Scholarship for Filmbites for Chelsea Ong Yr 10

Congratulations to Chelsea Ong of Year 10, who has successfully secured a scholarship from Variety, the children’s charity.

Chelsea has elected to use the scholarship, valued at $1,300.00, to attend Filmbites Youth Film School on Saturday afternoons for the year. Her ambition is to pursue a career in the media industry and she is a keen member of the Specialist Multimedia Program at Morley Senior High School.

Her selection was due to a written submission in November, 2013 and she was notified of her success during the holiday break. Chelsea will now attend a formal presentation in March with family and friends.

A big “thank you” to Mr Brady and Mr Heyman (both MSHS multimedia teachers) who provided a glowing reference for the submission along with their continued support and encouragement. A Final "thank you" goes to Variety and Therapy Focus for providing this opportunity.

Chelsea: "I was ecstatic to receive this scholarship and I am looking forward to attending Filmbites. Thank you to everyone who made this possible."

Mrs Maria Mizza
Education Assistant Special Needs

DAVID SHAW MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The David Shaw memorial scholarship commemorates David a long time educator in the Western Australian Public Education system. David died unexpectedly in his early fifties and his mother donated a bequest for this scholarship so that his memory would live on at this school. Two deserving and hard working students are selected from Year Ten to enrol in Literature in Upper School and awarded a cash prize of $250.

These students are selected, based on their work and effort in Year Ten English and their aptitude for Literature study in Years Eleven and Twelve.

The 2013 recipients were Steven Hebbs and Andrew Lu.

We have high hopes for these young students and their example will encourage other students to undertake studies in Literature. It is hoped that this will deepen their appreciation of language and enrich their lives. This is a wonderful way to remember an educator, teacher, mentor and friend.

Mr James Mc Inerney
Head of Department, English
Principal’s Report

Dear Parents

Welcome to 2014.

Our congratulations to staff and students on the very smooth start to the year ahead. This augurs well for a successful 2014. We are also happy with the professional standard of dress code worn by most students. I urge all parents to strictly maintain this high standard for the entire year. It is a clear commitment of identification and affiliation with the values of our school. Added to this, such cooperation and sense of “team” minimizes unhelpful competition between students and any “dominance” posturing. This is certainly helpful in maintaining harmony in the school yard.

New Staff
I am happy to welcome the following well qualified staff to the school
Chadwick Beins—Music
Rebecca Collins—Science/Physics
Dr Linda Nielsen—Science/Chemistry
Maria Cameron—Society and Environment
Az Md Diyah—Society and Environment
Suzanne Schwartz—English as a Second Language

Returning from Maternity Leave
Lindsay Aldrick—Physical Education/Soccer
Clare Bennett—Science Biology
Catherine Licciardello—Mathematics

Building Project
Here great progress is being made and the school is pleased with the cooperation between the architects and builders. It is anticipated that we will take possession of the building in April/May. This will be an outstanding asset to the school with facilities which will significantly enhance the exciting possibilities of the Science Classroom in the year ahead and beyond.

Parking on the School Site
Parents are earnestly asked not to park in the staff car park unless on official business at the Front Office. The staff car park is strictly not for dropping off nor picking up of students. Such behaviour repeatedly puts at risk the well being of students and staff due to the congestion created. Please use instead the facility on Widgee Road created jointly by the Swan Shire, Bayswater Shire and Education Department. We thank you, once again, for your cooperation in this important matter.

It now remains for me to earnestly wish you the very best for 2014.
Sincerely,

G.L Fortune
Principal

New to Morley - SMS Communication – ‘Messageyou’ for Schools

Morley Senior High School has introduced the SMS Communication ‘Messageyou’ for schools at the commencement of Term 1 2014 for the purpose of raising standards of attendance, reducing lateness, improving safety of students, improving communication with parents and increasing the efficient use of school staff time.

Student absences are entered into the Students’ Information System (database) by front office staff and ‘Messageyou’ automatically sends messages to parents and carers. An SMS will be sent at intervals during the day when students have an absence recorded. We ask that you call the school or send a note in response to the SMS, do not reply by SMS.

As such, it is vital that the School be given your up-to-date contact details, i.e. your mobile number for this SMS Communication to work efficiently and achieve the attendance results required by the Department. Your cooperation is sought to supply the School with your current mobile number as well as to acknowledge receipt and respond to the message sent to you.

If you have any queries, please direct them to me on 9376 5555. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

Ms Mai Wyld
Business Manager

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.

Enrolments — Other Years 8-12

Enrolments for Years 8 - 12 for 2014 require an interview with the Principal, Mrs Fortune.

Please contact the office to arrange a suitable time. Past reports, birth certificates and visa/passports (where applicable), must be brought to the interview. Young people must come along to this interview accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Admin Officers
MOCK TRIALS

Once again, I am pleased to announce that we will have two teams in this prestigious competition. This competition provides an opportunity for students to develop important advocacy skills, practised at a scripted mock trial for the identification of evidence and the examination and cross-examination of witnesses. It is sponsored by The Law Society of Western Australia.

Students partake in the roles of barristers, solicitors, court orderly, judge’s associate, witness and reserves. All teams participate in three rounds during Semester 1.

Rehearsals will take place after school on Tuesday afternoon and on Friday mornings before school. We will be supported by Mrs Muir and a coach from the legal profession.

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Congratulations to members of both teams and best wishes for the competition.

Mr Norman Paini  
Head of Department, Society and Environment

HPV.edu Study Information for Schools

Our school has agreed to take part in a research project, which aims to increase vaccination rates with the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in students in Year 8. The HPV vaccine is provided free to all students in Year 8 as part of the school-based vaccination program, and although it has been available for females since 2007, it has only been part of the program for males since 2013.

The study involves providing more information to students and parents about the vaccine so that they are better informed. Our teachers will provide all Year 8 students with education about HPV as part of the standard school curriculum. Students and parents/guardians will also have access to specially designed information about HPV and the HPV vaccine which they can use outside of the school to help them make the decision about vaccination.

In order to evaluate this new program, only half of the participating schools will start using the educational materials at the start of the school year when the vaccine is first given, while the other half will use the educational materials after the HPV vaccines have been completed or in the next school year. Our school has been allocated to start using the educational materials at the start of the school year.

An important part of the project is the evaluation, which involves students completing up to three brief questionnaires. Questionnaire information will be used to help determine if the educational materials may be used in the future to optimise the school-based HPV vaccination program in WA and elsewhere in Australia. The questionnaires will be completed during class time. If you are interested in your child participating in this research, please read the information sheets provided and discuss these with your child. Should both of you agree to participate, please sign the consent forms and return them to the school. If you would like another copy of the consent form, or if you have any questions regarding the school's participation in this research project, please contact Mr Ray Oliver – School Nurse

Mr Ray Oliver– School Nurse

Homework Classes
We are pleased to announce that homework classes will continue again this year. In 2013 we had over 30 students from Year 8 to Year 12 attend these afterschool classes.

- Tuesday 3.30pm-5pm
- Thursday 3.30pm-4.30pm

Afternoon snacks are provided and school staff volunteer their time to assist students with homework.

All students are Welcome and classes take place in the school library.

The Administration
Year 9 Information and Update from the Year 9 Coordinator

Just a quick reminder to parents of students in Year 9 that Mr Peter Crayden is the new Year Coordinator for the Year 9 group for 2014 taking over from Mr Mike James who is now the Head of the Science Department.

Also, parents are reminded that students are expected to be prompt to all classes as we are now using an automated SMS system to advise parents that their son or daughter is absent from classes. You are encouraged to contact the school if there are any problems with your child’s attendance. Can I remind parents that it will help Tutorial teachers if students who have been away sick bring a note back on the day they return. This helps staff do their administration for the attendance register.

Congratulations on the way the Year 9s have come dressed in full school uniform. It really does set a positive tone around the school. Well done!

Coming up later this term will be a River Rock. A survey of the students will be taken soon and the cost and numbers will be finalised. The price depends on the number of students who will attend as this determines which vessel we need to hire. The Year 9 student leaders have met with Mr Crayden and have begun the organisation for this event. Once we have figures on how many people are interested we will then be able to provide accurate information. At this point we believe if we get 120 students out of 226 in Year 9 going, that the cost will be around $35.00 per student. At this stage, this is only an approximate figure. This is including pizza. Students will also be able to purchase soft drink and chips on board. I will get more accurate details about time, date and final costs to parents as soon as practical.

To all the Year 9s. Have a good year, work hard and welcome back!

Mr Peter Crayden
Year 9 Coordinator

ACADEMIC EXTENSION 2014

A quick reminder for the Year 9 and 10 students that the Academic Extension Program commences on Friday 14 February (week 2) at 8:14 am – 9:14 am Tuesday and Friday mornings with Mr Crayden. Students’ names are on lists in the Administration Notice Board.

Staff, parents of Year 8 Students and Year 8 students as well are also encouraged to nominate / apply for a position in this program. This program has now been successfully running at Morley Senior High School for the past seven years and ex students who have participated in this program have gained strong ATAR results in past WACE exam results. Year 8 students will be interviewed, commencing Week 2 of Term 1.

Application forms are found on the school web site or can be collected from the secretaries in the front administration office. Enquiries over the phone should be directed to Mr Peter Crayden on 9376 5555 who is the Academic Extension Coordinator.

Mr Peter Crayden
Academic Extension Coordinator.

CHINESE NEW YEAR

“Gong Xi Fa Cai” Happy Chinese New Year. This year the “Year of the Horse”, Morley Senior High School celebrated Chinese New Year with a spectacular “Lion Dance” performance. Each staff member and student received a lucky red envelope to wish them all the best throughout the year. Also, students were involved in creating different decorations in class to welcome the Chinese New Year. Our school hopes that everyone has a happy and a prosperous New Year.

Mrs. E. Ng
Teacher in Charge (LOTE)