NATIONAL SCHOOLS CONSTITUTION CONVENTION

On the 21st March, 2011 Mr. Norman Paini, Ms Lisa Belde, myself and 15 other delegates representing Western Australia flew to Canberra to attend the 16th National Schools’ Constitution Convention. Although being from the furthest city from Canberra, we were the first to arrive, all delegates across Australia staying in the Rex Hotel.

The first morning we explored the Canberra CBD area, the WA delegates getting to know more about each other during this walk. When we got back we bused to Parliament House. We were given a brief tour of Parliament House; shown portraits, artifacts, the House of Representatives and the Senate. After browsing the gift shop we had lunch. After lunch we got a briefing on Question Time and then attended. Getting into Question Time was more difficult than going into an airport. After Question Time every delegate across Australia got the chance to meet their Member of Parliament, though, I was unable to meet mine because she wasn’t there but I did get to meet Ken Wyatt who is the first Indigenous person to be elected into the House of Representatives. Afterwards all delegates went back to the hotel for dinner and a good night’s sleep for an early morning start.

The second day was our main reason for being in Canberra, to discuss whether or not Australia should become a Republic. We had speeches from Peter Garrett, Professor John Williams, Professor Clement Macintyre, John Warhurst and Jai Martinkovitz throughout the day. There were multiple arguments for and against Australia becoming a Republic. We also got to see a protest on Carbon Tax, which for most of us, was the first protest we’d seen. After the long day we dressed up for a reception at Government House where we had the chance to meet her Excellency, Quentin Bryce and her husband. Afterwards we had dinner at the High Court of Australia and heard speeches from Clary Castrission and Andrew McLeod (the associate to Chief Justice French), followed by a tour of the different courts.

The last day was also an early morning start. This was the day a referendum was held to see whether or not we supported Australia becoming a Republic. The outcome was that “yes”, the majority of us do support Australia becoming a Republic.

After all the debating, all the writing, all the thinking and all the listening, the convention was drawing to a close. We paid a visit to the National Archives of Australia which is where the original Constitution is displayed. The Western Australian delegates being the first to arrive, we were also the last to leave. When all the other states left, we went back to Parliament House and met Steve Irons and Wyatt Roy, the youngest elected member of the House of Representatives. We had a nice chat with them but all good things have to come to an end, so it was our turn to leave and go to the airport.

The convention was a great experience, meeting multiple interesting people. I would strongly recommend anybody who gets a chance to make this trip, to do so; it’s a great insight into how government works.

Evander McLeod, Year 12

Dear Parents
Some school books find their way under the bed and into corners. If students are not using them, could you please hand books in at the front office where they will be reused to help others. Over the years, parents have saved many books from being thrown out in clean-ups and your consideration is greatly appreciated by teachers. English books sometimes are forgotten once students see the film; so when there are books at home, please send them to the school if they have a Morley stamp or other form of I.D.
Thank you.

Jim McInerney, Head of Department - English
Dear Parents

Midterm already! Our building programmes not yet complete, but, thankfully, almost there. Mathematics and Science Staff and, of course, the Student body have been wonderfully tolerant. At this point, projected finish and occupation is for early Term 3. Concurrently, staff and students look with keen interest towards progress now apparent on the construction of the Automotive Trade Training Centre, undoubtedly, a very valuable resource to our school community. To this end, the recent announcement of the Barnett Government of providing additional funds, amounting to $141,000 for air-conditioning and site completion is most welcome. Our special thanks is owed particularly to Mr Ian Britza, MLA, Ms Michele Drieberg, President of our P&C and Mr Jack Garber, Chairman of our School Council for their tireless effort. In this regard, future generations of students and staff will undoubtedly applaud their enhancement of the site.

Examinations
Year 9 NAPLAN – English and Mathematics.
We are very happy with the efforts of our Year 9 students. Their concentration and industry during the examination period were commendable. We look forward to well deserved results.

Years 12 and 11
These proceeded without incident though I am aware that some individual students found the ordeal challenging. Clearly, this may indicate, for some, either a necessary change of course or increased commitment and effort. Whichever applies, students are advised to view the outcome as wake-up time!

Year 10
These, we hope, will indicate to students their readiness, or otherwise for many Senior School Courses. Research has clearly indicated that past performance is the best indicator of future success.

With this in mind, parents are asked to actively engage in an analysis of results with Staff and the student, at the Open Reporting Day, 27th July from 12.30pm to 7.00pm. Hopefully, as a result of such engagement, suitable courses will be chosen for 2012.

Computer Roll Out
The Federal Government’s initiative of ensuring students have greater access to computer technology to develop skills and understandings necessary for the future have been well received by the school community. Morley plans, therefore, to start the process by handing out the notebooks to Year 9 students during Open Reporting Day, 27th July. Year 9 Parents will be given the option of attending one of three “rollout” sessions, 1.00pm, 3.00pm or 5.00pm.

This process will be monitored and on the basis of this, further ‘rollouts’ will occur, commencing next term with the Year 10 group of students. We are confident with such access, that student learning will be active, interactive and intense. There is no doubt that they will greatly enjoy the success.

It remains for me to thank parents for their continued support, without which, we could not succeed.

Sincerely
Gay Fortune,
Principal

TEEN TRIPLE P - POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAMME

Mrs Pat Hughes, School Psychologist, is seeking parents to take part in four two-hour sessions on topics such as Positive Parenting, Dealing with Risky Behaviour and Encouraging Positive Behaviour.

“Teen Triple P” is a scientifically researched family intervention designed to assist parents to improve their parenting skills and build positive relationships with their children.

For more information, please contact Mrs Hughes on 9376 5555, she is looking forward to hearing from you.

Office Staff

ENROLMENTS — CALLING ALL YEAR 7’S

We are currently 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 have commenced, so keep an eye out for our teachers at your primary school. For further information contact us on 9376 5555.

Admin. Officers

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.

Admin. Officers
Meet the Business Leader

The Year 12 Economics and Accounting students attended the ‘Meet the Business Leader’ event which was held on the 11th of May 2011 at the Perth Convention Centre. This event was organised by the Institute of Chartered Accountants, Australia, and sponsored by Curtin Business School.

It was an event which many of the students enjoyed, as we learnt that being a Chartered Accountant gave one many career options such as in business, stock broking, wealth management and many other areas.

The talk by keynote speaker, Jarrad Prue, Chartered Accountant and National basketball player (who recently represented Australia in Indonesia and China) was very influential in providing advice to students about future careers in Accounting, Business and Economics.

We also had a chance to talk to professionals in the industry regarding what inspired them to choose their career pathway, their experiences in the profession and career options available.

The event was also beneficial as the business leaders gave useful study tips and this was particularly helpful with the Semester One exams fast approaching. Overall, it was a very worthwhile experience.

Amy Quach & Vivian Pham
Year 12

2011 Youth Civics Leadership Day

Congratulations to Loan Dang and Hanamoolwe Munkombwe of Year 10 who were selected to represent Morley SHS at this Law Week activity. This event took place at the office of The Law Society in Perth. The students had sessions on Civic Rights and Responsibilities, a motivational presentation by Ms Priya Cooper; Paralympian Champion Swimmer and Young Australian of the Year, lunch with young lawyers and Justice Murray and a Leadership Skills Workshop by Mr Chris Hodson.

Comments from Loan: “The day had a great impact on me. It changed the way I think, it taught me a lot about being a better leader. It was an honour to represent the school on this day. It was great and it was the most interesting experience I have ever had.”

Comments from Hanamoolwe: “Overall, the day was great fun and I would love to experience it again”

Norman Paini
Society & Environment

Parliament of Western Australia- Student Parliament 2011

Congratulations go to Saul Healy of Year 10 who has been selected to participate in this event. He will be representing the Morley electoral district and will be linked with Mr Ian Britza MLA. The event will acknowledge the centenary of state secondary and tertiary education in Western Australia. He will join over 95 students from around Western Australia for this prestigious event.

The student parliament will take place from Sunday 28th August to Tuesday 30 August 2011.

Congratulations from the Morley SHS community.
Norman Paini,
Society & Environment
**Perth Recycling Fundraising**

Morley SHS has some exciting news!! We’ve just joined with “Perth Recycling Fundraising” program. This program is free and provides convenient locations for collecting mobile phones, inkjet cartridges, iPods, digital cameras, GPS devices, handheld electronic games while raising funds. Morley Leos will run the program and money collected will go to support our sister school in Cambodia- Preah Beida Ekreach HS.

A lime green collection box has been placed in the library. The above items can be dropped off into the box or taken to the S & E office.

A recent report determined Australia as a nation of mobile phone hoarders estimating some 16 million old and used mobiles in homes around Australia? Help us turn this waste into cash.

This is an easy way for us to raise funds and also teaches valuable lessons about the variety of materials that can be recycled and helps develop lifelong patterns of recycling.

Thanks for your support.
Norman Paini, Morley Leos Coordinator

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**2011 DEFENCE TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

Over 2,000 applications for the 2011 Defence Technical Scholarships were made from students around Australia. Once again Morley SHS students have been successful in gaining these scholarships.

Congratulations go to Jim Millar of Year 12 and Nathan Riley of Year 11.

Year 11 recipients will receive $2,000 paid over two semesters and Year 12 recipients receive $3,000 paid over two semesters.

Both students had to complete an application in their own handwriting and say why they were interested in joining ADF trade careers. Winning does not mean that they have to join the defence forces. They had to be enrolled in any level of Mathematics and a VET technical subject and provide supporting statements (references): one from the school and one from an external source.

Well Done.
Norman Paini, Society & Environment

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**Sir Francis Burt Speech and Leadership contest 2011**

Sponsored by The Royal Commonwealth Society of WA

Congratulations to Ryhs Jarrett and Danielle Chedid of Year 12 who represented Morley SHS in this prestigious competition. They competed against students from Scotch College, Iona Presentation College, St Brigid’s College, St Mary’s Anglican Girls’ School, Corpus Christi and Applecross SHS.

Both Ryhs and Danielle were very competitive and they are to be commended on their preparation and involvement. The competition involves a six minute prepared speech, a three minute impromptu speech and an interview. Both Rhys and Danielle commented that it was very worth-while and that they enjoyed the experience. Well Done.

Norman Paini
Society & Environment

**NEWS FLASH**

Congratulations to Danielle Chedid who is one of six finalists in this contest. The finals will take place on June 10th. Best wishes from the Morley SHS community.
Vocational Education and Training

2010 - A Great Year for Morley SHS!

Last year students at Morley SHS had the opportunity undertake training opportunities from 16 different national qualifications up to Certificate III level. Previously, such qualifications were only attainable through TAFE. Furthermore students could achieve these qualifications whilst completing their secondary education and have this nationally accredited training count towards their graduation.

In order to be able to deliver these national qualifications, Morley SHS is a registered training organisation in its own right (‘a mini TAFE’) whereby we are accredited to issue national qualifications across three industry areas: Automotive, Creative Industries and Business.

In order to further augment our offerings, Morley SHS has also established strategic partnerships with the Central Institute, Polytechnic West, National Corporate Training, The Chamber of Minerals and Energy and a number of other industry and community groups. Last year we were delighted that 87% of our Year 12 students received one or more national qualifications during their senior school years. This figure does not merely reflect those students aspiring to TAFE, traineeships, apprenticeships or employment but rather includes a significant portion of University aspirants. The school was therefore able to value add to the students’ skills and qualifications portfolios in a way which enhanced their subsequent training and employment prospects. A university graduate, for example, with parallel industry qualifications continues to be a more attractive prospect in a working world which demands flexibility and multi-skilling. This incredibly high completion rate placed Morley Senior High School 17th out of 140 senior colleges and high schools across the state and is testimony to the high level of commitment and diligence by both students and staff.

Additionally, to validate our in-house training and give our students generic, entry level workplace skills, around 80 students participated in workplace learning in 2010. Through this programme our senior school students ventured into industry for up to 240 hours and gained not only as many as 40 national employability skills but also credits towards their graduation.

2010, therefore, proved to be a very successful year for staff and students involved in Vocational Education and Training at Morley Senior High School. The high qualifications completion rate no doubt made a significant contribution to the school’s outstanding 100% graduation rate and reflects the exceptional commitment of the Morley SHS Vocational Education and Training staff to achieving outstanding student outcomes.

On behalf of the school community I extend our sincere gratitude and congratulations to all students involved but especially the following staff:

Mr Cardy Mr Crayden Ms Sunits Mr Paini
Mr Wheatland Mr Chitty Mr Smith Mr Gartner
Mr James Dr Ma‘ayah Mr Brady Mrs MacKenzie
Mr McLean

Harry Pasich, Programme Coordinator
Vocational Education and Training
Chinese Excursion

On Thursday 7th April and Wednesday 13th April, Morley Senior High School organised an excursion to our Chinese Hub Schools in Noranda area. They are: Weld Square Primary School, Noranda Primary School and Morley Primary School.

Four Year 9 students: Justin Harvey, Georgia Kalimeris, Scott Malcolm, Christian Merrett, and four Year 10 students: Alana Albury, Melissa Bertone, Jordan Carvell, Sara Muna’am participated in the excursion.

During our visit, Morley Senior High School students shared their Chinese learning experience with the primary school students. Students all introduced themselves and exchanged information in Chinese. They also experienced one of the Chinese traditional activities - Paper Folding. Everyone had fun and enjoyed the excursion.

Federal Budget Briefing

On Friday the 13th of May, Morley Senior High School Year 12 Economics class attended a Federal Budget briefing held at the Perth Convention Centre.

We had the privilege to listen to guest speaker Professor Neville Norman from the University of Melbourne. Prof. Norman was in Perth to address the business community and Chartered Accountants on the Federal Budget. Prof. Norman has delivered over 5000 addresses to businesses and community groups since 1973.

Later that morning Prof. Norman addressed over three hundred Year 12 Economics and Accounting students from both private and public schools. Prof. Norman provided an insight into reading and understanding the economy. He discussed economic issues, the Federal Budget and the Global economy.

We are privileged to have attended this briefing and have a photograph taken with this eminent economist. Mrs Norman commented that we were wonderful ambassadors for our school.

We encourage future Economics students to attend seminars and excursions like the federal budget briefing as it is a great opportunity to extend knowledge.

Kimberley Lim & Donna Huynh, Year 12 Economics

Please keep an eye out for any Science Books at home. If any of these books have a barcode on the back, then it is most likely one of the school’s and needs to be returned. Some of these titles could be: Science World 1, Science World 2 and Science World 3, just to mention a few. Thank you, Science Department
The P&C held their annual AGM on Monday, 21 March prior to the regular meeting. Your office bearers for the next year are:

President – Michele Drieberg,  Vice President – Vicki Blyth
Secretary – Everlyn De Vattimo,  Treasurer – Sharon Belts

Nomination for School Council was also held. The four office bearers, mentioned above, and Barry Nott, Mario D’Ovidio and Jack Garber were nominated as non-faculty members the forthcoming year. In the May Council meeting, Jack Garber was elected Chairperson of School Council.

For the last year and a bit, we have campaigned to modify the Department of Education’s air conditioning policy. Our efforts have finally paid off and the archaic rules are changing. Premier Colin Barnett has announced an award of $170,000 to Morley Senior High School in next year’s State budget. This has been no small effort. The P&C would like to express their heartfelt thanks to Ian Britza, MLA (Member for Morley) for his dedication to this effort and our school.

This means our new Hampton/Morley Automotive Trade Centre will finally get its air cooling system. If you have not noticed, the contractor is working harder than ever to finish the project. It is anticipated that it will be completed around the 1st of August. Although it is doubtful our Certificate II program will get off the ground this year, there is no question it will be ready for next year’s class.

Construction on the new Science and Maths block is nearly at an end. We are getting very close to a handover of the project to the school. Watch this space for that exciting news.

The school canteen has been sailing along quite nicely. A new winter menu has been introduced with rave reviews. We will have a few more surprises in the next couple of weeks which are said to include daily hot food specials and a real coffee machine with cappuccinos, mochas, hot chocolate and more.

We are also very pleased that Brigid Tait, our Aviation department head, has formed a parent support group. This is the second P&C sanctioned parent support group at the school, soccer being the first. The purpose of these groups is to encourage parent participation in their children’s career at Morley SHS. These groups give parents firsthand knowledge of processes within the various departments and provide valuable feedback to the instructor of the parents’ desires in their child’s education. The next Aviation Parents’ Support Group meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 21 June at 5:00pm in the Aviation room. Please support Ms Tait’s efforts with your attendance.

Finally, we again call upon parents to join the P&C. If you have not attended because of a language issue, please be advised we do have an interpreter available to assist you with participation in our meetings. If you need an interpreter, just advise the main office ahead of time and we will arrange for one to be available on the day of the meeting. Our next meeting is on Monday, 20 June at 7:30pm in the main office block. See you there!

Mrs Michele Drieberg, President, MSHS P&C

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**Year 11 Dinner Dance 2011**

The Year 11 Dinner Dance will be held on Tuesday 26th July from 7:pm to 11:00 pm. This is the first day of Term 3. Students will be able to purchase their tickets ($85.00 each) at lunch times from the Year 11 coordinator, Mr Crayden, during Weeks 8 and 9 of this term. Tickets will be issued in Week 10. Students may invite partners from outside; however, the student and person attending will be required to apply in writing for the outsiders to attend who will be required to abide by all appropriate school rules for the evening.

A special note: students who attend must have “good standing”. If they lose their “good standing” they will not be able to attend this function under current school policy. Please be aware that if students have purchased a ticket, then loose their good standing, they and their partner may not attend the Dinner Dance venue. There will not be refunds as the venue is prepaid based on the numbers.

Any enquiries, please contact Mr Peter Crayden on 9376 5555 during business hours.

Peter Crayden, Year 11 Coordinator.
Sports Medicine at Morley

Students enrolled in Physical Education Studies and the Sports Coaching Certificate 11 Course participated in the Sports Medicine Awareness Course and a Sports Taping Workshop conducted by officers from Sports Medicine Australia. Students learned about the treatment and management of various sports injuries including haematomas, torn ligaments and taping of fingers, thumbs and ankles.

The studies were conducted over a four lesson timeline and students gained practical experience in the application of sports first aid and the taping of fingers, thumbs and ankles and were assessed by the presenters as to competency standards.

As many of the students are engaged in sport outside of school, they now have a far greater understanding of the issues relating to injuries in sport and their management.

Certificate 11 Soccer and Sports Coaching students are also in the process of completing their Senior First Aid Course with the skills learnt being of immense benefit for their future working life as well as for life in general.

Bruce Wheatland
Physical Education Faculty

AVIATION PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

The first parent support group meeting took place on the 4 April 2011. Adam Hunter, our guest speaker and former Morley Senior High School aviation student, spoke to us about the tertiary training and study options available to students who want a career in Aviation. For many of the parents who were present, it was an opportunity to clear up some of the questions they had about the school course and the career pathways available to their children.

Many thanks to all the parents who attended the meeting, especially to Yonit Silman, Sarah Cahill and Vinka Meredith who volunteered to act as President, Vice President and Secretary for the group.

All the parents of the Aviation students are welcome to join us at the next meeting on Tuesday the 21st June at 5.00pm in the Aviation room. We will have some light refreshments and a guest speaker.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 21st

Brigid Tait
Aviation Teacher

VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Overseas students will be arriving in July 2011 and require host families. There are two different programs arriving ranging from 5 months to 11 months. We have students arriving from countries including Chile, Austria, Switzerland, France, Italy, Germany and many more.

Gain friendships that can last a lifetime? So - whether you have cattle or poodle, six children or none, you have the perfect family.

For more information please call Joyce on 9534 5823 or visit www.afs.org.au