



An Independent Public School

Morawa District High School

# NEWSLETTER

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## EVENTS COMING UP

Interhouse Sports  
Carnival  
Fri 2 Sep

"Pick a Peck of Pickled  
Poems" Performance  
Thurs 8 September

Interschool Sports  
Carnival  
Thu 15 Sept

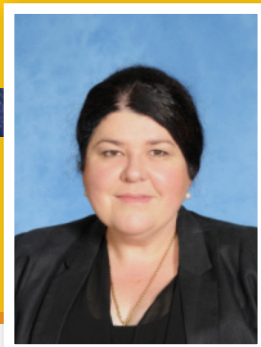
Whole School Assembly  
Friday 16 Sept

Country Week  
Week 10  
18 Sep-23 Sep

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Tonia Carslake



## From the Principal

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We have had a busy start to Term 3 with the Interschool Cross Country, Year 7 Camp to Coral Bay, Year 6 Camp to Bluff Point, Science Week, Book Week, Open Night, and preparing for and the upcoming Athletics Carnivals and Country Week, just to name a few of the events students and staff have been involved in so far. It is timely to remind students that these opportunities are a privilege and to congratulate all involved. When selecting students for extracurricular activities staff take into consideration: attendance, support for the school dress code, productive behaviour and work ethic.

### OPEN NIGHT

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents, grandparents, students and community members who attended our Open Night on Wednesday 24 August. It was a great night and your presence contributed to this. I hope you all took the opportunity to talk with your child's classroom teacher and to see the great work and

progress they have made so far this year. Thank you to all staff for showcasing the school so fantastically.

### YEAR 7 CAMP TO CORAL BAY

The Year 7 students had a fabulous time on camp in Coral Bay early this term. The camp was specifically designed around the safe, crystal clear waters of Coral Bay, known as the gateway to the Ningaloo Reef. This is a world class key conservation area that protects Australia's largest fringing reef and its associated marine life of coral, fish, turtles, dugong, sharks, dolphins, whales, and much more. The focus of the camp is on the students interacting with the marine and land environments. The Year 7's were wonderful ambassadors of the Morawa DHS community and are to be congratulated. I sincerely thank Mrs Solomon, for the time she put in to organising this successful camp, and to Mr Duncanson and Mr Parker for accompanying this group. Your time and commitment to ensuring the students had a great time was commendable.

*Endeavour & Achieve*

## **INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY**

Congratulations to the Cross Country team for their huge success at the Interschool Cross Country at Eneabba at the beginning of term. We had 4 firsts, and quite a few in the top 10 places. Thank you to Miss O'Halloran, Miss Chivers for your preparation of the team for this event and for accompanying them on the day together with Ms Haylie Cosgrove.

## **UWA ASPIRE**

Ms Jones accompanied 4 year 11 students to attend the UWA Aspire Camp recently week. Aspire UWA works with partner schools and communities in regional Western Australia and in Perth to raise aspirations for tertiary education. The program is aimed at promoting a culture of academic achievement and desire for learning; and at encouraging students to consider university and to see the benefits and opportunities that university study offers. The students returned to school feeling motivated about further study after school.

## **INTERHOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL FRIDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2016**

The Athletics Carnival is fast approaching on September 2. Students are preparing for the carnival in PE classes as well as at lunch time training and after school. Thank you to Miss O'Halloran and Mr Duncanson for organising this event. If you are able to help on the day of the carnival or with the set-up on Thursday 1 September at 9am, this would be most appreciated. Please contact the school or P&C Sports Rep and Vice President Mr Cameron Tubby if you are available to help or have any queries. We look forward to seeing you there.

## **INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL HOSTED BY DONGARA DHS 15 SEPTEMBER**

Dongara District High School will be hosting the Interschool Athletics Carnival at the Town Oval on 15 September 2016. The team will be selected from the Interhouse Carnival results.

## **PRAC TEACHERS**

We have welcomed two prac students from the Murdoch and Curtin Universities this term, Mrs Helen Walter for 10 weeks in the HASS and Music Department and Miss Rachael Graham in the Science Department. It has been great to have these prac teachers in our school and wish them all the very best for their future teaching careers.

## **2017 YEAR 7 TRANSITION AND ORIENTATION**

On Wednesday 31 August Year 6 students from Morawa DHS, Perenjori PS, Mingenew Primary School, Three Springs Primary School and Yalgoo Primary Schools will experience 'A day in the life' of a secondary student. Students will attend school at MDHS on this day for the first of their orientation activities. Students will be introduced to new and more demanding curriculum and timetable on the day and participate in team building games to get to know each other. We look forward to working together with new and current students. Please note that students need to wear their current uniform on the day. A BBQ lunch will be provided. This will be followed by an overnight camp early next term on the 20 and 21 October.

## **RREAC VISIT**

Members of the Rural and Remote Education Advisory Council (RREAC) visited Morawa DHS on Tuesday 30 August. RREAC provides the Minister for Education, Hon Peter Collier MLC, with evidence-based and solutions-focused strategic advice on education and training issues and developments in rural and remote areas of Western Australia. The ongoing provision of quality education and training to rural and remote Western Australia is dependent on the Minister receiving sound strategic advice. RREAC fulfils an important role in providing cross-sectorial advice and reports directly to the Minister. The team met with myself, 4 Year 11/12 students, the P & C President and MDHS Board Chair. We were delighted to promote the senior school program at this meeting.

## **NATURE PLAYGROUND**

We are making many changes and additions to the Adventure Playground to transform it into a nature play space for the children. Thank you to the following people who have made donations.

*The Pre-Primary Committee*

Boulders: *Karara Mining, North & Milloy families*

Tyres: *Starick Tyres, Perenjori Tyres, King, Collins, Tubby & Yewers families*

Culverts (concrete): *Yewers family*

Black culvert and tyres: *Moore family*

Cargo Net: *Bond family*

*Cert II Resources and Infrastructure (Carpentry) through Central Regional TAFE Geraldton - Andrew Benzie.*

## BOOK WEEK

The theme for Book Week 2016 was – Australia-Story Country. The theme poster for book week was created by Shaun Tan- 'Our stories come from all over' Students : from our own indigenous people, from migrants and refugees who have come to live here, from books, movies and orally transmitted stories.' This poster is a fabulous acknowledgement of many iconic Australian picture books and a celebration of the 70th CBCA Children's Book of the Year Award.

## NO HATS NO PLAY

With the warmer weather coming upon us soon, I would like remind parents and students of the importance of wearing a hat in the sun. Students are constantly looking for hats to borrow at school and unfortunately our stock pile has been depleted. Students need their own hats to prevent the spread of head lice. Please support the school and staff efforts to keep your child safe in the sun and provide them with a hat. If you have any unwanted hats at home we would love them!

## HEAD LICE

We have a few reported cases of head lice in the school. Please check your child's hair and treat it for lice if necessary. This continues to be an ongoing problem for schools and families. Your assistance in this matter is much appreciated.

## UNIFORM

Classroom teachers and deputies are continuously tracking students who are in the correct school uniform. The new school uniform, including jumpers and cardigans, are available from the uniform shop. Please ensure that your child is in the correct uniform and contact me if you have any difficulty doing so and I will assist in any way I can.

I will be on Long Service from the 31 August until the end of Term 3. Mrs Tracy Tapscott will be acting Principal with Mr Terrence McGann during this time. Thank you Tracy and Mike. I look forward to working with you all again next term.

With every best wish

Mrs Tonia Carslake

## *Book Week and Literacy and Numeracy Week*

### *Week 6*

*Book Week was last week and the Fancy Dress Day was held on Friday 26th August in the Performing Arts Room.*

*Students came dressed as a character from one of their favourite books. Students were also involved in book activities from the shortlisted books from The Children's Book Council of Australia.*

### *Week 7*

*Literacy & Numeracy Week - Students are encouraged to bring in their favourite books to share with others. Secondary and primary classes will be sharing reading sessions together and book activities will be continued from Book Week.*



Noah, Iona, Tyler, Gabby & Sam



Evie & Cal as 'Max & Tallulah'



Miss Chivers as "Tweedle-Dum", Mrs Atkinson as "Rapunzel" & Miss Guelfi as "Tweedle-Dee"



# Ningaloo Camp

**Monday:** On Monday the Year 7's went to Coral Bay. First we left Morawa at 6.00am and stopped at Northampton for breakfast. Then we stopped at Carnarvon for lunch. When we got to Coral Bay we had showers. When we got out, we had spaghetti bolognese for dinner. It was yummy. After dinner we walked down to the beach and played spotlight amongst the weeds. I was tricking the spotters because I was moving the weeds around but they couldn't find me. By Delta Hawkins.

**Tuesday:** On Tuesday we got up and ate pancakes for breakfast - it was yummy. Then we walked down to the beach and went scuba diving. It was amazing, I didn't want to stop. Then some of us swam out to 'Ayers Rock' and we saw parrot fish, big fish about 43cm long, small stripy fish and small blue fish. When we finished scuba diving we walked back to the camp school and had Coral Bay Subway. It was delicious. When we finished eating we went sandboarding and whale watching. By Delta Hawkins.

**Wednesday:** This morning we woke up and played football for 1 hour. We had breakfast which was cereal - then played football again. Got ready to go on glass bottom boat. Before we hopped on the boat we went up to the top of Hippie Hill. We hopped on the boat, went snorkelling twice and came back and did a scavenger hunt. We then fed the fish, played volleyball and had a swim. Came back and played football then I had a shower. Came out and played football then had dinner which was chicken, fish and salad. We then had to write a diary for Wednesday. By Ollie Humphreys.

**Thursday:** On Thursday we woke up and had breakfast of toast, eggs & bacon. Then we got changed into our bathers and walked down to a shop to get our snorkel gear, where the bus picked us up. We drove for a minute down to the boat place where we climbed aboard a big boat. We drove around for a couple of hours looking at whales, dolphins and all of the splashing they were making. We stopped and went snorkelling. It was awesome because I was swimming above a turtle. After a snack of cheese, crackers & shapes we drove back to the beach. We then came back to camp and had lunch of ham and salad sandwiches. By Ella Jewell.

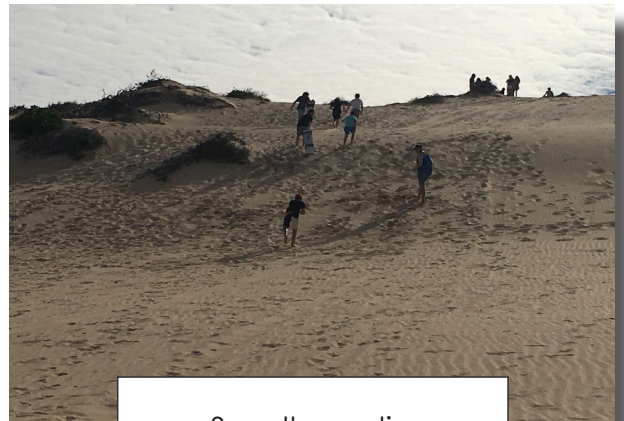
*Thank you to Mrs Solomon, Mr Duncanson and Mr Parker who were our teacher and parent help for the week!*



Snorkelling



First day on the beach!



Sandboarding



Teagan & Ella



Exhausting work...



Volleyball



Glass bottom boat



## IEPs (Individual Education Plans)

For those students who had an IEP in Semester 1: Teachers have been busy writing plans for Semester 2 and parents are invited to come in and meet with teachers to discuss and have some input into these plans for their children. Please ring the school to make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher.

## Open Night

Held last week, our Open Night was a great success. We had many people come and enjoy the classrooms, activities, performances and food!.

*Congratulations to:*

**Di McBeath** who won the wine fridge - kindly donated by Kevin & Val Coughlan.

**Ashleigh Lawrance** who won the Samsung Tablet.

**Bronwyne Laws** who won the SDERA Raffle.



The Collins'



Tegan King & Mia Andrews getting shown a few tricks on the computers by their children



Amy & Destiny



Nicola & Blake

## Helping get to know our IPS Board better:

### Helen Walter

I have lived in the Morawa district - Canna - since 1987.

My four sons all completed their education at Morawa DHS from PP5 through to graduation at the end of Year 12.

I have enjoyed working at Morawa DHS as a part time instrumental music teacher since 2001 and have been Senior Bandmaster since 2014. I have been an office-bearing member of the P&C School Band Committee since 1998. My other interests are varied. I play the cornet and have been a member of the Geraldton City Band for eleven years.

I am a long time member of the Morawa Country Women's Association (CWA) 1987 to present time.

I am a Life Member of the Morawa Hockey Club and coached the Junior team for twelve years, winning several Premierships during the 1990's early 2000's.

I have been a member of the Morawa District Historical Society since 2010. I enjoy history and have a particular interest in water pumping windmills, maintaining the windmill collection and display at the Morawa Museum, and publishing the quarterly magazine, The Windmill Journal of Australia and New Zealand.

I support rural education and feel it is vital to keeping families and communities together. Education is more than just academic success. At Morawa DHS it provides students with a balance of other activities including sport, music, art, hospitality, metal and wood trade skills, and the innovations in technology allow our students to access a range of other learning opportunities.





# Year 6 Camp to Geraldton

In Week 5 this term, our Year 6's went on a 3 day camp to Geraldton where they went sandboarding, PCYC activities - boxing and circus, team-building games, orienteering, a visit to the RSL museum, kayaking and bike riding. They also went to check out the workings of crayfish live export and had a visit to the HMAS Sydney Memorial.



Anjana feeding a joey



Mitchell with his 'catch'



Atayah being brave!



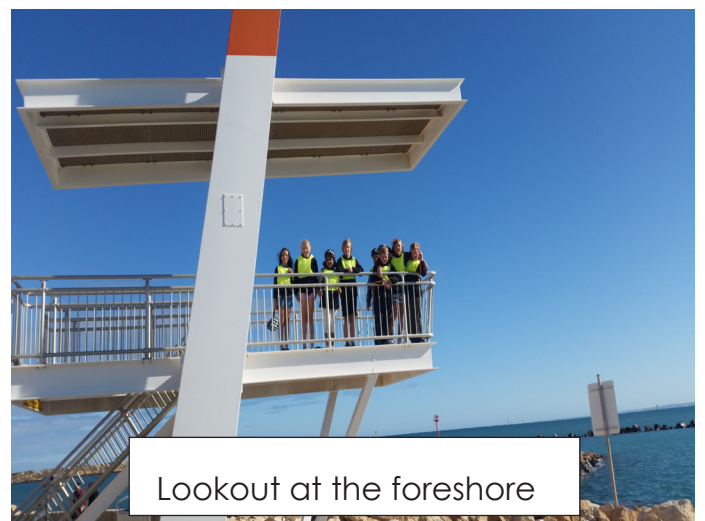
Kayaking



Cycling in glorious weather!



RSL Museum



Lookout at the foreshore



# Social networking

Chat and social networking are great ways to stay in touch and find new friends.

Social networking describes a variety of services like Facebook, YouTube, Snapchat, Instagram, World of Warcraft, Moshi Monsters, Twitter, Skype, Minecraft and many others.

All of these services enable direct interaction between individuals. Users can post information about themselves, display photos, tell people what they've been up to, chat and play games. Social networking forms a part of the social identity of many young people.

There are some risks though, including sharing with people they do not know or trust, not being able to control where a photo or video has been shared, or meeting people in real life who they only otherwise know online.



## What can I do?

As a parent, you can help your child have positive experiences on social networking sites.

- + Stay involved in your child's use of technology. Set up your own account and learn about privacy settings so you can understand how you can best protect your child. It can be fun for you too!
- + Read the 'terms of use' on social media services and make sure your child understands what is expected. Some sites, like Club Penguin, are created especially for children. Many, such as Facebook and Instagram, require users to be at least 13 years of age (often to comply with US laws about the collection of children's personal data). It's also helpful to check the age ratings set by app stores too before downloading an app—bearing in mind that these age ratings can sometimes differ from those for websites of the same service.
- + Advise children to set their accounts to private so that the only people who can view their information are those they trust.
- + Encourage children to think before they put anything online and to be respectful of others. Information posted online can be difficult or impossible to remove. An inappropriate image posted today may have a long term impact on their digital reputation.
- + Show your child how to manage location services on their phone so they are not inadvertently broadcasting their location. Help them to set up alerts to let them know if they have been 'tagged' in photos that have been posted by others.
- + Remind children to be careful when making new friends online; people may not be who they say they are. They should never arrange to meet an online friend unless a trusted adult is with them.
- ++ Report any cyberbullying or inappropriate content to the social networking site and show children how to do this too. If the social media service fails to remove the material, you can make a complaint to the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner.





# Sexting

Sexting is the sending of provocative or sexual photos, messages or videos.

**Sexts are generally sent using a mobile phone but can also include online posts or sharing using an app.**

While sharing suggestive images or text messages may seem like innocent flirting by young people or considered funny, sexting can have serious social and legal consequences.

In most instances of sexting, young people willingly share naked photos of themselves. However sexting can also happen in response to peer pressure. Accidents can also occur, for example, if the sender or receiver of sexts has their phone stolen by someone who decides to publish the images online.



## What can I do?

- ✦ It's important to discuss the consequences of sexting with your children. If their image has been viewed by others they may be publicly bullied and have sexually inappropriate comments made about them by friends and strangers, including adults.
- ✦ Talk to your children about the potential social, academic, employment and legal implications of posting inappropriate material of themselves or others online.
- ✦ If sexting has already negatively affected your child, help them to identify where the images might be. Send take-down requests to all sites as well as to all other children and send messages to all other children who may have received an image and ask them to delete it immediately.
- ✦ Remind your child to delete any sexual content they receive from others and avoid forwarding this type of content.
- ✦ Remind your child to consider the feelings of others when taking photos and distributing any content by mobile phone or online.
- ✦ Seek professional support if you are worried that your child is vulnerable.
- ✦ If you are concerned that a sexting incident may be a criminal matter, contact your local police.
- ✦✦ If your child has been involved in sexting, remember to stay calm and be reasonable about the consequences. Sexting is not uncommon behaviour and your child is not alone in being negatively impacted. Rather than adding to the distress, focus on finding a solution for your child.

# PBS News



## *RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY and ACHIEVEMENT*

This term the PBS working bees, alongside some secondary art classes have produced some fantastic door displays for each behaviour expectation. These serve as a reminder to students as well as broadcasting to the school community the values and behaviour expectations of our school.

The next phase of our plan is to redevelop our schools behaviour referral process to ensure it is friendly for all users this includes Primary and Secondary students, all staff and parents.

Our weekly focuses from our matrix:

So far this term....

Week 1- Achievement- Set personal goals

Week 2- Responsibility-Care for our school

Week 3- Respect – Allow others to complete work

Week 4- Respect – Model appropriate Behaviour

Week 5- Respect – Treat others with fairness, kindness and respect

Week 6- Responsibility- Keep school clean

Week 7- Achievement- Resolve conflicts positively

Still to come....

Week 8- Responsibility- Wear hats outdoors

Week 9- Respect- Move promptly and quietly

Week 10- Respect- Wait your turn and be patient with others

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## *2017 Student Numbers*

If you either have children joining us next year or leaving us, could you please let us know so we have an approximate idea of numbers for next year.

Thank you for your cooperation.



# Interschool Cross Country Results

## Eight year old boys

4th Cameron Tomlinson

## Nine Year Old Boys

1st Michael Cowley

## Nine Year Old Girls

4th Sophie Scott

## Ten Year Old Girls

3rd Isabella Tomlinson

## 11 Years & Over Boys

4th Regan Tubby

## 13 Year Old Boys

4th Jacob Traylen-Witt

## 13 Year Old Girls

1st and **New Record** Hayley Clayton

5th Candi Shiel

## 14 Year Old Boys

2nd Peter Criddle

3rd Nicquan Egan

## 14 Year Old Girls

3rd Kayla Campbell

4th Paskel Criddle

## 15 Year and Over Boys

1st Matthieu Taukoory

## 15 Year and Over Girls

5th Jerrilee Clayton

## Champion Primary School Shield

1st Dongara DHS 60 points

2nd Carnarvon CC 42 points

3rd Morawa DHS 39 points

## Champion Secondary School Shield

1st Carnamah DHS 104 points

2nd Jurien Bay DHS 89 points

3rd Dongara DHS 76 points

4th Morawa DHS 71 points

Bella - Third place



Matthieu - First Place



Nicquan & Peter





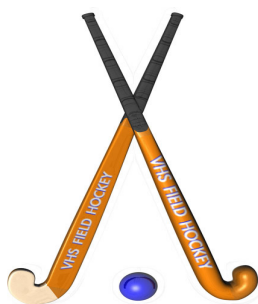
# Country Week



Country Week is being held in Week 10 of this term, leaving Sunday 18 Sep and returning Friday 23 Sep.

The initial cost of this camp is set at \$500, but this may be reduced by fundraising.

A reminder to pay a deposit if you haven't already done so.



A big thank you to these donors of awesome things for our Adventure Playground:

**David & Jane Coaker**  
for their donation of a ship's wheel for the new Pirate Ship.

**Darren & Jayme Yewers**  
for their donation of tyres and a big culvert.

**Cameron & Teresa Tubby**  
for their donation of tyres.

**The North and Milloy Families, and Karara Mining**  
for donating the boulders and their efforts over the holidays to get them into the school.

WEEK	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT/SUN
<b>7</b>	Aug 29	30	31 Year 7 Orientation Day	Sep 1	2 Interhouse Athletics	3/4
<b>8</b>	5	6	7	8 'Pick a Peck of Pickled Poems'	9 Year PP/1 Assembly	10/11
<b>9</b>	12 Junior Winter Sports Wind-Up	13	14	15 Interschool Athletics @ Dongara	16 Whole School Assembly	17/18 COUNTRY WEEK Leaves Sun 18th
<b>10</b>	19	20	21	22	23	24/25
	YEAR 12 MOCK EXAMS					
	COUNTRY WEEK					