JAPANESE STUDENTS ENJOY WA SCHOOL AND CULTURE

There have been some extra international students at Morley Senior High School over the past two weeks. A group of 19 Japanese students from Akashi High School, accompanied by their Principal, Mr Mitchiro Okamoto and teachers, Yoshie Aoyama and Takako Asayama, are visiting as part of the biennial international exchange program.

These Japanese students are developing their English language skills as they attend classes with host students from Morley. They each had to introduce themselves at a whole school assembly.

The visitors have integrated enthusiastically into Australian school life and have had the opportunity to participate in some specialist activities, including Physical Education, cooking meat pies and Anzac biscuits in Home Economics and TV broadcasting.

"As part of our Japanese classes we had our senior Morley students interview the visitors," said Japanese teacher, Mrs Urban. "We made it a real cross curricular event and had the Multimedia and Broadcasting students assist by recording the interviews in the school TV studio. The Japanese visitors had a great time acting as camera operators, directors, presenters and audio technicians with the aid of our local students."

The exchange program is an ongoing part of the sister school arrangement between Morley SHS and Akashi High School, with Morley students able to visit Japan every second year. It is now in its 19th year.

Visiting Japanese teacher, Yoshie Aoyama, said the experiences the students have had are invaluable and will last a lifetime. "The Morley SHS staff and students are most welcoming and happy to help us with our English communication skills. The students love being able to get involved in Australian school life and do different things like work in the TV studio, something they don't have at Akashi."

During their two week visit, the Japanese students enjoyed the local culture by staying with host families from Morley SHS and visited numerous WA attractions, including a trip to the gorges at Kalbarri.

A big "thank you" to all the host students and their families for making the Japanese students feel so welcome. Thanks also to the staff for accepting the students into their classes and to all Morley SHS students for being so friendly and helpful.

Congratulations to Mr Masarei and Mrs Urban for helping to manage the visit. Special thanks to our Principal, Mrs Fortune, who hosted the Principal, Mr Okamoto, for the duration of his visit and to Mr Connor, Mr Francis and Mr Wheatland for their support and engagement in related activities.
Dear Parents

On Saturday 18th August the WACSSO Conference on “Public Education, Promoting Equity and Pursuing Excellence” took place at the Burswood Convention Centre.

Work by Morley students from their Art and Photography classes was strategically displayed at the centre on two boards as a result of the lobbying efforts of our P&C President, Ms Michele Drieberg.

This was not the only work foregrounded by Morley students. Our Year 11 Guitar Ensemble (comprising of Edwin Tiet, Steve On, Saul Healy, Jessica Kim, Soheap Troeung, Kenelm Tran, Kenny Yong, Frank Jiang, Joseph Youn and Tony Luc) ably led by Mr Paul Johnson, Guitar Teacher, they entertained the delegates for thirty minutes with an array of songs and a range of musical styles in six part arrangements for ten guitars. It was a truly outstanding performance and delegates had to restrain themselves from dancing in the aisles, such was the stimulating effect of the entrancing music.

Well done to these students – they certainly did us proud.

Morley – Akashi Exchange

Our relationship with our sister school – Akashi Senior High School is now in its nineteenth year. This arrangement operates under the Sister State relationship with WA and Hyogo Prefecture in Japan.

Clearly, Morley is attempting to contribute to international relationships and cultural understanding by promoting such liaisons between schools and their youth.

We are grateful to the following families for the home-stay of our visitors: Anjeleen Prasad, Kamila Akhmadalieva, Zoe Wong, Jessica Nguyen, Jasmine Preechahan, Lauren Brown, Galvin Phuong, Christopher Zhao, Judith Steinberg, Jason Nazareth, Chon Silawat, Aidan Collett, Najiba Alimee, Siti Mohammad Azam, Brenton Donoghue, Abraham Ainsworth and P&C member Mrs Vicki Blyth.

Without such parental support these international arrangements would clearly not be possible. Furthermore, the entire school community has been enriched by the experience which ultimately has transformed our understanding by opening up other people and their cultures.

Mock Year 12 Exams

These start in Week 10 of this term and continue into the Term break. We wish the Students success in their preparations.

Sincerely,
Gay Fortune, Principal
**Year 8 Chinese**

你好！

In this semester learning Chinese was a fantastic experience. We had a lot of practice in speaking and writing in Chinese. We are very lucky to have Ms. Yong as our teacher this year. This semester we learnt how to count in Chinese, how to write the Chinese characters of the names of animals, how to greet other people in Chinese and lots of different things. At the end of Term 2, we were learning Chinese paper folding and Chinese calligraphy.

*Candy Zhang, Year 8 Chinese Student*

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**Rypen- Rotary Youth Program Enrichment**

On the weekend of 24th-26th June, Betim Ziba and I were fortunate to be selected to represent Morley SHS at the Rypen Camp for 2012. This camp encourages leadership, communication, speaking and debating skills.

The camp was held at Point Walter. We were all nervous on the first night but icebreaker games and war fuzzies broke the ice and we settled into camp life.

The first morning we were awoken to aerobics at 6.00am – so early…… especially on a Saturday morning. After breakfast we heard from guest speakers from the Defence Forces- they were great and we heard about the opportunities available in these forces. The next activity was to listen to the poet, Dennis Wills, and how poems can be very powerful in expressing emotions. We then heard from a debating specialist with tips on debating.

That evening, a debate was presented by the best debaters and the evening ended with dancing. A lot of fun was had by all.

The next day we had a session on goal setting, job seeking skills and winning attitudes by Chris Maxwell. This was very exciting and interesting. After the awards presentations we had to say goodbye to our newly made friends.

I thoroughly recommend this camp to all Year 10s. If you are given the opportunity to attend, please do so; it is really worthwhile.

*Georgia Kalimeris Year 10*

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**The ANGKOR Project - “Children Helping Children”**

The Morley SHS community has been involved in this project since 2007. There are over 22 schools in Western Australia who sponsor and support a sister school in Cambodia. Our sister school is Preah Beida Ekreac High School located in one of the most disadvantaged rural areas in the Kampong Speu area of Cambodia.

Through our fund-raising efforts we have been able to provide a pump, generator, water tank, water fountains, a toilet block, books, sports equipment, stationary, computers, printers and a photocopier.

Since 2007 we have raised a total of $22,300 through student sausage sizzles, raffles, *Morley’s Got Talent* Quest and staff raffles.

The Morley SHS community is to be congratulated on its generosity. Our next project is to raise enough to assist a building program – to replace an old dilapidated wooden building with a brick one.

In the photograph Mr Paini is presented with a Platinum Appreciation Certificate from Mr John Garnaut, Chairperson of the Angkor Project, on behalf of the Morley SHS community.

*Mr Norman Paini, Head of Department - Society and Environment*
P&C News

The past couple of weeks have been a very busy time around the school with the arrival of the Japanese sister school students and staff. The P&C would like to extend their gratitude to the host families. Every family who volunteered to host students or staff has come away saying what a rewarding experience it has been for them. If you have never participated in one our exchange programmes, it is highly recommended you do so before your students graduate.

The P&C-funded student picnic tables were installed over the term break. They have proven extremely popular among the students. The only negative comment heard was “when can we get more?!”

As a reminder, the P&C is wholly funded by profits from our school canteen. The school improvements we donate towards are with profits from its operation. The canteen food selection has greatly improved with rave reviews by both students and staff. We encourage your support by letting your students purchase from the canteen.

We do feature halal food daily.

Finally, it is with deep sorrow that we mourn the passing of a loyal, dedicated P&C family member. Just as this Newsletter was about to go to press, we learned of the passing of Barry Nott. Barry only this year retired from the P&C. He had been a member for many years and very rarely missed a meeting. Barry always provided valuable input and was a wealth of knowledge pertaining to his other passion, “Community Watch”. Barry will be sadly missed at Morley Senior High School.

Our next meeting is 17th September commencing 7.00pm. Please get involved.

Michele Drieberg, President - Parents and Citizens Association

Japanese Visit

On the 29th of July, 19 Akashi SHS students, under the supervision of Japanese Principal, Mr. Okamoto, Ms Asayama and Mrs Aoyama, arrived at Perth Airport and were transferred to our school to meet their host families. Our Japanese sister school students and teachers had wonderful experiences discovering our beautiful Australian scenery on a trip to Kalbarri, and immersing themselves in Australian culture during their two week stay.

Driven by Mr. Masarei and Mr. Francis the Japanese students and staff enjoyed capturing every moment of the trip on their cameras. Most importantly, the group enjoyed a warm welcome by their host students and families.

In the short space of their stay, the students seemed to grow up and become more confident, as Mr. Okamoto commented at the farewell assembly. This was the 19th exchange program between our two schools, and we will be celebrating the 20th anniversary in Japan next year. We hope that many of our students will participate in next year’s trip to Japan.

Mrs Yuko Urban, Japanese Teacher

ACHPER Dance Festival

Congratulations to the Dance students (from Years 9-12) who participated in this year’s ACHPER Dance Festival. It was held at “The Lady Wardle Performing Arts Centre” at St. Mary’s Anglican Girls’ School in Karrinyup, on Monday the 25th June.

Thirty Morley SHS Dance students performed magnificently, with an overwhelming response from the sell-out crowd. They were professional in their manner on the night and a credit to Morley SHS.

A big note of thanks to Mrs Larcombe who contributed to making the evening such a success. Thanks also go to those who gave us valuable audience support on the night. We hope to see you at our next performance.

Ms Kerry Hinkley
Dance Coordinator
S&E EXCURSION - MR CRAYDEN’S CLASS

On Friday, the 22nd June, Mr Crayden’s Social Studies class went to Fremantle to observe and learn about convict life during the early part of our colony. Accompanied by Mr Oey and Mrs O’Brien, we visited Buckland Hill with its underground tunnels, the Maritime Museum and the Round House.

At Buckland Hill, the two tour guides lead us around the site and maze-like tunnels whilst explaining its little-known history. We learnt how Buckland Hill was a military outpost during WWII. We also managed to see the large artillery guns. We next visited the Maritime museum and we looked at remains of large shipwrecks and instruments used for naval navigation.

Before having lunch, we made our final stop at the Round House. Here we learnt that it was the first colonial prison. Everyone had a look inside the many cells and realised how small and uncomfortable life was for the prisoners. At 1.00pm we witnessed the “time gun” going off – the cannon was fired to signify 1.00 o’clock.

We ended the day by having lunch at Cicerello’s.

We had a wonderful time and learnt a lot.

Andrew Lu, Year 9 Student

HOW I SPENT MY TERM BREAK By Abraham Ainsworth Yr 10

I joined my mum, Michele Drieberg and a medical team from around the world on a journey to Sri Lanka on this last term break. AuSLMAT (Australia Sri Lanka Medical Aid Team) was founded in 2004 to give medical aid and support to Sri Lanka after the Boxing Day Tsunami. This year’s team of eleven doctors, nurses and medical technicians included organisation founder, Dr Quintus De Zylva, renowned heart surgeon, Dr Jennifer Johns, diabetes nurse Vivienne Perstidge, British psychiatrist, Dr Dami Jayatilaka and Michelle de Silva, doctor of genetics, to name a few.

As in years past, we travelled with almost a half container loaded with donated medical equipment, clothes and toys. The purpose of these semi-annual trips is to provide medical assistance and training to the doctors and nurses over there. We travelled to many cities and many hospitals to give equipment and lectures on modern medical techniques. Some of the effects of the tsunami can still be seen almost 8 years on. We held clinics where patients with diabetes received medical attention, we visited operating theatres and I sat through some very boring medical lectures. My feelings were most affected by a gorgeous 14 year old girl who had survived a suicide attempt lying in intensive care.

With each stop I helped unload boxes of medical supplies and equipment. I enjoyed handing out toys to the children who came out to greet us at each of our stops. Our travel was mostly down the western coast of Sri Lanka, so almost every day I was able to go to a beach and have a swim.

Some of the most exciting times for me were the safaris we took into the jungles. After a fun, bumpy ride we arrived in a clear field where we saw a herd of at least 50 elephants. We watched them eat and drink water from the lake. Suddenly, we were charged by a bull elephant that came on far too quickly and by surprise. The driver barely started the engine and took off before the charging elephant was upon us. We saw a range of animals in the jungles including water buffalo, peacocks, mongoose, and wild boar. But, the most exciting animals I saw were a jaguar and a black bear!
YR 12 TOURISM EXCURSION TO FREMANTLE

On Friday the 17th August Mr Crayden’s Year 12 tourism class had their major excursion to Fremantle tourist precinct.

The day started with an underground tour of the Artillery Tunnels at Buckland Hill. The students were able to go through the defence and fortifications that have been restored by the Royal Artillery Historical association. We then went to the shipwreck museum to talk to the people who did the research and restoration of marine artefacts. We were able to have rare access to the scientists and their laboratories which are not usually on display. After lunch we then visited some of the main tourist destinations such a Monument Hill and the Swan River that can be found in the area. Dinner was at one of the popular restaurants and then we finished with a torch light tour in the dark through Fremantle prison.

Students were able to observe the way different venues presented their information to the visitors, and students were also able to observe how tourist guides conduct a tour and how they can turn an experience into a memory.

The students who attended were excellent in the way they conducted themselves and I was impressed with the way they were able to interact with the people who presented the tours. The excursion is one of the final tasks associated with the students completing their Certificate II in Tourism at Morley. My thanks also goes to Ms Dehnel who came along whilst on her teaching practice at Morley.

Mr Peter Crayden
Society and Environment Teacher

Morley’s Got Talent

A joint project by Morley Leos and the Student Council to raise funds for our sister school in Cambodia.

Singers, dancers and musicians nominated to be acts in our first “Morley’s Got Talent Quest”. Heats were held during lunchtimes and the crowds flocked to the gym to watch our performers. A gold coin donation gained them entry to the show.

All entrants received a $5 dollar canteen voucher, heat winners received a $20 iTunes voucher and the overall winner received a Movie Voucher and an external hard drive for their computer.

The winner of Heat 1 was Shruti Shrestha of Year 11, a vocalist. The winner of Heat 2 was Chon Silawat also of Year 11 and a vocalist. The winners of Heat 3 were Atarau Watene and Sofia Hunter (piano and vocalist); and Linda Long, vocalist.

The finals were held at lunchtime on Friday 17th August and the judges found it extremely difficult to decide after watching the four finalists’ performances. The judges finally came to a decision and the duet of Sofia (piano) and Atarau (vocals) were declared winners for the inaugural talent show.

A last minute surprise act, consisting of four staff members, entertained the students and staff with an outrageous rendition of ABBA and a crazy ‘Shufflin’ attempt. This performance brought the house down with laughter and truly finished off the show.

The students really enjoyed the performances and it is proposed to continue with the quest in coming years.

Thanks go to our MC, Mr Salsano, Judges, Mr Lacy, Mr Crayden, School Captain, Jelena Keselj and especially to Mr Baroni from the library.

Mr Norman Paini, Morley Leos
Sir Charles Young Leaders’ Program

In the July holidays, I was invited to attend the Sir Charles Court Young Leaders’ Program. The camp ran for four days and thirty students were selected to attend from schools all around Western Australia.

At the camp we learned about different leadership styles and methods, listened to numerous guest speakers talk about their leadership experiences, participated in a United Nations’ Youth Debate, and in team exercises; and toured about Perth city and its origins.

The camp led me to make many new friends and enjoy many new experiences.

Caitlin Robinson Year 11

THE YOUNG ORIGINALS AWARDS

Two Morley SHS New North Education Initiative 3AB Visual Arts students, Vivian Fu and Nicole Lu, have been selected for entry to the prestigious Upper School Visual Arts Award – “The Young Originals”. Art work is judged and exhibited in the Perth Art Gallery.

They both submitted a piece of art each. Both students chose the same name “Mirror Mirror” as the title to their pieces.

Congratulations go to both Ms Ann Fisher, their Year 12 Art Teacher based at Mirrabooka SHS, the students, and the Morley SHS Art teachers who have nurtured their art work from Years 8 to 11.

Well done girls!

Mrs Fran MacKenzie, Art Teacher

MINASAN KONNICHIWA!

My name is Misako. I come from Tokyo. I have been working as a volunteer within the Japanese classes from last month.

Before I came to Perth, I had been working for five years at Mitsubishi Trading Company which is one of the big companies in Japan and located in the centre of Tokyo. So, I was not a teacher and had no experience in teaching at all in Japan. When I came to Morley SHS, I did not know how to talk to students or help to teach Japanese, at first. But students of the Japanese class are friendly, so I think that it will be my great experience and precious memory to spend time with them.

DOUZO YOROSHIKU!

Misako Horiuchi

Curtin University is holding an all-expenses paid summer school for Indigenous secondary students who show promise in the Maths and Science areas.

The Indigenous Australian Engineering Summer School (IAESS) 2013 runs from January 13 to 19, 2013, at Curtin University, and includes site visits, hands-on activities and social activities designed to raise aspirations and provide realistic opportunities for Indigenous students to pursue a pathway into engineering at university.

If you have students who would be eligible for the IAESS, please visit the website for copies of the brochure and application form. If you have any questions, don’t hesitate to contact me directly. Tim Keely, Engineering Outreach Coordinator, Faculty of Science and Engineering, Curtin University Tel +61 8 9266 7884, Fax +61 8 9266 2602, Mobile +61 (0)401 103 520, Email t.keely@curtin.edu.au
Soccer News

Year 9 Girls’ Soccer Carnival

On Wednesday the 13th of June, two girls’ soccer teams made their way to Swan View Park to participate in the Year 9 lightning carnival. The girls were all very excited to be playing against other schools in the region and to be able to spend the day learning skills and playing soccer, but, most of all, to have fun.

The teams were accompanied by a select group of Year 12 girls to help coach and referee the games. Morley achieved fantastic results with the Morley A team finishing first out of eight schools and remaining undefeated for the day, while Morley B team showed great improvement considering this was many of the girls’ first time playing soccer.

A special mention goes out to star players of the day, Shayla Symonds, Shauanna Smith, Mikayla Fuda and Logan Mitchell, who showed great skills and leadership to help their team to victory.

Overall, the day was very successful with the girls learning valuable skills in the area of football and great sportsmanship was shown all around. A big “thank-you” also to Mrs Aldrick, without whose organisation and help the day would not have been possible. Well done, girls!

Lauren Stepanovski, Year 12 Football Academy Student

Saul Healy, Yr 11, is off to Korea representing WA in the annual Korea U-15 Football League Tournament. The Korean FA organises this tournament as the final part of the selection process for their U15 National side in which the best 32 players of this age make their final attempt to secure a spot for the U15 AFC qualifications. This year will see Football West take on world football giants FC Barcelona, both Korean national squads and Wyrra from New Zealand in Group A.

Football West Technical Director, Cris Ola, is looking forward to the challenge after being involved as head coach in 2010. “It is a massive test for our young players before the NTC Challenge later this year,” said Ola. “Each year it provides a very challenging experience where our best young WA players are tested against some of the better players of the same age group around the world, in a completely different environment.”

The team will be coached by former Perth Glory goalkeeper Danny Milosevic. The tournament runs from August 27-31 in Gangjin-gun, Korea.

Good luck, Saul!

Rocco Pizzata, Yr 11, is currently in Bolivia training with the Australian U17 squad. Creating a stronger link between academic research and player development, the tour to Bolivia, which is being funded by the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS), Victoria University and Qatar’s Aspire Academy, will give the Joeys experience in playing at high altitude prior to their U17 World Cup qualification campaign in Iran next month.

Year 8 Boys won the NERPEA Soccer Carnival on 14th August at Kingsway Sports Complex winning all their games. Well done, boys!

The Certificate II Soccer Coaching Course Students (Yr 10 and 11) successfully prepared and conducted the Yr 8 Carnival, catering for six schools and 180 participants.

Nigel Jones, Soccer Coordinator
(info from Football West and The World Game SBS websites)