Wow! What a night! A large part of the Year 11 group and their partners had a spectacular evening at the annual Year 11 Dinner Dance held at Mulberry on Swan. The students turned up dressed ‘to the nines’ and looked fabulous. On arrival they received a complimentary ‘mocktail’ and then proceeded to have their dinner and afterwards dance the night away to the music provided by “Shady DJ”. The food was really good. Students were able to select from a wide choice of foods provided in a buffet style. And hooray, there were seconds too! I’m sure there were many people who just couldn’t resist the sweets as well. Shh, we won’t tell!

Part of the evening was also taken up by photos. Once again, Bliss Studio came along and took photos and students may order their photos online at [www.blissstudio.com.au](http://www.blissstudio.com.au) access code BEH6324. Our thanks to Bliss as they provided six $25.00 photo vouchers for lucky door prizes.

The evening would not have been such a success if we had not had a group of students who helped with the planning and the collection of the money, the organisation of the seating, the music and so much more. So a big thank you to the following students who gave so much of their time to work in the background to ensure that the evening went off without a hitch. They were Lexi Harvey, Samantha Yap, Collin Pattison, Nathan Riley, Zoe Kalimeris, Emma Zollo, Tom Leicester, Tina Nguyen, Adibah Azam, Kirsty Whittle, Jelena Keselj and Sally Tran.

And finally, what a show from the staff! There were so many staff who came along to support the students for the night. The Principal and both Deputies were there to see how wonderful our Year 11s really are! I appreciate all the other staff who also volunteered their time. This support allows such wonderful nights and memories to happen for our students, so on behalf of all the students who attended: Thankyou.

Need a DJ? The Year 11 Dinner Dance needed one and, thankfully, we had our own home grown professionals ready to rock and roll from Year 12. Shady DJ is the working name of Antony Huynh and Daniel Belts who provided the music throughout the evening. They did a great job, the students loved the music and I’m sure that these guys will do more gigs in the future. Our thanks to them for making our night such a “good, good time”!!! Pst... they are looking for extra gigs too!!!

Mr Peter Crayden, Year 11 Coordinator

Open Evening - Central Institute of Technology
Weds 7th Sept 2011, 3.30pm - 6.30pm, Perth Campus - 30 Aberdeen Street, Northbridge.
Speak one on one with lecturing staff about courses, training and university pathways.
RSVP by Tues 6 September at www.central.wa.edu.au

Mr Harry Pasich, VET Coordinator
Dear Parents

Reporting Day (29 July)
Thank you for your time and commitment, despite the poor weather. Research continues to show the long-term benefits to students’ progress, educationally, when home and school are visibly working together. Parents who still may wish to converse with teachers should contact the Front Office Staff who will facilitate a suitable timeslot.

Year 11 Dinner Dance
As the front page of this newsletter demonstrates, our Dinner Dance was clearly an outstanding success. ‘Thank you’ and congratulations are owed to the Year 11 Coordinator, Mr Crayden and the Year 11 Student Leadership Team for their tireless efforts to ensure the success of the evening. Well done everyone. Venue management later paid definite compliments regarding the behaviour and demeanour of our students.

Year 10 Counselling Sessions
As has been the practice in the past, Year 10 preparations for Upper School are underway with individual counselling sessions taking place between a staff member, parent and student. ‘Thank you’ to Mr Pasich, VET Coordinator for his organization and to Mr Edwards, Ms Weissner, Mr Connor, Mr Masarei together with Mr Pasich, for time spent with families in determining an appropriate course for our young people.

Year 9 Students
We are very happy with the way the students have cooperated with the Computer Rollout. Thank you to Mr Shortland and Mr Proctor for their assistance. Additionally, we congratulate our Year 9 students on their diligence and effort in the recent Western Australian Monitoring Standards in Education (WAMSE) testing regime in the subjects of Science and Social Studies. We know students made their best effort. Results, of course, are yet to come.

Facebook and Cyber Bullying
We have become aware of some inappropriate remarks being made by some of our students on Facebook about other people. This has caused some students a great deal of personal distress. We ask parents to be vigilant in monitoring their child’s activities and to explain to her/him the potential dangers. (More information, on this matter elsewhere, in this newsletter)

Tax Rebate – School Uniforms
Enclosed with this newsletter is information regarding the Education Tax Refund. This provides up to 50% back on a range of educational expenses and from 1 July, 2011, includes school uniforms.

Once again, I thank parents for their continuing support. I encourage you to speak with us on any issue of concern and perhaps consider attending our Parents and Citizens’ Meetings which take place on the third Monday of every month, at 7.30pm in the Staff Room. You will be made very welcome.

Sincerely

Gay Fortune,
Principal

RYPEN ROTARY YOUTH
PROGRAM OF ENRICHMENT

On the weekend of the 24th to the 26th June, Tiani Meredith and I, Saul Healy, had the privilege to attend the 2011 Rypen camp. The weekend was full of experiences, knowledge and friendships we will never forget.

At the Friday evening camp dinner (which was good for camp food!) we played ice breaker games to get to know each other better and meet new people. This was fun yet embarrassing. We had to do silly dances and interact in ways which would otherwise be uncomfortable and confronting, but still everybody was doing them, we all joined in and had a good laugh together.

The next morning we were all awake by 6.00am doing aerobics. After breakfast we were split up into groups of seven and played trust games that required leadership ability and communication skills. Later, we were taught the skills of debating. We were divided into groups of three for a debating activity. This was very nerve wracking, for we had to debate using a microphone in front of an audience.

That night we had a dinner for the Rotary sponsors and officials. We had to perform tasks for the guests and the best debate of the day was presented as entertainment. I was, one of the debaters and it was a very scary experience, but I am glad I did it. The evening finished with a disco, which was a great way to end the day’s activities.

Again, on Sunday morning aerobics at 6am. Many of us were still tired from Saturday morning. The rest of the day was spent finishing unfinished business, cleaning up and preparing for an awards’ ceremony. I was fortunate to receive an award for my leadership skills. After the ceremony we all said our last farewells and headed back home to our sweet beds.

The weekend overall was an amazing experience that I will treasure for ever. I will never forget the friends I made that weekend.

I would highly recommend doing this camp and if you are given the opportunity don’t pass it up; you won’t regret it.

Saul Healy Year 10
SHOULD P&C ENROLMENT BE MANDATORY?

As a recent Sunday Times article points out: “School communities are only as strong as the people who volunteer their hours, dedication and talents to them. It’s no coincidence that the WA schools that foster the best nurturing and learning environments have a fantastic support network of parents taking an active interest not only in their own children’s education, but the overall needs of the school, whether it’s helping out in the canteen, selling raffle tickets, coaching sports’ teams or lending entrepreneurial or administrative skills to Parent and Citizens Associations.”

Parents, sit back and ask yourself: “Have I contributed anything to my child’s school community?” Only a handful at Morley has the satisfaction of answering that question with an enthusiastic, YES!

For the 99.9% of the Morley parents who are unable to answer “yes” to this question; stop making excuses! We know many parents respond that they would love to help, but they are just too busy with work commitments!

It is true parents of high school age students do have less spare time on their hands, but it is really just a case of poor prioritising. Stop being a parent who thinks dropping off and picking up her/his children from school is enough involvement in a child’s school and her/his education.

As Rob Fry, President of WA Council of State Schools Organisation, said recently: “I think parents need to step back, take a look at themselves and ask ‘what is really important?’ You can have the biggest and fanciest house, but it’s no good if your kids have gone off the rails and they’re having social issues and other problems.”

The lack of parent support is a pressing issue at Morley. It is putting more pressure on the staff and the dwindling number of parents who do chip in. Kids suffer because Morley is not able to compete and provide support that is being offered on other campuses. We face a real threat that our canteen will be forced to close at the end of this year because we will not be able to form a P&C next year. Is our only answer to make P&C enrolment mandatory?

Please do not let it come to mandatory enrolment. Send a statement to your children that you care enough about their education that you can roll up your sleeves and pitch in. Set an example for them to live by.

Show your support at the next P&C meeting on Monday 19th September at 7:30 PM in the Administration Block. Wine, snacks, tea and coffee will be served.

Ms Michele Drieberg, President Morley Senior High School P&C

Fremantle Year 12 Tourism Excursion

Morley offers a Certificate II in Tourism, which is an adult TAFE qualification recognised throughout all of Australia and South East Asia.

On the last week of Term 2 the Year 12 Tourism group spent a long day on an excursion to Fremantle to assess the tourism precinct. The aim of the excursion was to experience first-hand some of the world class tourism facilities and exhibitions that can be found in the metropolitan area. Some of the places visited included the Round House (which was one of the early Swan River settlements’ prisons), the Ship Wreck museum, the Maritime museum, the Fremantle chocolate factory, the fishing harbour and the main restaurant hub along the terrace. We also spent some time looking at the original architecture of some of the earlier buildings that can still be found here and looked at some of the heritage listed buildings.

The students had to research the level of appeal of Fremantle as a major tourist destination within Perth and to assess the amenities that are provided to encourage people to visit the area. Students were required to find as many things to do within the area and to gain an understanding of how a tourist precinct caters for so many different interests and age groups. It was a long excursion. Over 13 hours. The students had dinner in one of the more popular restaurants along the main road through Fremantle.

After dinner, we all walked up to the Fremantle Prison where we went on a candlelit tour. It was cold, dark and windy and there were a few scares and surprises throughout the tours: actors jumped suddenly out of unlit prison cells to give us a real fright. The little torches provided on the tour gave us little light and even less protection from our imagination. The tour guide was pretty scary too.

The students were just fantastic. They were able to complete all the tasks for the session and behaved perfectly. Our thanks to Ms Yong who came along to support the excursion and who also took many pictures that can be used in the learning program.

Peter Crayden, Social Studies Teacher
Canberra/Sydney Student Tour 2011

Eighteen Year 11 and 12 students, along with Mr Michie and Ms Glover recently undertook an educational tour of the National Capital, Canberra, with a bonus two days in Sydney. The feedback from the students was that they had a fantastic time with many interesting tours undertaken and sites visited. Whilst the tour focused on aspects of Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy, many recreational activities were also undertaken.

Educational visits included The Australian Museum of Democracy, New Parliament House, The Australian War Memorial, The Australian Institute of Sport, The National Archives, The High Court of Australia, The National Portrait Gallery, The National Film and Sound Archives, Government House and The Capital Exhibition. In between these events we managed to go to the movies, 10 pin bowling, Mount Black Tower, Sydney Aquarium, Manly Beach, Sydney Opera House, Sydney Tower and shopping, lots of shopping! Despite this full program many students said the highlight was a day spent at Perisher Resort in the Snow. A beautiful sunny day, (it had been blowing 100 km/h the previous day), with plenty of fresh snow greeting us as we eagerly ventured across the slopes.

The group acted maturely and respectfully when involved in the many educational aspects of the tour. Many of the tour guides at the various venues and our coach driver commented on the group’s courteous manner, their interest in what was being said and the broad general knowledge which they demonstrated. They were all great ambassadors for Western Australian schools and particularly for Morley Senior High School.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship Education. To assist in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed funding under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate, (PACER), programme. This contribution is paid directly to the school upon the completion of the excursion.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of our tour.

It was a pleasure to travel with this enthusiastic group of students who displayed outstanding behaviour throughout the tour. Their behaviour made it a very pleasant experience for the staff who attended.

A special thanks to Ms Glover for her assistance on this trip and to Cathy Spencer at Trio Travel. Students in Years 9 and 10, the next Canberra/Sydney Tour will take place in 2013. Plan to be on it!

Mr Darryl Michie, Society and Environment Teacher, Tour Coordinator
Sir Charles Court Young Leaders’ Programme

During the last holidays from Sunday the 10th to Thursday the 14th of July, I, Saul Healy, attended the Sir Charles Court Young Leaders Program. I was very lucky to be selected, for I was one of only 30 students across the entire state of WA to be chosen. Over the five days I learned more about myself and made many new life friends. The experiences I shared with these amazing people I will never forget.

The first day, Sunday, was a very nerve wrecking evening. Everybody had an eerie feeling about the camp all together and the new people we would meet. But this soon cleared up as we all started talking and began to get to know a few people. That night we had a welcoming ceremony in which there were speeches made by successful men and women, like Barry Court and Robyn Quin. All of the students were also introduced, each given individual introductions to the large group of students, parents and guest speakers. Some of the students have done many incredible things within the community, improving living standards for the needy and fundraising for foundations, only naming a few.

The next three days were jam packed with lectures and fun activities. We had lectures on being leaders, John Curtin, WW2, Egyptology and many more. We had many outings and activities we were privileged to experience. We walked around the city of Perth and learnt about our history in Perth. I know many of you think Perth is boring and nothing interesting has happened here. You are very wrong. Perth has had many interesting and fascinating events happen, from being named the city of lights by the first men on the moon, to having murder cases riddling the walls. The SCCYL (Sir Charles Court Young Leaders Program) group travelled to Bickley camp, where we had many team building exercises. One of these was, we had to build a raft, fit seven people on it and row around a freezing cold river. Our legs were almost numb, but we didn’t mind because it was so much fun. The SCCYL group also went to Curtin Uni many times for lectures, but for this particular event, we took part in an ‘amazing race’ around Curtin University. This was one of the real highlights of the week. This event involved eating whole watermelons, to running around counting steps, to dancing and singing the “Bob the Builder” theme song.

On the last day, Thursday, we had the camps’ ‘main event’. We took part in a ‘role play’ scenario where we all represented certain officials from middle-eastern countries (including America) and had to resolve a conflict with a terrorist and meet his demands and compensate for all of the countries involved. This was a very eye opening experience, realising how hard it can be to work with others who do not share the same beliefs. Later that evening we all packed our bags and had our final times together before we left. Saying goodbye to everyone was very hard for all of us, but it was all smiles and new friendships made: there were no losses.

The camp was one of the most inspiring, amazing unforgettable experiences of my life. I will treasure the times and memories I shared with the others over the week. The entire group stays in touch, and have already had a few get togethers. The Sir Charles Court Young Leaders’ Program is an incredible experience and I highly recommend it to anyone and everyone.

Saul Healy Yr 11

EMERGENCY SITUATION - CURRENT CONTACT INFORMATION

We would like to remind parents and guardians of the importance of keeping the school up to date with current contact information. We have had two incidents recently where we have not been able to contact parents when a child had been injured, as phone numbers had been disconnected and emergency contacts unavailable.

This becomes distressing for students and staff and could potentially delay measures deemed necessary by the School Nurse or Principal.

Please advise us in writing of changes of current details. Alternatively, ask your child to come to the Front Office for a Change of Details form.

AMBULANCE COVER

Please note that the school does not cover the cost of an ambulance call-out. If you have private health insurance please check that you are covered within your policy. Alternatively, you can get “ambulance cover only” from St John’s Ambulance.

The safety and well-being of students is our first priority and, where possible, we will attempt to contact you before we call an ambulance. However, if the School Nurse, Principal or Senior Staff member deems the injury/situation is in any way life-threatening, or the student is suffering in any way, we will make the decision to call the ambulance. In this case, you may be liable for the costs of the ambulance.

Admin Staff
INTERNET SAFETY AND ONLINE CONTENT
In today’s technological world the accessibility of inappropriate internet content is an increasing worry, especially for a parent of young children.

All children seek to experience and play on the internet, and as a learning tool it is encouraged in many homes and schools. However, the ease with which young people can access inappropriate content is becoming a huge issue. Not only for obvious web site names/content and sites, but some internet hosts use very unorthodox tricks which open links when students are searching for quite innocent sites.

Therefore, we will work together with you, to bring some important information and update you on a regular basis of Department help and hints on how best to deal with internet issues.

INAPPROPRIATE ONLINE CONTENT
This is the link for contacts regarding inappropriate online content.
http://www.dbcde.gov.au/broadband/online_content_regulation  It is best to send an email with the web address or you can call the phone number for advice. The following passage is from the above link;

Illegal and offensive online content is regulated through the Online Content Scheme under Schedule 5 and 7 of the Broadcasting Services Act 1992 through a complaints-based mechanism. The Scheme is designed to protect consumers, particularly children, from exposure to inappropriate or harmful material. The Scheme applies to content accessed through the internet, mobile phones and convergent devices, and applies to content delivered through emerging content services such as subscription-based internet portals, chat rooms, live audio-visual streaming, and link services. Under Schedule 7, prohibited content includes content that has been classified or is likely to be classified.

These prohibitions are backed by strong sanctions for non-compliance including criminal penalties for serious offences. Where content is hosted in Australia and is found by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) to be prohibited, the ACMA has the authority to direct the relevant content service provider to remove the content from their service.

Where content is not hosted in Australia and is prohibited, the ACMA will notify the content to the suppliers of approved filters, so that access to the content using such filters is blocked. In addition, regardless of where the content is hosted, if the ACMA considers the content to be of a sufficiently serious nature, it must notify the content to an Australian police force.

Schedule 7 includes a complaints-based mechanism administered by the ACMA. Information, including instructions for making a complaint to the ACMA, is available at www.acma.gov.au/hotline. Complaints may be lodged by fax to (02) 9334 7799, by emailing online@acma.gov.au.

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School Soccer Strip and Soccer Uniform

Soccer uniforms still remain unclaimed at the School Uniform Shop from last year’s orders. Please endeavour to purchase ordered stock.

The uniform shop is open Mondays and Wednesdays from 8.30-11.00am.

Nigel Jones,
Football Academy Coordinator

CYBER BULLYING
How sure are you that your child is using the internet in a responsible way?

Like mobile telephones, television and video games the internet is part of today’s teenager’s life. The internet has revolutionised social interaction and communication. In Australia no one is further away than the nearest internet connected computer and access to all kinds of information is readily available. Used in the correct way the internet can help create a global community, reduce isolation and provide the knowledge of the world to your home. Unfortunately, used the wrong way it can corrupt and destroy life.

If you believe there is an issue with cyber bullying, accessing inappropriate material or you just want to be more informed I would direct you to the school web site http://www.morleyhs.wa.edu.au/ On the website you will find some information on cyber safety and links to support programmes. One of the programmes is an education programme for parents which the school has purchased. The access code to this programme is on the website.
People To People Ambassador Programme

From the 14th-24th of June, I was fortunate enough to go to America to represent our school and Australia through the People to People Ambassador programme. I chose to take part in the International Diplomacy programme which took me to New York and Washington DC.

My Journey started with a 32 hour plane trip to New York, but once I arrived it was all worth it. A program representative was waiting for me as soon as I collected my luggage and as my plane was late, we rushed through JFK airport. I had never seen an airport this massive before, the only way around was by a sky rail! At terminal 4, we picked up another delegate, from Honduras who was to become one of the many new friends I would make on this trip.

Looking out the window as we were being driven to Columbia University, I couldn't help but be amazed at how different everything was.

At campus, I met my teacher leader, Miss Teresa, who was from Alabama, as well as my group who were from all over the world. Together we would all enjoy an amazing, unforgettable experience and become lifelong friends. I can now say I have friends from Mexico, Africa, England, Puerto Rico and America.

I discovered that the USA is a very proud nation and when we went to museums, the Statue of Liberty and even just walking along the street, it was all very patriotic. We also had a tour at the United Nations where we were told how they operate and what they actually do. As well, we did one day of community service to give back to the community. A memory that will stay with me for the rest of my life is the time I spent at Ground Zero.

After five days in New York, we left and travelled to our second destination: George Washington University in Washington DC. On the way there, we stopped in Philadelphia and saw the Liberty Bell and other famous monuments.

In Washington we went to Capitol Hill and the White House, and pacing on the White House roof were snipers who were ready to shoot any uninvited guests! Washington has a lot of war memorials and history to the city, and it was great to learn all about this.

I will always have the memory of this trip with me and I highly recommend that if you ever have the opportunity, do it! It will definitely change your life, motivate you and help you see the world from another perspective, as well as helping you make fantastic friendships along the way!

I am very grateful to Mr Paini and my parents for giving me this wonderful opportunity to have such an unforgettable and life changing experience, I just hope you are as lucky as I am!

Chantelle Salleo-Puntillo, Year 11

Coles Sports for Schools

Thankyou to everyone who participated in this program last year. This year we ask for your support again in collecting your vouchers from Coles Supermarkets. Collecting vouchers is easy! Earn one voucher for every $10 spent in a Coles Supermarket or Coles Online, from August 11th through to October 18th. Plus throughout the program there will be opportunities to collect bonus vouchers with special promotional offers on selected products. Keep an eye out instore, online and on TV!

The collection box for vouchers will be in the library for drop off during library open hours. Also stay tuned in the library for weekly tally updates and tools to help you collect more vouchers. This year we hope to collect more vouchers than last year and take advantage of the great sports equipment that's on offer. So parents, students and teachers please get on board and make sure you encourage everyone to collect vouchers from family and friends as the more vouchers our school collects, the more sports gear our school will receive!

Lindsay Easton, Phys Ed Teacher
**SENIOR BOYS' SOCCER** Our Senior Boys beat Guildford 2-1 to progress to the next round of the State Champions School Cup. The match against Guildford was played in lashing rain on a waterlogged pitch at Guildford. Nevertheless, Morley adapted to the adverse conditions with Ali Fidaee and Rocco Pizzata scoring well executed goals.

The win now gives Morley a home game against local rival, Balga SHS, on Wednesday 17th August at 3.30pm – a knock-out game. Staff, Student and Parent support welcome.

**MORLEY JUNIOR BOYS DEFEAT KINROSS WITH 5-1** Our Junior Boys football team clinched a convincing 5-1 win over Kinross on Tuesday 9th August to put them through to the next round. Morley had the majority of play right from the whistle but failed to get a score on the board until late into the first half. Al Khateri opened the scoring with a shot that hit off the top bar and just bounced in over the line.

Not long after, Michael Peddey slotted a great ball into the back of the net, Alexandar Tanevski soon followed to help build an early 3-0 lead at half time. Kinross never gave up and came out firing in the second half testing out our defence, managing to pinch a goal to bring the score to 3-1. Morley still with more possessions, failed to capitalise on any chances until Alexander found the score board once again for his second goal of the day.

Not long after, Mohammad Rezai broke through the defence only to have his shot saved by the Kinross goal keeper. We continued to test out the Kinross defense but our shots went wide. Mohammed continued to work hard up-front and finally broke through to score the last goal of the day and bring the score to 5-1.

Stand out players were Alexandar Tanevski and Michael Peddey who dominated in the middle of the park winning the ball every time making Kinross players work. Also Connor Neil worked hard on and off the ball creating some great play. “Man of the Match” goes to Alexandar Tanevski! Great game boys, well done!! Let’s take this win with us into the next round against Balcatta at home.

**MORLEY SENIOR GIRLS WIN 4-2 OVER KELMSCOTT** The Morley Senior Girls’ Football Academy are through to the second stage of the knock-out round after two goals from Player-of-the-Match, Ashleigh Goldsworthy, helped secure one of their most priceless victories. After being on the back foot for the opening period of the game, it was Morley who struck against the run of play in the 20th minute. Brittney Pillera delivered a perfect finish from a cross-in from Asata Dukuly on the right side.

Morley then picked up their game to threaten Kelmscott SHS defence. Despite having plenty of the ball, our girls failed to finish any of their chances until Ashleigh fired a great shot straight into the back of the net. KSHS came back firing to put pressure on Morley’s defence and deciding to test out Morley keeper Cassandra Mikulandra. After creating a couple of chances KSHS managed to bring the score to 2-1 just before half-time.

In the second half our girls managed to increase their lead with another fantastic goal from 18 yards out by Ashleigh. KSHS never gave up and continued to pressurise our defence. Cassandra made a great save to stop KSHS’s penalty shot but was unlucky as the second slotted the ball into the net from the rebound, showing they were still in the game.

Morley continued to fight with some great play from Rose Janairo and Asata through the middle of the park; however, Rose’s shot was not enough to beat the KSHS keeper. Sakeena Solomon also tested the KSHS defence with some great play down the right hand side. However, Morley’s Captain, Emily Wilson, capped off the match when a cleared ball from the KSHS defence fell right at her feet. Emily calmly slotted the ball into the back of the net with a great left foot shot.

The 4-2 win was a deserved result for the Morley girls and one that will hopefully give them the confidence they need to win their next game and challenge for a place in the quarter finals. I was very proud of the way the girls played and hope that they can take this win with them into the second round. Good luck Morley!!

Miss L Easton, Soccer Coach