Happy Chinese New Year

Staff and students enjoyed all the organised festivities celebrating the Chinese New Year, the ‘Year of the Snake’. Each student received a red packet containing money which symbolises good luck, prosperity and health. The Chinese Kung Fu and Tai Chi Academy performed a spectacular lion dance at our school assembly. Within the classroom, students studying Chinese enjoyed participating in a variety of activities and celebrating the Chinese New Year. Library staff arranged a fabulous and colourful display which generated lots of favourable comments by staff and students.

Ms Esther Ng, Chinese Teacher

Students help fundraise while on holidays

Students from Morley SHS prepared a sausage sizzle for workers at Central Park in Perth. Gia Kalimeris, Yr 11, and former Year 12 students Samantha Yap, Nathan Riley and Zoe Kalimeris spent the day working with GESB workers fundraising for The Angkor Project. This project addresses issues in the Cambodian education system. $2,500 was raised for the project. At a recent school assembly, Paul Vassalo from GESB presented students with Certificates of Appreciation.

Norman Paini, Leos Coordinator

MORLEY LEOS

“Leos” stands for Leadership, Experience and Opportunity and it gives me great pleasure to announce the following leadership positions for 2013

President: Gia Kalimeris, Year 11 V/President: Michaela Cradock, Year 12
Secretary: Belinda Lo, Year 11 Treasurer: Liz Callaway, Year 11

We would also like to “WELCOME” new members- from Year 11: Nidal Saeed, Jampa Ser, Najjat Shuruma and from Year 8: Chris Kalimeris, Henry Yap, Amanda Yap Donna Lazic and Mikeala Porteous. Meetings are held fortnightly in the school library from 3.30pm-5.00pm; afternoon tea is provided and all are welcome to attend. Our main fundraising activities this year will be to support our sister school in Cambodia: Preah Beida Ekreach High School.

Members from our group in 2012 have already assisted GESB at a sausage sizzle in the city for The Angkor Project and the Ballajura Lions at their annual Australia Day festivities. During the month of March we will be assisting with the following community activities:

- Clean Up Australia Day (clean up of the bush land around Morley SHS) and
- Ballajura Harmony Day festivities

Norman Paini, Leos Coordinator
Principal’s Report

Dear Parents

Welcome to 2013. Let us hope it will be a happy and productive Year for all of us while we continue to 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, and administration staff:
Mr Alan Curtis – Deputy Principal
Ms Janine Cream – Business Manager
Mrs Jay Morris - Physical Education
Mr Andreas Niaouris - Physics Teacher
Ms Alexis Pelham - Soccer/Phys Ed Teacher
Ms Tammy Unkovich - ESL Teacher
Mr Scott Wakefield - Auto Trade Training Centre
We welcome back Mr Greg Uren, Head of Department, Mathematics, from his year of exchange teaching in America.

Retirements and Movements:
We wish the following a happy change or change of work:
Mr Ian Masarei - Deputy Principal (Principal Appointment in rural high school);
Mrs Denise Patrick - Registrar (moved back to her substantive school);
Ms Lindsay Aldrick - Maternity Leave;
Mr Samir Bhatt - Cannington Community College;
Ms Deborah Cole - England;
Mrs Bev Hayles - Retirement;
Mr Mark Goodman - Exchange Teacher, returned to America

Student Numbers:
Currently our student population is spread as follows:
Year 8 203
Year 9 174
Year 10 202
Year 11 138
Year 12 151  Total of 868

The increase in Year 9 enrolments will necessitate some redistribution arrangements of classes once the Department of Education has finalised the census. Meantime, we ask for your patience and understanding until re-arrangements are finalised.

Sister School Visits
Incoming:
This year, our Sister School from Italy and China will visit us early in Term 3. We hope that, once again, parents will generously offer to host the visiting students.

Outgoing: September/October
This year, selected Morley Students will visit our Sister School in Japan (Akashi High School) to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of our relationship.

Once again, we hope this trip will be supported by yourselves. They are an invaluable opportunity for students to develop global understanding by immersion in another culture. The educational benefits are considerable both in the short and long term.

Year 12 (2012) TEE Results
You will have seen from the opening page of this newsletter that some very pleasing results were achieved especially by our more able students. We congratulate these high achievers and also the many others who attained University offers, TAFE entry and apprenticeship placements.

As we enter the 2012 academic year we urge all our students from Year 8 upwards to engage fully with their course requirements. This applies, especially, to our Year 12 students whose courses are intensive and exacting.

Best wishes to all our parents in the undoubtedly busy year ahead.

Sincerely
G L Fortune,
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES IN TERM 1
Monday 4th March - Labour Day Public Holiday
Thursday 7th March - Year 8-11 School Photos
Friday 8th March - Year 12 School Photos
Monday 11th March - Year 11 Curriculum Evening
Monday 18th March - P&C Meeting AGM
Thursday 21st March - Round 1 - HPV Gardasil vaccination for Year 8, 9 and 10 Boys
Monday 25th March - Year 12 Curriculum Evening
Friday 29th March - Good Friday Public Holiday
Monday 1st April - Easter Monday Public Holiday
Tuesday 2nd April - Easter Tuesday Holiday
Monday 8th April - Year 10 Curriculum Evening
Wednesday 10th April - Specialist Soccer Testing
Monday 15th April - P&C Meeting
Wednesday 17th April - Parent Report Night 4.00-7.00pm