The Youth of the Year Quest is designed to encourage, foster and develop leadership in conjunction with other citizenship qualities in our youth. The qualities sought after, apart from academic attainments, are those of leadership, personality, sportsmanship, public speaking and good citizenship.

The quest includes an interview worth 80 points and a public speaking section worth 20 points. This consists of a five minute prepared speech and two impromptu speeches.

The quest is sponsored by the National Australia Bank. Congratulations to Suanlee Farrer of Year 12 (our School Captain) who now moves into the Regional Finals. Suanlee is sponsored by the Lions Club of Noranda. Best Wishes, Suanlee, from the Morley SHS community.

Mr Norman Paini - Head of Department, Society and Environment.
Principal’s Report

Dear Parents

Welcome to the 2010 School Year.
Student numbers are as follows:
Year 8 - 84 (half cohort)
Year 9 - 148
Year 10 - 230
Year 11 - 228
Year 12 - 203
Total 893

Year 12, 2009 Achievements - Curriculum Council Awards
We are indeed very proud of the achievements of our students. Rachel Lim, Courtney Bowra and Naomi Truong were awarded a Certificate of Excellence*. Rachel will be studying Medicine at the University of WA, Courtney will be studying at ECU in Creative Industries and Naomi at Curtin University studying Engineering. Certificate of Distinction* winners were: Benjamin Bishop – Graphics Technology; Blaise Pillera – Automotive and Joshua Bonannella, – Building and Construction.

Fogarty Foundation Scholarships to study at the University of WA
UWA has a long tradition of promoting, recognising and rewarding merit and excellence within our community with a strong commitment to equity and access for students. As in the past, we are especially proud to again announce, that four students from Morley SHS have fulfilled these requirements and been awarded a Fogarty Scholarship. Well done to these Year 12 Students: Rachel Lim – Excellence Award
Ornella Mbiya – Humanitarian Excellence Award
Liam Menaglio - Excellence Award
Viviane Nguyen - Excellence Award.

Staff New to the School
We welcome Lindsay Easton, Soccer and Physical Education; Jeanette Evans, English and Drama; and Elodie Murphy, Science and Mathematics. We hope their stay will be enjoyable and professionally fulfilling.

Parents and Citizens’ Group
This group meets on the third Monday of each month at 7.30pm in the Staff Room. The school community benefits greatly from parent input and opinion. You are all most welcome and we urge as many of you as possible to get involved.

On behalf of staff, I welcome you to the Morley school year of 2010 and look forward to meeting and chatting with you as the year progresses.

Sincerely
Gay Fortune, Principal

THE LANGUAGE CENTRE AT MORLEY SHS “UP AND RUNNING!”
This year Morley SHS has started up a new initiative to benefit overseas students needing that extra bit of language instruction before they can successfully integrate into mainstream high school classes.

The Language Centre provides rigorous, intensive language instruction, tailored to each individual student, as well as an orientation to Perth and the Australian culture, in a friendly, caring environment.

While attending a separate academic programme, Centre students have also the opportunity to socialise with the rest of their cohort through many aspects of Morley High School life. These include tutorials, inter-tute activities, option subjects and the many social events that are part of the Morley experience.

At the moment, the programme is rapidly growing.

Mrs Joan Romick, Language Teacher

*Certificate of Distinction - This certificate is awarded to students who are in the top 0.5% of candidates sitting the examination, the top two candidates in a WACE course or tertiary entrance subject or in the top 0.5% of students in Year 12 Wholly School-Assessed Subjects.   Certificate of Excellence - This certificate is awarded to students who obtain 10 ‘A’ grades over their last three years of consecutive senior secondary education.
A Message from The Morley P & C

The Morley P&C would like to welcome back existing students and families. For the new students and families we would like to congratulate you on your choice of High School.

As President of the P&C I, once again, encourage parent involvement in our students’ education process. The Morley P&C does have a voice… a strong voice in school happenings, events and policies.

These are very eventful times at Morley. It is not hard to notice the huge amount of improvements to the school’s facilities. The P&C is involved every step of the way. Nearing completion are the new toilet blocks on campus. This improvement came about through the efforts of the last P&C leadership and I once again express my appreciation of their dedication in achieving this well needed improvement to our school.

Lower School Science block upgrade (Building Education Revolution) is making good progress.

Renovation Programme (Building Education Revolution) - $200,000 spent on new flooring and paint work.

Other projects, but funded by the P&C, are the new shade covering for the comfort of students and the soon to be erected new outdoor picnic areas for our students.

For those who are not aware, Morley is once again in the forefront of education with the construction of a new Automotive Trade Centre. The centre has been approved and the programme is part of the government’s stimulus funding package funded by the Federal Trade Centre initiative.

This is a joint effort with Hampton Senior High School to provide a TAFE qualified Certificate III, state-of-the-art facility to be housed on the Morley grounds. This $3 million project is no small feat to plan, design, develop and construct.

I am calling upon all families to participate in the P&C and the exciting progress in the forthcoming year. The P&C is here to assist in forming the future of our students, your children. Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at 7.30pm. The next meeting, which is our Annual General Meeting (AGM), is on Monday, 15 March 2010 at the school’s administration office.

I will see you there!

Michele Drieberg
President

P&C Annual General Meeting Monday 15 March 2010

MORLEY LEOS

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our Lions Mentor and friend, Pete Scandrett. Pete had been in hospital since October 2009 and on the 30th January 2010 he passed away with his family by his side.

Pete had been our Lions liaison person since the club was established in 2006. He always came to our fortnightly meetings and participated in all of our fundraising events. He will be missed by the Morley community and Members of Morley Leos. He was very proud of the members of Morley Leos.

“Leos” stands for ‘Learning, Experience and Opportunity’ and Morley Leos is sponsored by the Noranda and Ballajura Lions Clubs. We are involved in community service and we raise funds for local charities and for our sister school, Preah Beida Ekreach HS in Cambodia.

Morley Leos meets fortnightly in the school library from 3.30pm- 5.00pm and afternoon tea is provided before our meetings. At the moment we have twelve members from Year 9 to 12. Our first community service will be held on Sunday 7th March when we take part in the “Clean Up Australia Day” campaign.

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME - See Mr Paini or Leos members.
**Japanese Garden**

After eighteen months of planning and fundraising we are pleased to announce that work has commenced on the Japanese Garden outside rooms 10 and 11.

The concept plan was prepared by Japanese Landscaping, owned by Eiji Murozumi. Mr Murozumi has completed the initial work, including the rocks for the dry waterfall, the flow of the dry river bed and the stepping stones.

Over the next few months our gardeners, Mr Charles Johnson and Mr Tom Stronach, will complete the reticulation and prepare the ground for planting of the shrubs in early May. The plants will be Australian natives, including Silver Princess, Grevillea Peaches and Cream, Dryandra Nivea, Melaleuca Incana, and many ground covers.

At last, our Japanese Garden – from Concept Plan to Reality!

Mr Norman Paini - Head of Department, Society and Environment

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**Chinese New Year**

“Gong Xi Fa Cai” Happy New Year. This year is the Year of the Tiger.

Morley Senior High School continued tradition and celebrated the Chinese New Year with a spectacular Lion Dance performance. All students received a lucky red envelope to wish them all the best throughout the year. Also, students were involved in creating different decorations in class to welcome the Chinese New Year. Our school hopes everyone has a happy and a prosperous New Year.

Ms Esther Ng, Chinese Teacher

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**People to People International**

Orchid Foster and Serene Meredith both of Year 11 will join a select group of students representing their schools, communities and countries at People to People leadership summits in the USA this year.

This programme is coordinated by “People to People Ambassador Programmes” to fulfil the vision which President Dwight D. Eisenhower had for fostering world citizenship. The summits bring together outstanding Student Leaders from around the globe to focus on leadership, team building, community service and professional aspirations. Students learn how to effectively make a difference in their communities and develop skills to help them lead tomorrow’s world.

Congratulations and best wishes from the Morley SHS community. We look forward to hearing about your experiences on your return.

Mr Norman Paini - Head of Department, Society and Environment

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**Term 1 finishes Thursday 1 April at 3.30pm**

*(students ARE expected to be at school unless they are sick)*
FIRST SOLO FLIGHTS
Both Callum Farrell and Nicole Stoddart, Yr 12 Aeronautics Students, completed their first solo flights at the ‘Royal Aero Club of Western Australia’ on the 6th January and 7th February 2010, respectively. Callum was in an Eagle 150, VH-FPP and Nicole in a Cessna 152, VH-IBP.

Together with Andrew Twine and Joshua Spano, the ‘fantastic four’ received First Solo Certificates and wings at the School Assembly on Monday the 15th February 2010.

The above four students started flying training in 2008 and 2009. After following the initial training syllabus at Jandakot based flying training organisations, they were authorised, and successfully carried out, their first solo flights. They all intend to continue training for their Private Pilot’s Licenses and eventually hope to obtain their Commercial Licenses.

Andy Twine Wins Ministers Award for Aviation
I was picked from my Year 11 Aviation group at the end of 2009 to represent myself and Morley SHS for the Minister’s Award in Aviation. I had to attend an interview at Jandakot Airport with a panel of three judges who were from all areas of the Aviation Industry and compete against five other aviation students who were also chosen from their schools. The Minister’s Aviation Scholarship recognises outstanding students in the Aviation courses offered at Department of Education schools throughout Western Australia and carries with it $3000 prize money. I was very pleased to be announced as a most worthy candidate for the main award and the $3000 awarded will help me greatly with my career of being a pilot. “It was a very memorable and a nerve racking moment but I am delighted with the result”.

Andy Twine, Yr 12.

Academic Extension at Morley SHS.
The 2010 programme has evolved into recognising individual strengths and weaknesses and being able to achieve the best outcomes in the school environment. Today in high schools, many students lose sight of the many opportunities presented and they need to make the best of these opportunities as they present themselves.

One of the most important skills is organisation. Using your time efficiently is the single most important skill. From this you are able to develop learning strategies and scaffolds that unleash your potential, but only if you dare to try. One of my favourite sayings is “failure doesn’t take much effort”. It is such a simple phrase that says it all. Those students who are not prepared to put the effort into their learning will be less likely to reap the rewards they crave for. In fact, most students still don’t understand how to work at their best levels.

This course will show students how to adapt to each classroom and how to structure the way individuals learn. In fact, not every student can study the same way for each subject. The “game” or “outcome” is to recognise the best traits skills and methods that work for you in each subject, and that the way you study will vary from subject to subject. Sadly, many people forget that you have to continually “up skill” your own learning habits. As subjects get harder and more complex many students forget that they need to adjust the way they do their work and study. The academic program gives students skills that allow them to reach their fullest potential.

There has been strong interest and a lot of enquiries to get students involved with this programme. At this point there are 34 students who are beginning the year with the programme. This is over sized but the numbers should steady by the end of week 5 and at this point I will know if there are more positions available. If you are still interested to be involved with this programme please contact Mr Peter Crayden at school (9376 5555) and get an application form to me and place your name on the waiting list.

Mr Peter Crayden, Academic Extension Coordinator.
Morley Senior High School - Football Academy Parent Support Group

Welcome to a new school year. This year is going to be a very exciting one for the Football Academy with many new ideas which we hope will become reality and therefore, make it a more professional and exciting program for the students.

I am very happy to advise that with the school support three ideas have already become a reality.

Firstly, is the Parent Support Group. This group was elected very late last year and we are here to be, as the title suggests, a support to the students and staff involved. We will be organising, for example, the fundraising for new equipment to develop this Academy to be of a very high standard.

Secondly, and the most exciting is that the students will be receiving their new training strips very soon. The students will be required to wear their strips to every training session. They are going to look fantastic and we hope they will wear them with pride.

Thirdly, that Football West are fully involved with Morley SHS this year. This is great for our players.

We have also been very lucky to have a new coaching staff member appointed, Miss Lindsay Easton, who will be coaching the girls’ teams. Miss Easton has a very impressive list of achievements and qualifications and has much to offer the girls. We welcome Miss Easton and wish her all the very best for a successful year.

I would like to invite all parents who have children in the Academy to get involved in our group and make it successful. Our next meeting is on Monday 15th March at 6.00pm in the Conference Room which is situated in the Administration block of the school.

Good Luck to all the Academy students and staff in 2010.
Connie Pillera, President, MSHSFA Parent Support Group

Introducing Ms Lindsay Easton

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Lindsay Easton and I am the phys-ed/soccer teacher at Morley SHS. I will be working alongside Dr Ma’ayah to coach and develop your school’s soccer academy. I have been heavily involved in soccer since I was young and have played at a high level representing WA in national and Australasian championships.

I am currently still playing for a Premier League club along-side experienced players. Soccer is something that I am really passionate about and I believe that I will be a real asset to the Morley SHS Soccer Programme. I am looking forward to sharing my skills, experience and love of the game with you all and am really excited about what this year will bring.
Ms Lindsay Easton, Physical Education/Soccer Teacher

Homework Classes at Morley Senior High School

Morley SHS is pleased to announce that homework classes have commenced. These will take place on Tuesday afternoons from 3.30pm -5.00pm in the school library.

This is a great opportunity for our students to use the computers and resources available in the school library to complete assignments or to study. This complements the before school and lunch openings of the school library.

Mr Paini will supervise students on Tuesday afternoons. All students are welcome to take advantage of this initiative.
Mrs Fortune, Principal

57 Morley Army Cadet Unit is looking for new members aged 12½ to 18 years.

We meet at Morley Senior High School, entry off Bramwell Road, Noranda on Wednesdays from 6:30-9:30 pm. Parents/Carers are requested to attend for about 1 hour of first night.

Phone Capt (AAC) Sue Knight on 0410 526 235 or LT (AAC) Steve Allen on 0419 354 813.
**“Music Rocks” Concert**

Congratulations to John Porter, Tom Leicester, Sahal Saito-Abdullahi, Jordan Carvell, Jessica Stokes, Antony Huynh, Gabriel Thompson, Kevin Nguyen, Angelo Ruggiero, Shaun Jonker, Liam Symonds, Daniel Parker and Chris Twine who represented Morley SHS at the ‘Music Rocks the Astor Theatre 2009’ Concert as a part of the “Music Rocks Australia, Elite Ensemble Program”.

The concert promoted by “Ticketek Australia” saw more than 1,200 people attend over two big sessions at the beautiful old Mt Lawley venue where two Morley SHS ensembles performed ‘Creep’ by Radiohead and the Linkin Park hit ‘Numb’. More than 250 young people performed in over four hours of music on the night with professional sound, lighting and staging creating a ‘Rock Arena’ atmosphere. The performances were a culmination of the hard work done in rehearsal and at smaller events during 2009 with several representatives from the music industry having contacted “Music Rocks, Australia” to voice praise for the Morley SHS bands.

“Music Rocks Australia” ensemble sessions begin Mondays in the Common Room starting in Week 3 of Term One. Massive performance opportunities and new “Hip Hop” and ‘track creation’ facilities will be a part of the 2010 schedule. To become a part of this growing movement across WA please contact “Music Rocks Australia” on 08 9275 2111 or visit the MRA ensemble directors in the Common Room of recess or lunch on Mondays.

For more information also look at http://www.musicrocks.com.au

Mr Dean Blanchard, Director Music Rocks Australia

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**Welcome Back Assembly**

As is the custom here at Morley SHS, each year in February we ask the previous Year 12s to come back to school for a Welcome Back Assembly to find out about where their chosen educational and/or career path is leading them.

There were some fantastic University and TAFE offers made to students (to name a few): Engineering, Business, Sports, Geology, Architecture, Aeronautics, Commerce, Music, Medicine, Arts, Fitter/Mechanic, Teaching, Biomedical Science, Nursing, Psychology.

Many students were also beginning apprenticeships in such areas as: Spray Painting, Butchering, Plastering, Building, Electricianship.

Some students have deferred and are travelling or taken up work for the year. However, whatever their pathway, we wish them the very best of luck for the future.

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**Expand your family internationally!**

Volunteer to host an international exchange student with Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Students are arriving in July 2010 from Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden and the USA – staying for a limited time only!

Contact Southern Cross Cultural Exchange today – 1800 500 501 or visit: www.scce.com.au
NEW PHYSICAL EDUCATION SPORTS UNIFORM

Students at Morley SHS have been wearing the white with blue underarm strip as a daily in-class uniform. As there is a requirement to wear a change of clothing when participating in physical activity a new PE uniform top was ordered from the suppliers over the summer vacation.

A range of uniform styles and colours was displayed to Year 8, 9 & 10 classes in the second last week of Term 4, 2009. As a result, and by popular demand, the crew neck style was selected. Colours were divided so therefore students have a choice of red with white trim or blue with red trim. The school logo with the words PHYSICAL EDUCATION appear on the sports’ top.

The garments are lightweight and breathe well in hot conditions. Already, many students have availed themselves of these tops and look exceedingly stylish and smart. However, these sports tops are not to be worn to school as in-class school uniform and should be worn as a change of clothing to Physical Education classes. These new sport uniforms are available from the Uniform Shop at the school.

We encourage all lower school students to purchase the new uniform and to select a size that will serve them for a couple of years.

Mr Bruce Wheatland
Head of Department, Physical Education and Health Education.

SCHOOL OVAL UPDATE

Our school ovals were dug up and runners planted towards the end of November 2009 due to the large amounts of Parramatta Grass previously in existence. I am pleased to report that the new runners have grown and spread well over the summer.

This has now in a small way been assisted by the Morley SHS gardening staff who have scheduled a regular watering and weeding program throughout the school holidays including the Christmas-New Year period. The newly embedded reticulation system (paid for by the school) has greatly assisted in the oval renovation process.

Students are to be congratulated for their patience during the prolonged non-usage period, especially in PE classes. The plan is to extend this time for the duration of Term 1 which will give the regrowth of the grass every possible chance to maximise coverage. In the long term the student population and community will be the winners.

Mr Bruce Wheatland
Head of Department, Physical Education and Health Education.

THEN (Beginning of December 2009) and…. NOW February 2010