MATHS’ CLUB
On Tuesday, August 28th, Year 9 Morley Senior High Maths’ Club students Abigail Lucaciu, Andrew Lu, Kevin Luc and Billy Tran did MSHS proud while competing in their first ever Numero Maths’ Competition held at St. Hilda’s Anglican School for Girls in Mosman Park.

The group took seventh place out of the seventeen teams and won the first Team Scramble event with an impressive 9-card take.

Their result was particularly impressive as they were competing against veteran Numero teams such as Carey Baptist College, St. Hilda’s, St. Stephen’s School and Melville Senior High.

Well done, students!

Mr Mark Goodman, Mathematics Teacher

WA SCHOOLS’ CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION 2012
The following Year 11 students will represent Morley SHS at this prestigious event to be held at The Constitutional Centre, West Perth on 17th September:

Henry Nguyen  Austine Garcia  Alana Albury  Ahmed Karwa  Michaela Cradock  Cindy Tran  Jessica Tran

The theme of the convention is: “Altering Australia’s Constitution. "This is a great opportunity for our students to interact with students from other schools and to share ideas and friendship. Students attending this event also have the opportunity to participate in The Australian National Schools’ Convention to be held in March 2013 Canberra.

Mr Norman Paini, Head of Department - Society & Environment

CHINESE PEER TUTORING WITH PRIMARY SCHOOLS
The Chinese Department of Morley Senior High School has organised a peer tutoring activity at Noranda Primary School, West Morley Primary School and Weld Square Primary School in Term 3 from Week 1 to Week 5.

The objective of this activity is to provide students with the opportunity to share their Chinese learning experience through various activities. They all have enjoyed it and look forward to another opportunity to continue and share their Chinese language learning within our Chinese Hub schools.

China Sister State Relationship State Dinner
On Monday 3 September, it was our honour to be invited by The Hon Colin Barnett, MLA, Premier of Western Australia to attend a State Dinner for the 25th Anniversary of the Sister State Relationship between WA and Zhejiang Province, People’s Republic of China.

Mrs Fortune, and myself enjoyed the evening immensely. We were treated to a lavish dinner and we met many dignitaries and interesting people from all over WA and from the Chinese community in Perth.

Mrs Esther Ng
Teacher-in-Charge, LOTE

L to R: Prof Colleen Hayward, Pro-Vice Chancellor, ECU, Mrs Esther Ng, TIC LOTE, Mrs Gay Fortune, Principal, Madame Yiner Wang, Consul General of the Consulate of the People’s Republic of China in Perth.
Dear Parents

As Term 3 accelerates to its close, I thank you, once again, on behalf of Staff for your continuing support and encouragement which are so important to what we aim to achieve as a school and community.

Year 12 Exams
These start on Wednesday 25 September and will continue into the student holiday period. Where possible, timetabling will spread the exams not only to simulate the official situation in November but also to give students the maximum opportunity to prepare themselves adequately for what they face. We wish them the very best in their endeavours.

Japanese Visitors to Morley
We have received heartfelt thanks from Mr Okamoto, the Principal of Akashi who recently has spent two weeks with us in Australia. Japanese students and staff returned home grateful for the many stimulating scenic experiences they enjoyed while in Kalbarri and the surrounds of Perth. They are already planning for our trip to Japan in September 2013 to celebrate the twenty year anniversary of our relationship. We are confident that this will be a very happy time for everyone who attends next year.

Timetabling
Subject selections for 2013 have already been finalised by our Deputy Principals Mr Connor and Mr Masarei who are working at great pace to sort out student choices into viable classes. We wish them well in their complex and difficult task.

Morley Visit to Vasto in Italy (Saturday 22 September)
Eight students, escorted by Mr Masarei and myself, will depart for Italy, taking in our Sister School in Vasto with visits to Rome, Florence, Naples, Capri and Venice. Much of the travelling will be by train so students will indeed experience many aspects not only of life in Italy but also of what life might be like in the Northern Hemisphere and Europe. Such opportunities many only dream of! We wish these adventurous travellers a happy and educative trip.

Sincerely,

Gay Fortune,
Principal
In August, the Western Australian Council of State School Organisations (WACSSO) held its annual conference. This year, Morley SHS was represented by Louise Powell, Charmaine Pedrick and Jack Garber. I was present in my capacity as Swan West, State Councillor to WACSSO. Our Principal, Mrs Gay Fortune, was also in attendance as our guest for the morning session on the first day.

A highlight of the conference, for Morley, was a presentation by our Year 11 Classical Guitar Ensemble. Our students performed a range of tunes including Classical, Jazz, Ragtime, Latin and traditional Irish and English. They received a rousing round of applause from all in attendance. The group's performance was outstanding. They definitely did Morley proud! I personally needed to hold myself from jumping up to dance in the aisles. Congratulations to all the members and their conductor, Paul Johnson.

The most significant topic of interest for Morley's P&C and all schools in Australia is school funding. As you must be aware, our government has proposed new legislation roughly based on the report of David Gonski’s panel. In general, the report advises the government that there is a widening gap in education between different socio-economic groups in this country. The economically disadvantaged and disabled are not receiving a good enough education. This report, along with the Robert Teese report, suggests that more funding to schools can solve this problem. Your P&C has been involved to the extent available to ensure Morley SHS has a voice in this process. In the past month we had a brief meeting with Premier Colin Barnett at a community meeting hosted by Michael Sutherland MLA. We reminded him Morley needed funding for our upper school science laboratory and that a cover over the basketball courts would be a great addition to the school.

Future school funding is a matter of concern for every parent. We encourage you to attend our P&C meetings to have a voice in this process. Our next meeting is Monday, 17 September and the October meeting will be on Monday, 15. All our meetings start at 7:00pm and generally last no more than 2 hours.

Michele Drieberg, President

On Tuesday 28th August, Mr Crayden took his Politics and Law class for an all-day excursion to the Law Courts in Perth and to State Parliament. It was a busy day. The first part of the day was to see a real court case in action, to visit an empty court room, to learn about the roles different people have in the court room and to participate in a re-enactment of the 1925 murder trial of Audrey Jacob who was accused of the murder of Cyril Gildey in the old Supreme Court House in the Supreme Court Gardens in Perth.

We were able to observe the summing up of a trial by the prosecutor for the crown, and we were allowed to enter and leave while the case was being heard. We would like to have stayed a little longer to see what happened but we had to move on to Parliament House. We were given a guided tour through to Legislative Assembly from the public gallery and were taken into the Legislative Council where we were able to sit in the chairs in the Upper House. The processes by which laws are made and the purpose of the Government were explained.

At the end of the tour, Mr Ian Britza MLA for Morley met our group and had a talk to all the students. He provided the group with afternoon tea and then we had our photo taken with him on the front steps of State Parliament. All students behaved exceptionally well and we were proud of the way they represented the school. Well done to all those who attended. Many thanks to Samuel Oey, Chaplain, and Leah Dehnel, Prac Teacher, for assisting.

Mr Peter Crayden
Society and Environment Teacher
Year 12 Parent and Students Update

As we move past the half way point in Term 3 students should be getting on with the task of study and preparation for the TEE exams. Other students also need to complete final assessments for their VET studies. Certificate courses require all assignments to be completed and handed in. The challenge now is to remind all the Year 12 students that this is the time to get all things into order. Parents should be aware that a calendar of events has been sent out to them personally that highlights important dates and events. As a back-up, all Year 12 students were also given the same document in tutorial. Please contact the school if you have not yet received this from your child.

Please note also that the mock exams commence in the last week of term and into the holidays. Students will be receiving their exam timetables in the near future. All students must attend all their timetabled exams in the mock exams. Exemptions are in force only for the actual TEE exams.

Again, we need to emphasise that students’ attendance is critical. Students are required to provide a note from their parent or guardian to account for all absences. Finally, all students must be in class on time. Some students have been a little remiss in their punctuality. Please ensure that you attend all classes and be on time.

Mr Peter Crayden
Yr 12 Coordinator

Scitech - We thought it would be easy!!

When Scitech presenters visited the class in June to teach us the finer points of robot building and programming, we thought we would quickly learn the tricks and have the robots doing all we commanded. When humans try to complete a task, our brains instantly and automatically send signals to our body parts telling them what to do and how to do it. To make the Lego robots carry out a simple task was a lot harder. We had to figure out and programme the ‘brick’ with all the instructions required to complete the set objective.

It was educational but lots of fun. By the end of the presentation we had all learned more about programming and building, enabling us to make our own robots which used light, sound or touch sensors to carry out a rescue task.

Philip Chudon, Year 9 Student

An Eventful Day at Scitech

Year 9 Aviation students have been waiting since Term 1 to visit Scitech. Eventually, at the beginning of August we set off on the long-awaited excursion. We had a safe drive to Scitech with Sam, the school Chaplain, at the wheel.

There was plenty to do when we arrived. First we went to the High Voltage show to learn about how electricity is created. We were disappointed when the machine which creates the lightning type electricity would not work. We then went to the Planetarium to watch a show on weather on the different planets in our solar system.

After a short break the class was able to explore the many exhibits that Scitech has on display. There was a helicopter and Ferrari simulator and many other hands-on activities such as the “Load and Lift” which demonstrates how chemical energy and potential energy are converted into kinetic energy or the ball which demonstrates Bernoulli’s theory.

The day was very enjoyable and a great success and I hope we can go again.

Damian Arkeveld, Yr 9 Student