WA Premier teaches Economics Class

The Premier of Western Australia, Mr Colin Barnett, recalled his skills from his previous teaching career to deliver a ‘lesson’ to Economic students on the 4th of August. Morley Senior High School Year 11 and 12 Economics Students were privileged with a visit by the Premier to discuss the State Budget and economic matters, topics closely linked to the studies we are undertaking in class.

Mr Barnett asked us to consider economics as a way of thinking. He then gave us his perspective on price mechanism from the context of the housing market. We discussed demand curves and supply curves, once again, in context of the housing market. The most interesting part of the discussion was the link between trade with one of our major trading partners and the price of housing in Western Australia.

After the discussion, we asked Mr Barnett questions on topics such as the importance of the Southeast Asian economies as business partners, Western Australia contribution to Australia’s GDP, Western Australia’s GST share, the proposed take over of hospitals by the Commonwealth government and the State government’s stance on this issue.

The visit was first discussed earlier in the year when Mr Barnett visited the school and met School Captains, Suanlee Farrer and Courtney Hrabar who invited the Premier to return to Morley to discuss economics. Mr Barnett enthusiastically indicated if he was formally invited he might be able to do just that.

After recent encouragement from their classmates and teacher, Suanlee, Courtney and Precious Magtuto drafted a letter inviting Mr Barnett to come and take a class. They were extremely pleased to receive a reply indicating that he would be willing to conduct a class for them. Economics teacher, Mr Richardson, then negotiated a date for the Premier to visit and eventually the 4th of August was finalised.

All in all, the hour long ‘class’ was a success as it was both educative and inspiring. We would like to thank Mr Barnett for spending his valuable time with the students of Morley Senior High School and Mr Richardson and the school Captains for organising the session.

Rhys Jarrett & William Wong
Year 11 Economics students

Two More Solo Flights in Aviation

Morley SHS Specialist Aviation Programme has now had another two talented students reach for the skies - alone, (literally) in their solo flights.

Andrew Labib, (left) Year 12, successfully completed his solo flight in a Cessna 152 aeroplane, registration VH-RWJ, on 31 July 2010 at Jandakot Royal Aero Club.

Two weeks later, Jimmy Suleski, (right) Year 12, completed his first solo flight also in a Cessna 152, registration VH BFV, on 16th August 2010.

Mrs Brigid Tait, Aviation Teacher
Dear Parents

Term Three, to date, has clearly been exciting and eventful.

The Japanese Students and their teachers have returned home after many exciting experiences. Thank you to the parents and staff for their hospitality and generosity. Such activities continually enhance a global perspective in our students. Thank you also to Mr Connor and Mr Masarei for their coordination and general supervision of the event.

Reporting Day (31 July)

Again, a worthwhile and successful activity. Staff report meaningful discussion with parents and improved concentration and output from students. This sort of engagement between school and home - working together to one purpose gives concrete expression to our official school motto “Together We Achieve”.

Building Programme

1. Trade Training Centre
   Work on this project is on target; we are grateful to Mr Masarei for his commitment and liaison work with the builders and architects.

2. Science and Mathematics Block
   The work so far has been excellent. However, progress has been delayed by tendering arrangements for a new roof. This has just recently been finalised and work will likely continue at a more rapid rate from this point.

My special thanks to Mr Connor, Mr Masarei and Mr Cardy in undertaking responsibility for school management and leadership in my absence. They did an outstanding job and ensured a smooth transition for myself on my return.

My observations overseas have shown me how well Australia is working through the aftermath of the recent recession. Our employment rates are commendable in comparison to those of England and Ireland. We continually have much to be grateful for.

Again, I thank you for your steadfast support on which all of us rely so heavily.

Sincerely
Gay Fortune, Principal

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**Morley Senior High School Music Department**

Invites you to our

**Annual Spring Concert**

When: Wednesday 22nd September 2010
Where: Morley Senior High School Arts Foyer
Time: 6.30pm

Come spend a night with our students, parents, and us, and watch some of the talent from Morley Senior High.

Ranging from vocal/instrumental solos, duets, trios, guitar ensembles, rock n roll bands... there will be something there for everyone... so keep this date in mind... come out for a night of fun and music...

We would love to see you there !!!

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**Term 3 finishes Friday 24 September at 3.30pm**
(students ARE expected to be at school unless they are sick)

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**Enrolments — Calling All Year 7s**

We are now taking enrolments for entry into Year 8 at Morley SHS for 2011.

If you need an enrolment package, our office hours are 8.00am - 4.00pm.

For further information contact us on 9376 5555.
Admin Officers

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**Enrolments — Other Years (9-12/2010 or 2011)**

Enrolments for Year 9 - 12 for 2010 and 2011 require an interview with the Principal.

Please contact the office to arrange a suitable time. Past reports, birth certificates and visa/passports (where applicable) must be brought to the interview. Student/s must come along to this interview with a parent/guardian.

Admin Officers
Schools4Schools - Global Leaders Conference

An initiative of The Oaktree Foundation, the global Leaders conference creates a forum for the next generation of leaders in a day conference to connect and discuss issues of global poverty and social justice.

The Conference;
- Connected young leaders - students attended from a variety of government and non government schools
- Equip and educate - it gave students the opportunity to engage in a conversation on how and why we should respond to global poverty
- Empower and mobilize - inspired, equipped and aware of the problems, delegates will shift the focus from discussion to action. Central to creating change will be a keen understanding of their own skills, attributes and avenues to exhibit leadership.

Guest speakers included - Pankaj Pathak - Honorary Consul of the Republic of Botswana in WA and Phakumani Ndlovu - a young South African GOLD facilitator.

Year 10 Students, Michael New, Zoe Kalimeris and Samantha Yap, represented Morley SHS at the conference held in June 2010 at Curtin University.

Comments from the students - “interesting and informative”, “inspiring and a lot of fun”.

Mr Norman Paini
Society & Environment

Morley Students Go Mining in Northbridge!

Students from Morley Senior High School were given the unique opportunity to visit the CUT Mine at the Central Institute of Technology (formerly Central TAFE)

The $98,000 mining training tunnel in Northbridge is a former service tunnel under the Institute’s Aberdeen Street campus and has been converted by a set design company to replicate a working, underground mine site.

It is the first training facility of its kind in Western Australia and includes a refuge chamber, identical to the ones used in industry, as well as lined walls which simulate rock faces containing copper, gold and nickel.

The majority of students who attended, completed a Certificate I in Resources and Infrastructure Operations in year 10 last year while all of the students are currently completing their Certificate II in Sampling and Measurement as part of their Year 11 and 12 learning programme.

The simulated mine provided a very different experience from training in the classroom. It allowed students to get a realistic feel for life in an underground mine site. They worked in a reasonably confined space, with the only lighting from a lamp on their helmet.

In the ‘mine” the students completed activities on face mapping techniques, general measurements and basic mine safety. They were also able to sit in a refuge chamber and felt what it would be like to be trapped in a small underground chamber with 15 other people!

The school would like to thank the Central institute’s lecturer, Mr Dale Longman and Mr Harry Pasich, our VET Coordinator for enriching the learning of students at Morley!

Mr Neil Salsano, VET in Science
The canteen has a few new and exciting international menu items which will tickle your taste buds including Hokkien Noodles, Fried Rice, Potato Bake, Satay Chicken & Noodles, Rice Paper Rolls, Meat Ball Wraps, Beef Curry & Rice and Chicken Curry & Rice. Unfortunately the canteen has been falling short on budget. It was necessary for the P&C to down-staff to improve long-term profitability. With regret, we bid farewell to Marcelle Lievense who has been with the canteen for over two years and was an efficient and valued employee.

The canteen sorely needs the ongoing support of parents and carers, students and staff, to keep it at peak operation. Please seriously consider using our facility on a more regular basis instead of out of school providers. I also urge you to VOLUNTEER.

An excerpt from the Healthy Kids website - www.healthy-kids.com.au

Volunteers are our canteen’s most precious resource. With plenty of volunteers plus effective management, the canteen has a good recipe for producing a healthy profit. Helping in your school canteen is a wonderful way to meet other parents, gain food handling experience, help your child’s school gain extra funds and of course give your child a thrill to see you in the canteen! Volunteers in the canteen are often mums, dads, nannies, aunts, uncles and grandparents – all working to make Australian School Canteens unique!

Hosting Japanese Exchange Students

For those of us who hosted a Japanese student, I speak for them, my family and myself. We found it extremely gratifying. We hosted a wonderful young lady, Misato Dohi from Akashi. I wish to add my gratitude to the other host families for making our Japanese students feel welcome and grab a taste of Australian life. Fair dinkum!

The WACSSO 76th Annual Conference

The WACSSO 76th Annual Conference was held at the Burswood on the weekend of 14 & 15 August. We had a large display to promote our school, with framed photos of our specialist subjects and some interesting artwork from our gifted students, kindly put together by Andrew Brady and Fran Mackenzie from Visual Arts.

Michelle Scott, the Commissioner for Children and Young People is advertising “Commissioner for a Day Challenge!” I think this may be a wonderful initiative for our students to participate in. Michelle travels around WA and speaks to children and young people (and others) who believe their mental health is really important to them. It’s all about feeling happy, enjoying life and knowing there are things you’re good at. It can also be about feeling lonely, stressed and angry.

Michelle Scott’s challenge to you . . . Send Michelle your ideas about two things:

- What sort of things help you stay mentally healthy?
- If you were Commissioner for a day, what would you do to help other children and young people stay mentally healthy?

By taking the Challenge and sending Michelle your ideas you could WIN an iPad and the chance to be Commissioner for a Day and spend time with the Minister for Youth and other important decision makers. Please find “How to enter the Challenge” and an “Entry form” in this term’s Morley Senior High School newsletter.

I must once again appeal to parents and carers, grandparents and community members to participate in our P&C. Joining in means your child will have an advantage in his/her schooling life. By being on the inside of the happenings at Morley you will be in a better position to guide and council your child’s schooling and future with knowledge of programs like the New North Education Initiative. Want to find out more? Our next meeting is on Monday, 20 September at 7:30pm in the staff room. Please make it a point to attend.

Have a safe and happy month of August.

Michele Drieberg, President, P&C, Morley Senior High School
**Swan District Sculpture Award**

Michelle Naumovski, Yr 11, has been judged the winner of the sculpture award at the Hyper Festival held for the schools in the Swan District in June 2010. Michelle is one of our enthusiastic art students whose art works have been on display in our Art Gallery at school. This is what she does for fun when not occupied on her school work.

These art works have been totally created by Michelle with little input from staff members except to provide equipment and suggestions as to easier structural production. Her ideas and art works are original and creative and we look forward to seeing more of them in the future.

*Mrs Fran MacKenzie, Art Teacher*

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**Sir Charles Court Young Leaders’ Programme**

During the 4 July to the 8 July I attended this programme along with twenty eight remarkable Year 10 students from across WA. The Sir Charles Young Leaders' programme is run by Curtin University and the History Teachers' Association and is founded on the joint ideals of both John Curtin and Sir Charles Court. The theme for 2010 was “Be the change you want to be in the world.”

During the course of the programme we boarded at Penhros College and were involved in a variety of activities. These included building a raft from scratch and racing that raft as a team against other teams at Bickley Dam, an amazing race which took us from the City to Subiaco and to John Curtin's house in Cottesloe and many other different activities which tested our resourcefulness and thinking.

We listened to a range of inspirational speakers which included Karl O'Callaghan, Commissioner for police in WA, Stephen Smith Minister for Foreign Affairs and many others who talked to us about an array of different topics such as ethics, the environment, what it takes to be a leader and the ideals and life of John Curtin.

The Middle East role play was a simulated activity based on real life situations. Collectively we were assigned countries which we represented as groups and in these groups we negotiated in a hostage situation to form the best outcome from the negotiations without using military intervention. It highlighted the importance of communications and understanding cultural differences as well as the impact decisions we made had on the lives of others.

The peer tutors and co-ordinators were exceptional and supportive people and made the entire programme so enjoyable. It was amazing how close we had all become over the course of the programme and we developed strong friendships and even after a month since the programme we have had a couple of outings and continue to stay in contact. All up, the programme was an awesome experience and I think that anyone who has the opportunity to do it should. We got to make new long lasting friends, learned heaps about so many things and had a great time. It was a valuable experience and I am very appreciative of being selected to represent our school.

*Zoe Kalimeris Year 10*

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**FORMER STUDENT CREATES TOP SELLING iPAD SOFTWARE**

A retro-style computer game called *The Incident* has become the latest hit sensation with iPad and iPhone users around the world. The application's developer is a former Morley Senior High School student, 27 year-old Ballajura man, Matt Comi. His application was launched recently and within thirteen hours was charting at number 16 on Apple's top downloads for the US, with more than 14,000 people buying the game. By the next day the application was ranked 12th overall in the US with 25,000 sales.

Mr Comi said the response to The Incident, which was the third application he had developed, had been "mind-blowing". "We don't know what we did that was so great, but I think a lot of it has got to do with the designer's terrific artwork. "That makes you want to play it; then when you play it you realise it really is fun and that's the main thing."

The Incident was developed during his weekends and days off. Despite his tech know-how, Matt said he did not even own an iPad until last week, nor did he own the latest iPhone. The Incident - one of more than 200,000 apps on offer through the online Apple store will set buyers back $US1.99.

*Courtesy of; WA News/Steve Ferrier © (picture)/DANIEL HATCH, The West Australian August 16, 2010 (article) on line.*
People to People Ambassador Programme: Learning to Lead

From the 27th – 4th July, 2010, I went to the People to People Leadership Summit in Boston MA, USA, as a representative of Morley Senior High School and Australia. I stayed at the Harvard Campus for seven days with 211 students from around the world. From day one, registration, everyday was full of brand new, life-changing experiences with different challenges, tasks and motivational speakers. I learnt many new things; about the society I live in and I now see the world in a new perspective.

Staying on the Harvard Campus and being a student at Harvard University was a motivational experience. Not only did I listen to people from around the world, but I also did many other challenging activities like; canoeing on the Charles River, climbing tall trees and doing team challenges on Hale Reservation. For seven days, walking around the Harvard Campus, feeling like a student, going to new places, visiting Harvard Square and many other places and helping the community with projects really was a life-changing experience that I will never forget.

Although these everyday activities during my stay were already enough to change my life, one of the best parts of the whole summit was meeting new people. Being the only one from Australia, although it was very nerve-racking and challenging at the start, learning new dialects and meeting people you would never think to meet in your whole life was truly amazing. I made many new friends during the seven days and I never actually realised until the end, how close everyone had become, it honestly felt like I had known these people for years!

The summit lasted only seven days, but it was enough to change my whole life. This experience was truly a gift and I will never forget it, especially the people whom I still keep in contact with from the other side of the world. Although it was my decision to go or not, I would never regret my decision to go, because it was beyond words, truly an amazing experience, and it would not have been fulfilled without the help of Mr Paini. I just would not have been able to go. For future students who are nominated to go to this, please do! It is an amazing experience that will change your life forever, get you more motivated and determined to make a difference in the world and make friendships that will last for a lifetime.

Orchid Foster, Yr 11 Student

“People to People” Trip Cont’d

My trip with “People to People” was incredible. I never thought that I would meet so many amazing people in ten days. The trip I went on started in New York. We stayed there for five days, and went all over the city during this time and eventually finished on the 20th of June.

When I first got there, my plane landed late. I had to be taken back to the campus in a bus, along with three other girls who had the same problem. The people who met us at the airport worked for the company, and we spoke to them while we were on the bus. It turns out there were a lot more people on this trip than I had expected. 170, altogether to be exact, and not all of them from the United States. People came from Africa, Europe, three from Australia - including myself, lots from Asia, but of course the dominant nationality was American. So I showed up at the campus, with my officially heavy suitcase, two carry-ons and no clue what on Earth was going on!!

When the four of us got there, everyone else was wearing maroon t-shirts, with people to people logos, and just finishing up their lunch. We were told to have our lunch too, and that as soon as we were finished, we’d be taken to our rooms. We were housed in the John Jay suite, the part of the campus was that allocated to first year university students but for those five days they were ours.

The first day was spent meeting people, and talking about our true mission in coming there. The trip I had chosen was based around international diplomacy, so everyone there had intentions of working in the government somehow in the future. I had met people who wanted to be the next president, people who wanted to be the US Ambassador to the United Nations, people who wanted to work overseas and volunteer for their entire life. These were inspiring people. So for the next few days, we walked around New York, saw all the stuff tourists usually see, but the best part of New York was the people.
I met the Honourable Hamat Al Bayati, Iraqi Ambassador to the United Nations; the woman who started the charity “In the Running” and people with inspirational stories about how they got to where they are today. After hearing the Honourable Hamat Al Bayati’s story, and what he had gone through, I realised that sometimes, perhaps, the things I see and hear tend to be overrated.

Whilst in New York, we had Mock United Nations, and I represented the country of Guatemala. This was when we debated over world issues currently pulling the World’s economy apart, such as Nuclear Power in Iran, and Social and Sustainable Power in Third World Countries.

After New York, we headed for Washington DC. We stopped in Pennsylvania on the way, and saw the Liberty Bell. When we got into Washington, we put our stuff into our dorm rooms, these were apparently the best dorms in the United States, according to the people who worked with us on these ten days.

My teacher leader was Miss Renee. She was the best teacher leader there, and our group wasn’t the only one who thought so. She was in her mid twenties, and hailing from Texas. The accent cracked us Aussies up sometimes, but she was still awesome.

In Washington, we saw the White House; we had dinner at the Saudi Arabian Embassy, which means I’ve technically been to Saudi Arabia. If an embassy is located inside of another country, the land the building is on is technically owned by the country which is represented in the embassy.

The best thing was debating the issues of the world. We came up with some incredible solutions in our bus group (the 170 people were divided into four groups, on four buses) that would actually solve some problems. The very last day of debating, also being the last day of the trip, was a very emotional time. We had huge debates, proposals, and one proposal actually brought all the students and teachers to their knees. We clapped for I don’t know how long, and a lot of people actually cried. It was a brilliant moment.

We finished that night with a slide show, and we all clapped when our friends, or now our ‘family’, were shown in these pictures. We all stood up when Miss Renee’s picture was shown, and apparently, our group cheered the loudest for our teacher leader. As it turns out, not everyone was leaving at the same time the next day. I was leaving at 2.00pm so I got the latest bus, the 8.15am bus, but a lot of my new friends left just after midnight. So the entire night, I stayed up and said goodbye to people, and I never felt such a heartbreaking moment as when I saw my best friend from the trip, Michael, walk away from me and to the bus. It was horrible. But I know I will see him again. He gave me his favourite shirt, so I wouldn’t forget him, as if I would!!

So everyone left, and I started on my 25 hour trip back home. There were screaming babies, I got no sleep whatsoever, the plane was turbulent, but it was all so worth it. I would encourage anyone to go who has the chance. If anyone is given this opportunity, don’t turn it down, it’s a trip you would cherish for the rest of your life.

Serine Meredith, Yr 11 Student

Surveying Workshop

On Friday 30th July a group of Year 11 Mathematics students were invited to attend a half day surveying workshop at Curtin University. The workshop was delivered by the Department of Spatial Sciences staff. The aim was to develop greater awareness by students and teachers of the increasing use of surveying and geographic information systems (GIS) and their exiting potentials.

Our students were given an opportunity to use some of the modern surveying tools including a Total Station that can measure distances and angles to great accuracy. They were able to put into practice some of the Mathematics they have been learning in class. Studies in surveying and GIS can lead to exciting and dynamic careers in urban and regional planning, mining and exploration, oil and gas, environmental and natural resources management, transportation and infrastructure, business and services, health and biosecurity and many other areas.

The day was a great success and an eye opener for our students with respect to the wealth of career opportunities available to them by further studies in Mathematics and Science.

Mr Glen McClelland, Maths Teacher
Sports News

State School’s Girls’ AFL Team
Emily Wilson, Year 11 Student, represented WA in the State School’s Girls’ AFL Team from 24th to 31st July 2010, competing at the National Schools’ Championships in Perth.

Emily says; “State football was a great experience, overall we came second, with Victoria beating us in most games. Getting to know the team and training are all part of the great experience. I would tell anyone that was thinking about trying out for a State Team to do it. You make some great friends throughout the carnival.
Emily Wilson, Yr 11

AN INTERNATIONAL FUTURE FOR STUDENTS
This is the opportunity to make a difference for your future by hosting a S.C.C.E international student. You could enhance your studies, your travels, your career. Learn of new opportunities, attitudes, and have fun teaching Australian culture.

Carefully-selected students arrive in early February from Europe, the U.S.A., Japan and Canada. Check out our brochure BRING THE WORLD TO YOUR HOME on the Southern Cross Cultural Exchange website www.scce.com.au. If you want to seize this opportunity while still in secondary school, contact S.C.C.E on 1800 500 501 (we may have a representative in your area), fill in the Host Family Application Form (also on our website). The February students are being matched now!

EXPERIENCE ANOTHER CULTURE
BRING HOME A BROTHER OR A SISTER

In January 2011, students aged 15 – 18 years, from over 20 countries will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for 2-10 months. Opportunities exist to act as a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis. Host families help provide our students with the chance to study and experience life in Australia.

This is a great way to learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill. If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today. To learn more about this opportunity call Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on 1300 135 331 or visit our website. http://studentexchange.org.au/

Volunteer Book Coverer Required - for the remainder of the year to help cover books
Dear Parents, Significant numbers of books used in school appear to have been forgotten under beds and in other places around the home. If you find one please return or donate school books to the English Faculty - we have run short of some titles that apparently are more popular than I suspected. Novels like Monster Man and many others have been forgotten about.
If you have bought school books and are unlikely to use them, please donate them to the school - just drop them off at the front desk for me. We have saved many books over the years and your kind donations have assisted in curriculum delivery and parents appreciate your altruism. All the best, Jim McInerney, Head of Department - English

Join the Australian Air Force Cadets
As a Cadet you’ll be offered some inspiring and challenging military-like experiences. You will be able to participate in shooting, powered and non-powered flying, adventure training activities and much more.

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