Year 12 School Ball 2014

This year the Year 12 School Ball was held at the Hyatt Regency, Perth, in the Terrace Ballroom. The evening was an outstanding success. The girls looked stunning in their long flowing ball gowns and the boys very respectable in their suits. The theme of the night was “glitz and glamour, red carpet” and this was clearly evident when the students walked into the ball room on the red carpet. It was definitely a night to remember, from the spectacular decorated ball room to the photo booth and the dance moves that were being displayed all night on the floor.

Well done, everyone; we were extremely proud of you.

Ms Alexis Pelham, Year 12 Coordinator

UWA Aspire Program

Race Around the Campus 2014.

On Tuesday 24th Of June 28 Year 9 students represented Morley Senior High School in “Race Around the Campus” at the University of Western Australia. The purpose of the Aspire program is to introduce the diverse nature of courses offered at UWA and to give students an insight regarding what they would do if they attended the university.

Students had presentations from the Law, Medicine, Design (architecture), Engineering, Business faculties where they took part in small hands on activities linked to each of the faculty areas. For example, the medical faculty got students to listen to heartbeats using a stethoscope, took part in a reflexology test and plastered a broken finger. This was to show students the diverse nature of the medical course. In the design laboratory students had to design and construct a stable building and in the engineering department, they had to construct a water purifier for drinking water. In all, University has a lot to offer. In fact, students were given an opportunity to see what University is really like and to set their own goals for their future. The idea of the Aspire program is to get students to see and think about where they wish to take their studies and to engage students with considering what courses and careers they would like to follow.

In there abovementioned race, Morley were equal first place. The race idea was to get students to collect information from each of the presentations that they attended. Many thanks to Mr Salsano for the liaising with the University and to the Chaplin, Mr Oey, for supporting the group throughout the day. The students were wonderful ambassadors for our school. Thank you and well done to everyone who attended.

Mr Peter Crayden, Year 9 Coordinator 2014
Principal’s Report

Dear Parents

As we have come to expect, this newsletter, clearly delineates the wonderfully diverse offerings and experiences available to our students at Morley S.H.S. All of us - staff, parents and students, are enthusiastically supportive of an academic programme that is comprehensively diverse in its offerings, challenging, and personally enriching. I feel sure that you would wish me to convey to staff, on your behalf, your thanks for their professionalism and commitment in ensuring the curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular dimensions of the Morley experience.

School Examinations
These have now been completed in all years either informally (Years 8 and 9) or formally (Years 10, 11 and 12). Examinations, at whatever stage of class coursework, provide important feedback to students, Staff and parents of student mastery of content, broad understanding of key concepts and general progress in their coursework. Very importantly, they underline weaknesses and set directions for possible improvement. Additionally and, most importantly, they alert students in advance of their likelihood of success or not in proposed future courses and subjects. This applies all the more poignantly to Year 12 students as they try to position themselves for entry to the world of work, or in competing for places at TAFE or University courses for 2015.

School Timetable 2015
School Staff are currently engaged in operational committee work to structure the School Timetable and subject offerings for 2015. In all discussions the school must attend to Education Department Guidelines and Policies relating to issues of Literacy, Numeracy and Compliancy in reporting to State and Federal Authorities on student achievement. For Western Australia, it is mandatory to report across Eight Learning Areas and to adhere to the Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Policy. This information can, of course, be found on the Education Department Website.

Talking To School
Parents are always welcome to speak to Staff about their own daughter's /son’s progress. The Information Booklet presented to all in the Enrolment Package seeks to address School Procedures and Protocols. However, we include for your convenience, in the current mail-out, the pertinent section, to off-set the possibility that one or more families may have misplaced the original package.

Leave Liability (Staff)
As previously outlined to you in Term 1, public servants, including teachers, have been instructed to clear their outstanding ‘leave liability’. This, of course, includes teachers. You are aware that a number of our staff have either already taken leave or will do so during 2014 and 2015. Having recently completed my own leave, may I say that I have returned refreshed and invigorated, grateful to be living in a country such as Australia. Certainly, travelling in Europe, has pointedly shown me how devastating “austerity measures” in some countries may be, and their deleterious impact on many peoples’ lives. Additionally, I have seen reinforced in so many ways the undisputed value of a good education and of a good educational system to peoples' lives.

My thanks to Mr Connor who took my place in the role of Principal while I was away and Mr Pasich who, reciprocally, relieved in Mr Connor's role of Deputy. They both took good care of the school in the interim. We appreciate their effort and expertise. Likewise taking leave from the beginning of Term 2 was Mr O’ Kane, Deputy Principal, whose position was dutifully cared for by Mr Shortland who, himself, is now on leave and being replaced by Ms Tovey. We thank Mr Shortland also for his help in the Deputy role. By now you will have some idea of what is typically taking place across the State at all levels. We remain grateful for your understanding and appreciation for the work of all our Staff here at Morley SHS. Best wishes for the holiday period ahead. See you next term.

Sincerely,

G. L Fortune
Principal

ENROLMENTS — CALLING ALL YEAR 6s & 7s
We are now getting ready for enrolments for entry into Year 7 and 8 at Morley SHS for 2015.

Enrolment forms, are available from our school office. Office hours are 8.00am - 4.00pm.

For further information contact us on 9376 5555.

Admin Officers

ENROLMENTS — OTHER YEARS 9-12
Enrolments for Years 9 - 12 for 2014 and 2015 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
High Resolves Initiative

Morley SHS was selected as one of three schools in WA to participate in this initiative. It is a fun, interactive and inspirational experience in which Year 8 students learn new skills, stretch their minds and meet other people who are passionate about making a difference to the world and having their voice heard.

The High resolve motto is “Our World, Our Choice”. It sums up the philosophy that our choices and actions make a difference in the world.

All students in Year 8, participated in the module “Global Citizenship” on Thursday 12th and Friday 13th June. A follow-up day will occur in August. The program took place in the school gym and the Year 11 Peer Support students also participated as mentors.

Over 50,000 students across Australia have worked on this program since 2005 and it is a great honour that our school has been selected to be one of the first schools in Western Australia to undertake this program. The program was run by Cassandra Cooke from the Sydney office of High Resolves. Students were very positive about their experiences.

Mr Norman Paini, Head of Learning Area, Humanities and Social Sciences

High Resolves Year 8 Report

Comments from Cassie Cooke presenter - I just want to thank you for all of your support in making the launch of High Resolves Program at Morley SHS such a success! As I expressed during my visit, I feel that the diversity and culture at Morley connects with our program and with the core concepts that we explore. The students’ willingness to express their ideas and share their opinions was really admirable. I was also impressed with the high energy and engagement levels over the two days. I thoroughly enjoyed my time working with your students and hope to get the opportunity to visit again. Thanks again for looking after me so well and for the opportunity to work with such a great bunch of students.

Student comments-
"I learnt about being a global citizen. It was really an interesting and fun experience"
"Even if we have a different skin colour we are all the same; we can help each other. We are the future of this country."
"I learnt that everyone is important and that we should not judge others because we are all human and that we should appreciate what we have."
"I learnt that if you have a roof over your head and a bed to sleep in, you are richer than 75% of the world".
"I enjoyed the games we did today and I learnt lots of things about our culture and the environment".
"Everyone is different; difference is valuable!"
"My favourite activity was “Airport” because it was great fun to greet people in our language and every group is different. Also the point of the activity is to survive and also to trust each other."
AVIATION SCALE JET

On the 27th of May, aviation students were given a “hands-on” demonstration of a real jet engine that was captivating and gave an awe-inspiring show of the gas turbine engines they had been learning about. A big “thanks” to Rob Vonk, a model aircraft enthusiast who went out of his way to bring in his scale jet. He gave us a detailed walk through of the jet, and fired it up to show us how powerful it was. Thanks, again, to Mr Vonk, who made the entire event possible.

By Rocco Alvaro, Yr 9 Student

PARENT SUPPORT CLUB

All parents of students in the Aviation Program are invited to attend the Aviation Support group meeting on the 28th July 2014. The meeting will start at 6.00pm, run until 7.00pm and be held in the school administration building.

HELICOPTER VISIT

Specialist Aviation classes and invited local primary school students were treated to a helicopter landing at Morley Senior High School on Thursday 29 May. Heliwest kindly landed a Robinson 44 (R44) helicopter on the school oval, allowing students an up-close look at the impressive machine.

Helicopter pilot, David Dicks, explained the controls and science behind how the helicopter works. His insight into the aviation industry and knowledge as a Helicopter pilot had all of the students captivated and eager to learn from someone experienced in his field of study.

Students, visiting from a number of local primary schools, were able to get an early look at the Helicopter and the Specialist Aviation classes in action.

These and many other primary school students will be applying for entry into Morley SHS specialist programs, Soccer, the Multi Media Program (MMP) and Aviation. For more information regarding applications for specialist programs, contact the school’s administration on 9376 5555.

SRDJAN WINS THE SWETMAN AVIATION EDUCATION FELLOWSHIP

Congratulations were on offer to Srdjan Kusmuk of Year 12 who applied for, and won, the Swetman Aviation scholarship worth $1,500.00. The object of the Fellowship is to “foster aviation education and interest among youth in Western Australia”. The award was presented to him on the 21st May at the school assembly by David Peet and Brendan O’Leary from the Royal Australian Air Force Association.

David Peet briefly described the background of the scholarship. It was established by the late Ronald Swetman DFC, DFM, RAFVR, who flew bomber planes during the Second World War. David also talked about the extreme conditions under which these pilots operated and the resulting high mortality rates.

Thorough preparation enabled Srdjan to convince two interview panels that he was the most ‘worthy’ Year 12 Aviation student to apply for the Fellowship in Western Australia.

Ms Brigid Tait, Aviation Teacher
Congratulations to the Dance students (from Years 9-12) who participated in this year’s ACHPER Dance Festival. It was held at “The Lady Wardle Performing Arts Centre” at St. Mary’s Anglican Girls’ School in Karrinyup, on Monday the 23rd June.

Thirty three Morley SHS Dance students performed magnificently, with an overwhelming response from the sell-out crowd. They were professional in their manner on the night and a credit to Morley SHS.

A big note of thanks to Claire Darling for her inspirational choreography and dedication to Morley SHS; and to Ms Pelham for her assistance backstage. Thanks also go to those who gave us valuable audience support on the night. We hope to see you at our next performance.

ACHPER Festival Dancers are as follows:

YEAR 9
Bianca Dizon
Almea Manaloto
Casey Merrett
Jacinta Procter
Asha Rogan-Green
Andrea Santiago
Lorelei Torpy
Agnes Toweh
Shannon Vlahos
Jasmine Banares

YEAR 10
Lily Barndon
Thu Nguyen
Tahei Kupenga
Becky Liu
Lily Liu
Tiarna Quadrio
Trifecta Soclo
Marlene York
Dellaila Chrisendy
Candy Zhang

YEAR 11 AND 12
Melissa Brnjic
Ajay Chau
Tian Cleaver
Lia Federico
Keecy Mutton
Christian Nagbuya
Acacia Tewano
Vivien Threlfall
Haris Hodzic
Naz Biahgi
Ardi Ziba

Do you have any uniforms or textbooks that you no longer need? Please consider donating them back to the school.
Sir Francis Burt Speech and Leadership Contest 2014

Congratulations to Vivien Threlfall of Year 11 who is a finalist in this prestigious competition. She will present her prepared speech on “Team Commonwealth” and then an impromptu speech to judges. She will also have an interview with the leadership team. This will take place on the 17th July at the Commonwealth Societies’ office in Bullcreek. The competition is supported by the Commonwealth Society of WA. We wish Vivien all the best in the finals.

Mr Norman Paini
Humanities and Social Sciences

World Cup Fever

World Cup Fever hit the Library Resource Centre with staff and students getting into the act!

To celebrate Brazil 2014, the LOTE Learning Area organised for students to research various Soccer / Football players currently playing in the World Cup hosted by Brazil in 2014. The student work – In Chinese, Japanese and Italian- is displayed in the Library Resource Centre.

Ms Cleary, Teacher In Charge - LRC and Ms Ng, Teacher in Charge - LOTE

Australian Geography Competition

Students from Morley SHS tested their Geographical skills and knowledge against students from around Australia in the 2014 Australian Geography Competition.

Over 70,000 students from 760 schools entered the competition which is sponsored by the Australian Geography Teachers’ Association, The Royal Geographical Society of Queensland and Curtin University.

All Year 11 and 12 Geography students and two classes of Year 10 participated in this year’s competition. It is with great pride and pleasure that I announce the following results-

Senior Level-
Credit Mallek Abdallah, Karim Hafza, Zac Lock

Intermediate Level-
High Distinction Dakota Colborne Isabella Davis-Chugg Brock Ferguson Isaac Ward
Distinction Renton Nekrews Blair Pedrick Isabella Riolo Miguel Tabadero Juan Trazona Chris Vu
Credit Lucas Glass Shanelle Heesters Jahuy Nguyen Renzo Roquino

Mr Norman Paini, Head of Department, Humanities and Social Sciences
**Year 9 Lightning Carnival**

On Wednesday, 18th June, Year 9 Students competed in five different sports with outstanding results. The Soccer Girls’ A Team were victorious in their competition as were the Soccer Boys’ A Team in theirs.

The Netball and Basketball A Teams also won their competitions with the Basketball Boys’ B Team, making the final.

The AFL Boys similarly put in a gallant effort to complete a wonderful day of sporting success. The students’ behaviour across the board was outstanding and all involved should be commended for their efforts.

Big Thanks to all staff and school students who helped out.

Mr James McMahon, Phys Ed Teacher

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**MORLEY SOCCER GIRLS WIN CARNIVAL**

A big congratulations to the Year 9 Girls’ Division A soccer team, who are now the undefeated Lightning Carnival Champions for 2014.

The soccer lightning Carnival took place on Wednesday 18th June at Kingfisher Park, Ballajura. The Morley girls showed fantastic skill throughout the day to win all four games in style and were awarded the 2014 Lightning Carnival Champions.

Some of the stand-out players on the day were: Annabelle Hunt, Tida Phan, Meegan Phung, Brooke Lippinkhof and Donna Lazic.

The day was a great success with Morley’s B and C Division teams also performing well and improving their skills as the day progressed. All teams should be commended on the way they represented our school as their behaviour and sportsmanship were both outstanding.

Thank you also to the Year 11 and 12 Cert 2 soccer students who assisted in coaching and officiating teams on the day.

Mrs Aldrick, Institute of Soccer Coach
Track and Field Star

Year 10 Jason Nazareth has a spring in his step after winning two medals at a recent track and field championship. Jason won bronze in both the high jump and 200m hurdles at the March WA Little Athletics State Track and Field Championships.

Initially, Jason thought he had won the silver in the high jump after jumping 1.73m, matching his personal best. However, another competitor matched this and a countback placed Jason third.

Jason, who is the Captain of the Inglewood Little Athletics Club, is aiming to take his good form into an international competition in Singapore later this year. Jason’s ultimate goal is to represent Australia at the Olympics and Commonwealth Games.

Well done, Jason.

Ms Kerry Hinkley, HoLA, Phys Ed
Also Courtesy of Community Guardian Express newspaper

Above: Junior Boys after their amazing victory over Darling Range Sports Academy 8-1 on Wed 25th June

Below:
Primary School Soccer Specialist trials on Wednesday the 25th of June. 38 participants, the future looks bright!