

MORAWA -LEADING THE WAY IN TERM ONE

As term one draws to a close at the Morawa District Highschool its time for reflection on the exciting events over the past few weeks, not only at the school but in the wider community.

Living locally and still being able to access broad educational and training opportunities has become a reality for Year 10 students in the Midwest this year. Students are able to take advantage of the school bus services to attend both the Morawa District Highschool and the WA College of Agriculture – Morawa.

Adding to students numbers from Mingenew and Perenjori who already travel into the Morawa Independent Public School Cluster, students residing in Three Springs can now look forward to the same opportunities in Year 10 to study and train in Morawa, with the added bonus of returning home at the end of each day.

“This (bus service) has always been about increasing choices for students and their families. It is really important for parents to feel they have provided their child with an educational pathway that has real outcomes,” commented Principal Tonia Carslake.



With warm weather and clear skies Morawa played host to two successful swimming carnivals over the term.

The Interhouse Carnival program was jam packed with events, which had students from the District Highschool competing against the Agricultural College. Many long standing time records were broken with large numbers of students competing in all events for their house.

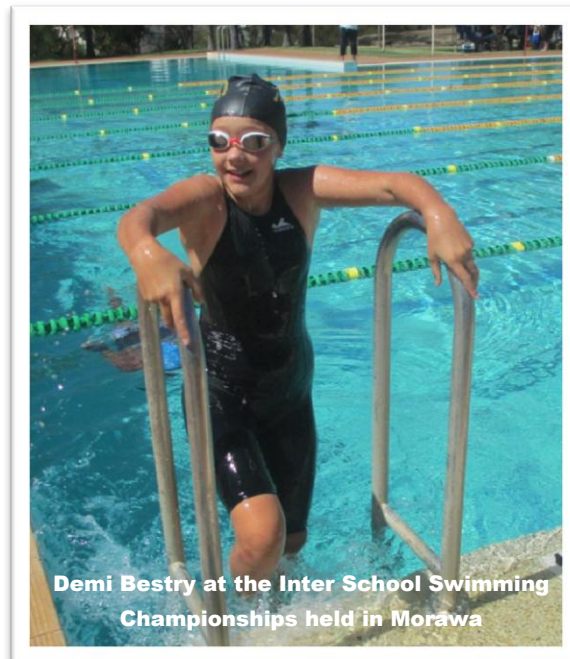
‘Sapphire’ was victorious in their win, with many of their team taking out champion or runner-up champion in their age division and breaking records.

“Well done to everyone involved in the organising and running of the Interhouse Swimming Carnival. The students were so enthusiastic in their participation and their commitment to do their best, it was a wonderful day out for everyone who competed and attended,” said Mrs Carslake.

Students from Dongara and Carnamah travelled to Morawa to compete in the Inter School Swimming Carnival at the end of March. Swimmers representing the Morawa District Highschool did themselves proud taking out overall honours.

“Our students showcased themselves and the Morawa District Highschool proudly, achieving success in the pool with great results but also in their personal behaviour on the day. Again the organisers of the event are to be congratulated, the Morawa Shire and Pool Manager for providing us with a wonderful venue,” continued Mrs Carslake.

Our Student Councillors and House Captains were fortunate to have the opportunity to develop their leadership and problem-solving skills at the Student Leaders Camp held in term one.



Demi Bestry at the Inter School Swimming Championships held in Morawa

To be eligible to attend the prestigious camp, students had to themselves meet a strict code of conduct. They travelled to Geraldton and took part in activities and a planning/ goal setting session culminating in them attending the GRIP (GRIP stands for core values of Generosity, Responsibility, Integrity and People) Leadership Conference on Friday. This conference was specifically designed to equip students with the skills and knowledge they will require to be successful school leaders.



Staff and students benefited from attending the Leadership Camp in Geraldton

The skills the students learnt will help them become well rounded, confident contributors to the school community.

There is no rest over the holidays for some, with the Morawa School Band heading off to compete in the Yamaha National Band Championships in Brisbane. Over 80 bands are entered in this year's event. Morawa band members will have the chance to be part of a strong community band environment and it will help open their awareness to continuing to play and enjoy music even after they complete school.

“This is an amazing and exciting opportunity for our music department, band members and parents. Many hours of practise, commitment and organisation has gone into the students attending this event, and we wish them all every success.”

Term two is going to be as busy and exciting as term one, with staff and students looking forward to a productive and enjoyable time ahead.



Band members are tuning up for the National Championships in Brisbane