Graduation 2013

The fortieth Annual Morley SHS Year 12 Graduation Ceremony was held at the Rendezvous Hotel, Scarborough on Monday, October 28th. The ceremony was attended by the 2013 graduands, administrative and teaching staff, family and friends. The official guests represented the Federal and State governments, the Education Department of WA, the School Council and P & C as well as local service organisations.

The graduands of 2013 had all presented themselves extremely well and they were welcomed into the Grand Ballroom with warm applause. The ceremony followed a tried and true format with the night progressing smoothly under the control of Mr Graeme Connor. The ceremony opened with the traditional Principal's address in which Mrs Fortune outlined the significant changes that had taken place both to Morley SHS and the curricula that the graduating class had experienced over their five years at the school. This was followed by the tutors presenting every graduating student to the audience as well as discussing aspects of each person's character. The tutorial presentations were inter-dispersed with academic awards for all courses of study and vocational education units of study that were presented by Heads of Learning Areas or Teachers In Charge.

Further awards were made to students in special categories such as citizenship, educational leadership, sporting leadership and school involvement. In total fifty individual awards were made to the graduating class of 2013. Notable award recipients were Saul Healy with the Caltex All Rounder as well as the Hayley Cusato trophy for Soccer, Loan Dang with the North East Metropolitan Education Region award for Excellence and Brittany Pillera for School Spirit.

The top award for school Dux for ATAR courses was awarded to Jessica Kim whilst that of Dux for Vocational courses was awarded to Nicholas Seneque. With this award each student also receives a $1000.00 prize from the Education Department of WA.

The farewell speeches on behalf of the students and staff delivered by the 2013 School Captain, Saul Healy and the 2013 Year 12 Coordinator Warren Miller were both well received by the audience. The night concluded with the graduating class of 2013 leaving the Ballroom to another round of loud and warm applause. Graduates, family, friends, teachers and guests all milled around outside the Ballroom over tea and coffee to chat, take photos and bask in the successes of the night….a job well done!

Mr Warren Miller, Year 12 Coordinator

State Chinese Speaking and Writing Competition

Students studying Chinese have had some wonderful success in external language competitions recently. Morley SHS students performed well in the State Chinese Speaking and Writing Competition. Candy Zhang (Yr 9) won the Chinese Writing competition at the highest level, Level 9; and Wonderful Sein Myaing (Yr 9) did well to be placed third in the speaking competition. Other students to receive certificates in the writing competitions were Frank Li and Cloe Mach (Yr 8 Certificates of Excellence).

Year 12 students Derrick Chan and Melissa Bertone received certificates of Outstanding Effort from the Australia China Friendship Society. This recognised their performance in the Stage 3 Chinese as a Second Language course. Wonderful Sein Myaing (Yr 9) and Asha Soclo (Yr 10) also received certificates of Outstanding Achievement for their efforts in the Chinese Language Studies course.

Ms Esther Ng, Teacher-in-Charge, Languages
Dear Parents

So far, typically, this has been an extremely busy five weeks. On second thoughts, I seriously understate the whiz of activities and engagements that have beset all of us!

Examinations

With the completion of their examinations, Year 12 students are now exulting in a great sense of relief. Unfortunately, some of their teachers who have been appointed official examiners are certainly not experiencing any such euphoria as they brace themselves for the onerous and concentrated task ahead. Already, they are in meetings with co-markers, sharing understandings, evaluating, sorting out points of difference, establishing clarity and consensus. Fortunately, this dynamic is a valuable source of professional development for all concerned. We wish them luck and hope for the best possible result for both students and staff.

Building Programme

Refurbishment of our “Upper School” Science Block is now well underway. The new roof is complete, demolition of the interior has been carried out and planned rebuilding is underway. Hopefully, students will be working in the new laboratory no later than Semester 2 of 2014.

National Secondary School Computer Fund

This scheme originally aimed at providing 1:1 access for students by 2011 will now officially cease with the final Government payment ($248,422) made to Morley last week. Our Computer Technology Committee will now work out (with the return of current laptops by Year 12 students, how best the school can maximize access for Morley students. Other issues to be considered are copyright etc which will preclude students using their own devices on the school network. In our next News Letter we will inform parents of the school’s position.

Traffic Hazards

Parents are reminded to drop off and pick up students at the school gate – either Widgee Road or Bramwell. Please do not enter the School Grounds except on official business. In the past, safety issues have presented themselves due to congestion and hazards. The staff car park is not for dumping off or collection of students. Your co-operation in this essential exercise is appreciated.

Start Time

Parents and students are reminded that by the first bell at 9.10am students should be at their classrooms ready for work starting at 9.15am. Unfortunately, a degree of tardiness has crept in. Once again, your co-operation and assistance in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

G.L Fortune
2013 ADF LONG TAN LEADERSHIP & TEAMWORK AWARDS

This award is an initiative of the Australian Government in conjunction with the Australian Defence Force. It is designed to encourage senior students – tomorrow’s leaders-to actively participate in the life of their schools and local communities.

The awards also recognise students who display strong values, such as doing one’s best, show respect for others and “mateship” characteristics that are integral to Australian society.

It gives us great pleasure to announce that this year's winners are:

Year 10- Liam Healy. Liam is awarded a certificate and a cheque for $250
Year 12- Brittney Pillera. Brittney is awarded a certificate and a cheque for $550

Congratulations.

Norman Paini, Head of Department, Society & Environment

2013 Solar Car Challenge

After many months of hard work and dedication, three Morley SHS teams completed their designs and headed off to UWA for the 2013 Model Solar Challenge on Friday October 25. Under Science teacher Mr Marbeck's guidance, students Srdjan Kusmuk, Danijel Keri, Christian Merrett, Justin Harvey, Danny Dang, Clinton Oh, Nikola Keselj, Yasir Makkulawu, Zac Richardson and Mark Symonds were involved in the project.

They competed against other talented students from over thirty schools all around the state. The teams were chasing a chance to represent WA at the National finals in Melbourne. They put in strong performances and the Year 11 teams finished 7th and 8th while the Year 10 team came 9th.

The project progressed from 2012, with the group of dedicated and intelligent students designing, creating and adjusting their very own solar cars. Mr Marbeck provided excellent guidance and suggestions, helping the teams to meet the rules and specific requirements to build their vehicles. Involvement in the project allowed the students to build a wide range of knowledge and understanding related to design, engineering and science principles. It also required a lot of teamwork and negotiation.

The students would like to thank Mr Marbeck for giving them the opportunity to participate in this event and for providing his skill and support when needed.

Nikola Keselj, Year 10 Student

EDITH COWAN UNIVERSITY SHOWCASE 2013 - ECU TASTER

The following Year 10 students have been nominated and selected to represent Morley SHS at this event to be held at ECU from 9th-13th December 2013: Vivien Threlfall, Danielle Allen, Lachlan Bryce and Philip Chudon, Asha Soclo, Gabriella Taylor and Zac Richardson. Congratulations.

Students will spend time at both the Mt Lawley and Joondalup campuses. They will explore what it takes to become a leader, effective public speaker and learn about the power of marketing, accounting and finance. The workshop will provide an opportunity to enact a live news story and media conference. This is a great opportunity for our students to spend a week at the university to see what ECU can offer prospective students. Staff members will also be attending the program.

Norman Paini, Head of Department, Society & Environment
This year’s Japanese trip was of utmost importance as it was the 20th anniversary of our sister school relations.

Leaving on the 20th September, under the leadership of Principal, Mrs Fortune and Ms Urban, a group of Morley students travelled to Hong Kong before making our way to Japan. Arriving at Kansai airport in Japan we were overwhelmed by the mass of technology along with the heat. From Kansai airport we took a bus to meet our host family. All of us were tired but the nerves took over when we had the formal welcome ceremony at Akashi High School.

On our first Wednesday, we were greeted in a welcome assembly by Principal, Hamada at Akashi High School. After the assembly we joined our host students in class for the next two weeks. The desks are separate and each student works individually and diligently. During the lunch-break, however, school was “thrown out the window” and we became celebrities. We all received various gifts and letters from all the students and gained many friends.

In the week when we weren’t in class with our host student, our time was spent taking in most of the Japanese culture. We tried all kinds of activities from learning the tea ceremony to Japanese art and kendo.

Also, we travelled by bus to Hiroshima. The Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park is a reminder of the people lost in the bombing. We felt privileged to have been able to attend the site. We were also honoured when we were able to meet the Mayor of Akashi.

After spending two joyous weeks in Japan with many unforgettable memories, our two weeks concluded with a farewell party.

All students on the trip sang “I’m Yours”, by Jason Mraz, while I strummed away on the guitar. It was a nice ending to the trip to see all our host families smiling, but it was definitely one of the hardest things I have had to do when we said “goodbye”.

All in all, I love Japan. We were just so grateful to Mrs Fortune and Mrs Urban who came with us. None of us will ever forget the trip; it was an experience of a lifetime.

Ataru Watene,
Year 11 Student
**Numero Uno for Jessica**

Year 12 student Jessica Kim has beaten all-comers in the prestigious *Dante Alighieri Italian Language Examinations*. Scoring 96.3%, Jessica was placed first in Western Australia for students from a non-Italian background. Our Year 12 graduate outperformed all other students from both public and private schools.

“It was great to be involved in these examinations as part of our preparation for the major TEE exams. It was challenging but a worthwhile experience,” Jessica said. “I was surprised to have done so well. To be awarded the best student from a non-Italian background was totally unexpected!”

Jessica’s studies of Italian have included a school tour to Italy in 2012 and conducting interviews in the Morley Senior High School Television Studio with visiting exchange students from Italy in September 2013.

Italian teacher Signora Matilde Crellin, spoke glowingly of Jessica’s achievement. “We are extremely proud of her result, especially as this was the first time I had entered my students into these examinations. Jessica’s top placing was just icing on the cake and reward for the effort she puts into her Italian studies. My other Year 12 and 11 students also made me so proud by achieving a high distinction and five distinctions.”

Certificate winners: **Year 12**: Alyza Gopaul (High Distinction), Laura Ion (Distinction), Joseph Chiera (Distinction), Jenny Liongue (Credit); **Year 11**: Micaela Mardones (Distinction) and Eri Fype (Distinction).

The *Dante Alighieri Society* promotes the study of the Italian language in Western Australia and offers cultural programs that promote a deeper understanding of Italy and its rich cultural heritage.

Morley Senior High School also offers language studies in Japanese and Chinese and has sister school arrangements in all three countries. Morley students have the opportunity to be involved with school tours to these countries to immerse themselves in the language and cultures. Exchange students also visit Morley biennially, with the Japanese exchange program having run for over 20 years.

**Andrew Brady**
Media Teacher and Publicity Officer

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**Dear Parents,**

During your busy life please see if there are any English school books in your teenager’s bedroom that she/he no longer needs. Many students just leave things forgotten under the bed or in a drawer, so if it is possible, donate it to the school.

Just drop off these at the office or send them in with another student. Some books are expensive and in 2014 we have removed most English books from the booklist. Students will get books from their teacher when necessary. Any book with a Morley SHS mark on it needs to be returned. Every year this appeal gets hundreds of dollars worth of books returned and donated. **I am always grateful for the parental support we receive in this school.** Good luck in examinations to all students.

**Jim McInerney, Head of Department - English**

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Congratulations to Liz Callaway of Year 11 and Galvin Phuong of Year 10 who were nominated and selected to participate in the leadership conference. It was held in September and below is the report from Liz on her experiences of the event.

Norman Paini,
Head of Department - Society & Environment

Going to the Fogarty Futures Leadership camp was an incredible experience. From the moment the participants arrived, we enjoyed each other's company. Shortly, after most people arrived, we opened the camp with silly games like ‘Ninja Destruction’ and just ‘had a blast’. During the camp, we had a couple of daily workshops in which we learned different skills, such as Time Management and Public Speaking. Along with the workshops, we also had guest speakers who captivated their audience, though I will admit some speakers were much more interesting than others.

Throughout the camp we had two group projects that would encourage us to use our thinking skills and practice being the best leader possible in fictitious and truly hilarious ways. The first group I was in was given a problem to solve. We were explorers who found the tribal encampment of “#YOLOSWAG” and had to decide on how we would deal with the tribe versus the large deposits of gold surrounding their village, which they used for everyday items such as cutlery and tools.

In the end my group decided we would leave the tribe to carry on as it would without our disruption. Then “a spanner was thrown in the works” when the neighbouring tribe of “Carpe Diem” demanded gold and the Chief of #YOLOSWAG Chief Macklemore’s head (obviously, we had come up with the names of the tribe and chief!). We solved the issue presented to us by agreeing to their demands. However, they did not know of our vast amount of gold, so we gave them a portion and a pig’s head encased in a sealed gold jar, rather than Chief Macklemore.

In my other group we were students participating in a high school Science fair, when another group tried to steal our project and earn money from selling our substance “flubber”, which could make crude oil, to mining companies. In the end both groups participating in the Science project had completely different substances and different ways to use our substances to the best advantage.

Though we had many brain stressing sessions each day, we also had a good amount of time to relax, make friends, and socialise. Our camp ‘counsellors’ were a great group of University students on scholarship to their respective universities because of the Fogarty Futures’ Association. Because they were younger than the teachers we are used to being around, I believe we all felt closer to them. They made camp as interesting and entertaining as possible. At the end of both nights we had activities to engage everyone. The first night was games’ night, where we all just sat around tables and played games, mainly ‘Mafia’ which consisted of mafia players and townspeople, whom the mafia “kill off” in the night as the other townspeople try to guess who the mafia are. The next night we had a quiz night with various ‘categories’ which were all just random questions. My team actually won. I remember it clearly because in between questions we had small activities to gain points, and I had to sing “Barbie Girl” in front of everyone. It was embarrassing but probably the most fun I’ve ever had being around a large group of people. I would recommend this experience to any upcoming Year 10s and 11s as I know if I had the chance to, I would go back as well. You will make lifelong friends who have the same interests as oneself.

Elizabeth Callaway, Yr 11 Student
AVIATION HERITAGE MUSEUM

On the rainy day of September 18th, 2013, the Year 8 students visited the Aviation Heritage Museum of WA. After a long bus ride, we arrived at the museum where we were met by two fabulous guides who showed us through the great hall. It contained the historical record breakers of aviation. We looked at various aircraft engines which were on display and, of course, we explored the planes. Many of us also got to ride in the Sugarbird Lady’s plane, which is a Gardan ‘Sud Horizon’. The Sugarbird Lady was the name given to Nurse Robin Miller when, during the 1960s, she flew alone to the remote North West to administer the Sabin vaccination to the Aboriginal children in the remote areas. The vaccine was given to children on a sugar cube, hence her name The Sugarbird Lady.

When we entered the second hall, we were welcomed by a giant that looked down on us, the Avro Lancaster MK VII. Later we had the opportunity to take a pilot accuracy test.

The day was aeronautically inclined and it was an amazing experience.

By Yahvi Patel, and Akshaya Ravichandran
Yr 8 Students

VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Are you interested in gaining a friendship that can last a lifetime? Have you ever considered hosting an exchange student? If you answer “YES” to any of these questions, you could be the next AFS host family. AFS host families come in all shapes and sizes - whether you have cattle or a poodle, six children or none, live on a farm or reside in a city apartment, you have the perfect family!

AFS WA is hosting a number of AFS students who will be arriving in the first week of February 2043 and staying for a period of 10 months (until the middle of December 2014).

Please call AFS WA Volunteer Hosting Coordinator, Joyce Vandenberg on Ph: 08-9534-5823 or 0409 535 721 for more information if you’re interested in hosting one of these AFS exchange students or visit www.afs.org.au

IMPORTANT DATES:

Term 4
Monday 25 Nov - Monday 2 Dec: Yr 10 and Yr 11 Exams
Monday 2 Dec: Year 7 Orientation Day
Tuesday 3 - Friday 6 Dec: Yr 8 and Yr 9 Exams
Wednesday 4 Dec: New Students in Yr 9, 10, 11 and 12 (2014) Orientation
Parent Information evening for Year 7
Monday 16th - Wednesday 18th Dec: Year 10 Peer Support Camp
Thursday 19 Dec - LAST DAY OF TERM / SCHOOL YEAR

P&C Dates for Term 4
Monday 16th December (Week 10)

P&C Meetings are always held on the third Monday of the month, commencing at 7.00pm in the Staff Room at school.
**Soccer**

Saul Healy received the “Hayley Cusato Award” for the top Year 12 Soccer Specialist student for 2013 and was awarded this trophy at our Graduation recently. Saul hopes to take up an American Soccer Scholarship next year. We wish him the very best.

**Also,**

The Soccer Specialist students have had a successful 2013 with the Junior Boys winning the School Sport WA Soccer Specialist Schools’ Tournament and the Senior Boys making Runners Up in the North Region of the School Sport WA Champion Schools’ Tournament.

**Nigel Jones, Soccer Coordinator**

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**Athletics Carnival**

On October 17th 2013 Morley SHS athletics team again competed in the annual interschool Track and Field carnival at the WA Athletics Stadium. The squad was selected after the trials in late Term 3 when another outstanding group of students were invited to represent the school.

There were some magnificent performances by individual athletes on the day including:

- **AJ Garley** – won the Yr 9 boys ‘A’ division Long Jump, 100m & 200m and Shot Put. After wins in all four events AJ received the champion boy for the carnival.
- **Dahun Min** – 2nd place in the Yr 8 Boys’ Long Jump and 100m, as well as 3rd place in the 800m and the 200m.
- **Lacey Smith** – won the 800m and 1500m double running against Yr 9s even though she is only Year 8. She was also runner up for champion girls in her age group.
- **Jason Nazareth** – 1st place in the Year 9 boys ‘B’ division 100m, Triple Jump and High Jump

Other great efforts on the day were given by:

- **Year 8** - Callum Reid, Tahleah Smith, Kate Murphy, Caitlyn Hughes;
- **Year 9** - Vain Iradukunda, Vanessa Fekovic, Lamin Kamara;
- **Year 10** – Shannia Williams, Jacob Abell, Jacky Moriarty;
- **Upper School** – Daniel Ogilvie, Thalia Rossi, George Duku.

All of these students had wonderful results throughout the day, but the most pleasing aspect of the carnival was that all students contributed in some way to the team effort in their performances. This allowed Morley to finish in second place for the carnival and be promoted up a division in 2014.

Let’s hope for a repeat next year!

**Ms Kerry Hinkley**

Head of Department, Phys Ed Department