$2 Million — Upper School Science

At surprisingly short notice, at 11.30am on Wednesday, December 5th, Mr Peter Collier, Minister for Education paid us a visit at Morley. Gathered also, on the occasion, were Mr Britza, MLA for Morley and his wife Penny, Michele Drieberg, President of our Parents and Citizens Group, Mr Jack Garber, Chairperson of our School Council, and Members of the P&C, Ron Maas and Cheryl Hinscliff. The Minister, sensing our suspense, proceeded straight to the point, announcing that the WA Government had approved the granting of $2 million to Morley Senior High School to upgrade our Upper School Science Block building to commence early in 2013.

Our feelings of surprise and gratefulness were palpable, especially to Mr Britza and our parent group for lobbying the Government on our behalf. This will amount to a significant completion to our Science rooms adding to an already completed, “state of the art” Lower School Block and Upper Science Block equally modern and “state of the art”. Hopefully, our students will find these developments suitably stimulating, inspiring them to markedly progress their interest in Science, thereby promoting their employment prospects, given our resource-rich mining State that is WA.

Mrs Gay Fortune
Principal
Dear Parents

As 2012 draws rapidly to a close, I once again thank you very sincerely for your unwavering good will and support during the academic year which has almost run its course. Be assured that at all times we depend heavily on this backup in everything we, as Staff, try to accomplish.

The calendar for 2013 has been set up and significant dates are as follows:

**Term 1**
Monday 4th February - Friday 19th April  
*Reporting Day* Wednesday 17th April - 4.00-7.00pm

**Term 2**
Tuesday 7th May - Friday 5th July

**Term 3**
Tuesday 23rd May - Friday 27th October  
*Reporting Day* Wednesday 24th July - 4.00-7.00pm

**Term 4**
Tuesday 15th October - Thursday 19th December

School Development Days (Student Free Days) for 2013 are as follows:

**Term 1** - Thursday 31st Jan and Friday 1st Feb  
**Term 2** - Monday 6th May and Friday 10th May  
**Term 3** - Monday 22nd July  
**Term 4** - Monday 14th Oct and Friday 20th Dec

I draw parents’ attention to the extended contact time for Years 8-11 students for 2013 which is from school examinations’ completion until official term closure.

This extension of school time for Year 11 Students (as with Years 8-10), is recently decreed Government Policy, ensuring a full program until official year’s end which is (as above) Thursday 19th December for 2013.

The expectation is that Year 11 students, especially, will make full use of this extra time in view of the current abbreviated Year 12 instruction year.

For now, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us at Morley.

Sincerely,

G L Fortune,  
Principal

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**Term 4, 2012, finishes for Students on Tuesday 18th December 2012**  
Students are expected to be at school.

Information will be posted home shortly with Uniform and Fee Shop dates.

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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 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.

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**UNIFORM — UNIFORM — UNIFORM**

Calling all students – especially Yr 12 leavers! If you have any uniform items that you no longer need or fit into, please consider donating them back to the school. We often need these for some families that may be struggling financially. It would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you. Admin

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**ENROLMENTS — CALLING ALL YEAR 7s**

We are still taking enrolments for entry into Year 8 at Morley SHS for 2013.

If you need an enrolment form, our office hours are 8.00am - 4.00pm.

For further information contact us on 9376 5555.  
Admin Officers

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**ENROLMENTS — OTHER YEARS 9-12**

Enrolments for Year 9 - 12 for 2012 and 2013 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. The young people must come along to this interview accompanied by a parent/guardian.  
Admin Officers
Morley Girls Unearth WA Mining Gems

This year a number of female students from Morley Senior High School unearthed the secrets of some of the most powerful and influential women in WA’s mining industry.

Early in the year Fatma (Faye) Al Birkawi, Jelena Keselj Rana Suliman of Year 12 attended a breakfast at the Perth Convention Exhibition Centre to celebrate the “Women in Resources Awards” 2012. The special guest at the event was Ms Nicole Hollows, former Chief Executive of Macarthur Coal Limited.

These awards recognised individuals and organisations working to build a world class industry which provides attractive career opportunities and enhancing recognition and participation of women in the sector. The event coincided with “International Women’s Day”.

Recently, students Loan Dang, Sophie Xu, Christy Vu and Kiana Sharifi of Year 11 represented Morley SHS at the “Women in Mining WA” one day seminar. Speakers at the seminar included Ms Lucy Stocker, General Manager of Business Improvement, at Rio Tinto, Ms Karla Dickson, Safety Systems Specialist at Barrick Gold, and Ms Katie-Jeyn Romeyn, General Manager at Barrick Gold.

The students were keen to explore the possibility of a career in the mining and resources industry. Sophie, Christy and Kim are now considering studying engineering at university and are examining the options available to them. Girls are always being told that men are being paid more and have the majority of the high paying mining jobs so it was refreshing for them to meet role models at the seminar who may hopefully change this view.

As Morley SHS is part of the Chamber of Minerals and Energy’s Resourceful Schools Project, both these events were sponsored by the CME.

The school appreciates these opportunities and thanks the CME. Giving students access to positive, strong role models in the industry is one way we can ensure a new generation of successful women from Morley SHS!

Neil Salsano, Science Department

Murdoch University
- 2013 Alternative Entry Pathway for School Leavers

Congratulations to Zoe Kalimeris who has gained a Dean’s Entry Award to study Law at Murdoch University in 2013. This type of entry pathway is designed to provide a guaranteed place in a Murdoch undergraduate course to school leavers based upon academic and individual merit. We wish you all the best Zoe. Well done.

Norman Paini,
Society & Environment

Japanese Department

On Tuesday 20th of November, the Japanese Department was invited to participate in “Wadaiko” a Japanese Drum Concert and Workshop put on by the Music Department of Mirrabooka SHS. The joint event was very successful and was enjoyed by all.

Some Year 8 students had a go at Wadaiko together with the students from both Mirrabooka Primary and Mirrabooka SHS. Well done to all participants. Thank you to Mr Francis, Mr Johnson and the Principal and Deputy Principal of Mirrabooka SHS.

Mrs Yuko Urban, Japanese Teacher
P&C News

I can enthusiastically say, we have had a very exciting school year. It seems we save the best for the end. Morley SHS had a visit from Hon. Peter Collier, Minister of Education in the first week of December. Accompanying Minister Collier was Hon. Ian Britza, MLA, State Member for Morley and his wife Penny.

Minister Collier announced that the State Government has committed $2 million to refurbish and upgrade the Morley SHS science block which includes four science laboratories, associated preparation areas, chemistry store and staff office areas.

Your P&C has campaigned very hard for this result. And we would like to thank all the parents and carers who signed a statement of support encouraging the Minister to take the action he did. We would also like to acknowledge Mr Britza's role in supporting Morley to better our learning environment. Planning will begin next year and work is expected to be completed around the end of next year.

The P&C Association enjoyed a Christmas dinner at Mae Khong Thai Restaurant in Bedford. Attending were nine members, including our Principal, Mrs Gay Fortune. A delicious Cambodian inspired meal was enjoyed by all with much merriment.

Vicki Blyth, our P&C Vice President, has had the honour of receiving a Certificate of Merit from the Western Australian Council of State School Organisations (WACSSO) in recognition of long and commendable service to students in government schools. She has been a member of Morley SHS P&C and School Council since 2000 when her youngest son started high school and she has held various roles as an Office Bearer.

Additionally she has participated in many projects aimed at improving the school's buildings, facilities, uniforms and surrounding grounds. She also assisted in designing the Wagyl on Widgee Road, which has modified the way in which traffic enters and leaves the school grounds at parent drop-off and pick-up time.

Incidentally the Wagyl (alternative spelling Waugal or Waagal) is, according to Nyoongar culture, a snakelike dreamtime creature responsible for the creation of the Swan and Canning Rivers and other waterways and landforms around present day Perth and the south-west of Western Australia.

To quote Vicki: “My philosophy is simple. As a member of society and the community, I have a duty to participate and contribute to the best of my ability. I prefer to be part of the decision-making rather than complain about the situation. The satisfaction of participating and seeing the completion of projects over the years has been most rewarding.”

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge also the dedicated staff in our canteen. On behalf of all the Morley parents and carers, I say: “Thank you for another profitable year and your valuable service to our school.”

In closing, I wish each and every student, parent, carer, faculty members, teacher aides, office support staff, school volunteers, school administrators and canteen staff the happiest holiday season and all the best for the New Year.

Michele Drieberg,
President, Parents and Citizens Association

National Japanese Essay Contest

Congratulations to Year 9 Student, Merceline Amalraj for receiving an award in the National Japanese Essay Contest which was sponsored by the Embassy of Japan.

Merceline and her family have been invited to attend the special award ceremony on 17th December 2012.

The award ceremony will be held at the private residence of the Consular-General of Japan and his wife, Mr and Mrs Ishikawa, in Peppermint Grove.

Our Principal, Mrs Fortune, and Japanese Teacher, Mrs Urban, will attend the event and are very proud of Merceline’s achievement.

Mrs Yuko Urban, Japanese Teacher
MEDIA TEAM GETS OUT AND ABOUT

The Morley Media Team has been active lately, involved in live production activities at venues away from Morley SHS.

Seven volunteers assisted at the Year 12 Graduation Night at the Hyatt Hotel in Perth, setting up three video cameras and feeding into the venues high quality mixing, audio and lighting systems. The students provided live images of the night’s events, projected onto two big screens for the audience, and had the opportunity to perform roles as camera operators and vision mixers. They were very competent in their roles.

At the end of last month, the whole team of twelve visited Camboon Primary School in a practice bump in of our portable audio visual mixing equipment. The students set up the mixing desk, four cameras and tripods and laid-out and attached the appropriate cabling and connections. After a quick rehearsal the equipment was stored away.

The next morning the team arrived nice and early to again set up in preparation for the live recording of the Camboon Primary School “Music ‘Count us in’ Concert”, set to start at 9.00am. Amongst the whole primary school community, including parents and special guests such as Mr Ian Britza (Member for Morley) and representatives for the Mayor of the City of Bayswater, the Media Team quietly and methodically went about the business of mixing and recording live the concert performances. The 90 minute production included a number of songs performed by the Morley SHS guitar ensemble.

After the concert the students, and Media teacher, Mr Brady, received many positive comments about their professionalism and the organised and efficient manner in which they conducted themselves. Already, Camboon Primary School has received a DVD of the event.

The students undertake such projects as part of their course work in the Certificate in Creative Industries. They gain a solid understanding of the requirements and processes involved in such real life productions and how to work cooperatively and under pressure in a variety of roles.

Congratulations go to the current members of the Year 10 Media Team: Alina Baluch, Anisa Ayu Dirickx, Wesley Farrer, Larwoo Flomo, Patience Garley, Micaela Mardones, Jessica Nguyen, Jasmine Pattison, Ines Rajhel, Salomia Terebent, Callum Watts and Ardian Ziba.

Mr Andrew Brady
Media Teacher

KEYS FOR LIFE – YEAR 10 HEALTH EDUCATION

Throughout Semester 2 all Year 10 students have been involved in completing the ‘Keys for Life’ program as part of their Year 10 Health classes. ‘Keys for Life’ was developed with funding from the Insurance Commission of WA and support from the Road Safety Council of WA. It has been designed for young people aged 15 – 16 years (pre-drivers or novice drivers) entering the licensing system.

In 2011 the all staff members of the Health and Physical Education faculty became qualified in being able to deliver and run the course for students at Morley Senior High School. The main aim of the program is to develop positive road user attitudes in young people. One of the program incentives is that students can start the Learner’s Permit application process at school and redeem a ‘Keys for Life’ school certificate for their Learner’s Permit. They achieve this by sitting the legitimate Learner’s Permit Theory Test at school rather than at a licensing centre.

As a result of this, the majority of our Year 10 cohort have now completed this endorsed course gaining one point towards their WA Certificate of Education (WACE) and are well on the way to becoming safe road users for the future.

Matthew White
H&PE Department
Morley students offered key to University!

Thanks to a unique program run by the University of WA, a number of Morley students have had a taste of university life. “Aspire UWA” works with partner schools and communities in regional WA and in the Perth Metro to raise aspirations for tertiary education. It encourages students who would not normally consider university as an option to see the benefits and opportunities that university study offers. The program commences with Year 8 students and supports them through to a successful transition to university. This year at Morley, a number of opportunities were provided for our students including:

- Year 8 Scitech and the Planetarium experience - Mr Bhatt escorted a group of Year 8s to Scitech to discover the secrets of successful inventors through a talk by Dr Ed Sobey and to explore the universe in Horizons at the Planetarium.
- Year 9 Race around Campus – Mrs Capon escorted a group of Year 9 students to UWA to compete against other Aspire UWA schools while completing a series of hands on and interactive challenges.
- Year 10 UWA Campus Visit - Mr Francis escorted a group of Year 10s to experience university life with a program that included a morning presentation by Guest Speaker, Mr Lawrence Ward, followed by lunch in the Hackett Cafe and concluded with a series of activities from the different faculties of Architecture, Engineering, Law and Mathematics.
- Year 12 – UWA staff visited our school, provided breakfast for our Year 12s followed by a ‘Stress Less’ workshop that equipped them with strategies to prepare for exams successfully.
- In addition, Aspire UWA provides a number of professional development opportunities for school staff throughout the year, ranging from offering scholarships to attend conferences, providing opportunities for staff in Aspire UWA partner schools to network and share ideas and supplementing existing PD held at UWA. For example a number of our Science staff attended a Professional Development workshop with staff from Girrawheen SHS on Electrophoresis. The workshop was made possible by SPICE (a secondary Science teachers’ enrichment program in partnership between the WA Department of Education and The University of Western Australia.)

In Years 8 and 9, a science program at Morley SHS is teaching students to “rethink the way they think”. Thinking Science Australia is a practical program aimed at developing students’ thinking skills so they can better understand science and promote cognitive acceleration across all disciplines. Rather than being lectured in the lessons, students are deliberately challenged to work outside their comfort zones and explore solutions themselves. The program was developed by Kings College in London by cognitive psychology professors, Michael Shayer and Philip Adey. Dr Mary Oliver at the Graduate School of Education at the University of Western Australia is working to bring the program to WA schools. She has provided Morley staff with the training to present this program and is working with the teachers to facilitate the assessment of the success of the program.

Finally, UWA has awarded three scholarships to Morley Students: Congratulations to Danijel Keri and Judith Steinberg who received the UWA Science Experience Award. This enables them to attend the 3 day UWA Science Experience in January 2013. Congratulations to Joseph Youn who will be attended the ALVA (Faculty of Architecture, Landscape and Visual Arts) annual Summer Studio. The studio will introduce Joseph to the design disciplines of architecture, landscape architecture and urban design through intense tuition sessions with the academic staff and students from other WA schools.

From the Year 12 graduates, Rashmi Hemmige, Andy Ta and Hayley Yu were presented with the UWA Excellence Award. All winners were given $500 financial assistance so they can pursue their studies at UWA.

The Morley School Community would like to thank Naomi McKay, Janene Von Koss and their team at UWA; we look forward to continuing this partnership in 2013!

Neil Salsano
Science Department

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**Academic Excursion to Murdoch**

On Friday the 23rd of December, the students from the Academic Extension Program run by Mr Peter Crayden attended an all-day excursion to Murdoch University. The plan was to give students an idea of the courses available to help them with their future careers and to assist us with decision about course selections in upper school.

Thanks to the efforts of Mr Richard Jones and Mr Sam MacCauly, Domestic Student Recruitment Officers, from Murdoch University, the trip went off without a hitch. We attended a presentation about courses offered at Murdoch University as well as a tour of the media labs, the super computer, the biotechnology room and the Vet Museum.

It was an exciting and educational experience and we all had a good time.

Nicola Kenyon  
Year 8 Student

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**Japanese Department**

On Thursday 29th of November, our Japanese class was privileged to visit “Seizan” a Japanese Restaurant in the city to experience fine Japanese cuisine. It was an enjoyable trip as the food was delicious and it was very interesting to try traditional Japanese food.

Everyone commented; “Oishikatta. Onaka ga ippai” which means “It was very yummy. I am full” Thank you Urban Sensei for this great experience.

Nina Ackermann and Loan Dang of Yr 11
HOUSE CAPTAINS FOR 2013

We would like to congratulate the students below for being nominated and accepted as student body captains and house leaders. Special congratulations go to Saul Healy, our School Captain for 2013 and Loan Dang and Kristy Dobson as our Vice Captains, we are sure they will be excellent leaders and mentors to all our students. Well done to all, and I look forward to working closely with you all through the year.

Mrs Annemarie Larcombe,
Student Leadership Coordinator

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Important Dates

Term 4, 2012 finishes for Students on Tuesday 18 Dec 2012

UNIFORM SHOP Opening Hours
Monday and Wednesday from 8.30am - 11.30am
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