2015 Year 12 Graduation Evening

Wednesday 28th October saw the Year 12s, their family and friends attend the Morley Senior High School Graduation at the Hyatt Regency, Perth. It was a fantastic night celebrating the end of their five-year high school journey and a chance to highlight all of their fantastic efforts.

Congratulations to Andrew Tran for winning the WACE Dux award. A special mention also to Billy Tran coming a very close second. In the area of Vocational Education and Training (VET) we congratulate Shanice Mwathi on achieving Dux. Many more awards were 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 2015. A leaflet with all awards and recipients is enclosed in this newsletter.

An 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 will be competitive in achieving University entry through their ATAR scores, completing their courses of study. What is also very exciting is the number of students completing Certificates II and III in one or more of the many VET courses that are offered at Morley.

We were fortunate to have a musical performance on the night by Year 12’s Noel Gruco, Lorraine Raqueno and Pamela Dongsai. Once again, our music teacher, Mr Beins, has excelled in his role of encouraging and challenging students to perform to this high calibre.

I would like, personally, to thank the many teachers and support staff who not only assisted me with the preparations and smooth running of the graduation ceremony, but who, along with parents and guardians, 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. We wish each and every member of the graduating class of 2015 the very best of luck in their future endeavours.

Mr Matthew White,
Year 12 Coordinator

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Parents/Students can order photographs from the Craig Stewart/Bliss Photography website.
Principal’s Report

Dear Parents

So far, with Year 12 Graduation Night and final Year 12 external examinations, it has been, not unexpectedly, a very busy first half of Term 4, 2015. Obviously, our very best wishes go to our Year 12 students as they await results of their final external examinations.

Hopefully, all their hard work and preparation will deliver the results they expect and hope for. Staff and all of us, undoubtedly, would wish to extend our thanks for their commendatory hard work, co-operation and mature example to other students, especially during their final year.

Obviously, also, students, parents and all of us would wish to earnestly thank our teachers for their tireless professionalism and dedication over five years to lead students to the state of preparedness that allows them to credibly sit these examinations and, hopefully, achieve the results they need and hope for.

Parents, also, need our thanks. They have “stayed the distance” with both students and the school, in the hope of a successful outcome amidst the “ups and downs” of typical school life. Their association has always been and, of course, needs to be, one of co-operation, trust and hope of a worthwhile academic outcome in terms of results, entry to Tertiary Institutions or preparation for a profession, trade or other work prospect. We can only hope that final results live up to at least some of these expectations.

Of course, school life at Morley includes multiple other culturally enriching activities, including a variety of sports, musical accomplishments, visits to Fremantle, Student Parliament, the Pacific School Games and so on; all of these are further indications of the vibrant community that M.S.H.S. is. Obviously, invitations to be part of such events, apart from being personally enriching, is a compliment to students and Staff that our participation is valued. Long may it remain so.

Year 11 Examinations

These students are currently experiencing the assessment pressure of the examination routine. This will, of course, inform them of their readiness or otherwise, not only for entry to Year 12 but for apprenticeships or the world of work. Their results will, of course, be analysed, cross-checked, discussed and eventually may be the subject of meetings with the Principal and parents. Our constant aim is the success of all our students to the level of her/his ability. Of course, not all our students will be able to maintain the pace set by some students and, consequently, may require a customised programme and course of study.

Years 7, 8, 9,10 Examinations

As the School diary indicates, these will take place toward the end of Term 4. Parents are reminded to keep a watchful eye on these schedules and to assist students to set up outlines for revision and consolidation. Please note also the School’s policy on ‘missed examinations’ due to ill health or special family circumstances.

Maintenance of enrolment at Morley SHS

Parents are reminded that the Official School Census conducted by the Education Department each year, takes place early in February. This is critical to the allocation of funding to our school for the forthcoming year. Late returners cannot be counted and must be stricken off the official roll for the year ahead. While re-enrolment on late return remains possible, the consequence may well be that students have forfeited their place in some classes and subjects for the forthcoming year. To avoid such a catastrophe, please return to school strictly on time for the opening of the School year or write to inform administration when precisely you will be arriving back at school.

On a more positive note, let me thank you sincerely, once again, for your continued support during the current year, without which we could not operate effectively as a productive school.

Sincerely,

G. L. Fortune, Principal

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

Also, if you have any books that have the school name or a school barcode please return these to the school.

Thank you, Admin.

ENROLMENTS — CALLING ALL YEAR 6s

We are still taking enrolments for entry into Year 7 at Morley SHS for 2015. If you need an enrolment package, our office hours are 8.00am - 4.00pm. For further information, contact us on 9376 5555.

PARKING - 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.
MEDIA STUDENTS ADELAIDE BOUND

A select group of Morley SHS students are bound for Adelaide at the end of November. The 17 students have been selected to take on the roles of the West Australian Media Team for the Pacific School Games held from 21st November to 28th November.

The students, selected from the specialist Multi-Media program or Photography and Creative Industries courses, were successful in meeting the criteria to join the team. They will be responsible for photographing and videoing the nearly 400 West Australian student competitors in the Pacific School Games (PSG) (www.pacificschoolgames.edu.au), editing short videos and maintaining Facebook updates of the event. Competitors, parents and friends will be able to access up to date news and action focused on the WA teams.

The Pacific School Games are returning after a seven year hiatus. They are now scheduled to be held every two years and involve school students aged 12 to 19 from every Australian state and territory plus international competitors from at least 12 countries. Over 3500 students and more than 500 teachers and officials will be participating in 2015. West Australia will send over 350 competitors in baseball, basketball, diving, football (soccer), goalball, softball, swimming, table tennis and touch football. The event will be held in Adelaide and a number of surrounding venues. Impressive opening and closing ceremonies will be held for all competitors, supporters and officials to attend.

The Pacific School Games has been held since 1982 and was previously a test event for the 2000 Sydney Olympics and 2004 Melbourne Commonwealth Games. They are conducted under the guidance of School Sport Australia with the WA teams supported by School Sport WA. Morley SHS has been a key provider of the media team since travelling to Sydney in 2000 and WA has been the only state to send its own student media team.

Morley students selected in the 2015 PSG Media Team are Year 11’s Lucas Glass, Nicola Kenyon, Michael Maas and Stefan Pokrajac, Year 10’s Callum Colgan, Ben Fenu, Frank Li, Louisa Lor, William Mackinnon, Eve McKay, Kate Murphy, Maddi Pearson, Meegan Phung and Sophie Stevens and Year 9’s Alex Bryans, Owen Lawson and Chloe Tatlow.

The Media Team has been completing training sessions under the guidance of the four teachers from Morley SHS (Andrew Brady, Daniel Heyman, Sabrina Moro and Holly Sofoulis) who will be escorting the group. They have further developed their photographic and video skills, teamwork and leadership. The training has included a session at School Sport WA’s Country Week, photographing and videoing country students in a range of sporting activities. The members of the team will be well prepared to capture the performances of the West Australian competitors and will be working in a variety of real life situations to meet tight schedules in carrying out their roles. Students’ involvement in this project could lead to further training or positions within the media industry.

As a team Leader and Morley SHS teacher, I personally attended the last Pacific School Games in Canberra with the student media team. “It is a fantastic opportunity for students interested in the media field. They have to operate in unfamiliar real event situations, work as a member of a fluid team and meet production deadlines. We certainly push them out of their comfort zone but they respond well and gain so many positives.” ... “In Canberra, other Australian state competitors and officials were envious that WA had their own media team. We are back again and looking to provide a valued service to our audience and help our team to improve their own skills and abilities.”

Mr Andrew Brady, Media Teacher, Media Coordinator
YEAR 9 FREMANTLE EXCURSION

On the 6th and 13th of November the Year 9 HASS teachers and students attended an excursion to Fremantle Prison and Maritime Museum. Two groups of 71 and 80 students took the opportunity to immerse themselves in Western Australia’s rich colonial and maritime history.

My group began the excursion at the Maritime Museum where we got to enjoy many wonderful exhibits including a preserved Megamouth Shark.

After the museum we went to the E Shed markets for lunch where we got to try a variety of different cuisines. I got to try Bubble Tea for the first time - which was a unique experience to say the least. After lunch we made the trek to Fremantle Prison. Although it is only a short walk, the 36 degree weather made it challenging but we got there in the end.

Fremantle Prison was a highlight for everybody. The tour guides each had their own unique perspective on the history of the prison and the students were hanging on to their every word. We got to explore all the sections of the Prison, including Solitary Confinement, the Gallows and the Yard.

It was a great experience for students and teachers alike. Even students who were a bit apprehensive about going ended up having a great time. Some notable remarks included “That was better than I thought it was going to be” and “It was alright”.

The students were impeccably behaved and did themselves and the school proud. I would like to thank the HASS staff, particularly Mr Richardson, Mr Snell, Mrs Cameron and Mrs Hindley, for being gracious with their time and support and making the excursion possible. We all had a great time and look forward to doing it all again next year.

Mr John Themistocleous,
Teacher, Humanities and Social Sciences.

ConocoPhillips Science Experience

The ConocoPhillips Science Experience is taking place at ECU Joondalup from 19 – 22 January 2016.

ECU is offering four days of interactive hands-on workshops. A welcoming team of scientists and engineers will expose students to the following science disciplines/careers:

- Engineering (includes Motorsport, Robotics, Physics, Civil and Chemical Engineering)
- Sport and Health Science (Sport Analysis, Coaching, Nutrition)
- Medical science (Nursing, Paramedic, Biomedical science techniques)
- Environmental Science (Astronomy, Chemical Forensics, Reptiles and Animals)
- Social Science (Psychology).

This event is suitable for current Year 8, 9 or 10 students who want to be exposed to science careers or have an interest in science. There are no interviews or entry tests as advanced science ability is not required.

The program costs $150. You can register online or call the ConocoPhillips Science Experience office on (03) 8288 1001. Check it all out at www.scienceexperience.com.au
STUDENT PARLIAMENT

The Student Parliament was a sensational event. It celebrated the 700th Anniversary of the signing of the Magna Carta and the Centenary of Anzac Day. It is held every four years for Year 10s from around WA, who are keen to broaden their knowledge of our Parliament. I was extremely privileged and grateful for being selected to take part in this event.

I was the representative for the Hon. Alana Clohesy of the East Metropolitan Region in the Legislative Council. Prior to attending, I had to prepare an Address-In-Reply, which is a speech that raises awareness on particular issues within a region or district. I also had to prepare for a debate on whether Australians should vote online. Following the same procedures as the Parliamentarians in the State Parliament, a sitting of parliament was held.

We were lucky enough to have the Governor of WA commence the sitting. Afterwards we were given the opportunity to meet the Governor, along with the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and the President of the Legislative Council.

By going to this three day event, I have learned first-hand everything there is to know about passing Bills and our Parliament. I also have a greater understanding of the role that parliamentarians play. My appreciation of politicians and politics in general has changed due to this new-found knowledge. I must admit, I once found politics quite boring, but Student Parliament has changed my view. This was definitely a worthwhile experience; anyone who is given the same opportunity should take it. It definitely beats sitting in a class reading about it.

Anna Boddy Year 10 Student
Congratulations to our very own Gymnast Yasmin Collier

Congratulations to Yasmin Collier, Year 9, on her recent success in Women's Gymnastics Australian Classic Competition performed in Geelong, Victoria during the 9th - 13th November 2015.

Yasmin competed on all four apparatus, over two days, and was placed First on: Floor, Beam and Vault and ultimately finished in Second place, overall, with an impressive total of 101.2 (overall) just missing out on first position by just three points. Also to be noted, three of the top five competitors, in this section of the competition, were from Western Australia.

A fantastic result for a very dedicated and worthy young lady who, with results like this, is well on her way to fulfil her dream of competing in, not only World Wide competitions, but possibly the Olympics.

Well done, Yasmin, we look forward to hearing great things from you.

Mr Neil Salsano,
Yr 9 Coordinator

LIONS YOUNG LEADERS IN SERVICE AWARD

The following students are to be congratulated on being awarded the following awards-

Gold Service Award for 100 hours of Community Service: Michael Maas of Year 11

Silver Service Award for 50 hours of Community Service:
Year 12s: Ash Johnson Khalda Ahmad
Year 11s: Nicholas Low Thomas Nguyen
Year 10s: Jeffrey Low Henry Yap Akshaya Ravichandran Amanda Yap Donna Lazic
Anna Boddy Nathan Ng Hannah Ebrahimian
Year 9s: Eric Truong Alex Lazic
Year 7s: Isabella Langfield Jasmine Carter Jamie Yap Tina Truong Esther Ng

Congratulations to all award winners.

Mr Norman Paini, Leos Coordinator

Term 4, 2015 finishes for Students on Thursday 17th December at 3.30pm.
School Class Times are:
9.10am - 3.30pm.

Term 1, 2016, starts for Students on Monday 1st February 2016.

SURVEY FOR PARENTS AND KIDS

Researchers at the University of Western Australia are looking for parents with children or teens between the ages of 8 and 17. The survey can be done over the internet and at home, and it takes about twenty minutes of your time (5-10 min parents and 10-15 min kids).
Parents are given the opportunity to enter a draw to win one of twenty $50 gift certificates to Coles/Myer.

To participate go to: www.tinyurl.com/SSBPARENTS

For more information please contact Kate Derry at 0411 811 212.
Homework Classes Tues 3.30pm-5.00pm and Thurs 3.30pm-4.30pm

We are pleased to announce that homework classes are going very well so far with Year 7 to Year 12 regularly attending these afterschool classes. Students needing a little extra help with any subject 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. Afternoon snacks are provided and school staff volunteer their time to assist students in understanding homework requirements.

All students are welcome and classes take place in the school library.

Administration

Music Showcase

On November 10th, Morley Senior High School hosted the Inaugural Music Showcase held in the Canteen Quadrangle at 6:30pm. The event was an opportunity for all students learning either an instrument, voice or as part of an ensemble to perform for a live audience of friends, family, staff and students.

After much preparation from the students to prepare their musical items, and with help from their SIM instrumental tutors, the night was a great success with extremely positive feedback from the students, staff and parents who attended the evening.

As the biggest event on the music calendar, it was also an opportunity to announce the 2016 Music Captains to all students in the program. Congratulations to the following students on their new leadership positions:

- Amanda Yap – Vocal Ensemble Captain
- Brooke Lippinkhof – Guitar Ensemble Captain
- Eric Truong – Percussion Ensemble Captain
- Rocco Alvaro – Senior Contemporary Band Captain

Well done to all involved, and a big Thanks to all staff who assisted.

Mr Chad Beins, Music Teacher
Athletics Carnival
On Friday the 16th October 2015 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 7
Boys Champion; Tyson Gent, Runner-up; John Sleeman
Girls Champion; Tanika Vidich, Runner-up; Rita Vo

YEAR 8
Boys Champion; Korie Counsel, Runner-up; Michael Nguyen
Girls Champion; Nicola Walden, Runner-up; Phoebe Nuttall

YEAR 9
Boys Champion; Raynell Edmonds, Runner-up; Ty Chapman
Girls Champion; Jazlyn Davies, Runner-up; Tina Nguyen

YEAR 10
Boys Champion; Whaan Tawha, Runner-up; Amann Alshebani
Girls Champion; Donna Lazic, Runner-up; Lacey Smith

YEAR 11&12
Boys Champion; Airmoson Garley, Runner-up; Jason Nazareth
Girls Champion; Vanessa Thornhill, Runner-up; Mikayla Fuda

Every student who represented the school on the day should be proud of a wonderful effort, and the most pleasing aspect of the carnival was that every student contributed in some way for the team in all of their performances.

Well Done! Mr Matt White, Health and Physical Education Department

2016 Registrations Opening Soon - Juniors 6’s through to 18’s. Please send an email to Noranda City to receive information on Registrations and upcoming Trial Dates for 2016 season. We are looking for Girls and Boys. Girls Teams for 2016 Under 13, 15 and 17’s. Please email all Enquiries to: norandacityjuniors@corporatecomputers.com.au OR like us on facebook for all updates

URGENT MEDICAL  It is very important that parents keep us up-to-date regarding any new, or ongoing, medical conditions that your child may have. Also, if your child’s condition is no longer an issue, please let us know.

The school has Duty of Care of all students while they are at school; therefore, it is imperative we have current information. This includes contact information. Students often become quite anxious when we cannot contact parents/guardians.

Also, please advise us in writing of any other persons who may need to pick up your child but may not be on our database. We will not allow any student to leave the school premises with someone we cannot identify. This, again, can cause distress while we try to contact the parent for authority to release the child.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Admin.