An Enchanted Evening

The 2011 School Ball was at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on Friday 11th of March. The evening was an outstanding success. The girls looked stunning in their long flowing ball gowns. We had a kaleidoscope of breathtaking colours and yet the boys’ ties still managed to elegantly match their partners’ dresses. The meal went down really well (especially the sticky date desert), with the music soon encouraging everyone to hit the dance floor. Well done everyone; we were extremely proud of you.

Kay Chadwick, Year 12 Coordinator.

“Gong Xi Fa Cai” Happy New Year.

This year is the “Year of the Rabbit”, Morley Senior High School continued the tradition and celebrated Chinese New Year with a spectacular Lion Dance performance. Each student 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
Dear Parents

Even a cursory glance at this newsletter suggests how hectic, exciting and involved this Term 1 has been for all of us.

Year 12 Ball
Our students who attended this event at the Hyatt Regency in Perth are to be congratulated. Dress and behaviour was exemplary. Hotel staff commended our students on their presentation and the achievement of an incident free night. Well done to the Year 12 Student Council and Ms Chadwick on their organisation.

Student Council and Leadership Camp
Student preparation, energy and commitment at this camp was most encouraging and holds hope of a very able leadership group for 2011. Special thanks to Ms Larcombe, Ms Chadwick, Mr Lacy, Mr Tran and Mr Paini for their commendable support.

My School Website
No doubt you are well aware of the controversy arising from the information presented. Opinion varies enormously on issues such as the following;
- Like School – Is the definition too broad or even correct?;
- Finances – Should the costs of running Head Office be factored into the running costs of each school;
- Stable Cohort – Should students new to a school in February be tested in early May alongside those who have attended that school for over a year?

For Morley the idea of ‘Stable Cohort’ is significant due in part to students’ late arrival at the school as a result of migration or travel.

These issues were discussed at length at our Parents and Citizens meeting in February.

Currently, our students and staff are diligently preparing for the 2011 NAPLAN round of testing. We wish them well in their endeavour.

It remains for me to thank you for your continued support without which we would find it difficult to serve your children.

Sincerely
Gay Fortune,
Principal

**PARKING**
**STUDENT DROP-OFF & PICK-UP**
Please be reminded that the school grounds are not to be used for the picking up or dropping off of students. This is a safety issue and persons ignoring the signs may be issued with an infringement notice.

The current fine is $60.00. There is a parent pick-up and drop-off area on Widgee Road. This area should be used for picking up and dropping off students. Parents may also use the verge on Bramwell Road for parking to pick up and drop off students.

**Lost Property**
There are several items in our lost property box; these range from clothes, to pencil cases, wallets (unfortunately empty!), and lots of keys.

If you think you may own any of these items, please come along with a good description of the item, and we will gladly reunite you with your goods.

At the end of the school year whatever is left will be sold and the money collected will go to Cambodia.

If you have any queries regarding any lost property items, please come along on Reporting Day, or call the school on 9376 5555.

REMEMBER TO WRITE YOUR NAME, OR MARK, ALL OF YOUR PROPERTY AND SCHOOL UNIFORM TO MAKE IT EASIER TO IDENTIFY WHEN HANDED IN.

ALSO, LEAVE YOUR VALUABLES AT HOME AND DO NOT BRING iPODS, MOBILE PHONES OR LARGE AMOUNTS OF CASH.

**ENROLMENTS — CALLING ALL YEAR 7’S**
We will soon be taking enrolments for entry into Year 8 at Morley SHS for 2012. If you need an enrolment form, our office hours are 8.00am - 4.00pm. Our Primary School visits will be starting soon, so keep an eye out for our Teachers at your primary school. For further information contact us on 9376 5555.

**ENROLMENTS — OTHER YEARS**
Enrolments for Year 9 - 12 for 2011 and 2012 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.
Chamber of Minerals and Energy Breakfast

On the 8th of March, Ms. Yong, Shanice, Kaiyisah, and I attended the International Women’s Day Breakfast held at the Perth Exhibition and Convention Centre.

The event was hosted by the Chamber of Minerals and Energy (CME) which plays a major role in the mining industry. Currently, the CME is responsible for the production of iron ore (worth $33.6 billion), crude oil and condensate (worth $7.7 billion), LNG (worth $8.5 billion), gold (worth $5.2 billion) and alumina (worth $4.6 billion).

This is very important to the economy of Australia as Western Australia’s mineral and petroleum accounts for 46% in value of Australia’s total mineral and petroleum sales. In addition, the CME promotes and encourages women to join the mining industry by “providing women with initiatives, diverse career (traditional and non-traditional), and employment opportunities including land based or off-shore “fly-in, fly-out, drive-in, drive out”, remote residential and metropolitan living”.

We live in Western Australia, so why not join the mining industry and earn the big bucks? Working in mining would be a very rewarding career because it supports our rich community whilst working with different people from other parts of Australia.

Joanna Lim, Year 11

Rypen Experience 2011

Tiani Meredith and Saul Healy of Year 10 will represent Morley SHS at this year’s weekend camp. It will be held in June at the Point Walter Recreation and Conference Centre.

Rypen aims to share ideas and problem solving experiences with multiple schools’ Year 10 students, encouraging further development of social and cultural skills, as well as building on the ability to judge what is right and the confidence to deal with issues as they arise.

This is a great opportunity for our students to interact with students from other schools and communities. Special thanks to the Rotary Club of Morley for their support. We look forward to hearing from the students after the camp.

Mr Norman Paini
Head of Department - Society and Environment

NATIONAL SCHOOLS CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

The Year 12 Politics and Law class will have two students attending this Convention in Canberra from 22nd March to 24th March. Evander McLeod and Jayleen Roberts (New North Education Initiative student from Mirrabooka SHS) will join 15 other Western Australian students on this trip.

They will see some of the sights of Canberra and then participate in the convention to be held in Old Parliament House. They will be joined by over another 100 students from all parts of Australia. This is a great opportunity for our students to meet and discuss constitutional issues with other like minded participants. We look forward to hearing about their adventures and experiences in the next newsletter.

Mr Norman Paini, Society & Environment
International Women’s Day

International Women’s Day is celebrated each year on March 8th. It is a wonderful opportunity for women across the world to come together and celebrate the gains women have made in society. The day has been variously seen as a time for asserting women’s political and social rights, for reviewing the progress made, and as a day for celebration.

Morley Senior High School celebrated International Women’s Day with a Breakfast on Thursday, 3 March which was held in our School Library. Years 9 & 10 House Leaders arrived promptly at 6.45 am for last minute preparations. Guests were greeted by the students and accompanied to their tables. Guests included former students and staff, parents from the Morley SHS Community, and other successful female community members. Music students provided background music throughout the Breakfast. Our School Captain, Rhys Jarret, and Vice Captains, Danielle Chedid and Evander McLeod, were our MCs for the morning, and we are extremely proud of their professional presentation.

This year is very special as International Women’s Day celebrates 100 years, so we were very fortunate to have two former students - Graduating Class of 2003 - as our Guest Speakers.

Carinna (Ping) Chong is currently working as an accountant for Carnegie Wave Energy Limited, whilst Patricia Le is working as a doctor at Sir Charles Gardiner Hospital. Carinna stated “…heart warming to see people who have helped me along the way and contributed to the person I have become. I was so blessed to have had such inspiring mentors …” Both girls alerted everyone to the fact that their leadership roles whilst at Morley SHS, their relationships with the staff, and other positive opportunities and experiences provided by Morley SHS, all prepared them well for the challenges ahead!

We sincerely thank Carinna and Patricia for sharing their journeys with us all – we are extremely proud of their accomplishments, and wish them the very best.

Mrs Ivana Gaglia
Business and Information Technology

Patricia Le (left) and Carinna Chong speaking to guests.
Below: Students who assisted in setting up, ushering and the clean-up for the morning tea.
Below Right: Music students entertaining guests.
Term 1 finishes
Tuesday 19th
April at 3.30pm
(students ARE expected
to be at school unless they are sick)

Morley SHS Aviation takes off...

‘Those three days in Beverly are very memorable and I will remember them for the rest of my life.’

Aviation at Morley Senior High took off again recently when the Year Eleven cohort wended its way to the picturesque Wheatbelt town of Beverley to undertake a three day gliding excursion.

The 140 km journey provided much time for student reflection and for creating a sense of anticipation as one student remarked, ‘we thought a lot about gliding.’ Upon arrival students were introduced to their instructors and given a briefing on safety aspects and what they could expect from gliding.

‘The first day consisted of some familiarity flights, so we could get used to gliding … then it was full speed ahead,’ Andrew Booth breezily reported. Aviation teacher, Ms Brigid Tait explained ‘gliding involves a glider being towed by an aeroplane to a height of 1000 to 3000ft (300 – 900mt) and released to be glided back to earth and landed by student pilots.’ It is however, what happens between these two stages that most enthralled these budding pilots. According to Andrew ‘developed a vast number of flying skills, for example: thermalling, turning, stall recovery, spinning and aerial acrobatics.’

To add interest to the exercise, students competed to meet the target of five hours of gliding time over the three days as well as the bragging rights to the highest altitude reached and the longest airborne time achieved.

Students and flying instructors

Despite the fact that some of the students had no prior flying experience, students were quick learners owing to the rigour of the Morley SHS Aviation programme. Fellow student, Bhavesh Patel pointed out that despite having ‘no flight experience, the best moment for me was when I performed a loop at 6000ft (1800mt) by the second day.’ Nathan Riley had added excitement when, on the last day, the tow cable snapped shortly after take –off, ‘it was very intense and gave me a shock’ said Nathan. He and the instructor kept calm reacting quickly to the potentially dangerous situation. They kept strictly to the well practised procedures and returned quickly to land safely on the gravel runway.

Students were impressed by the excursion and gave it a big thumbs up. According to one “the instructors were great and provided the basic flying concepts all pilots should know”. Too soon it was time to leave but fellow attendee, Bhavesh echoed the sentiments of all students when he reflected ‘those three days in Beverly were very memorable and I will remember them for the rest of my life.’

Now, we can all say affirmative to that!

Mrs Brigid Tait and Students from Aviation

Uniform Competition

At the start of the year “Uniform Concepts”, Morley’s school uniform supplier, ran a competition that was open to schools which they supply. The major prize was a Sony 55” 3D Full HD LCD TV, and five minor prizes to each school, of a full refund of the value of their uniform purchase.

Unfortunately for our students here at Morley the major prize was won by a customer from John Curtin High School.

So Congratulations to four Year 8 students and one Year 12 all receiving a cash-back prize for the full value of their uniform order.

Admin
Students come to school on Saturday morning ??

Yes, that’s right… they volunteered to participate in “Clean Up Australia Day” on Saturday 5th March 2011.

The following students gave up their Saturday morning: Zoe Kalimeris, Gia Kalimeris, Lovetha Garley, Patience Garley, Olivia Garley, Emma Zollo, Nathan Riley, Ngoc Doan and Mrs Sharpe from the library.

They cleaned up the native bush land on the corner of Widgee Rd and McNess Court.

They also cleaned the perimeter of the school inside and outside the boundary fence. At the end of the clean-up, a refreshing drink supplied by the canteen and Brownes, was appreciated by the group.

Over 25 bags of rubbish was collected. Well Done

Mr Norman Paini, Society & Environment

Morley Leos

“Leos” stands for “Learning, Experience and Opportunity”. This is exactly what students do when they attend Morley Leos.

Meetings are held in the school library fortnightly from 3.30pm - 5.00pm starting Monday 14th February.

Afternoon tea is provided and all students are welcome. Our main aim is to fund-raise for local community and, international projects. We assist the local Lions Clubs of Ballajura and Noranda with their own fundraising and community services.

We have supported World Vision, Lions Sight Foundation, Lions Hearing Dogs, The Salvation Army/KMart Christmas Tree Appeal, the various disaster appeals and, of course, our sister school in Cambodia - Preah Beida Ekrach HS. So far, we have been able to provide- a pump, generator, water tank, drinking fountains, toilet facilities, text books and general sporting equipment. Mr Paini and Ms Cleary spent time teaching at our sister school in January 2011 and we have photographic evidence of the improved facilities.

By taking part in Morley Leos, students can gain credit points for Secondary Graduation. The leadership group for Morley Leos for 2011 are:

President - Zoe Kalimeris
Vice President - Joanna Lim
Secretary - Samantha Yap
Treasurer - Emma Zollo

We look forward to a successful and enjoyable year ahead.

Mr Norman Paini Morley Leos Coordinator

ALVA SCHOLARSHIP

From the 17th - 20th of January 2011, I was privileged to win a scholarship to attend the Architecture, Landscape and Visual Art (ALVA) Programme at the University of Western Australia. This programme gave me the opportunity to experience what I want to do in the future which is architecture.

There was a total of 40 students who attended this event. This gave me the chance to work with Autocad which is a software programme that accurately designs floor plans for homes, commercial building etc. This also gave me the chance to experience university and meet heaps of people who study architecture.

Overall, this event was great fun, I met so many people and I am very grateful that I was chosen to go to UWA. To top it off I won a Certificate of Participation, a Certificate of Excellence, and a special prize, of a book, for having the most potential to become an architect.

Daniel Maddox, Year 12
The P&C would like to add a big welcome to all the new Morley SHS families. The MSHS P&C is an integral part of your children’s school life. The P&C is your voice to the school administration and staff. If you are not involved you are missing out on the opportunity to help make Morley a better place in which to educate your kids.

Did you know the P&C has been responsible for, among other things;

- providing the school’s chaplaincy funding,
- securing funding for new female/male and staff toilets,
- providing sun shades and covers over part of the school campus,
- providing air conditioning/cooling to classrooms,
- providing student lockers on campus.

Did you also know, the P&C is the operator of the school canteen? Our P&C is not a fund raising organisation. When you participate in the P&C you will not be asked to assist in fund raising events. The profits from our canteen operations are poured back into the school to pay for the benefits of a school chaplain and facility improvements. This does not happen in a vacuum. We need you to participate in the process. The time involved is only about two to three hours per month. The benefits you will receive are numerous and rewarding. Our meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of every month at 7:30pm in the Staffroom at the school.

The P&C is currently attempting to persuade the Main Roads Department to install solar-lighted 40km speed lights on Widgee Road. Mr Ian Britza, MP for Morley, Mrs Gay Fortune, Principal, and I held a press conference last week to raise awareness of this matter. Traffic flowing on Widgee Road near the pick-up and drop-off area, is not observing the speed limit of 40km. The lighted road signs are a great reminder and a great value considering it is our children’s lives we are talking about. We encourage all families to support Mr Britza’s efforts for our school.

Finally, for those of you following the saga of the air conditioning for our new $3 million auto trade centre. There has been some favourable rumblings from the Department of Education on this issue. Not for Morley, yet, but we are hopeful there will be a favourable breakthrough soon on this issue. If you do not know about this issue, all the more reason for you to attend the next P&C meeting on 18th April 2011. Please support your school canteen and please support our P&C.

Mrs Michele Drieberg  
President  
MSHS P&C

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**Mock Trial Competition - 2011**

Once again Morley SHS will have a team in this prestigious competition. We are still the only government school to have won this competition twice.

A Mock trial is a simulated court case held in the Supreme Court of WA. Students play the parts of barristers, witnesses, solicitors, court orderly or judge’s associate.

Practising lawyers volunteer their time to act as judges and they adjudicate the performances of the students. There are three rounds and then the finals. This is a great opportunity for students in Year 10, 11 and 12 to hone their communication, debating and persuasive skills.

This year I have great pleasure to announce that the team will comprise the following students-

Danielle Chedid Year 12  
Kevin Nguyen Year 12  
Ali Yussufow Year 12  
Zoe Kalimeris Year 11  
Samantha Yap Year 11  
Caitlin Morrissey Year 11  
Rashmi Hemmige Year 11  
Denise Magtuto Year 11  
Fatma Al Birkawi Year 11  
Ngoc Doan Year 11

Once again Mr John Rando has volunteered to be our Coach and will be supported by Mrs Muir and Mr Lacy.

Mr Norman Paini  
Society & Environment
Swimming Carnival 2011

On Monday 14th March, a team of 28 swimmers and seven Year 11 helpers attended the ‘E’ Division Interschool Swimming Carnival at Challenge Stadium.

The Morley SHS swim team members gave their best efforts with some students competing in age groups above their own to make up relay teams. Morley SHS finished on 329 points putting them in 6th place just behind Ellenbrook, Hamilton Hill, Hampton, Northam and Ballajura.

Morley also finished off with two students as individual ‘Top 3 Champions’. Congratulations to Daniel Ogilvie who finished 2nd on 37 points in the 14 boys’ age group and Hanamoolwe Munkombwe who also finished 2nd on 21 points in the 15 boys’ age group.

Other standout swimmers on the day were Hamzah Dewan, Cassie-Lee Walters, Sabrina Sassanelli, Philip Chudon, Kelly Dobson, Luke Selfe, Vlad Shandrenko, Kyle Markham, Kayden Jones, Maggie Neave, Kadin Law and Brodey Billing who all placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in one or more of their races.

Congratulations to all swim team members on the great way you represented our school on Monday. Also, a big thank you to those Year 11 students that gave up their time to help out with the official duties.

Mr Mark Selfe, Swim Team Coordinator.

MORLEY GREAT GUNS IN BASKETBALL

Morley SHS is once again maintaining its high sporting achievements, this time with the Upper School Interschool Basketball Team. The squad of 11 boys, a mixture of Year 10, 11 and 12 Students, were selected by our coach, Mr White, from a group of extremely competitive candidates to represent Morley against neighbouring schools.

Our Team remains undefeated four games into the season, beating Lockridge SHS, Ellenbrook SHS, Hampton SHS and Cyril Jackson SC quite comfortably. We hope to maintain this winning streak into the finals in the near future.

A special mention goes to Mr White for coaching us and putting up with us, as without him, there would be no team, and we would be walking to the games too!!

Rhys Jarrett, Year 12

Team Members; Year 10 - Adballa Magan; Year 11 - Michael Fitzpatrick, Reden Utting, Drew Williamson, Cameron Duschka, James Coomber; Year 12; Nagid Fadlalla, Nathan Goldie, Arshad Cader, Daniel McKeown, Rhys Jarrett.

SCHOOL CRICKET TEAM

This year Morley had a senior boys cricket team for the first time in five years. The team consisted of Year 11 students, our first game was against Chisholm. Unfortunately, due to inexperience we were beaten quite significantly. Our second game was against Hampton and was a huge improvement. The boys played well but in the end we barely lost. Our third and final game was against Swan Christian College, the boys looked like they were on their way to victory until the game had to be stopped because of time. On behalf of the senior boys cricket team we would like to thank Mr Wheatland for the time and effort he has put into organising the team. We would also like to thank the two Year 9 boys for filling in for the last game. Luke Selfe, Year 11