Homework Classes
We are pleased to announce that homework classes are going very well so far. In Term 1 we have over 30 students from Year 7 to Year 12 regularly attending these afterschool classes.

If your child needs a little extra help with any subject, they can come along, and the supervising Teachers will help them work through areas where they may be struggling. Alternatively, students may just need the extra time to finish off their work in a quiet environment.

Classes are on Tuesday 3.30pm-5.00pm and 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.

Administration

Students return to school on Monday 20th April 2015
Dear Parents

Term One has certainly been busy from start to finish. However, we are all very pleased that the Year 7 and Year 8 students have settled into the High School environment exceptionally well. Students, of course, are to be complimented on this but the real achievement has been the dedicated commitment of parents and, of course, the professionalism of Staff, especially our Year 7 and Year 8 Co-ordinators, Mr Md Diyah and Ms Pelham, without whose dedication, the transition could not have been so seamless.

Term 2 - Please be reminded that Term 2 is set to start on Monday, April 20 and School Development Day will be on Friday May 8 2015.

OLNA – Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment for Year 10 Students

These assessments have recently taken place for those Year 10 and Year 11 students who have not yet achieved Band 8 in the NAPLAN or in the OLNA Tests. Achievement of this standard is mandatory for all students seeking to graduate as laid down by the new Graduation Requirements. I am sure we all, Staff and Parents, wish our students the very best in meeting these mandatory academic requirements. Indeed, our school motto “Together We Achieve” reminds us as Staff, Parents and students of our solidarity on this aim.

Year 9 NAPLAN – National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy Test

These assessments will take place during week four (12-15 May 2015) for Year 9 students. Those who achieve Band 8 in the Literacy and Numeracy Tests will have satisfied the requirements for the WACE – Western Australian Certificate of Education and Graduation requirements. As a result, they will not have to sit the OLNA tests in Years 11 or 12.

Year 12, 11 and 10 Examinations

These will take place during week 8 and 9 (2-16 June 2015). Our best wishes; of course, to all our students taking these examinations, the purpose of which is both formative and normative. First they shape students to meet standards and secondly, they measure students’ performance against existing and established academic standards. Final examinations, in Year 12 will, of course, emphasise the normative aspect where results are used predominantly to screen and select students for entry to courses, institutions and professional training. On this basis, students finally compete to take their place in work, TAFE or University, depending on their academic aspiration and examination results.

Parents and Citizens’ Group

I am happy to announce that, once again, our parent support is to the fore. On this score, it would be very remiss not to acknowledge the outstanding contribution in liaison, leadership and high office, as President and Treasurer, undertaken, respectively, by Ms Michele Drieberg (for seven years) and Mr Jack Garber (for five years). Both have been staunch supporters of our many building projects over several years including the advocacy of B.E.R. Science Block, the Trade Centre and the Upper School Science Block (State funded and opened 2014 by Mr Collier). Their dedication in regard to these projects will long be remembered.

New Office-bearers (2015 onwards)

President: Ms Vicki Blyth
Vice President: Ms Sheryl Hinscliff
Secretary: Ms Katrina Mallon
Treasurer: Mr Darryl Ferguson

School Board: Independent Public School

A transitional Board will maintained during 2015 made up chiefly of members of the previous School Council who have nominated in an assistance capacity to the school. In the course of the ongoing year, consideration will be given to the appointment of new members from the local community. During the intervening interval, Mr Jack Garber, Ms Vicki Blyth, Ms Michele Drieberg, Mrs Katrina Mallon, Mrs Karen Lippinkhof, Mr Craig Shortland and Mrs Fran MacKenzie will stay with us in a temporary capacity.

Obviously, we look forward to busy and exciting times ahead. Meantime, we reiterate our sincere thanks and appreciation of the ongoing and abiding support we continue to experience from past office bearers and committed parents and staff as we forge our identity as an Independent Public School.

Sincerely,

G. L. Fortune, Principal

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.
Chinese New Year

The Chinese New Year was celebrated on the 19th of February this year. Our school celebrated with a whole school assembly, where a Lion Dance took place. Students enjoyed the energetic performance.

All students and staff received a red envelope with money inside. Red symbolises happiness and the money means good luck for the year!

The Library Resource Centre organised a display, incorporating dragons flying, the display cabinet filled with items from China and information about the Year of the Goat.

Students in Chinese classes researched different customs and made traditional lanterns in class.

Once again. Happy Chinese New Year!

Mrs Ng
Chinese Teacher

Ms Cleary
Teacher-Librarian

Scholarship to China

Our Year 11 student, Brock Ferguson has been sponsored by the Headquarters of the Confucius Institute to attend a camp over the Easter school holiday in Zhejiang province. Brock will be experiencing the Chinese culture and excursions. He will also be attending a Chinese course at the Zhejiang University.

Congratulations on his effort; we hope he enjoys his trip to China.

Mrs Ng, Chinese Teacher

2015 SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME YEARS 7 to 12 AND SCHOOL FEES

Please note that 2015 Secondary Assistance Scheme applications are closing on Thursday, 2 April 2015. If you hold any of the following concession cards, please bring it with you to the Front Office:
- Centrelink Health Care Card (Family card only not student card)
- Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card
- Veteran’s Affairs Pensioner Card (Blue card only – expires Dec 2015)

Mrs Woodgate can be contacted on 9376 5555 for further details.

CENTREPAY FACILITY THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

The School has recently applied to the Department of Human Services to use the Centrepay facility to assist families to have periodical instalment payments of Fees and Charges processed electronically and directly credited to the School bank account. If you would like to take advantage of this facility, please direct your queries to Mrs Woodgate for assistance on 9376555. Thank you.

Mai Wyld, Business Manager.
Avalon Air Show

On the 26th of March 2015, eighteen from MSHS (inclusive of fourteen students, two teachers and two parent helpers) departed from Perth at 7.00am. We enjoyed a four hour flight to Melbourne and arrived there at 2.00pm (EST). Then we made our way to the rather luxurious and welcoming hotel we booked. On our first night we had a four course meal at an Italian Restaurant.

Day One - Air Services. This was an interesting environment which further introduced us to job opportunities, such as air traffic control, fire fighting, as well as search and rescue. We had a wonderful time exploring the imposing control towers and the training centre for air traffic controllers, which appears to be an interesting and thrilling career. We then made our way to the biennial Avalon Air Show.

This was filled with planes magnificently striding across the sky as they reflected their technological capabilities. As all these aircraft roared into the sky, the onlookers were sure to experience adrenalin rushes. There were planes ranging from the daring Fokker DR1 of World War I; to the docile Kitty Hawks from World War II; right up to the modern supersonic Super Hornets which bombarded the sky with their deafening roars and robust structure. No matter where the plane came from, or what it achieved, all planes were appreciated by the audience’s loud cheers.

The pilots were treated like celebrities. Fortunately for us, we had booked seats at the grandstand and could easily see all the aerobatic skills the planes displayed. The show was like a carnival, but better. There were information stalls for us that provided details on jobs available and technological improvements in the aviation industry such as: army pilots; fighter pilots; commercial pilots; new engines; and streamline technology in jets. It literally was a ‘plane-lover’s paradise.’

On the 28th March, we roamed around the vast land the air show covered. We went inside the aircraft, and got to experience what it was like be to be inside the bombers and the cockpits of fighter planes. A noticeable part of the air show was dedicated to the ANZACs and there was a re-enactment of a battle scenario from World War I. Actors played the parts of soldiers and nurses and we had a real life experience of life in the trenches.

The next day, we were at the Melbourne RAAF museum where we had an introduction to its prestigious heritage and then we were ‘let free’ to explore. Three hangars were situated on the base, they all contained fascinating aircraft ranging from the Second World War period.

After purchasing souvenirs from the museum, we left on the bus to have lunch and then left Melbourne via QF-766 homeward bound. It was truly an amazing experience.

By Akshaya Ravichandran, Year 10 Student
25TH ANNIVERSARY OF PERTH – VASTO SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP

On Monday 16 February 2015 representatives of Morley Senior High School were invited to Council House to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Perth-Vasto Sister City Relationship (State of Western Australia – region of Abruzzo).

Our representatives were senior school students Mikayla Fuda, Caitlin Boax and Philip Chudon and staff members Mrs Fortune, Mr Paini, Mrs Crellin and Ms Cleary.

On the 11th floor of Council House, we were introduced to Perth Mayor Lisa Scaffidi and Vasto Mayor Luciano Lapenna, other Vasto councillors and the Italian Consul-General in Perth, Mr Adriano Tedde. The speeches of both mayors paid tribute to the contribution of Italian migrants (especially from Vasto) to the Australian way of life and culture. An interesting fact mentioned by the Vasto Mayor, Mr Lapenna was that post World War II, 1.2 million Italians from the Abruzzo region migrated to other countries, while the current population of Abruzzo is 1.3 million. The fact that this migration exodus made a huge hole in the Vasto community was acknowledged.

We were then treated to some fine food and wonderful views from the 11th floor of Council House. What a way to start the day and week! To pay tribute to this significant historical event, Council House was lit in the colours of the Italian flag by night.

Ms Cleary, Teacher – Librarian and Philip Chudon 12.5

Left: Perth Lord Mayor Lisa Scaffidi (R) and Vasto Mayor Luciano Lapenna prior to signing the Welcome Book

Middle Left: Both mayors flanked by their respective councillors

Bottom Left: Vasto Councillor Domenico Molino, Philip Chudon, Mrs Crellin, Italian Consul-General Mr. Adriano Tedde, Mikayla Fuda and Caitlin Boax

Middle Right: Cupcakes made specially for the celebration

Bottom Right: Students Philip Chudon, Italian Consul-General Mr. Adriano Tedde, Mikayla Fuda and Caitlin Boax
**P.A.R.T.Y Program (Prevent Alcohol and Risk-Related Trauma in Youth)**

Students from Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 went to Royal Perth Hospital and participated in this worthwhile program. It involved guest speakers from St John Ambulance Care, a drug and alcohol presentation, a speaker from Headwest BIA (Brain Injury Association), and a presentation from the Paraplegic Benefit Fund (PBF). We also visited the ICU, the Emergency Department and the Occupational Therapy unit.

One of the most moving moments was when we were able to speak to Anthony in ICU who had been involved in an accident and would be in ICU for another six weeks. The final speaker was Matt from the PBF. Matt had survived a fall and was now 97% quadriplegic with some movement in his right arm and some fingers. He spoke about his experiences and how he now lives. When he spoke you could “hear a pin drop”. His moving and courageous presentation was inspiring.

Schools are permitted to attend every two years and it is a very worthwhile presentation to attend. Definitely go if you are invited to attend.

Special “Thanks” to Mr Ray Oliver, School Nurse, for organising the visit.

Whitney Kelly-Gaynor, Yr 12 Student

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**SCITECH INGENIOUS FESTIVAL**

The Year 9 Aviation Students took a whole-day trip to Scitech on Friday 20 March which left them fascinated and enthralled. Students enjoyed many talks and activities including exhibitions, the planetarium and playing with many ‘cool’ gadgets such as the Oculus Rift. Many of the gadgets they played with helped them further understand Science, and the world around us, in a fun and interactive way. The students said that the gadgets were extremely ‘cool’ and they learnt a lot during their time there.

The planetarium, on the other hand, was truly immersive, featuring an astronomical tour through the known and unknown universe. All students said that the talk made them now see the universe from a completely different perspective and that it was a lot larger and sparser than they had initially imagined. They said that the dome made them feel as if they were actually in space. We all had an amazing time.

By Rahul Balagopalan, Year 9 Student
**Bike Safety**

Recently we have had some near-misses with students on their bikes, also some complaints from both local residents and from road users who are concerned about the way students are riding their bikes to and from school.

We would like parents and guardians to discuss bike safety and the dangers of riding their bike to school. Please read the following helpful information, from the Department of Transport, on riding a bike safely.

**Sharing the Road** - When using a public road all bicycle riders must obey the same rules as other vehicles such as cars and trucks. The most common rules include those applying to traffic control lights, stop signs, careless and reckless riding, riding under the influence of alcohol, and keeping left. Riders can access a full version of the *Road Traffic Act 1974*, *Road Traffic Code 2000*, and the *Road Traffic (Bicycles) Regulations 2002* at their library or on the State Law Publisher’s website.

**Using designated crossing points** - The rider of a bicycle must not ride across a road by using a children’s crossing, a pedestrian crossing or a marked foot crossing. A rider wishing to cross at these points must walk the bicycle across. Some controlled crossing points (where a shared path meets a road) will have special bicycle crossing lights indicating that it is permissible to ride across when lights are green. When lights are red, bicycle riders must stop.

**Causing an obstruction** - The rider of a bicycle shall not unreasonably obstruct or prevent free passage of a vehicle or pedestrian upon a path or road. Similarly, vehicles and pedestrians shall not unreasonably obstruct a bicycle. Riding slower than other vehicles is not considered an obstruction.

**Rules applying only to cyclists** - In addition to the road rules applying to all vehicles, there are some specific rules that only apply to bicycle riders, who:

- Must have at least one hand on the handlebar while in motion.
- Must wear an approved helmet while in motion.
- Must not ride within two metres of the rear of a motor vehicle, over a distance of more than 200 metres.
- Must not hold onto another moving vehicle or be towed by it.
- Must not ride a bicycle on a freeway or other road that has designated restrictions that prohibit bicycle riding.
- Must not be more than two bicycles abreast on a road. When riding abreast, the two bicycles must be no more than 1.5 metres apart. This rule does not prevent another cyclist from overtaking.
- Must use the correct hand signals to turn left or right, and to stop.
- Turning left: horizontally extend your left arm and hand.
- Turning right: horizontally extend your right arm and hand.
- Stopping: extend the right arm and bend upwards at the elbow. Hand should be open with the palm forward.
- Must not ride in a pedestrian mall, square or plaza.
- Must not ride recklessly or carelessly.

**Shared paths and footpaths** - There are some special rules for the use of shared paths (formerly called dual-use paths) and footpaths in WA. Shared paths are paths that are designated for shared use by cyclists and pedestrians. Children younger than 12 years of age may ride on any footpath unless a 'no bicycles sign' has been erected. Riders 12 years of age and over are not permitted to ride on a footpath.

Riders must keep left on shared paths and footpaths unless overtaking. Riders must give way to pedestrians at all times (pedestrians include people walking, using motorised and non-motorised wheelchairs, and people on rollerblades and skates).

At shared path intersections, you must signal your intention to turn and give way to motor vehicles entering or exiting an intersecting road.

Riders must travel in single file on all paths, though they can travel two abreast on a road. Riders must not ride carelessly or recklessly. Riding recklessly includes riding at a speed that places other riders and pedestrians at risk.

Animals must not be tied to a moving bike.

[Website: www.transport.wa.gov.au/cycling]
Soccer Students on Show

Morley SHS Soccer Specialist students were again invited to attend the Football Federation Australia "B" Licence Coaching Course being held in Perth. Students had the chance to show off their skills alongside some of the best soccer coaches in WA who were being assessed for one of the highest coaching qualifications in Australia.

It gives Morley a good reputation amongst the wider soccer community in WA and offers the players a chance to be ‘seen’ by clubs and officials at all levels. The students were amazing and received nothing but positive feedback from the FFA coaching staff.

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

Nigel Jones, Soccer Coordinator

IS YOUR CHILD READY FOR A LIFE-CHANGING ADVENTURE?

Are you looking for a unique experience for your son or daughter that will challenge them, equip them with key life skills and give them the adventure of a lifetime? Then look no further than the Leeuwin Youth Explorer Voyage. The seven day program aimed at 14-25 year olds is both exciting and rewarding, teaching participants all aspects of living and working aboard a traditional tall ship. They will experience steering and navigating the ship, setting sails in all weather conditions, sailing through the night beneath the Milky Way and seeing parts of West Australia’s stunning coastline.

It’s not just about learning to sail and meeting new friends though. They will also learn more about themselves, overcome challenges, conquer fears and become more tolerant towards others. The voyages aim to increase self-confidence and self-awareness as well as developing communication, teamwork and leadership skills which can be applied in all aspects of life.

Students in Years 10, 11 and 12 can earn five WACE points towards their senior graduation and the voyage can count as the Adventurous Journey or Residential Project component of the Duke of Edinburgh Award. Sail trainees may also be invited back as volunteer crew on future day sails and voyages, allowing them to keep in touch with their crewmates, further hone their skills and sail for free! Voyages run from September until June, with spaces still available on the following upcoming voyages;

31 May - 8 June
13 June - 19 June

The $1,980 voyage fare includes all food, accommodation, use of wet weather gear and safety training. Thanks to our generous community partners we are able to offer a variety of scholarships for applicants who need assistance raising the fare. For more information, please contact our team on (08) 9430 4105 or email us at office@sailleeuwin.com.

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