her talent and awarded her second place. The second competition was the KSP Poetry Awards, in Perth. Her allegorical poem “This Figure” was awarded 3rd place. In this poem, she plays with words to tell the story of a man as a personification of Western Australia.

Her English teacher, Lesley Stace, is extremely proud of her success. “Isabel writes beautifully. I have no doubt she will become a published writer in the future. I am very proud of her.” The young self-motivated poet is looking forward to participating in more state and nation wide competitions, that her teacher is certain she has the talent to win.

The Cherry’s Tale, by Isabel Hislop (2014)
Connect at the hip
Thinking ‘is this it?’
Our red flesh pierced and raw
Us we were pulled away from your jaw.
Cherie was gone and only half of I remained
I couldn’t think straight I was in so much pain
I was left pondering her demise.
Hoping, we could do nothing but allay,
The life we hold so dear that is likely to be left in disarray
And after a short delay it was time for round two
“Cherie I’m coming, I will save you!”
So down the hatch, here we go
What came next was a fierce battle of two and froe
What came next I didn’t want to know
Down a tube, or slide, or pipe
Into a pool that wasn’t ripe
It had the consistency of something that wasn’t right
So I braced myself for the end
Til,
At last
I found my friend
Cherie, it was, but not in the flesh
It was just her pip as the pool dyed red
And so our fate, that is much the same, is all that needs be said
It is time for me now to go and rest my head.
As this is the tale of Pippa Red
A cherry once eaten
That now, lay dead.

Louise Bradford, Year 10 Student at Newton Moore Senior High School, is no stranger to competition and awards. For the 3rd consecutive year, she is preparing to represent Western Australia on the national stage. The 14 year old MASH (Moore Academy of Sport and Health) student is heading to Melbourne, Victoria, in April to hopefully bring back the June Bevan Trophy as the national under 17 Badminton Champion. Louise is training hard both in Bunbury and in Perth. Her coach says it is a huge benefit to Louise that she was selected for the MASH programme at Newton Moore Senior High School. It has been a crucial help for her fitness and preparation. She is very thankful to Mrs McInerney for her support and coaching. Louise Bradford’s next step is to find sponsors for her trip, with the teenage athlete trying to raise money to help her get to the tournament.

Louise Bradford

Isabel Hislop and Mrs Stace

Donelle McInerney

C. Butlion, Z. Rankin and E. Innes

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