Year 12 Graduation 2014
Graduation Evening at Rendezvous, Scarborough

The end of a young person’s school life is the beginning of new careers and aspirations. I am certain that many parents as well as Year 12 teachers have encouraged all students to put in the effort towards their studies throughout the year. The results have been pleasing. I don’t believe I can ever recall seeing two students so close to win the Dux.

Congratulations goes to Judith Steinberg for winning the Dux of WACE students. What an achievement with Daniel Ogilvie coming a very close second. Also congratulations to Scott Malcolm and his Dux in the area of Vocational Education and Training (VET). Again, another excellent result. There were also many more awards handed out on the evening to the Year 12 students who put in a tremendous effort to become deserved winners for the Year 12 Class of 2014. A leaflet with all awards and recipients is enclosed in this newsletter.

The important trend that we are seeing at Morley SHS is the growing number of high-achieving students both in WACE and VET courses. Many students are able to see that they are competitive in achieving university entry through their courses of study. What is also very exciting is to see the number of students completing Certificates I, II and III in the many VET courses that are offered at Morley.

Not only will many of our students be successful enough to get into their preferences at the various universities, whether here, the Eastern States, or overseas, but many also will move directly into apprenticeships and work areas of their first choice. This is especially pleasing as this small group of Year 12 students is the last of the ‘half-cohort’ group of students to finish their schooling.

The two musical performances by Year 12s, Caitlin Robinson, Daniel Ogilvie, Bliss Watene, Abegail Gruco and Lorraine Raqueno (Yr 11), were amazing and we are fortunate to have such talent within our students. Mr Beins, Music Teacher, has excelled in his role in encouraging and challenging students to perform to this high calibre.

All together, the night was a huge success; it was really pleasing to see every Year 12 student so well presented and dressed-up which shows the wider community how much Morley students take pride in themselves and their achievements.

I would like personally to thank the many teachers and support staff who have, not only assisted me with the preparations and smooth running of the graduation ceremony, but along with parents and guardians, over the five years of these students’ schooling, have helped, encouraged and supported these young adults through the many ups and downs of school life. We are all very proud of their achievements and we wish each and every Year 12 ‘good luck’ wherever they go on their journey in the future.

Alexis Pelham, Year 12 Coordinator
Principal’s Report

Dear Parents

Term four, already, and the pace of school life, on all fronts, accelerates not winds down. Staff members stretch themselves noticeably - academic staff in setting exams - office staff in running them off. Year 12 students sit their W.A.C.E. exams, while Years 10, 9 and 8 prepare to sit theirs. The concentrated effort is commendable. We extend our genuine appreciation of their effort to all concerned.

YEAR 12 GRADUATION EVENING

Our congratulations to Students, Parents and Staff on an outstanding Year 12 Graduation Evening. Special thanks to Ms Pelham, Ms Larcombe and Ms Stevens who took the lead in organising the evening. To the Dux (ATAR) Judith Steinberg, and Dux (VET) Scott Malcolm and all other award winners our special commendation on their achievement and our best wishes to all our Year 12 students in their examinations, interviews and other possible selection processes in the year ahead and beyond.

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL

Morley Senior High School, in accord with its new status of “Independent Public School” is currently reviewing the school’s long - term traditional structures, with a view to examining and evaluating alternative approved structural possibilities in keeping with this status. One might express the scenario as ‘other possibilities for doing business’. To this end, the traditional structure and function of our ‘School Council/Board may likely change. Accordingly, any parent or member of the School or broader community who considers she/he could contribute in a significant or individual way to the governance of the school is invited to submit a detailed resume to the current Chairperson, Mr Jack Garber for consideration.

PREPARATIONS AND SOME STAFFING ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2015

Year Co-ordinators for 2015 are: Mr Md Diyah (Year 7) and Ms Pelham (Year 8). They, together with Mr O’Kane, the Student Services Team, and Staff, are preparing for the arrival of students in 2015. The orientation days are: Current Yr 7s is on Monday 1st December and current Yr 6s on Tuesday 2nd December, both from 9.15am-3.00pm. An information evening is scheduled for parents as follows: Parents of current Year 7s on Wednesday 3rd December and current Year 6s on Thursday 4th December, both from 7.00pm-8.30pm in Arts Foyer.

STAFFING 2015

With the half cohort finishing in Year 12 this year and the arrival of the Grade 7 students, Morley student numbers are set to increase significantly. At this stage, the expected enrolment is approximately 1140. Accordingly, we are currently recruiting additional Staff. We are delighted with the calibre of new staff seeking to work at Morley Senior High School who have been appointed. While selection processes have not yet been completed, we are getting close to having a full complement of very able qualified staff for 2015.

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 — CALLING ALL YEAR 6s & 7s

Please get your enrolments in soon 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.

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.

G. L. Fortune, Principal
AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION 2014

This year, 102 students entered the Australia-wide competition. One of our Year 12 students, Di Wu pictured, received a special award, the Prudence Award, for the highest number of consecutive questions answered correctly. Out of 30 questions, which increase in the level of difficulty, Di got the first 18 questions correct. Well done and congratulations Di.

Of the other students who entered, one student, Mitchell A’Vard of Year 8, received a High Distinction and the following received a Distinction;

Year 8  Qing Shi  Timothy Li  Avishka Liyanage Rajamanthrilage
     Eric Truong
Year 9  Jessica Lee  William MacKinnon  Jasmine Banares
     Yahvi Patel  Rio Syah Akbar
Year 10 Chongshu Li  Renton Nekrews

HAVE ‘SUM’ FUN

Teams of four students from most lower school classes have been participating in an online competition run by the Maths Association of WA. Each year level has been given a different set of ten puzzles or problem solving questions to answer within one hour.

For example, one of the questions from the Year 8 competition was:
The numbers 1 to 25 are multiplied together, $1 \times 2 \times 3 \times 4 \times 5 \ldots 23 \times 24 \times 25$. How many zeros are at the end of this result?

There are three sets of questions to be answered over the three weeks. This week is the last week of the competition and results will be made known soon.

Greg Uren,
Head of Department, Mathematics

The answer to the above question was six (6) zeros; did you get it correct?

2014 ADF Long Tan Youth Leadership & Teamwork Awards

This award was established in 2006 and recognises students who demonstrate leadership and teamwork within the school and broader local community. At the same time, it recognises those who display strong values, such as doing one’s best, respecting others and “mateship” characteristics that are integral to Australian society.

The awards are an important initiative by the Australian Government in conjunction with the Australian Defence Force designed to encourage senior students—tomorrow’s leaders—to actively participate in the life of their schools and local communities.

It has been a difficult decision but it gives me great pleasure to announce the winners of the ADF Long Tan Youth Leadership and Teamwork Awards to:

- Year 10 - Certificate and Cheque for $250 - Ke Zheng
- Year 12 - Certificate and Cheque for $550 - Daniel Ogilvie

Congratulations and Best Wishes
Norman Paini,
Head of Department, Humanities and Social Sciences
Busy Time of Year for LOTE Department

It has been a wonderful term for the LOTE Department. Eight students received excellence awards from the Australia-Friendship Society Australia. The award encourages and supports students learning Chinese at school.

Furthermore, nine students participated in the State Chinese speaking and writing competition. Students performed very well and our school won five awards from these competitions.

The highlight is two Year 12 Japanese students winning the National speaking competition awards and one Year 10 student receiving the AFS Scholarship to Japan for two months. Hieu Luu and Aaron Ho, both Year 12 students of Morley SHS have claimed first place in national competitions for students of Japanese. They join Daphne Phan who, as reported in the August newsletter, won the national Akito Sumibo Scholarship, a six week fully funded exchange trip to Japan in December.

Hieu Luu won the prize of a trip to Japan for his speech performance in a competition sponsored by the Japanese government. ‘JENESYS’ is a program focused on promoting interest towards Japan by sponsoring students from across Australia to travel to Japan and experience its cultures and traditions. Hieu proved very competent in the speech competition to claim the wonderful first prize. He will visit Japan’s historical sites and Japanese cutting edge technology enterprises in Tokyo. Afterwards, he will study at Toyama University of International studies and Toyama High School whilst being hosted by a Japanese family. Hieu will experience fully the Japanese culture and lifestyle. Congratulations to Hieu for this wonderful achievement.

Talented artist, Aaron Ho, has won the senior division of the Art Speaks Japanese 2014 competition sponsored by the Japan Foundation of Sydney. He created an intricate hand-drawn and coloured artwork showing a mix of Japanese and Australian icons. Elements were related to a Japanese video titled ‘Happy Family’ and also Anime. Aaron used the words “We are one big happy global family” in Japanese text as part of his image. Aaron has won a voucher that he will possibly put towards a Japanese Calligraphy set or Art supplies. We congratulate Aaron on his success. (Incidentally, another wonderful piece he submitted was also selected as the cover of the Morley SHS 2014 Year Book.)

All scholarships and awards recipients are listed below:

**Chinese Writing Competition:**
- Year 9 Category
  - Second Prize - Nora Le
  - Fourth Prize - Jasmine Banares
- First Language Category (Level 2)
  - Certificate of Excellence - Year 8 Wuhui Chen and Yun Chen
  - Second Prize, Top level - Year 8 Sally Qi

**National Japanese Speaking Contest**
- Japan trip award to Japan
  - Year 12 Hieu Luu

**Art Speaks Japanese Competition**
- First prize - Aaron Ho

Well done and congratulations to the above students.

Esther Ng, Teacher-in-Charge, Languages, Chinese Teacher
Yuko Urban, Japanese Teacher
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 these to the school.

Just drop them 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 book list. 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 has 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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FAIRWAY UWA

Congratulations to the following Year 11 students who have been offered a place in the 2015 Fairway 2015 Program;

Gabriella Taylor  Asaf Silman  Callum Watts
Asha Soclo           Whitney Kelly-Gaynor     Mathea Rozic
Ali Al Aaraji       Annalyse McLoughlin

‘Fairway UWA’ is a comprehensive support program which aims to provide disadvantaged students an opportunity to build upon their attributes and abilities, improve their motivation and develop true potential in their final year of secondary schooling.

Students will, first of all, attend a Residential Summer School from 19th - 22nd January 2015, and then have the support of Peer Tutors and a range of support programs to assist them with Year 12 work and studies.

Successful completion of the Fairway UWA Program will provide students with an alternative entry pathway to any of the University’s undergraduate three year degrees subject to the student’s preference order and satisfying the following requirement: Achieve an ATAR of 70 or above, complete WACE, English competency and satisfy any requirements for entry into a particular major.

Congratulations and Well Done.

Norman Paini, Head of Department
Humanities and Social Sciences

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

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On the morning of Friday 19th September, eight students, with Mrs Fortune and Mr Paini, arrived at Perth International Airport at 5.30am for their China Southern flight to Guangzhou and then onto Shanghai for their 16 day trip of a lifetime.

The students were:

Year 10  Daphne Phan, Jeremy Ly, Blair Pedrick, Brock Ferguson
Year 9   Albert Lam, Zach Tan, William Nguyen
Year 11  Erin Dornan (from Kalamunda SHS)

Our first stop was Shanghai and we visited the Yu Garden, the Bund, Old China Town, the Jin Mao Tower, The Shanghai Museum, Nanjing Road and the Old French Quarter. We also had a cruise on the Huangpu River, saw an acrobatic show and viewed the Bund at night.

We then caught a ‘G Train’, that can travel at over 300 km/hour, for our trip to Hangzhou to visit our Sister School, Number 2 High School. On our arrival we were met by our guests. The students would have three nights with homestays, but before this we had an official function to introduce ourselves to the Principal and our host students.

Morley students did themselves proud by introducing themselves in Mandarin. On the following days we had lessons in Kung Fu, making noodles and knot making. We attended normal lessons and listened to the Hangzhou Symphony Orchestra. We ate in the school canteen and the students played basketball and table tennis. Our Principal, Mrs Fortune, with Mr Yew, Principal, signed another Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for a further ten years. This turned out to be a very successful visit. It was sad to say goodbye to friends at Number 2 High School.

Our next stop was X’ian to see the Terracotta Warriors. None of us were disappointed. As a World Heritage Site, it was truly amazing. The area of the find and the continual archaeological work still being done is wonderful. On the following day we visited the Big Goose Pagoda, the ancient City Wall. Here we had an opportunity to ride around the wall on bicycles. All of us hired bikes and rode the 13.8 kilometre wall. The students were surprised that even Mrs Fortune and Mr Paini completed the ride in 1 hour and 20 minutes. We then visited the Great Mosque and the Muslim Snack Street. On the final evening we had a dumpling dinner and saw a traditional dance show.

Next it was Beijing. October 1st is China’s National Day and, of course, many people were on holiday. It was 65 years since The People’s Republic of China was formed. At every site there were many local Chinese also seeing the wonderful sites of Beijing.

We visited the Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, Temple of Heaven, The Great Wall of China, the Summer Palace, The Hutongs and the Silk markets. A highlight was climbing the Great Wall. Many of the Students climbed to the sixth turret. We enjoyed a show of Kung Fu and we ate Peking Duck served at a ‘Five Star’ restaurant. The dinner was superb.

Travel in China is not easy and you certainly realise that China is a very populous country and that there is not a lot of personal space. Even so, the people are very polite and often asked to take their photograph with us as souvenirs of their own holiday break.

Sadly it came to our last day. We caught an A390 Aircraft for Guangzhou and then our flight home. We arrived home at 6.00am Sunday 5th October. We had spent all of our money, experienced so much together and arrived with our luggage overflowing with gifts for family and friends.

This was our first time flying China Southern and the service was very good. At each stop we had great Tour Guides and bus drivers who made the trip very enjoyable.

I would like to thank “Trio Travel” and “China Holidays” for their support of our trip to China.

Norman Paini, Tour Leader
Amazing China
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Friday the 17th October 2014 the Morley SHS athletics team competed in the interschool Track and Field ‘D’ grade carnival at the WA Athletics Stadium. This year’s squad was selected after the trials in late Term 3 and another outstanding group of students were invited to represent the school.

There were some magnificent performances by individual athletes on the day including the following students who were named athletics’ champions for their respective year groups this year.

YEAR 8
Boys’ champion: Raynell Edmonds (3rd place Triple Jump & Hurdles);
Girls’ Champion: Jazlyn Davies (2nd place Triple Jump & 3rd in the 200m).

YEAR 9
Boys’ champion: Tam Ho (3rd place Triple Jump & Discus);
Girls’ Champion: Donna Lazic (1st place in the 200m & Long Jump, 2nd place 100m);
Donna was also named Champion Girl for the whole carnival which was a fantastic effort against the other eight schools.

YEAR 10
Boys’ champion: Jason Nazareth (1st place 100m Hurdles, 2nd place High Jump & 3rd place in the 100m and 200m);
Girls’ Champion: Sarah Dixon (no podium finishes but the busiest athlete on the day competing in an amazing six events!).

YEAR 11&12
Boys’ champion: Daniel Ogilvie (1st place Triple Jump & 3rd place Discus and High Jump);
Girls’ Champion: Shauanna Smith (2nd place Triple Jump and Long Jump & 3rd in the Shot Put, 200m and the 100m).

Every student who represented the school on the day should be proud of a wonderful effort; however, the most pleasing aspect of the carnival was that every student contributed in some way to the team effort in their performances. This allowed Morley to finish a respectable 6th place in a very competitive carnival.

Well Done!

Matthew White
Health & Phys Ed Department