**CHOGM - Commonwealth People’s Forum**

On Tuesday the 25th of October, Mr Paini and I were privileged to attend the opening of the Commonwealth People’s Forum, held at the Hyatt Regency in Perth, in preparation for the upcoming Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM). The forum was to discuss and debate key issues facing the people of the Commonwealth. It was officially opened by The Hon. Julia Gillard, Prime Minister of Australia, with speeches by The Hon. Colin Barnett, Premier of WA, Mr Kamalesh Sharma, Commonwealth Secretary General, Madam Simone de Comarmond, Commonwealth Foundation Chair, and Ms Sue Ash Commonwealth People’s Forum Chair.

We were entertained by the talented students of WAAPA (West Australia Academy of Performing Arts) who put together three amazing musical pieces. We sat three rows behind the dignitaries and it was truly an exciting event to attend.

*Michael New, Year 11*

**2011 State Constitutional Convention**

On the 19th of September, 2011, Zoe Kalimeris, Denise Magtuto, Caitlin Morrissey, Paul Spiccia, and I, from Morley SHS and Mirrabooka SHS (our New North Education Initiative partner) attended the 2011 Constitutional Convention at the Perth Constitutional Centre of Western Australia. The primary purpose of attending this program was to discuss and debate a number of changes affecting the parliamentary system of Australia’s federal government. The theme this year was based on “Federalism” and covered topics such as the current health system involving the pros and cons of the Federal government issuing a health bursary, the current education system and whether a national curriculum should be implemented in 2020 and our view on Federalism in the near future. Having a keen interest in politics, my classmates and I found the whole event inspiring, and a useful introduction to politics, law and debating. Spending almost the entire day at the centre, we were provided with a delicious array of food, sweets and drinks.

On the basis of having attended this event, we are eligible to attend the Canberra Trip which will be held in March 2012. Good Luck for those who are nominated! We greatly enjoyed the convention and offer a special thanks to Mr. Paini and other organisers of the day.

*Rashmi Hemmige, Year 11*

**My Big Gig Competition**

Building leadership and team strengths as well as musical links into the community are key features of the *My Big Gig Competition* which Canning Vale College music teacher, Rebecca Harrison, launched in 2005. The event grows every year with about fifty schools taking part last year. *My Big Gig* has strong sponsorship from the music industry and prizes include industry opportunities which can lead to careers.

Morley SHS Music Department put together a band consisting of Michael Margin and Daniel Belts (both Yr 12), and Andrew Burt and Shanice Nieukoop-Gaudoin (both Yr 11), called ‘Return to Zero’. They provided a passionate, high energy performance at the competition and did very well in comparison to the other bands on the day. Shanice Nieukoop-Gaudoin was picked out by the judges and was awarded the trophy for ‘Best Performer 2011’.

I am very proud of their efforts and what they achieved over a short period of time. Well done guys!

*Marc Pereira, Music Teacher*
Dear Parents

Year 12 Graduation:
We congratulate our graduating Year 12 class of 2011. Their efforts over five years have finally come to fruition.

Outstanding performances from the Dux – William Wong and top VET Student – Robert Belts are an inspiration to us all.

Our other award winners are listed elsewhere in this newsletter and, again, we wish them well and thank them for their leadership and example in relation to other students.

Building Programmes:
Handover has now taken place for both the Science/Mathematics Block and the Automotive Trade Training Centre.

The official opening for the Trade Centre will take place in 2012 while the Science/Mathematics Block will be formally opened on 11 November 2011.

Questionnaire – Perceptions of Morley SHS
Thank you to those Parents, Staff and Students who have filled in our survey form. The information provided will provide material for reflection and possible future action.

Community Service
Thank you to Mr Michie who has successfully coordinated our programme of Community Service. Some students, by the time they have completed Year 12 this year have tallied up to 110 hours. An outstanding result for any programme but an even better statement of the calibre of our students here at Morley.

Level Three Classroom Teacher Status
Congratulations to Mrs Brigid Tait who has been promoted to this category of Level Three Classroom Teacher. This is a public testimony of the expertise and dedication of a fine teacher.

Medical Insurance
Parents are reminded that the Education Department does not provide medical or dental insurance for students. Should such insurance be sought parents need to make their own arrangements.

As we move into the remaining half of this final term for 2011, we urge parents to be vigilant in ensuring that students remain seriously on task in relation to homework, completion of assessments and revision for forthcoming Years 8-11 examinations.

For now we thank parents for their support and rely on their vigilance.

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.

ENROLMENTS — CALLING ALL YEAR 7’S

We are still 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. 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.
Morley Leos

It is with great pleasure that I am able to announce the Lions Young Leaders in Service Awards. These awards are presented by the International President of Lions, Dr. Wing-Kun Tam and awarded to members of Leos for their hours of service which have exemplified the true spirit of ‘Lionism’ by making the community a better place in which to live.

The following students have received a Gold Award (100 hours of Community Service)

Year 12
- Seangly Heng
- Njuo Shandwe
- Ngoc Doan

Year 11
- Zoe Kalimeris
- Sam Yap
- Emma Zollo
- Michael New
- Joanna Lim

Year 10
- Olivia Garley

Year 9
- Gia Kalimeris
- Lovetha Garley
- Patience Garley

Silver Award (50 hours of Community Service)

Year 11
- Tom Leicester
- Colin Pattison
- Nathan Riley

Congratulations to all award winners.

Mr Norman Paini
Morley Leos Coordinator
Beginning of Term Four - A message from Peter Crayden, Year 11 Coordinator.

Term four is a particularly busy term for students. They should already be organising and preparing for their end of year exams which commence at the beginning of week six (6) 21st November. Parents need to be aware that under the Curriculum Council requirements students must do well in Year 11 as well as in Year 12 to obtain the necessary points required for Graduation at the end of Year 12 in 2012. Students have been consistently advised throughout the year, at year meetings, that there is a need to do well in both Year 11 and 12 as part of the Graduation process. Students were counselled at the start of Term 3 and parents have been informed of their child’s performance through letters, Management Referral Slips, phone calls from teachers and the Year Coordinator. As you are aware, if students do not successfully complete their subjects in Year 11, they are unable to study these subjects in Year 12.

Staff send these letters out to advise parents of their child’s academic performance and behaviour and frequently staff expect a phone call from parents to discuss these issues after parents have had a chance to speak to their child first. I would strongly advise parents to be involved with their child's performance at school. We have found that in some instances there are ‘two sides of the story’ and parents need to be aware of what is really happening.

Parents should also be aware that the school expects students to maintain good standing. “Good Standing” can be lost in a few ways. The most common reasons for students to loose their “Good Standing” include failure to hand in assessments within an appropriate time frame, not providing parental letters for absences, (not resolving “pink slips”) missing odd lessons (truanting) and School Suspension. Please note that students must go through a formal interview with the Principal to regain their “Good Standing” when returning from suspension.

Students and parents need to be aware that there are attendance requirements set by the School. There are processes in place for students to regain their good standing. Parents are encouraged to support our school in assisting students meeting the requirements for good standing and are invited to call me (Peter Crayden) to sort out any specific issues.

Congratulations to the following leadership group who applied and went through a formal interview for positions in Year 12 (2012). Jelena Keselj with be School Captain. Samantha Yap and Lexi Harvey will be School Vice Captains. We have Zoe Kalimeris and Michael New as Events Captains, Hannah Bryce and Nathan Riley as Sports Captains; and as House Captains: Zoe Kalimeris (Bankisia), Colin Pattison (Jarrah), Tom Leicester (Melaleuca), Nathan Riley (Tuart) and Lexi Harvey (Zamia). We have already had our first meeting. Our first job was to assist Ms Chadwick and the current Year 12 students at their final assembly and their Graduation evening held at Rendezvous Observation City, Scarborough. We have also begun organizing the distribution of our 2012 Leavers’ Jackets that should be available on or near the 7th November. Can you believe it, but we are at the final stages of organising the Year 12 School Ball at the Hyatt Regency, Perth on the 27th April 2012.

Mr Peter Crayden, Year 11 Coordinator

Morley Leos

Members of Morley Leos have had a year full of new fundraising activities and two exciting Leos camps to attend- one in Jurien Bay and the other at Myalup Pines near Harvey.

Sausage Sizzles, a student raffle, the sale of Leo the Lion toys, Entertainment books, Lions Christmas cakes, volunteering as traffic wardens at community events and finally the sale of Cambodian 2012 calendars. These have all contributed to a very successful year of fundraising for our sister school in Cambodia, Preah Beida Ekreach High School. It is hoped to be able to rebuild classrooms at the school. We have raised over $4,000. A wonderful total to assist us celebrate our fifth year in operation.

Special thanks go to the Morley SHS community for its support and encouragement of our many projects and, of course, to the members of Morley Leos for 2011 (Zoe Kalimeris, Samantha Yap, Seangly Heng, Njuo Shandwe, Ngoc Doan, Tom Leicester, Emma Zollo, Michael New, Joanna Lim, Colin Pattison, Nathan Riley, Gia Kalimeris, Patience Garley, Lovetha Garley, Olivia Garley and Kerilee Topler).

The Cambodia 2012 calendars are for sale at $10 each. They comprise 13 photographs taken by the Angkor Project tour group of 2011. If you are interested in purchasing a calendar, please give me call on 9376 5555.

Mr Norman Paini, Morley Leos Coordinator
**The Asia Wise Competition 2011**

The “Asia Wise Competition” is designed to provide a combined History and Geography project for Year 10 students. It fosters research, analysis and interpretation in our students. Congratulations go to the following student who received a **distinction**:  

- Yeo Jun Youn  
- Shashank Kumar  
- Frank Jiang  
- Kristy Dobson  
- Loan Dang

Sixteen students received a Credit award and seven students received a Merit award. Congratulations and well done to all who participated.

Mr Norman Paini  
Head of Department, Society & Environment

**Lost Property**

There are several items in our lost property box; these range from clothes, to pencil cases, lots of keys and prescription glasses. 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 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.**

Admin Officers

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**Term 4 finishes**

**Weds 14 December at 3.30pm**

Students **ARE expected to be at school unless they are sick.**

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**AVIATION PARENT SUPPORT GROUP**

For many of the parents who come to our meetings it is an opportunity to clear up any questions they may have about the course and the career pathways available to students. Many thanks to all the parents who attend these meetings,

All the parents of the Aviation students are welcome to join us at the next meeting on **Tuesday the 22nd November at 5.30pm in the Aviation room.**

Light refreshments will be available.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 22nd.

Brigid Tait  
Aviation Teacher

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**PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:** We have amended our telephone system to display the main school number, 9376 5555, whenever anyone rings you from Morley SHS. This will help you to identify our number and assist us with absentee calls and emergency situations.

We urge you to answer ANY call from us, as it may be very important and an emergency situation. Thank you for your continued support.

Admin Officers

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**9376 5555 = Morley SHS**
2011 ADF Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Awards

This is an Australian Government Initiative in conjunction with the Australian Defence Forces. The aim of the award is to recognise students who demonstrate leadership and teamwork within the school and broader community. At the same time, they recognise those who display strong values, such as doing one’s best, respect for others and “mateship” that are integral to Australian society.

It gives us great pleasure to announce the awards for 2011:

- Year 12 - Danielle Chedid  Certificate and $500
- Year 11 - Samantha Yap    Certificate and $250
- Year 10 - Loan Dang       Certificate and $100

Congratulations and Well done

Mr Norman Paini
Head of Department, SOSE

2011 Big Science and ICAS Competition Results

Every year our Science faculty selects twenty-five students, from Years 8-12, to sit the Rio Tinto Big Science Australian Competition and the International Competitions and Assessments for School (ICAS) Science Test.

Our Science students performed well in the Big Science Competition with one student achieving a High Distinction, three students achieving a Distinction and thirteen students achieved a credit.

High Distinction - Christy Vu, Yr 10
Distinction – Annette Le, Yr 12    Srdjan Kusmuk, Yr 9    Galvin Phuong, Yr 8

Our Science students also performed well in the ICAS Science Competition with four students achieving a distinction, and twelve students achieving a credit.

Distinction – William Wong, Yr12    Edwin Tiet, Yr 10    Mae Eichner, Yr 9    Nathaniel Clift Yr 9

Well done to all who entered.

Mr Mike McGarry
Head of Department - Science

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MASTER MIND AUSTRALIA – ACADEMIC PATHWAYS

JANUARY JUMP-START PROGRAM
Study Skills – Essay Writing – Subject Revision

This revision program prepares students for Term 1 (2012) before the academic year begins. The classes will revise those important components from the 2011 syllabus that are vital for success in the new-year. The program will also preview what students can expect in their courses in 2012.

For more information consult our web-site or call

Dr Robert Hallam at Master Mind Australia on 9486 1377
www.mastermindaustralia.com.au
BAYSWATER CITY SOCCER CLUB are looking for Junior players for the 2012 season, so please contact Rodney Njirich on 0403 241 621 or www.bayswatercity.com.au

MORLEY WINDMILLS SOCCER CLUB announces Team Trials for 2012. Please contact; (under 18s) Salv Todaro on 0414 696 807 and (Junior teams) John Ragno 0417 582 025
Sports News

Morley Student represents WA in National Championships

Congratulations to Alexandar Tanevski of Year 9 who was picked to represent WA in the Under 14 Boys’ National Youth Football Championships. The 2011 tournament, hosted by Northern New South Wales Football is an integral part of the FFA national youth development and identification process providing a showcase for the best youth players from all states.

Alexandar Tanevski was the first Western Australian to get his name on the championship score sheet, assisting his team to win their first game 2-0 against Victoria. Western Australia also defeated South Australia and NSW Country to finish third in division A. This is a great achievement for WA who will again continue in Division A next year.

Well done to the U14s state team and to Alex on your achievements, it’s great to see Morley students representing their state in sporting competitions.

Ms Lindsay Easton
Soccer Coach

Athletics Carnival

On 20th October 2011, Morley SHS competed in the annual interschool Track and Field carnival at the WA Athletics Stadium. On what turned out to be a beautiful day, Morley took its biggest squad for some years with 70 competitors arriving in the school gym at 8.00am for the big event. There were some outstanding individual performances including:

John Gregory – won the 13yrs boys’ ‘A’ division Long Jump and 100m
Daniel Ogilvie – won the 14yrs boys’ High Jump, Triple Jump and 3rd in Discus
Shauanna Smith – won the girls’ 14yrs Discus and 2nd place in the ‘A’ division 100m and Long Jump
Daniel Henry – won the ’A’ division 14yrs boys’ 200m and 2nd in the 100m
Lauren Stepanovski – won the 16yrs girls’ Long Jump and 3rd in Triple Jump
Borbort Sam-Indi – won the 16yrs boys’ ‘A’ division 100m, 200m double as well as finishing third in the 110m Hurdles. These results saw Borbort crowned Champion Boy for his age group.

Other great results on the day went to Cassi Mikulandra, Aiden Geary, Sam Pernice, Ashleigh Goldsworthy, Liam Healy, Alicia Bransby & Alex Suleski.

On what was a great team effort, every team member contributed to Morley finishing in fourth position on the day. Although we just missed out on promotion up a division we are looking very strong for 2012.

Mr White
Health & Phys Ed Department