United Nations Youth WA State Conference 2014

On the weekend of March 7th to March 9th Galvin Phuong of Year 11 and I were privileged to attend the United Nations State Conference 2014. The theme of this camp was ‘In the Name of Democracy’. The camp was held at Ern Halliday Recreation camp. The camp consisted of debating, games making new friends and loads of fun. To start it off we arrived to the camp at 1.00 pm, we got our names ticked off and wandered around trying to make new friends. After succeeding, we made our way to the official opening ceremony and introduction where they took us through what was going to happen during this camp. Soon after, we were split into coloured groups and played games to get to know one another. The day continued with afternoon tea, guest speakers, work and then eventually dinner. Once dinner was over and done with, the Friday Night Games started. These games had the theme of the Winter Olympics but since we had no ‘snow’ we had to make do with the grass. We played games such as bowling and hockey. These were all team games which helped us to make friends and work with each other. After the games were done we had free time and then went to sleep.

The next day consisted of an early start but we did not mind. Once breakfast was over and done with, we got into our colour groups and started ‘Youth in Motion A’. It consisted of talking about world problems and sharing ideas. Soon after that we got into some debating. The first topic we debated about was ‘Peace and Security Commission and World Health Organisation’ where we talked about HIV and swine flu. We debated whether certain things, for example, like whether condoms should be given out freely to children in schools. We all represented a country of our choosing and had to respond as that country. After debating we went to the IPS session which was a simulation of running our own country. Each group had their own country to run. In the group you decided if you wanted to be a dictator, be allies with the other countries or if you wanted to invade them. My group’s country ended up being invaded while trying to hide our chemical weapons and ‘nukes’. As fun as it was, it came to an end and it was dinner time. Soon after dinner we had the United Nations Disco. The music was good and dancing was weird but the weirdest part was when all the guy leaders cross dressed and tried to dance with us. Right after that we went to sleep.

On Sunday we had another early start. We had some food and packed up everything so we were ready to go. We had more debates during the day which is always fun but it soon came to an end and it was time to leave. We made many friends and gained much experience about world relations. Overall, it was a fun and exciting camp and I would urge others to go.

Betim Ziba Year 12

Open Reporting Day, Weds 9th April from 4.00pm - 7.00pm
Please come along to discuss your child’s progress and collect the school report

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Principal’s Report

Dear Parents

As Term 1 draws to a close, I thank you personally and on behalf of Staff generally for your continued encouragement and support in what we are trying to achieve for our students here at Morley.

Annual General Meeting (Parents and Citizens’ Group)

This took place on Monday, March 17th. I can, therefore, happily announce the following Office Bearers for 2014 as follows:

President: Michele Drieberg
Vice President: Vicki Blyth
Secretary: Charmaine Pedrick
Treasurer: Jack Garber

Committee Members: Vicki Blyth, Jack Garber, Michele Drieberg, Charmaine Pedrick, Sheryl Hinscliff, Karen Lippinkhof, Katrina Mallon, Darryl Ferguson.

School Council:

Chair: Jack Garber
Members: Vicki Blyth, Michele Drieberg, Sheryl Hinscliff, Karen Lippinkhof, Katrina Mallon,
Staff: Ms F MacKenzie, Mr C Shortland, Ms G. L. Fortune

School Council members, undoubtedly, undertake dutifully to represent our school’s interest in whatever forum that might present itself and I am grateful for their professional commitment.

New Science Block

Monday 24 March saw the school witness the Practical Completion of the work on the Upper School Science Block. Accordingly, in Term 2 we expect that students will, operationally, be able to begin academic work there. We do hope they will enjoy the bright, colourful and ‘state of the art’ facilities provided. Of course, the formal opening by the Minister of Education, Mr Collier, will, however, take place at a later date, yet to be specified. May I say that we are very grateful to our Parent representatives Ms Michele Drieberg and Mr Jack Garber, and, of course, our local member, Mr Ian Britza, for their continuing and, indeed, often painstaking support on Morley’s behalf towards making this exciting facility a reality.

Leave Liability

As you may have noticed in the press, the Education Department has declared a “leave liability” to Staff of some $859 million. As a result, Staff have been requested to clear their built-up leave as soon as possible depending on their personal and school situation but at their earliest manageable convenience. This process, you will understand, includes myself so that I will be absent from Morley, indeed in Europe visiting relatives in a variety of locations throughout the month of May. In the interim, however, Mr Graham Connor will formally act as Principal and will be assisted by Mr Harry Pasich (Deputy) and Mr Craig Shortland (replacing Mr O’ Kane for eight weeks). We can be confident, therefore, that in my absence, overall administrative roles will be discharged with diligence and care.

Meanwhile, may I reiterate my appreciation for your valued support and I look forward to seeing you all again when I return next term.

Sincerely,

G.L Fortune

Principal
In 2015, Year 7 children will move to secondary school

This move aligns with the introduction of the Australian Curriculum in 2015 which has more in-depth content in each subject and higher expectations about the knowledge and skills that students need so they can succeed in and contribute to our modern world.

Secondary schools will give Year 7 students access to the specialist subject teaching and facilities needed for this new curriculum.

As Year 7 students at Morley Senior High School, they will be introduced to new and more demanding concepts and ideas in all subjects. In Mathematics, for example they will do formal algebra and geometry which is currently taught in Year 8. In Science, they will study biological and physical sciences, including mixing chemicals using specialised equipment. They will also have access to a much more diverse range of learning experiences such as Computer Science, Robotics, Food Science, Woodwork and Metalwork.

The move will provide exciting new opportunities for Year 7 student. Morley Senior High School staff are working hard to prepare them for the transition. Specialist Programs are available in Soccer, Multimedia and Aviation.

More information for parents

Families who have questions about the move are encouraged to speak with the Principal, Mrs Fortune, or Deputy Principals or look on the Department’s website www.det.wa.edu.au/schoolsandyou

Deputy Principal, Mr Graham Connor, and 
Deputy Principal, Mr Jim O’Kane

Morley students put ABC Newsreader in the Hot Seat

Morley Senior High School students “turned the tables” on ABC reporter and newsreader, James McHale, yesterday when they interviewed him as part of the ABC Drive Program “Student Press Gallery”. Anna Boddy, Donna Lazic and Kate Murphy – who are Year 9 students in Morley Senior High School’s Multi-media and Broadcasting Program – asked James about his previous career as a lawyer, his greatest influences and the key elements when chasing a news story.

Each week, students from different schools have the chance to speak with high profile guests. “The whole thing was a great experience and it was good to be able to put James under pressure with our questions,” Anna commented.

“I feel much more interested in the media after speaking with someone like James who works as a journalist,” said Donna.

Anna, Donna and Kate prepared by researching James and constructing questions that James had to answer live and unseen. They took part in the live interview process in the ABC studios in East Perth, and as a bonus were given a brief tour by James.

“It was great to see how our broadcasting control room at school is similar to the ABC’s – except smaller, of course,” said Kate.

Apart from questions related to his career in the media, James was also quizzed about his skateboarding and ice hockey and commented, "I wear a full face cage. I get teased a lot but you know, you’ve got to protect the money maker!"

Mr Andrew Brady
Multimedia Teacher

Photo L to R: Morley Senior High School students Kate Murphy, Donna Lazic and Anna Boddy with ABC presenter James McHale.

Listen to the interview. (http://soundcloud.com/720abcperth/abc-newsreader-james-mchale)
Clean Up Australia Day

Students came to school on Sunday 2\textsuperscript{nd} March for this annual clean up day. Members of “Morley Leos” and “Cubs” from the Hampton Park Scouts’ group cleaned up the native bushland around Morley SHS. The usual cans, paper, plastic drink bottles and other rubbish were collected. Thanks to all who participated and “Special Thanks” to the Morley SHS Canteen for supplying the refreshing drinks at the end of the event. These were much appreciated.

Mr Norman Paini, Head of Department, S & E

National Student Constitutional Convention Canberra 2014

From the 12\textsuperscript{th} to the 14\textsuperscript{th} March, I was given the privilege of going to Canberra for the Constitutional Convention. It was one of the greatest experiences I’ve ever had. The convention had delegates from all states and territories meet in the ACT. There were 120 students and 15 chaperones staying at the Rex Hotel Canberra.

One of the highlights of the trip was the opportunity to work with other like-minded students who had their own values and ideas on different issues. The enthusiasm and passion that we all had for politics was unbelievable. None of us wanted to go home.

Being able to work in Old Parliament House, which is now the Museum of Democracy, and also being able to visit Parliament House on the hill were ‘mind blowing’! To be in the actual room that saw famous political debates occur and where Australian politicians sat, was amazing.

We were also fortunate to meet the Speaker of the House of Representatives, The Hon. Bronwyn Bishop MP, who gave her opinions on the issues discussed, and also the President of the Senate, The Hon. John Hogg, who was very interesting and informative on his work in the Senate. There were many other inspirational speakers who assisted us with the convention.

The main highlight was the dinner at The High Court; not only was the food great but being able to enter into two of the courts was indescribable. It felt amazing to enter the Court Rooms. The architecture and the story behind the building was very interesting. We also had an inspirational speech given by Hui Nguyen, ACT Young Australian of the Year, a 29 year old humanitarian engineer. He is an advocate for people with disabilities and entrepreneur, traveller and a portrait artist. He proved to all of us that no matter who you are, you can achieve anything when you set your mind to it. If I was ever given the opportunity to “do it all again”, I would say “yes”, without thinking twice.

My advice is, any opportunity that comes your way, grab it because you never know what might come out of it and it could be something you will cherish for the rest of your life. It was definitely a life changing experience for me. I never thought politics or law could be so exciting.

Wina Kumar Year 12
2014 SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME (SAS) YEARS 8 -12

Please note that the application for Secondary Assistance Scheme for the amount of $350 to reduce contributions and charges for your child/children will close on 11 April 2014.

You can come into the School anytime between 8.15am and 3.45pm, Monday to Friday, to complete the form at the School’s Administration. You would need to bring along any of the following to be eligible:

- Centrelink Family Health Care Card
- Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card
- Veterans’ Affairs Pensioner Concession Card

The card MUST be in your name, have your child/children listed on that card and have valid/current dates.

Please contact Mrs Woodgate on 9376 5514 for more information and assistance.

Ms Mai Wyld
Business Manager

Year 10 Faces Big Changes

Year 10 students have recently completed Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA); this is the first step in some significant changes taking place in Western Australian education. To graduate in 2016, our Year 10 students will need to achieve a minimum standard in Literacy and Numeracy. The standard has been set at band 8 on the NAPLAN scale. Students who achieve this minimum standard in Year 9 NAPLAN will not have to sit the OLNA test in Year 10. Students will have additional opportunities in Years 10, 11 & 12 to achieve this standard.

In addition to the establishment of a minimum standard in literacy and numeracy, students face changes that demand higher levels of academic achievement in order to gain the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE). The current Stage 1, 2 & 3 Courses of Study will be replaced by prescribed Year 11 and Year 12 courses. These courses will follow one of two pathways: General Studies or ATAR. To graduate, a student will be required to complete eight ATAR course units at Year 12 Level or achieve a Certificate II from the Australian Qualifications Framework.

Students in ATAR courses will have compulsory external exams at the end of Year 12 to determine their University Entrance Rank (ATAR). Students in General Courses will have externally set moderation tasks during Year 12. Averaging of grades will no longer take place; currently a grade of B and another of D would average out to be two C grades. In 2016, our students will need to achieve a C grade in 16 course units to graduate. There is also a restriction on the number of AQF Certificates that count towards the WACE.

I believe there is nothing wrong with these changes which simply set the goals for students a little higher. The one problem I do see is for students who choose an ATAR pathway in Year 11 and are not successful. If this group have not started a Certificate II course in Year 11 they will not be able to graduate no matter how successful they are in the Year 12 General Studies course they change to.

It is now even more important than ever for students and their parents to keep themselves informed about these changes.

Mr Graham Connor
Deputy Principal

The Online World - The Internet & Social Media

A Seminar for Parents
Presented by one of Australia’s Leading Cyber Safety Experts
Robyn Rishani from Your Kids Online

“If you have children & teens who use iPads, computers, mobile phones, tablets and gaming consoles, then this seminar is for you!”

WHERE: Perth Zoo - 20 Labouchere Road, South Perth WA
DATES: Wednesday 16th April & Wednesday 21st May 2014
TIME: 6.30pm – 9.00pm
PRICE: From $59 per person
For more information and to purchase tickets please visit: www.yourkidsonline.com.au/events

Do you have any uniforms or text books that you no longer need? Please consider donating them back to the school.
Morley Leos

It was wonderful to see 20 students attend our first meeting for 2014. This was held in the school library of Morley SHS. We all enjoyed afternoon tea provided by our school canteen and then we got down to the meeting. After the election of office bearers for 2014 we looked at how we could increase our fundraising efforts for 2014.

Office bearers for 2014 are-

- President - Gia Kalimeris Yr 12
- Vice President - Abraham Ainsworth Yr 12
- Secretary - Nathaniel Cliff Yr 12, Assistant – Amanda Yap Yr 9
- Treasurer - Liz Callaway Yr 12, Assistant Henry Yap Yr 9

We continue to fund raise for our sister school in Cambodia using the following activities:

- Sausage sizzles - 1 per term
- Selling Entertainment books
- Selling Lions Christmas Cakes
- Change times- in the front office and canteen
- Other school activities- collecting donations at school events

Planned giving/donating a small amount from pocket money per week, e.g. if each students donated 20c per week, 20c x 900 x 40 =$7,200. We also collect old mobile phones for The Humane Society. They receive $5 for each mobile phone and they use this to save the natural habitat of the giant Gorilla’s in the Congo. We then had a presentation from Michael Mass of Year 10.

Welcome to our new members - Alex Lazic and Nathan Ng of Year 8, Kevin Sherlock of Year 9, Michael Maas of Year 10, and Patience Johnson and Abraham Ainsworth of Year 12.

Mr Norman Paini, Head of Department, Society and Environment

CANTEEN HELP REQUIRED

The canteen is asking for people to put their names on their Casual/Relief register for emergency work. Working with Children Check (WWCC), and Police clearances will be required.

Please contact Mrs Roma Bielawska, Canteen Manageress, to discuss on 9276 6896.
Thank you, Canteen

Sir Charles Court Young Leaders Program

(A joint venture of Curtin University and The History Teachers’ Association of WA). The program is founded on the shared ideals of John Curtin and Sir Charles Court: “Vision, Leadership and Community Service”. It brings together exceptional students from throughout WA together with young leaders selected on the basis of academic excellence, a love of History, demonstrated leadership potential and community involvement. It is with great pleasure that I announce that Blessing Nyazaire, Year 10 student has been nominated for this program-

Mr Norman Paini, Head of Department, Society & Environment

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
Teach Learn Grow (TLG) is a not-for-profit organisation with a Tutoring Centre that provides tutoring services to Perth students. All proceeds from the tutoring centre go towards providing free tutoring and mentoring to disadvantaged rural and Indigenous primary students in our successful Rural Program.

At TLG, we cater for students of all levels and provide individualised tutoring plans tailored to the ability of each student. Students are given structured notes, study tips and exam strategies to enhance their academic performance. All tutors register are from the top 4% of the state, including the Beazley Medallist, General Exhibition winners, Certificate of Distinction winners and school Duxes.

To register your interest, please visit www.teachlearngrow.com.au/tutoringcentre/ or contact us directly on (08) 9449 5668 or at tutoringcentre@teachlearngrow.com.au

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MMPs Explore Sculptures by the Sea

Students from the specialist Multi Media Program (MMP) spent their Thursday 20th March 2014, enjoying the “Sculpture by the Sea” exhibition at Cottesloe Beach. The excursion included 55 students across Years 8 to 10. They spent the day exploring the creative works of over 74 Australian and international sculpture artists.

The excursion and the day’s activities were part of the MMP course work and will provide inspiration to enrich their own creative works. All students worked on writing critiques of chosen sculptures and drew a sculpture from various angles. Following the morning’s investigation of the sculptural works, both staff and students enjoyed the cooling shade of the Norfolk pines as we ate lunch and took a well-deserved break.

After lunch students either went onto guided tours or sculpture workshops. The guided tours provided insight into the concepts and processes behind the artists’ and their works. The ideas behind many of the pieces were often topical and interesting. The sculpture workshops gave opportunity for our students’ creativity to shine as they worked closely with an exhibiting artist, being taught her techniques. She also explained her ideas and challenged the students’ notion of what sculpture and art could be.

Highlights of the exhibition included the much anticipated giant “goon bag” Bulk Carrier, the wave of Barbie dolls titled “Wave 1” and the mirrored room created by Danish artist, Mikala Valeur titled “A Spacious Affair. From the Outside to the Inside”.

I would like to give a special thankyou to our staff who helped on the day: Andrew Brady, Samuel Oey, Jim O’Kane and Esma Alitovski and, lastly, to Maria Mizza for her assistance prior to the excursion.

Mr Daniel Heyman, Multimedia Teacher
**Sport News**

**Soccer**

For the second year running the Morley SHS soccer specialist students were invited to attend the Football Federation Australia "B" Licence Coaching Course being held in Perth for only the second time ever. 22 students (Yr 9,10&11) worked alongside some of the best soccer coaches in WA who were being assessed for one of the highest coaching qualifications in Australia.

The students were amazing and received nothing but positive feedback from the FFA coaching staff such as Alistair Edwards ex Perth Glory Coach & Chris Ola Technical Director for FootballWest.

I hope our consistent professional turnout to this event will result in the School being invited back the next time FFA hold such a prestigious soccer event again in Perth.

![Soccer players](image)

**Soccer Specialist Students**

Seventeen Yr 11 students have just qualified in Senior First Aid with the guidance of School Nurse, Mr Ray Oliver, as part of their Certificate II in Sport Coaching.

The same students have also completed a course in coaching during Term 1 down at Squashworld in Mirrabooka.

Well done all Soccer Students!

Nigel Jones  
Soccer Coordinator

**Play the World Game**

The Floreat Athena Soccer club has vacancies for players in the U13 and U14 State Soccer League for the 2014 soccer season.

Training has commenced with the first game starting in a few weeks time. Floreat Athena Soccer Club is located in Mt Hawthorn and training seasons are held on Tuesdays and Thursday evenings between 5.15pm and 6.15pm.

All games are held on Sunday mornings.

Both males and females are welcome at our proud historic club.

Leon Pitsikas, Committee Member Juniors, Floreat Athena Soccer Club  
leopits@gmail.com  Mob 0455 997 631

**Important Dates**

Term 1, 2014 finishes for Students on Friday 11th April 2014 at 3.30pm

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