THE HON. PETER COLLIER MLC, MINISTER OF EDUCATION VISITS MORLEY

On Wednesday 11 November, Mr Crayden's Year 11 Politics and Law class had a review lesson conducted by the Minister of Education, The Honourable Peter Collier MLC. This session was not open to media scrutiny. Rather, it was an opportunity for the Minister to work with a group of students and to share his expertise in the area of Politics and Law. With exams pending, this was an opportunity for the Year 11 Politics and Law students to review the role of Parliament and to investigate the way the different Houses of State Parliament operate. The lesson was crammed with important information and the students had an amazing opportunity to interact with the Minister.

The Minister also had an opportunity to use the new i-Pad Technology that staff use for taking class rolls; to observe the links that Morley participates with the New North Initiative where students from surrounding High Schools attend courses offered at Morley SHS and to have the opportunity to teach in a upper school classroom.

Afterwards Mrs Fortune received a letter from the Minister who stated:
“*I was delighted to take the class and to witness the enthusiasm of the students. It is clear that the students are engaged in their learning; they were intelligent in their answers and understanding of our political System.*”

Congratulations to all these students who acquitted themselves so well during the Minister's visit.

Mr Peter Crayden
Politics and Law Teacher
Principal’s Report

Dear Parents

As Term 4 and our academic year draw rapidly to a close, once again, personally, and, of course, on behalf of staff as a whole, I thank you for your genuine support and cooperation on which we rely and without which our school, what it stands for and what our Staff as a whole, try to achieve, would, undoubtedly, be impossible.

On November 11th our school, as a whole, remembered Armistice Day and the end of World War I. The occasion formally recognises the deep significance of when the Australian and New Zealand Army Corp (Anzac) safeguarded the interests of democracy while supporting our British colleagues overseas. Though, intentionally, “the war to end all wars” sadly, this outcome was not to be achieved. Nevertheless, we rightly honour the aspiration and life-sacrifice of our forbears and the many Australian communities who suffered multiple losses from their lives and industry.

Safety in the School Yard/Staff Car Park

We reiterate our appeal to parents to cease dropping students off and/or picking them up in the Staff car park. Danger and risk are real and the potential consequences unpleasant or far worse. For example, recently, a student was grazed as a car driven by a parent exited the car park. Camera footage and report by our school Nurse and the student impacted, leave no doubt that the event, though serious, might well have been tragic. None of us, least of all the injured, desire these consequences. We rely on your essential help in putting an end to this worrying matter.

Overall, I think we can say that 2015 has been a productive and fulfilling year for all of us. Your help and support as parents is incalculable. Have a very happy Christmas and a well-deserved summer break.

Sincerely,

G. L. Fortune,
Principal

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ENROLMENTS

Applications for enrolment for Morley SHS require an interview with the Principal, Mrs Fortune.

Please contact the office to arrange a suitable time. Current reports (including NAPLAN/OLNA), birth certificates and visa/passports (where applicable), immunisation records, proof of address and any copies of health records must be brought to the interview. Young people must come along to this interview accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Admin Officers

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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.

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

Thank you, Admin.

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ENROLMENTS — YEAR 7, 2016

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.

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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.
DAKOTA COLBORNE WINS PREMIER'S AVIATION AWARD

Congratulations to Dakota Colborne in Year 11 who won the Minister's Aviation Award of $3000.00. The object of the scholarship is to promote aviation in West Australian schools and is to be used by the winner for flying training lessons. The award is always hotly contested with most schools, selecting one student from their Year 11 Aviation class as a candidate.

This Year, on the 18th November, Dakota convinced the award interview panel (seen in photograph) comprising Mr John Douglas, CASA Flying Examiner and CFI, Mr Paul Alexander, VAA Check and Training Officer and Ms Amy Richards, RACWA Instructor, that he was the most worthy candidate.

The award will be presented to him by the Minister of Education early in 2016. Dakota completed his first solo flight through the Air Force cadets in July 2015 and hopes to use the scholarship to achieve his recreational licence in 2016.

Thorough preparation for the interview and commitment to his aviation goals from Year 7, assisted Dakota to win this prestigious award.

YEAR 10 AVIATION EXCURSION TO JANDAKOT

The Year 10 aviation class had a day out at Jandakot airport on Friday 20th November. We visited a variety of the facilities at the airfield in order to gain insight into some of the training and career opportunities that exist in and around the airport.

The first stop was Polytechnic West where we boarded the Boeing 737 for a safety brief presented by TAFE students training to become cabin crew members with the airlines. Polytechnic West also offers certificate and diploma courses in aircraft maintenance, aviation management and flying training.

The Jandakot Control Tower was next on our itinerary where the manager, Chris Murray, outlined the duties performed by the air traffic controllers and the training requirements to become an ATC. The students were then invited to go into the tower and watch the controllers in action.

The last stop was at the Royal Aero Club for lunch and a quick briefing by Nicole Stoddart, who studied aviation at Morley Senior High and is now a flying instructor at the Aero Club. Nicole outlined the steps to becoming a commercial pilot and the training facilities at RACWA and the attached West Australian Aviation College.

It was a busy day which gave some students a glimpse at paths they could follow after finishing school and others a better idea of how to reach their career goals.

Ms Brigid Tait, Aviation Teacher
ARE YOU GOING OVERSEAS THIS HOLIDAYS?

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is very important that you let us know if your child **WILL NOT** be at school on the first few days of school in 2016. Education Department policy requires us to advise them of the number of students who **ARE ACTUALLY PRESENT**. If you are away and we do not have a written explanation, in advance, your child could lose her/his place at Morley SHS.

As long as we have evidence that your child **WILL RETURN** and commence at Morley SHS within a reasonable timeframe, we can keep her/his enrolment current.

Please contact the school for any further clarification.

Thank you.

Admin

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THE STS LEEUWIN II SAILS INTO THE NEW YEAR

With the New Year fast approaching, don’t miss out on your last chance to jump on board the Leeuwin’s annual voyage from Busselton to Fremantle. We are excited to kick off 2016 with one of our favourite voyages along the stunning West Australian coastline, followed by two of our popular Fremantle voyages.

- 12 Jan – 17 Jan Busselton to Fremantle
- 22 Jan – 28 Jan Fremantle to Fremantle
- 2 Mar – 8 Mar Fremantle to Fremantle

We have two school holiday voyages scheduled for anyone who is not able to participate during term time. Endorsed by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority, our program is a great way for students in Years 10, 11 and 12 to earn 5 WACE points towards their senior graduation before the school year has even begun. A Leeuwin voyage can also count towards the Duke of Edinburgh or Queen’s Scout Award.

Book before the end of 2015 and you can save $120 by securing a place at this year’s price of $1,980, before the marginal price increase in 2016. For anyone in need of financial assistance, we do still have a few scholarships available. However, these scholarships are limited so we strongly advise anyone interested to apply as soon possible to give them the best chance of receiving some financial support. We are also fortunate to have the support of many local service clubs, businesses and local governments who are willing to sponsor young people who wish to take part in a voyage, making our program accessible to anyone.

The Leeuwin’s Youth Explorer Voyage program is both exciting and rewarding, teaching participants all aspects of living and working aboard a traditional tall ship from steering, navigating and setting the sails to standing watch through the night and climbing to the top of the 33m main mast. The program aims to increase self-confidence and self-awareness as well as developing communication, teamwork and leadership skills, which future employers and tertiary education providers will be looking for in their applicants.

For more information and to see our voyage program for 2016, please visit our website [www.sailleeuwin.com](http://www.sailleeuwin.com). Alternatively you can contact our team on (08) 9430 4105 or by email at [office@sailleeuwin.com](mailto:office@sailleeuwin.com).

The Leeuwin Team
ACADEMIC EXTENSION FOR 2016

Applications from students in Years 7 -10 for 2016 wishing to participate need to see Mr Crayden who can be found in the HASS Office for an Application form.

Students will be notified if they are successful in gaining a position for 2016.

The Academic Extension Program runs two mornings a week from 8:14am—9:10am. Students will learn a variety of skills and scaffolds that increase memory retention and problem solving skills.

Parents are encouraged to call Mr Crayden at the School on 9376 5555, to discuss any issues they have regarding their son/daughter’s application for 2016.

Mr Peter Crayden
Academic Extension Coordinator

THE AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE LONG TAN LEADERSHIP AND TEAMWORK AWARD

This initiative is sponsored 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 community.

They also recognise those who display strong values, such as “doing one’s best”, respect for others and “mateship”, characteristics that are integral to Australian society.

It gives me great pleasure to announce this year’s winners:

- **Year 10  -  Akshaya Ravichandran**
  Akshaya receives a cheque for $250 and a certificate

- **Year 12  -  Milica Pokrajac**
  Milica receives a cheque for $550 and a certificate

Congratulations and well done.

Mr Norman Paini,
Head of Department,
Humanities and Social Sciences

FRONT OFFICE CHAT.... Dear Parents...

If you have an appointment during the day and you need to pick up your child, please send her/him with a note to be let out of class on time. Students need to show this to their Tute Teacher in the morning so it can be noted but keep it with them until they need to leave. The Bramwell Road gates are the only gates open during the day.

Students are NOT allowed to leave the school grounds without a note from parents. This note must be dated, have the time they need to leave, the appointment details and specify who is picking them up.

Thank you for your continued support.
The Admin Team
Morley’s WA Pacific School Games Media team setting the standard

17 students from Morley SHS recently went to Adelaide providing wide photographic, video and social media coverage of the Western Australian Pacific School Games contingent at this significant international student sporting event.

The Media team members were on a steep learning curve, capturing photos and footage, editing them quickly and hoping to get them online as soon as they could. Were they bored? Not a chance! They were going flat out, working almost to exhaustion at times in very busy days. Did they enjoy it? A unanimous YES!

WA had a huge group of over 350 students competing in baseball, basketball, diving, football (soccer), goalball, softball, swimming, table tennis and touch rugby. Our media team made them the envy of every other state and country as WA is the only one that sends media students in this role. There were heaps of amazed parents and spectators when they found out what our students were doing, wishing their teams had the same. When you saw how easily the Media team stood out wherever they went in the bright yellow media vests, you could appreciate the attention and positive feedback they received for the terrific work they did.

Morley Media teacher, Mr Brady said, “The students were amazing. They started with good skills and knowledge but have now learned quickly how to apply these in a wide range of changing situations. We pushed them hard to meet media obligations, trying to cover as many events as possible, and they responded well. There were some tired bodies hitting the pillows each night but they happily fronted up early each morning to do it all again.”

The team comprised of Team Captains, William Mackinnon and Eve McKay from Year 10, Year 11’s Nicola Kenyon, Michael Maas, Stefan Pokrajac and Lucas Glass, Year 10’s Callum Colgan, Ben Fenu, Frank Li, Louisa Lor, Kate Murphy, Madie Pearson, Meegan Phung and Sophie Stevens and Year 9’s Alex Bryans, Owen Lawson and Chloe Tatlow. With Mr Brady, Ms Moro, Mr Heyman and Ms Sofoulis guiding our students along, it was a lively and enjoyable experience.

With over 3500 students and officials from all Australian states and up to 12 pacific region countries, including China, Macau, India and Pakistan, Adelaide was truly a hive of activity. Throw in the AFL draft and the cricket test being held in Adelaide, there seemed to be sporting logos everywhere. And amongst it all our Media team wore their state uniform and media vest with pride. They were a credit to Morley SHS and reflected the high calibre of students and teachers.

(Want to see what the WA Media team produced? Check it out on Facebook and Youtube.)

Facebook: School Sport Western Australia Inc. https://www.facebook.com/School-Sport-Western-Australia-Inc-554358387933042/
YouTube: WA Pacific School Games - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDdjIlmupgLmgDGjTfvzYNQ
MORE PHOTOS FROM PSG

LANGUAGE CENTRE EXCURSION

The Language Centre students enjoyed a fantastic excursion at the end of Term 3 with Ms Glover and Ms Gard. They spent the morning at a beach barbecue and the afternoon at SciTech. It was a wonderful opportunity to experience Australian culture, and “hands-on” science.

Ms Kara Gard
Language Centre Teacher
2016 BOOKLISTS, CHARGES AND UNIFORM INFORMATION

Recently, an individual booklist and a Contribution and Charges Account for 2016 was posted to ALL ENROLLED students for the 2016 Year. Please check to see if subject details are correct and read all information about paying your account and purchasing books. Anyone wishing to pay by credit card can complete the authorisation on the account and return it to the school by post or with your son/daughter. There was also an Additional Subject Costs sheet enclosed which are costs that may be associated with excursions or items that are required over and above subject costs for individual subjects.

PLEASE NOTE:
For paying voluntary contributions and charges and applying for Secondary Assistance the school will be open on:

**Thursday 21st January 2016 from 9.00am to 6.00pm and Friday 22nd January 2016 from 9.00am to 5.00pm.**
*See contribution and charges sheet for all information.*

**See Secondary Assistance Scheme sheet for details regarding eligibility.**

The Uniform Shop will be open the following times:

- **Thursday 21st January 2016 from 9.00am to 6.00pm and Friday 22nd January 2016 from 9.00am to 5.00pm.**
- **Then Friday 29th January from 9.00am to 5.00pm.**
- **Following this; Weeks 1, 2 and 3 Mondays 8.30am – 11.30am, Tuesdays 1.00pm-3.30pm Wednesdays 8.30am-11.30am and Fridays 8.30am-11.30am.**

The office will open from **Monday 25th January 2016.**

THE SCHOOL YEAR STARTS, FOR STUDENTS ON MONDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2016

On the first day of the new school year, students will assemble on the Maths Lawn area for the initial assembly before being assigned to their Year area and then Tutorials where they will be given their timetable. All students will be in their rooms to start their formal schooling for 2016 by Period 2.

For safety reasons parents are requested **not** to drop-off or pick-up students in the school grounds. Please use Bramwell Road or the “zig-zag” pick-up area on Widgee Road.

We look forward to another excellent year for the school in 2016 and hope all students will experience a successful year.

If you did not receive any of the information mentioned above, please contact the school.

Administration

**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 2015 we have removed most English books from the booklist. 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.**

Jim McInerney, Head of Department - English