Opening of Refurbished Science and Mathematics Block

The refurbished Science and Mathematics building at Morley Senior High School was officially reopened on Friday 11th November by Senator Chris Evans, Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Jobs and Workplace Relations. The project was funded by the Commonwealth Government’s “Building the Education Revolution” (BER) programme. Initially intended to take six months, it was finally completed in eighteen months.

The building will be dedicated to the Memory of Isaac Bishop, long serving Mathematics teacher and Head of Mathematics at the school who died earlier this year. Isaac’s wife, Loretta, and two daughters, Colette and Daniet, who both attended Morley as students, were present for the reopening.

The new rooms are equipped with the latest technology to aid in the delivery of Science and Mathematics to students of the 21st century. Two of the Science laboratories are equipped with a modern fume hood, the chemical store has a fire-proof dangerous chemical cabinet and is fully ducted to prevent any build-up of gaseous vapours. All the laboratories are equipped with an eye shower and emergency shut-down systems for all the services.

Present also were representatives from Commonwealth and State Governments. Member for Morley, the Hon. Ian Britza, and Member for East Metro, the Hon. Linda Savage, represented their respective political parties, with representatives from the City of Swan and the City of Bayswater and design, building and construction representatives also in attendance. Local Principals, Bronwyn Jones (West Morley PS), Antony Beswick (Noranda PS), Yvonne Arnott (Morley PS) Morley SHS P&C President, Michelle Drieberg and School Council President, Jack Garber, were also invited guests.

Master of Ceremonies for the occasion, Morley Deputy Principal, Mr Graham Connor, invited Principal, Mrs Gay Fortune to introduce the project and called upon Senator Evans to open the building assisted by Mrs Loretta Bishop, current Head of Department, Science, Mr McGarry and Mr Uren, Head of Department Mathematics spoke eloquently on the significance of the new building for the education of our Morley Students.

Currently, our school is seeking funding to upgrade the second ageing science block.

Mr Andrew Brady, Media Teacher
Principal’s Report

Dear Parents

As 2011 draws to a close I thank you on behalf of Staff and Students for your on-going support and cooperation without which we could not function. Likewise, we offer our gratitude to Michele Dreiberg, President of the P&C, Jack Garber, Chairperson of the School Council, Council Members, Evelyn De Vattimo, Mario D’Ovidio, Vicki Blythe, Barry Nott, Fran MacKenzie and Craig Shortland.

Opening of the Science and Mathematics Block

We were delighted to have Senator Chris Evans, Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Jobs and Workplace Relations, to open our building and assist in its dedication to our deceased colleague, Mr Isaac Bishop, Head of Mathematics. I think we all found it a meaningful and fulfilling experience.

Trade Centre

Practical Completion has taken place and the official opening is likely to be sometime in March, 2012. Student places are even now over subscribed. Finalisation of student offerings will take place after all applicants have been interviewed. From there a waiting list will be compiled to fill any possible vacancies which might eventuate.

Parent, Teacher and Student Surveys

Thank you to those who took part in the survey. Information and feedback will be analysed to inform relevant future action. The results have already been presented to the P&C, School Council and Staff for constructive comment. In 2012 they will form the focus of a workshop with Senior members of the Student Council.

Year 10 Leadership Camp

Currently a selected group of Year 10 Students are preparing for the Leadership Camp, at Point Walter, which will take place in Week 8. The skills learnt by the students are aimed at assisting the Year 8 students of 2012 settle into high school. This will involve support and mentoring particularly during Term 1. We wish them, and Staff, well in their preparations and endeavours particularly Mr Miller, current Year 10 Coordinator (Year 11, 2012) and Mr McLean the Coordinator for Year 8, 2012.

Commencement of the School Year 2012.

Some important dates:

1) Swap Meet – Sunday 15th January 2012
   An opportunity to sell and buy second hand books at a good price

2) Book Shop – School Gymnasium -
   Tues 24th Jan - 9.00am—7.00pm
   Weds 25th Jan - 9.00am—3.00pm

3) Front Office - Opens for Student Enrolments -
   Tues 24th Jan - 8.30am—4.00pm
   Weds 25th Jan - 8.30am—4.00pm
   Thurs 26th Jan - CLOSED—PUBLIC HOLIDAY
   Fri 27th Jan - 8.30am—4.00pm
   Mon 30th Jan - 8.30am—4.00pm

4) Teachers Commence – Mon 30th Jan 2012

5) Students Commence – Wed 1st Feb 2012

It remains for me then to wish you and your families a very happy Christmas and hopefully a productive and fulfilling 2012.

Best Wishes for Christmas and New Year

Sincerely

Gay Fortune,
Principal

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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 an authorised 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.

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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.

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ENROLMENTS — OTHER YEARS

Enrolments for Years 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
**LANGUAGE NEWS...**

**Japanese**

Morley Senior High School Japanese language students participated in the National Asian Languages and Studies of Asia in Schools Program at the Japanese Extension Workshop of Year 10 Students Hyogo Prefectural Government Cultural Centre.

Students worked in a Japanese immersion environment.

The students who participated were:
- Austine Garcia
- Yaqin Wu
- Kiana Sharifi
- Joseph Youn
- Kenelm Tran
- Khin Myint
- Sze Lim
- Loan Dang
- Najiba Alimee
- Juston Ong
- Aaron Ho
- Anh Pham
- Sopheap Troeung

I would also like to mention the Year 10 lunch at Kido Restaurant on Friday 18th November. Our students experienced a five course traditional cuisine which they totally enjoyed. Their behaviour was excellent and a credit to the school.

Lastly, I would like to mention that Year 10 student, Alex Edwards, wrote an essay on the topic of cultural differences for 2011 Australia-Japan Relationship Essay Competition.

Well done Alex!

Mrs Yuko Urban, Japanese Teacher

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**Chinese**

In mid November, eight Year 10 students had a wonderful excursion with students from the Noranda Chinese Hub Schools (Weld Square Primary School, Noranda Primary School and Morley Primary School). At first, students took part in cultural activities at The Chung Wah Association. They experienced paper cutting and calligraphy. Students also used abacuses for some Mathematics activities.

At lunch, students had a taste of Chinese Dim Sim at a Chinese restaurant in Northbridge. Everyone enjoyed the lunch and, of course, the excursion.

Mrs Esther Ng, Chinese Teacher
Although it was a short visit..., it was a memorable one.

After ten years of our sister school relationship with Number 2 Middle School in Hangzhou, China, the Principal, Mr Cuiwei Ye visited Morley SHS. He was accompanied by Mr Andrew Xufend, Mr Junming Cheng and eight students.

The group enjoyed themselves immensely. On Monday 14th November the group had an Australian History lesson, English lessons and cooked meat pies and Anzac cookies. The students really enjoyed this new experience.

On Tuesday, it was sight seeing at Caversham Wildlife Park- the kangaroos, koalas and wombats were a hit with everyone and all had photographs taken with the animals. We then visited King’s Park and Perth’s CBD.

On Wednesday, a whole school assembly was held after which the students went to classes with their host students. The final engagement was a morning tea to “Thank” the host families and staff who assisted with hosting and lessons. Mr Ye was impressed by the multicultural nature of our school and the friendliness of everyone. He looks forward to seeing many students visiting Hangzhou in 2012.

Mr Norman Paini, Head of Department - SOSE
ART GALLERY EXCURSION

The Year 8 Multi Media specialist group of students and the 2A Year 11 students visited the Art Gallery on the 4th of August, to participate in a tour of 19th century Australian paintings conducted by the gallery guides. The second part of the tour covered the more contemporary Australian works upstairs which demonstrated the different media available to artists today such as electric lights and the use of film. We were then taken into the depths of the education area to participate in creating our own Art work, taken from drawings already completed in the upstairs contemporary Australian art works gallery. The students created a collage of their drawings which was brought back to school for exhibition in the Art department.

Lunch was eaten outside the gallery in the garden, full of vegetables and fruit, which contrasts dramatically with its inner city position. When lunch was completed we proceeded to find a suitable view for drawing such as the pool with native Australian vegetation, the architecture of the museum and the old TAFE buildings. These drawings are incorporated into the background of the Year 11 students’ art work in Term four.

Mrs Fran MacKenzie, Art Teacher

STUDENTS SPONSORED TO ATTEND HOLIDAY SCIENCE COURSE

Year 10 Morley Senior High School students Alyssa Callaway and Christy Vu have been sponsored by local Member for Morley, Mr Ian Britza, to attend a three day science course during the January school holidays.

“The Science Experience” is a three day programme for Year 9 and 10 students conducted at the University of Western Australia from 17 to 19 of January. The students will experience different wonders of Science and Technology, take part in experiments in specialised laboratories, hear from leaders in Science, Technology and Engineering and get to make new friends from other schools.

We thank Mr Britza for his generosity in sponsoring the course costs for both Alyssa and Christy. Both he and the school look forward to a report from the girls about the programme when they return to school in 2012.

Mr Mike McGarry, Head of Department - Science

Term 4 finishes
Wed 14th December
at 3.30pm

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

SCHOOL DENTIST CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY EMERGENCIES

The Camboon DTC will be closed over the school holidays. Emergency contact details will be the Mt Henry School Dental Service, telephone 9313 0555. They are open 8.15am – 4.30pm.

The staff at Camboon DTC would like to wish all their families who attend the clinic a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

DTC Staff

INGLEWOOD UNITED SOCCER CLUB

Calling all junior soccer players - there are a few places still available for players in the Juniors’ teams - U14 and U16. Interested players please contact Bobby Despotovski 0414 314 999 or Cheryl Alavakis 0403 320 653.
MARKET DAY

During a recent lunch break there were lots of smiles and expressions of customer satisfaction as the Year 11 Business Management and Enterprise and Year 9 Money Matters classes put theory into practice by preparing and implementing a business plan for conducting a small marketing venture. The students worked effectively and enthusiastically as teams to sell Honey Joys, Apple Cake, Carrot Cake, Cup Cakes, freshly squeezed Orange Juice, Fruit Smoothies, Chinese Milk Tea, Pizza Pinwheels, Sushi, Vietnamese Summer Rolls and Sushi. Two enterprising students sold origami paper lilies symbolising “wealth, beauty and pride”.

Proceeds from this class activity will be donated to Preah Beida Ekreach High School in Cambodia.

Ms Ruth Sunits, Business Enterprise Teacher

CHINESE COMPETITION

In mid September, our school had 13 students from Years 8-11 who participated in the Chinese Speaking and Writing Competition, which was organised by the University of Western Australia and The Chinese Teachers’ Association of Western Australia. In the Writing Competition, Year 10 Charita Ngampaen received a certificate of excellence in the non-Chinese background category while Frank Jiang received a certificate of excellence in the Chinese background category. Year 11 Bei Bei Chen, received a silver award in the Chinese Background category while Clinton Oh, Daniel On, Nathan Xie, Linh Huynh received certificates for participation.

In the Speaking Competition, Asaf Silman received the fifth prize and Steven Hebbbs, received a certificate of excellence in the Year 8 category. Scott Malcolm, received the fourth prize, Mae Eichner, received a bronze award and Judith Steinberg received a silver award in the Year 9 category.

Well done to the above students.

Mrs Esther Ng, TIC Languages

Constitutional Convention 2012

Congratulations to Zoe Kalimeris of Yr 11 who has been selected as one of 15 students from Western Australia to represent the state at the Australian Students’ Constitutional Convention. This event will take place in Canberra in March 2012. Zoe will be one of over 100 delegates from all over Australia at this prestigious event. Congratulations and “Well done”.

Mr Norman Paini, Head of Department - SOSE

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 are sometimes forgotten once students see the film, or if they leave school, 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

The need for blood is constant and currently the Blood Service does not have enough. One in three Australians will need donated blood during their lifetime. Do Something Special. Roll up your sleeves and give blood at the Morley Blood Donor Centre this fortnight. Call 13 14 95 or visit donateblood.com.au to make an individual or family appointment.
A BUSY TIME FOR YOUR P&C

The past couple of months have been a very busy time for your P&C. We started our program on Cyber Bullying with a presentation by Kate Hadwen. Kate is a senior researcher at Edith Cowan University. She is well regarded for her collection, interpretation and reporting of statistical data pertaining to incidence of Cyber Bullying in our community. Her presentation was insightful, entertaining and informative. Some of us in attendance were shocked by some of the statistical information. For example; this modern social phenomenon is affecting our children as young as eight and ten, bullies have a greater probability of a major run-in with the law later in life and the effects of being bullied is a cause of depression, mental illness and suicide to those exploited.

This information is vitally important to parents, but we were very disappointed at the parent turn-out on the night. Your P&C and school are investing heavily in the education of students and parents on the issue of Cyber Safety. We have some events planned with Kate for the first term of next year. When you see the dates announced, I strongly suggest you mark your calendars and not miss these events. If you or your child are affected by an incidence of bullying, please contact the P&C or the school for guidance in dealing with the situation. We have approved methods available to ourselves to assist you or your child. Do not wait until the problem is out-of-hand.

Additionally, the school and I had a delightful visit from the Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich, MLA member for East Metropolitan Region and Ben Wyatt, MLA and Shadow Minister for Education. We first attended the weekly senior staff meeting where issues regarding the future of education in public schools were discussed. We then met with the entire staff for morning tea. Round table discussions were conducted on a very open and frank basis pertaining to school, teacher and student matters. We then toured the school where we showed-off our remodeled Maths and Science block, our Multimedia Centre and our new Automotive Trade Training Centre. Our Principal, Mrs Gay Fortune, teachers, Jack Garber (P&C member and Chairman), School Council and I showed this official party the areas of the school that need financial support for refurbishment which included the old Science block and our specialty programs of Soccer and Aviation.

A highlight of the visit was spending time with Ms Tait and her Year 11 Aviation class. Mr Wyatt is a Member for Victoria Park where Kent Street High School is located, so he is very familiar with the public school system’s Aviation program. I expressed to him our desire to make Morley's Aviation program as popular as Kent Street's. We all agree this is a great opportunity for students to put into practice Maths, Science and Engineering skills. Only a handful of the Year 11 class plan on pursuing commercial pilot training, a few are interested in aircraft engineering, aircraft maintenance and one is planning a military career. I wish to express my hearty, “Well done!” to Ms Tait and each of her students.

We also saw the graduation of our Year 12 class. Although I was personally unwell on the evening and was unable to attend, from all reports, this year’s commencement ceremony was among the best in recent memory. I wish to offer my extensive congratulations to all graduates. Good luck in your exams. My best wishes on a prosperous, happy and productive future. I am confident you all will remember your time at Morley SHS with a fond smile.

On 7 November 2011 the refurbished Maths and Science block was officially dedicated. Honours were paid to our former Maths Department Head, Mr Isaac Bishop. A plaque dedicating the block in memory of Mr Bishop was unveiled by Senator Chris Evans. Also in attendance was Hon Ian Britza MLA for Morley, Hon Linda Savage MLC representing opposition leader, Mr Eric Ripper, and members of Isaac Bishop’s immediate family.

Finally, our Chinese exchange students and their entourage spent three great days with us. The P&C would like to thank host families for opening their homes to eight students, two teachers and the principal of our sister school in Hangzhou. The exchange students’ days were filled with Morley SHS classes, Caversham Wildlife Park, King’s Park and City of Perth excursions. Our new automotive trade centre was a big hit with our visitors. They were surprised that our government would spend so much money to open a training facility for high school students. I am sure there will be a school official in China getting an earful by this contingent, questioning why they can’t get funding for projects like ours.

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Monday, 21st November at 7:00pm when we will be celebrating and awarding volunteers who have tirelessly given of themselves during the past year. Snacks, wine, tea and coffee will be served. Parents new to the Morley P&C are always welcome. Come along and see what you are missing. I promise we don’t bite!

Michele Drieberg
President, P&C
FOOTBALL NEWS
Mr Jones is forging links with Hans Berger the Technical Director of the Football Federation, Australia, so Morley SHS specialist soccer program remains the leader in its field for provision of quality coaching to its talented and gifted students.

Mr Jones recently attended the Advanced Coaching Course embracing the new National Curriculum at the Sydney Academy from October 27th - November 12th.

Mr Nigel Jones, Soccer Coordinator

Do you want to SELL or BUY Books, calculators or uniforms etc?

Morley P&C are conducting a swap meet in the Science and Library area

Sunday 15th January 2012

9.30am – 11.30am

Don’t miss a bargain or Come and make a few dollars !!

Important Dates

Term 4 finishes Weds 14th Dec at 3.30pm

Term 1, 2012 starts for Students on Wednesday 1st Feb 2012 and Staff on Mon 30 Jan 2012

TERM 1, 2012 UNIFORM SHOP Opening Hours Mon, Weds & Fri from 8.30am - 11.00am