TOP-RATE SCIENCE FACILITIES OFFICIALLY OPENED

Morley Senior High School’s $1.3 million upgrade of the new upper school Science facility was officially opened on Wednesday 30 July. Education Minister, Peter Collier, visited and spoke at a school assembly before unveiling the official plaque.

Mr Collier commented that the upgrade had delivered brighter and more functional classrooms that would provide a first rate environment in which students could study Science, with Morley now having some of the most modern facilities in the metropolitan area.

“The benefits of the revamped Science areas include larger storage areas for stock and equipment, and easier access through wider doorways and access ramps for students with disabilities,” he said.

Both the lower and upper school Science blocks have now been renovated, with laboratories completely refurbished including preparation areas, chemistry stores and associated staff areas. Morley students will use the facilities in University directed WACE courses, lower school Science classes and be able to complete certificate qualifications in Science through the school’s relationship with Central Institute of Technology and UWA.

Students at Morley have become accustomed to the building and upgrading process over the past five years. This has included past upgrades to Mathematics and lower school Science blocks, refurbished toilet facilities, re-roofing of administration areas and the state-of-the-art Automotive Trade Training Centre.

With school numbers set to grow well over the 1000-mark with the introduction of Year 7 in 2015, the improvements are a very welcome and timely addition.

Mr Andrew Brady
Publications Coordinator
Dear Parents

This newsletter celebrates the combined effort of dedicated staff, committed hardworking students, and interested, supportive parents. Good things happen in schools when all of these agencies work together whether it be academic, sporting or cultural activity. Recent events at Morley have demonstrated this, especially the whole school response to looking after our Japanese visitors.

Visit from Akashi Senior High School
It was a great pleasure recently to welcome to Morley SHS, Principal, Mr Hamada, English Teacher Ms Sakuri and some thirteen students from Akashi SHS for two weeks. Special thanks to Ms Urban for her organisation and hosting of Ms Sakuri. Likewise to Mr O’Kane for his outstanding organisation of the arrangement and practicalities of the excursion to Kalbarri, all of which were appreciated and greatly enjoyed by our visitors. Our thanks, likewise, to Mrs Aldrick, Ms Pelham, Mr Heyman, Mr Paini, Ms Larcombe, Mr Brady, Ms Wyld, Mr Beins and also Canteen Staff who assisted in varying ways to make our guests feel welcome. Our special thanks to our thirteen homes who so generously hosted our travelling Japanese students and made them feel ‘at home’. They are as follows: the families of students Mikeala Porteous Yr 9, Marlee Bradley Yr 9, Brereton Littlecott Yr 9, Alex Cox Yr 10, Isaac Trutwein Yr 10, Angelo Yu Yr 10, Skye Michie Yr 10, Kevin Phuong Yr 9, Izzy Riolo Yr 10, Daphne Phan Yr 10, Brianna Wilson-Pike Yr 9, Kamila Akhmadalieva Yr 10 and Bliss Watene Yr 12.

Year 10 Subject Selections for 2015
Year 10 students with their parents are currently engaged with teacher counsellors to negotiate the curriculum demands of the new Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE). Subject selections must be weighed up against student readiness for such work, the young person’s work ethic and natural ability or predisposition for Senior School Studies. We wish them, of course, every success and satisfaction in their deliberations.

Single Line Budget
Parents may have seen on the Education Department’s website that all schools in WA will be operating to a single line budget in preparation for 2015 and beyond. This, together with the new reforms means that we at Morley will be working with $250,000 less next year. However, the final figure will only be determined after the February 2015 census. As a result, meticulous planning and economies may need to be put in place in relation to class sizes, the actual number of staff on the site and the physical resources. However, we need to remind ourselves that Morley SHS is well served with highly professional and experienced staff. As a result, I am confident that with their commitment our students will not suffer any lessening of the high service delivery to which we all have become accustomed.

Our best wishes to all parents for your abiding support and especially in the time ahead.

Sincerely,

G. L Fortune
Principal
Celebrating 21 Years of Cultural Exchange

Morley Senior High School has recently celebrated the 21st anniversary of the student exchange program with our sister school Akashi High School in Japan. To this purpose a group of staff and students from Akashi visited us, arriving on Sunday 27th July and leaving on Friday 8th August. Our visitors stayed with families of Morley SHS students and Staff.

A ceremony was held on Monday 28th July with the unveiling of a memorial statue commemorating the 21st anniversary of the cultural exchange program. Students from both schools unveiled the statue depicting two people joining hands overhead, symbolising the continuing joining of the two cultures.

Morley SHS Principal, Gay Fortune, and Akashi HS Principal, Mr Hamada, were joined at the ceremony by a range of dignitaries including Mr Sakomoto, Consul of Japan in Perth, Mr Akira Yoshida, Director of Hyogo Prefectural Government Cultural Centre, Mr Ian Britza, MLA for Morley, and Mr Jack Garber, Chair of Morley SHS School Council. Other attendees included Ms Sakuri, English Teacher Akashi SHS, Ms Simone Menager, Principal Consultant of Languages, Ms Yuko Fujimitsu, Japanese Language Advisor, Dr Rosemary Evans, Program Coordinator, Balga SHS and Mrs Joan Miller, an original Morley teacher on the first exchange trip to Akashi 21 years ago.

Mrs Miller said: “It is great to see that this program, started so long ago, is still going strong. It provided me with great experiences and a broader understanding of the Japanese culture. I really enjoyed my visits to Akashi with students from Morley and enjoyed having the students from Akashi join our classes at Morley Senior High School.”

Students from Morley have the opportunity to travel to Akashi in Japan every second year and the Akashi students can visit Western Australia on the alternate years. The friendships and cultural knowledge gained by participating students and Staff from both countries has ensured the success of the program. It is sure to continue for many more years.

Mr Andrew Brady, Media Coordinator
Ms Yuko Urban, Japanese Teacher
MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION 2014

This is a prestigious competition and Morley SHS had two teams participating in 2014. A mock trial is a simulated court case. Students take on roles of barristers, solicitors, witnesses and court-room officials. There are three rounds in which we competed against a number of schools both government and private. We rehearse on Tuesday afternoons from 3.30pm until 5.00pm in the school library and then again on Friday mornings before school. Court cases take place at the Supreme Courts in Perth.

Team members were conscientious and hardworking and are to be commended on their persistence, energy and commitment to this extra-curricular activity. Unfortunately, we did not win the points but often won the case. In many cases it was very close and we lost by only one point. As the competition progressed we improved greatly. The bus trip and the snacks from McDonalds after the trials were great fun.

Participating in this Community Endorsed Program allows students to gain credit points for WACE Graduation. The following students are to be congratulated:

Certificates- Level 1
Year 12s
Anisa Dirickx  Bilgin Yussufow
Gia Kalimeris  Wina Kumar
Betim Ziba  Caitlin Robinson
Daniel Ogilvie  Judith Steinberg
Salomia Terebent  Kadin Law
Liz Callaway
David Nguyen, Year 11
Nicola Kenyon, Year 10

Certificates of Participation
Liam Lewis, Year 12
Nicole Smith, Year 11
Vivien Threlfall, Year 11

Special Thanks to our coach, Mr Rando, Mrs Muir and former student, Zoe Kalimeris (2nd Year Murdoch University student studying Law).

Mr Norman Paini
Head of Learning Area
Humanities and Social Sciences

Bayswater Shire Scholarship
Joanna Piotrowski Yr 10

The Visual Art Department is happy to let the school know that Joanna Piotrowski from Year 10 has been successful in being awarded a Bayswater Shire Scholarship (2014) for Visual Arts.

Joanna is one of our quiet achievers who excels in her chosen field of visual art and we congratulate her on her scholarship which helps to fund her school booklist expenses for the two years of upper school in Years 11 and 12.

Ms Fran MacKenzie
Visual Arts Teacher

As you know, WA Police work closely with the Department of Education and directly with schools and community groups to promote and encourage a safe learning environment for all Western Australian children. We are calling on your support to help spread the word or take the time to recognise a police officer or police team for the inaugural Nine News WA Police Excellence Awards. The Awards recognise the hard work all police officers contribute to our community. The officers nominated highlight that police work is both varied and challenging and greatly affects people from all walks of life. Members of the community can nominate an individual officer or unit, squad, team of detectives or frontline officers simply by completing an online form available from the WA Police website (www.police.wa.gov.au).
On Thursday 23rd July, Year 11 students studying Stage 2 English and Literature were invited to a presentation by the Fairway team from the University of Western Australia. Dr Fidler, Dr Khan and two former Morley SHS students, Lydia Anthony and Joseph Chiera (both recipients of Fairway assistance in 2013), spoke to Morley SHS students. Both Lydia and Joseph are now first year students at UWA.

The presentation took place in the Arts foyer and was followed by a morning tea.

“Fairway” is a program sponsored by UWA to recognise students who face financial hardship and other difficulties who are prevented from achieving their true potential. Students must complete an online application and the school also completes a school nomination form.

If selected for this program, Fairway will offer students the following:

- A residential Summer School that connects them to new friends and university facilities;
- Valuable UWA student mentors;
- Study skills and extra support to get ahead in Year 12;
- Further information about which university degree you’d like to get into;
- All reasonable costs associated with participating in Fairway UWA, will be met by UWA.

All students present were encouraged to nominate for this program.

Mr Norman Paini
Head of Learning Area
Humanities and Social Sciences

Can Saver Plus assist you with high school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:

- school uniforms and text books
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Meagan Parry, your local Saver Plus Worker:

(08) 9440 4147 / 0438 518 603
meagan.parry@thesmithfamily.com.au

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brothers of St Lawrence and is delivered across Western Australia by The Smith Family. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.
From the Principal:

Our school is part of a national project about students with disability and/or learning difficulties. We have been asked to provide data about the number and learning needs of children at our school. The name of the school and the name of students will not be reported. Information about the different types of needs and the programs and resources the school uses to overcome barriers and support children with special educational needs will be collected.

We believe it is important to contribute to this because it will help Governments and the Department develop better policies that acknowledge the level of resources needed in schools to meet the needs of all students in Western Australia.

If you do not want your children to be included please sign the form provided by the school and return it to the school. I will make sure we don’t include them in the information we provide to the Commonwealth.

deevee.gov.au/students-disability

Routes 65 (347) and 371 and School Specials 755 and 759 - Morley Senior High School

Monday 8 September 2014

In preparation for the transition of Year 7 students to high school in 2015, we are making changes to the school network boosting capacity where possible and realigning services to maximise the benefit to the community.

The following changes will be made to afternoon services:

Route 347 Morley Senior High School to Morley Bus Station via Camboon Rd and McIlwraith Av

An additional Route 347 trip (renumbered from Route 65) will commence from Morley Senior High School at 3.39pm.

Route 371 Morley Senior High School to Morley Bus Station via Wellington Rd

An additional Route 371 trip will commence from Morley Senior High School at 3.40pm.

Students should ensure they board a 371 bus displaying Morley and NOT Mirrabooka.

School Special 755 Morley Senior High School to Mirrabooka Bus Station

This service will be renumbered to display Route 371 and operate via the same route terminating at Mirrabooka Bus Station. There is no change to the departure time (3:40pm) or actual route taken. Students should ensure they board a 371 bus displaying Mirrabooka and NOT Morley.

School Special 759 Morley Senior High School to Morley Bus Station

This service will be withdrawn. Students can catch Route 347, School Special 756 or Route 371 (bound for Morley Bus Station)

School Special 756 operating from Morley Senior High School to Morley Bus Station via Crimea St and School Special 757 operating from Morley Senior High School to Alexander Heights remain unchanged.

For Assistance:

Transperth InfoLine 13 62 13 (TIS: 13 14 50)

Hearing or speech impaired? Call via NRS 133 677

The Australian Veterans’ Children Assistance Trust (AVCAT) is a not-for-profit organisation. AVCAT administers scholarships to help children, and in some cases grandchildren, of the Australian ex-service community with the costs of full-time education. The most deserving candidates are provided with financial assistance to facilitate their tertiary studies.

AVCAT relies on the generosity of the ex-service and business community as well as private donors. If you would like to find out more about supporting AVCAT or applying for a scholarship, please contact us:

T: 02 9213 7999 E: avcat@dva.gov.au W: www.avcat.org.au

APPLICATIONS OPEN 18 AUGUST

“It means the world to me that someone I don’t know cares about my education and believes I have potential.” 2014 Recipient
Student Attendance

At Morley SHS we recognise that legitimate illness is a valid reason for reduced attendance. However, we are obliged to point out that reduced attendance has a significant impact on academic learning. In order to access the full curriculum and give your child the best chance of success, the Department of Education recommends a minimum rate of 95% attendance to adequately reach academic success.

We have seen a huge increase in the number of families taking holidays during the term. Please look at the table below and take some time to reflect on the choices you are making about taking your child out of school. I have asked families to write me a letter indicating that they are taking their child out of school for a vacation or family visit to essentially cover the school if we have an attendance audit.

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Administration

IMPORTANT DATES

Weds 10th Sept - Multimedia, Soccer, Aviation Specialist Subjects Testing 1.30pm - 3.00pm
(use Bramwell Rd gates).

Tues 9th Sept - Athletics Trials - Track

Thurs 11th Sept - Athletics Trials - Field

Friday 12th Sept - Morley Leos’ Sausage Sizzle (lunchtime)

Monday 15th Sept - P&C Meeting 7.00pm

From Weds 24th Sept - Mock WACE Exams - through until Friday 10th October

Friday 26th Sept - End of Term 3. All students are expected to be here until 3.30pm

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR 8 WEEK LANGUAGE AND CULTURE PROGRAMS IN CHINA, FRANCE, GERMANY AND ITALY

I would like to draw your attention to some exciting and valuable opportunities currently available to students in Years 10 to 12. We take great pleasure in offering two scholarships worth $1,500 each on our Intensive Language and Culture programs to China, France, Germany and Italy during the upcoming Christmas holidays. These programs offer a unique and life-changing experience, and are open to any student who would like to advance their language skills and live in a new culture with a host family, studying at a local school. Applications close on 29th August for these programs and I urge you to talk with your students to ensure they don’t miss out on this opportunity.

More information is available at www afs org au/scholarships/public-scholarships/short-program-scholarships/

WANSLEA FOSTER CARE

is currently recruiting foster carers and we are seeking the support of your school community. Wanslea is a community based agency in the Perth metropolitan and Peel regions committed to ensuring that children in need receive the type of high quality care they deserve. For further information regarding Wanslea and the services we offer please refer to our website: www fosternow com au

DO YOU HAVE ROOM FOR A FOSTER CHILD?
Year 11 Dinner Dance 2014

Bright lights, loud music and terrifying dancing will always be imprinted in the minds of the Year 11s after the Dinner Dance held at Mulberry on Swan on Tuesday 29th July.

The dance floor was ‘on fire’ with everyone showing off their dance moves. Special mention must go to Steven Hebb, Mr Uren and Mr Paini for their fit and energetic moves.

The food was delicious and when dessert came out, people were having to be held back from attacking the buffet and saving the pavlova’s life (Alana and Jake!)

If people weren’t already mesmerised by the food, the outfits of everyone took centre stage. The guys looked dashing, even with some questionable footwear from a few, and the girls were looking exquisite.

It was a great night that all students who attended will not forget.

By Whitney Kelly, Alana Kowaleff, Zac Richardson Yr 11 Students
Year 9s participate in the Schools Sharemarket Game

During Semester One, the Year 9 Business class, under the supervision of Mr Richardson, participated in the ASX (Australian Stock Exchange) Schools’ Sharemarket game. This game’s goal is to help participants develop their analytical and decision-making skills by trading in the Australian Sharemarket.

This game is open for both public and school entries. The duration of the game is 10 weeks. At the start of the game the participants are given a hypothetical fifty thousand dollars to trade with. Nevertheless, that amount will only be given once, so if somehow the participants go bankrupt, they will be out of the game. Participants can either participate as a syndicate of 2 – 3 or may go it alone.

The data/information on the performance of the Companies and the Shares is from the real market – the ASX - this means that by reading the newspaper and watching the news on TV, we were able to follow share prices, make decisions on whether to buy or sell shares and to monitor progress of our portfolio.

Our class proceeded into the game with strategic minds and a crystal-clear game plan. By using these methods, some of us managed to make significant capital gains. There were two main types of traders amongst us, the ‘adventurous’ and the ‘safe’ players. The adventurous, explains itself quite literally in the name; these players are prepared to take the leap of fate and deal with the consequences. Whereas the safe, who are players that invested their money in sturdy companies are not so keen on taking leaps of major chances.

All in all, it was an excellent and unique experience for all of us. We recommend this game for everyone to try out even if you are not in the class; it has not only provided experience but also taught us the skill of being patient and strategic.

Congratulations to Faran Rasouli Fard, for achieving first place and Riza Al Haify for achieving second place in our class. At one stage in the competition, Faran was ranked seventh in the state out of more than five hundred syndicates. Well done, Faran.

Nhu Nguyen Year 9

POLYTECHNIC WEST
Job Ready Training

At Polytechnic West we’ll provide you with the skills to help you get the job you want. Whether you’re entering the job market for the first time, returning to the workforce after a period of absence, or simply wanting to change your career, studying at Polytechnic West can help you succeed. With many courses to choose from, Polytechnic West will enable you to gain your qualifications quickly and provide you with practical study to increase your chances of getting the job you want. If you would like any more information about Polytechnic West or another course, one of our Customer Service Officers will be happy to help you - just call (08) 9267 7500 during business hours, visit our website at www.polytechnic.wa.edu.au, facebook at http://www.facebook.com/polytechnicwest or email info.centre@polytechnic.wa.edu.au
Student Works in “Young Originals Exhibition”

Joseph Tabadero, Year 8, and Taaqif Peck, Year 12, are amongst a select group of WA public school students whose work has been selected into the “Young Originals Exhibition” at ECU, Mount Lawley. Joseph’s piece, Intergalactic Bounty Hunter, is a hand designed, digitally rendered video game character, completed as part of a specialist Multi Media Program (MMP) task. Taaqif’s photograph, New Home, captures his cousin at Australia Day celebrations while addressing themes of migration and identity. Taaqif’s work in 1A Design Photography has been exceptional, with most of his photographic works produced, being at professional standards.

Selection into the Young Originals is difficult, with works being scrutinised by a panel of art and education industry professionals. With the exhibition entry submission, students provided an artist statement and photographs of the piece, giving the judging panel a visual of the work whilst providing insight into the ideas behind the piece.

The Young Original Exhibition will be open for public viewing at the Spectrum Project Space, ECU Mount Lawley from Thursday 28th August to Friday 5th September 2014.

Mr Daniel Heyman
Media Teacher

Congratulations! Omedetou!

Daphne Phan of our Year 10 Japanese Language class has won the Akito Sumibo Scholarship which is a fully funded trip to Japan departing in December this year.

The AFS (American Field Service) has been working in partnership with Anglo American Metallurgical Coal (AAMC) and Mitsui Coal Holdings Pty Ltd since 2006. This partnership created the scholarship to honour Mr. Akito Sumibo, who unexpectedly died in July 2004. This program aims to provide a young Australian with a life-changing experience in Japan. Over time six students have been sponsored to experience a two month program in Japan. The scholarship funds the entire short program AFS participation fee to Japan. The lucky student will attend a local high school and participate in everyday Japanese life just as a normal Japanese student.

This scholarship is open to all students across Australia who are studying Japanese. Daphne’s application was extremely well presented and she was shortlisted, then shortlisted again, to then become the overall winner in Australia. A very prestigious award that will enable her to further improve her Japanese language skills whilst experiencing the various aspects of Japanese culture and also creating lifelong memories and friendships.

A special thanks to AFS, Mrs Fortune, Mr Craig McLean, Yr 10 Coordinator and Mr Peter Crayden, Academic Extension Coordinator.

We are very pleased with this great news and are very proud of her efforts. Well done Daphne!

Ms Yuko Urban, Japanese Language teacher
MORLEY YEAR 8
LIGHTNING CARNIVAL

It was another cold and windy day for the Year 8 lightning carnivals but that didn’t stop our Year 8s from enjoying the day. Students participated in soccer, basketball or netball against other schools in the North-east region. Well done to all the teams who participated and put in such a wonderful effort. There was great team spirit shown by all teams and the Phys-Ed staff were impressed with the way Morley students conducted themselves at each of the events.

A special mention goes to the boys’ basketball B team who won their division after winning their grand final against Ballajura by two points!

Stand-out players for the team were Marc Tsai, Nathan Ng and Eric Truong. Congratulations also to the boys’ soccer B team who took out their division winning in tight competition with Ballajura on goal difference. The boys had a couple of close games but showed great determination to hang on and get over the line.

Stand-out players on the day were Christian Hunter, Atbin Razavian, Jasyn Vanxay and Gabriel Fortonato.

And last but not least, congratulations to the girls’ soccer A team who fought hard to win their division competition.

The girls showed great skill throughout the day and finished off the day undefeated and with no goals conceded against them. The Championship was close and came down to the last game as both Ballajura and Morley were on equal points. The Morley girls fought hard and beat Ballajura 1-0 to come home the winners.

Stand-out players were Jess Briggs, Cathy Huynh, Karin Li, Sophia Silver, Magde Kovaceski and Radiah Bruce who scored the winning goal.

A special ‘thank you’ to all the Phys-Ed staff who put in lots of time and effort so that this event could run so smoothly. Also an extra special ‘thank you’ to all our wonderful students who gave up their time to help coach and officiate at each of the events.

Mr Matthew White,
Phys Ed Teacher
Year 9 Represents WA in State Touch

Arahina Roberts of Year 9, has been selected to represent WA in the 2014 “State Touch Team” at the National Schools’ Championships in Melbourne. The competition runs in October 2014.

It is an honour, and a significant stepping stone for students to represent WA which could fulfil an achievement goal of senior and national selection. School Sport WA works very closely with State and National Sporting Associations to ensure that school sport forms a significant part in the development of school students.

Well done, Arahina, we look forward to hearing about your experience.

Ms Kerry Hinkley  
Head of Learning Area – Physical Education

Perth Wildcats Coaching Clinic

On Friday 27th June a selected group of Year 8 and 9 boys and girls were invited to participate in a basketball skills’ session run by the Perth Wildcats. Two players from the 2014 NBL Champions visited Morley SHS to run the coaching clinics with some of the most talented basketball players from the lower school cohort. Louis Timms and Tom Jervis brought their expertise from the highest level to run the students through a series of drills and skills that the students thoroughly enjoyed.

We were proud to have Tom Jervis, a former student at Morley SHS who graduated in 2004 attend as a member of the Wildcats. Jervis won the 2014 NBL Rookie of the Year Award and went on to represent the Australian Boomers this year as well.

He gave some words of wisdom to all the students about working hard in class and incorporating this on the basketball court.

Mr M White  
Physical Education Teacher