Graduates Return with Advice

2011 Morley Senior High School Year 12 graduates returned en-masse on Wednesday 8 February for a special school assembly. The graduates shared their results, future University, TAFE or work directions and offered advice to the 2012 students and staff.

Numerous graduates had accepted places in a range of university courses including the popular engineering and bio-medical or environmental science courses. Other students were to start commerce, chemistry, digital design, pharmacy, physiotherapy, psychology, aviation and education degrees. TAFE bound students had successfully enrolled in courses such as laboratory operations, nursing and personal training. One student successfully gained a place at WAAPA (WA Academy of Performing Arts) in the music program while another was already beginning pilot training.

In sharing their advice with current students, the graduates commonly spoke of the need to work hard and apply oneself to the course work, but with a balance of social and sporting time. Another regular suggestion to improve was to avoid wasting time on social networks such as ‘Facebook’. Amazingly, they even regularly suggested that students should listen to the teachers because “they actually do know what they are talking about” and “are there to help you do the best you can”!

Morley SHS had a number of very high achievers in the TEE with 2011 Dux William Wong scoring 99.7. Others to do extremely well and join the Plus 95 club were Aaron White (97.3), Annette Le (99.45), Christopher Ng (96.4), Jia Shi (96.0), Kimberley Lim (95.95), Danielle Chedid (95.45) and Clare Tai (95.4).

Morley SHS was also ranked in the top 50 VET (Vocational Education and Training) schools in Western Australia, 15th for achievement among the government schools. With a high participation rate in VET courses, a new Automotive Trade Training Centre and specialist programs in Aviation, TV Broadcasting & Multimedia, and soccer, Morley Senior High School prides itself on being able to offer some worthwhile opportunities for everyone.

Above: Plus 95 club members Aaron White, William Wong, Danielle Chedid, Kimberley Lim and Annette Le (front) with other Morley SHS 2011 graduates.

Mr Andrew Brady, Public Relations Coordinator

NATIONAL SOLAR SCHOOLS’ PROGRAM AUSTRALIA (NSSP) GRANT

Morley SHS has been successful in gaining a Commonwealth Government Grant of $47,659.09 to install grid connected solar power. This was announced by the Parliamentary secretary for Climate change and Energy Efficiency, the Hon Mark Dreyfus QC MP, on January 24th 2012.

Mr Norman Paini
Society & Environment
Principal’s Report
Dear Parents
Welcome to 2012. Let us hope it will be a happy and productive Year for all of us while we work together to create a bright future for the young people in our care.

New Staff:
We offer a warm welcome to the following new teaching staff:
Ms Michelle Bailey – Physics and Science
Ms Margaret Barker – English as a Second Language and English
Ms Deborah FitzGerald – Mathematics
Mr Mark Goodman – Mathematics (on exchange from the USA with Mr Uren)
Mr Robert Hudson – Design and Technology

Retirements:
We wish the following a happy change or change of work:
Mr Steve Hepburn – Science (Retirement)
Dr Fadi Ma’ayah – Physical Education (Appointed to Edith Cowan University, Sports Science Department)
Mr Craig Goodwin – Social Studies (Returning to previous school)
Mr Jason Buhlman – English (Teaching appointment in Melbourne)

Student Numbers:
Currently our student population is spread as follows:
Year 8  154  Year 11  204
Year 9  173  Year 12  234
Year 10  105  Total  870

The increase in Year 9 enrolments will necessitate some redistribution arrangements of classes once the Department of Education has finalised what is called ‘The Unders and Overs Process’ Meantime, we ask for your patience and understanding until re-arrangements are finalised.

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Sister School Visits — Incoming:
This year, our Sister School from Akashi in Japan will visit us in early Term 3. We hope that, once again, you will generously be able to host the visiting students.

Outgoing: September/October
Selected Morley Students will visit our Sister Schools in:
1) China (Number 2 School in Hangzhou)
2) Italy (Liceo Scientifico Statale “R. Mattioli”, Vasto)

Hopefully, once again, these trips will be supported by yourselves. They are an invaluable opportunity to develop global understanding by immersion in another culture. The education benefits are considerable in both the short and long term.

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Best wishes to all our parents in the busy year ahead.
Sincerely,
Gay Fortune, Principal

PARENTS UNDERSTANDING ASIA LITERACY
Registrations are open, inviting parents from around Australia to participate in ‘Parents Understanding Asia Literacy: Building demand for Asian languages and studies’. This program is being conducted for clusters of schools across Australia in 2012 and will be in Perth on 19 March.

Program aim: to build parents’ understanding of the importance of learning about Asia and Asian languages to increase career and life opportunities for their children.

Ian Dalton, Australian Parents Council executive director said: ‘We know that parents influence the subject choices students make. If they (parents) are appropriately informed and engaged they can also drive school curriculum choices and pathways that are best for their children.’ Information and registrations are available at: http://www.pual.org.au

ENROLMENTS — CALLING ALL YEAR 7s
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.

OTHER YEARS
Enrolments for Years 9 - 12 for 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.
**P&C News**

First Meeting **Monday, 20th February 2012**, at 7.30pm in the Staff Room, Admin Block. All welcome. All P&C Dates are advised on back page of this newsletter for your future reference.

Michele Drieberg, P&C President

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**Morley Leos 2012**

2012 is set to be a bumper year for Morley Leos. Already we have been working towards raising money for the Angkor Project and our sister school in Cambodia.


At our first meeting the following students have been elected to the executive:

- **President:** Zoe Kalimeris
- **Vice President:** Michael New
- **Secretary:** Gia Kalimeris
- **Treasurer:** Emma Zollo
- **Membership Coordinator:** Nathan Riley
- **It Manager:** Michael New

We have already organised our commitments to Clean Up Australia Day, Ballajura Harmony Day and sausage sizzles for 2012 at Morley SHS.

This will be an exciting year for Morley Leos and I welcome all new members to our meetings held every second Monday after school in the school library from 3.30pm to 5pm.

Mr Norman Paini
Leos Coordinator

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**JAPANESE NEWS...**

**Year 8 Japanese Lunch Excursion**

On 6th December, 2011, nineteen Year 8 students enjoyed a fantastic excursion to Kido Japanese Restaurant to celebrate a very successful year. Students enjoyed the five course traditional cuisine and commented “Oishiidesu!” (it is delicious).

Their behaviour was excellent and each student received origami art. These items were given by the owner of the restaurant who was very impressed by Morley Senior High School students. All students said to me “Arigatou gozaimasu Sensei” (Thank you very much, teacher) as they left the bus.

**Late News – 2011 Japanese Language Video Contest**

Congratulations to Marianne Daplin who won an award in Japanese video contest 2011. Marianne made an impressive video titled, “Kaguyahime and Momotaro”, using the Japanese Language. The video was loosely based on two famous Japanese folk stories titles “The Moon Princess” and “The Peach Boy”. She received a book voucher from Intext, a Melbourne company as her prize.

Also, well done to Khin Myint and Aaron Ho who entered their wonderful work which was inspired by Japanese culture. The competition “Art Speaks Japanese” was organised by the Japan Foundation of Sydney, a very influential organisation promoting cultural and intellectual exchange between Japan and Australia/other nations.

All Morley students’ work was displayed in Sydney late last year.

**Japanese Australia Relationship Essay**

I am pleased to report Mimi Phan took part in Japan Australia relationship essay competition. Mimi’s effort was well received. The competition was organised by the Embassy of Japan at the national level.

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Important Dates
Term 1 finishes
Thurs 5th April
at 3.30pm

Term 2, 2012 starts for
Students on
Thursday
26 April 2012

Office Opens
Monday
23 April 2012

Uniform Shop
Monday and
Wednesday
8.30am-11.00am

P & C Meetings are held on the third
Monday of each month. The Annual
General Meeting of The P & C Association
will be held on Monday 19th March 2012.
All positions in
the P & C will be declared
vacant and office
bearers will be elected at this
meeting. There
must be a minimum of 10
financial members of the P & C
in attendance so please come
and support your school.
All new members are very
welcome. Come along and
find out more about your
school and how it operates.

P & C Meeting Dates for 2012
MONDAY 20th FEBRUARY 7.30 PM
MONDAY 19th MARCH - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 7.30 PM
MONDAY 18th JUNE 7.30 PM
MONDAY 20th AUGUST 7.30 PM
MONDAY 17th SEPTEMBER 7.30 PM
MONDAY 19th NOVEMBER - VOLUNTEER NIGHT 7.30 PM

57 MORLEY ARMY CADET UNIT
is looking for new members aged 12½ to 18 years.
We meet at Morley Senior High School, entry off Bramwell Road,
Noranda on Wednesdays 6:30-9:30pm.
Parents/Carers are requested to attend for about one hour of first
night.
Phone Sue Knight on 0410 526 235
or email Sue.Knight@cadetnet.gov.au
For more information visit Website http://www.cadetnet.gov.au/aac