



An Independent Public School

# Morawa District High School NEWSLETTER

Issue 8, December 2016

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## EVENTS COMING UP

Presentation Night  
14 December 2016  
5.30pm Town Hall

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Last Day  
of Term 4  
15 December 2016

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Front Office Opens  
Wednesday 25 January 2017

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First Day of Term 1  
Wednesday 1 Feb 2017

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Tonia Carslake

## From the Principal

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As I reflect on 2016 I feel proud of another great year at Morawa DHS. Sports carnivals, assemblies, camps, School Ball, the Canberra tour, improved NAPLAN standards, introduction of STEM, Certificate II courses, band performances, TLG, ASPIRE just to name a few of the amazing things Morawa District High School has been involved in and achieved throughout the year.

At the beginning of 2016, I reminded students of the fact that they only get one life, so to "live their life beautifully".

And as the saying goes....  
"Laugh your heart out. Dance in the rain. Cherish the memories. Ignore the pain. Love and learn. Forget and forgive. Because remember you only have one life to live."

A positive attitude causes a chain reaction of positive thoughts, events and outcomes. It has been so wonderful to see many of our students doing exactly that over this last academic year.

### Presentation Night

We will celebrate the many student achievements, both academic and

extracurricular our students have made in 2016 at Presentation Night on Wednesday evening. We will be entertained by class performances as well as the Band. It is expected that all students will attend this memorable evening of prizes, wonderful music performances and speeches. Thank you also to the following sponsors who generously made donations towards prizes & scholarships:

- CWA Morawa Branch
- Landmark Morawa
- Morawa Freemasons
- C & T Tubby
- Morawa Rural Enterprises
- Morawa Gutha RSL
- McIntosh & Sons
- Mr Peter Smith
- Kats Rural
- Darren West MP
- Shane Love MLA
- Melissa Price MP

### Scholarship Donors:

- Mr Chris Moffet – Laura Moffet and Bellaranga Scholarships
- Carslake Family- Carslake Family Scholarship
- Frank Dixon Memorial – Music Scholarship

- Morawa DHS P&C Association – P & C Community Scholarships – Endeavour and Achieve
  - Shire of Morawa – Shire Scholarship
- Congratulations to award and scholarship winners and to the staff for their preparation of this event.

Final Whole School Assembly

The final assembly for 2016 was held on Friday. This was also a great opportunity to recognise the wonderful achievements our students have made and the contribution of parents and the wider community. Thank you to those who supported this event and congratulations to all award winners.

Student Council and House Captains

Students were involved in the Student Council and House Captain elections during the last weeks of term. We were very impressed with the quality of speeches presented on the day. Well done to all students who were involved. The Student Council and House Captains for 2017 were announced at the final Whole School Assembly on Friday 9 December. They are listed in the following pages. I would like to extend my congratulations to all those students recognised for their efforts this semester as well as those students elected as 2017. I look forward to your leadership next year.

Teach Learn Grow

It was so wonderful to have 21 Teach Learn Grow Tutors in the school during Week 9. The students gained so much from the intensive maths tutoring as well as the lunchtime and recess activities. Thank you to the community for your support of this program and we look forward to it continuing in 2017.

K/PP Christmas Party

The K/PP students and staff put on a delightful Christmas Party filled with singing and dancing on Thursday. Thank you to Ms Tulloch and Ms Teakle at Kindy and Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Clark, at Pre-primary, for preparing the students so beautifully.

Year 6 Celebration Assembly

The Annual Year 6 Celebration assembly was held on 2 December. This is undoubtedly one of the most important occasions in the School Calendar. It is one of mixed emotions. It is end of one chapter, but the beginning of a new and exciting challenge for our Year 6 students as they enter secondary school next year. I would like to extend my congratulations to each and every one of these students for successfully completing primary school. Congratulations also to Miss Chivers for her outstanding organisation of this event and for all she has done for the students over this last year.

Reporting to Parents

Your child’s Semester 2 report for 2016 will be sent home this week. Students from Pre-primary to Year 10 have been assessed on the Australian Curriculum in the areas of English, Maths, Science and History.

Students in Year 11 and 12 have been assessed on the WACE and VET Certificate courses they have undertaken. If you have any queries about this report, or if your child’s teacher has requested an interview, please telephone the Front Office on 9971 0900 to arrange a time to talk to the teacher.

Contributions and Charges

A copy of the Contributions and Charges and Personal Items List [booklist] for your child/children in 2017 will be also included in your child’s report envelope. At the beginning of the 2017 school year you will receive the final account at which time we will require payment. I encourage all parents to pay their Contributions and Charges as this provides financial support to enhance our learning programs. Unfortunately this year, the rate of payment was lower than it has been for many years. As you would know, there have been reductions in school funding over recent years and it is now even more important that families pay their Contributions and Charges.

Surveying the Community

As part of the schools self-assessment and review cycle, I am conducting a School Satisfaction Survey. Please find below a link to the Parent- Morawa District High School Satisfaction Survey. Your thoughts and opinions are important to us so we can better serve you and the school community in the future and will be key in the implementation of the 2016-2018 Business Plan. There is much that we are proud of at Morawa DHS but there’s always room for improvement and I thank each and every one of you in advance for completing this. This survey should only take 4-5 minutes to complete. Be assured that all answers you provide will be anonyms and confidential.

Parent Survey -

<https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/6JWMnfhV>

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

MORAWA DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL - TERM DATES 2017

Semester 1	Students	Teachers
Term 1	Wednesday 1 February - Friday 7 April	Monday 30 January – Friday 7 April
Break	Saturday 8 April - Sunday 23 April	Saturday 8 April - Sunday 23 April
Term 2	Wednesday 26 April - Friday 30 June	Monday 24 April - Friday 30 June
Break	Saturday 1 July - Sunday 16 July	Saturday 1 July - Sunday 16 July
Semester 2		
Term 3	Monday 18 July - Friday 22 September	Monday 17 July - Friday 22 September
Break	Saturday 23 September - Sunday 8 October	Saturday 23 September - Sunday 8 October
Term 4	Tuesday 10 October - Thursday 14 December	Monday 9 October – Friday 15 December

Pupil Free Days:

- 30 & 31 January 2017
- 24 April 2017 [Day before ANZAC Day Public Holiday]
- 17 July 2017
- 9 October 2017
- 15 December 2017

Students start the school year on Wednesday 1 February 2017 and end the school year on Thursday 14 December 2017.

The quality of teaching that occurs in our classrooms across the school is fantastic – our teachers continue to challenge and support our students in everything that they do. We have had many celebrations this year academically, in the sporting arena and in the extra curricular aspects of the school. Morawa DHS is a unique District High School offering both VET and ATAR pathways for Year 11/12 students. Recently, we have celebrated the ‘Class of 2016’ final year of school; with sixteen Year 12 students graduating in total – the biggest group we have had for a few years! Continuing our focus of providing evidence based pedagogy in both areas of literacy and numeracy, we have seen the successful impact of these programs in the improvement of our Literacy and Numeracy results across the school throughout the year. Congratulations! The many curricular and extracurricular activities have included the introduction of STEM, the Morawa DHS Brass Band winning the State Bands Championships and many band performances, sports carnivals, camps, Country Week, excursions and incursions and Teach Learn Grow in Terms 2 and 4. WOW! It’s been a busy year. Students are our focus, top and centre to everything we do.

We have a fabulous team of teaching and support staff at Morawa DHS. I would like to express my deepest gratitude to each and every one of them for their dedication to our students and school. A special thank you to the leadership team, Mrs Tracy Tapscott, Mr Mike McGann, Mrs Sarah Baden-Powell, Mrs Wendy Glassford-Hill, Mrs Linda Jenkins, Ms Lee Jones and Mrs Tammy Solomon for your leadership and support throughout the year; to our Year Co-ordinators Tammy Solomon, Kirsty O’Halloran, Dimity Chivers and Renae Guelfi for your leadership of the Student Council; to the health and wellbeing team Mrs Jacque Conte and Reverend Ric Payne for their ongoing support to students and families, to the School Board Chair Mrs Karen Chappel and Board members, the Parents and Citizens Association, P & C President Mrs Bree Philipp’s, Treasurer Jane Coaker, Secretary Terri Tomlinson, Cropping program Co-ordinator Mark Coaker, Sports Co-ordinator Cameron Tubby and the Pre-primary, Uniform, Canteen and Band Committees for their tireless fundraising and busy bees which help make our school a great place to learn and to the WACOAM staff for their continued support of our students. To Mrs Wendy Glassford-Hill for seamlessly stepping in as Deputy Primary for Principal and Ms Lee Jones and Mrs Tammy Solomon for also relieving as Deputy Principal for Secondary throughout the year. What a fabulous team we make. Thank you. I would also like to acknowledge the tremendous ongoing support of our parents, guardians and community members. Working together as a team ensures success for all students. Thank you, it is greatly appreciated.

Unfortunately some staff members are moving on to new schools, adventures or retiring in 2017. Tiki North, REVD Ric Payne, Dimity Chivers, Renae Guelfi, Alistair Duncanson, Kirsty O’Halloran, Riitta Caruso, Michael Caruso, Jed Hunt, Tegan Hunt, Carmen Tulloch and Peter Helfgott.


Thank you for your dedication to our students and school and I wish you all the very best for your new endeavours.

School begins for Office Staff on the 25 January; Administration Staff 27 January; 30 January for Teaching and Support staff, and students first day back at school for 2017 is Wednesday 1 February.


On behalf of the Morawa District High School, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe holiday.

Mrs Tonia Carslake  
Principal





*To all  
Students, Parents  
and Community Members*



**MORAWA DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL**

*Would like to cordially invite you to our*

**2016 PRESENTATION NIGHT**

*To be held on*

**WEDNESDAY 14  
DECEMBER 2016 @ 5.30PM  
AT THE MORAWA TOWN HALL**

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO ACKNOWLEDGING  
OUR STUDENTS' ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS,  
AS WELL AS ENJOYING AN AFTERNOON OF ENTERTAINMENT  
WITH THE STUDENTS.

**PLEASE JOIN US AFTERWARDS  
FOR A BRING AND SHARE SUPPER**

PHONE: 08 99710 900



HIGHEST ACHIEVERS 2016 - PRIMARY

Keanu Hedlam, Cameron Councillor, Anna Collins, Samantha Tomlinson, Caladyn Milloy & Evie Chappel

Blayke Twomey, Grace Tubby, Iona Scott, Paxton Denham, Noah Abrahams, Lily Chisholm, Sophie Collins & Tyler Robinson



HIGHEST ACHIEVERS 2016 - PRIMARY			
Year	Name	Learning Area	Subject/Context
Year 1	Evie Chappel	English	English
Year 1	Samantha Tomlinson	Health & Physical Education	Health
Year 1	Evie Chappel	Health & Physical Education	Health
Year 1	Caladyn Milloy	Health & Physical Education	Physical Education
Year 1	Samantha Tomlinson	Mathematics	Mathematics
Year 1	Evie Chappel	Science	Science
Year 1	Evie Chappel	Humanities and Social Sciences	Geography
Year 1	Evie Chappel	Technologies	Digital Technologies
Year 1	Evie Chappel	Technologies	Design & Technologies
Year 1	Evie Chappel	The Arts	Music
Year 2	Sophie Collins	English	English
Year 2	Lily Chisholm	Health & Physical Education	Health
Year 2	Grace Tubby	Health & Physical Education	Physical Education
Year 2	Paxton Denham	Mathematics	Mathematics
Year 2	Blayke Twomey	Science	Science
Year 2	Sophie Collins	Humanities and Social Sciences	Geography
Year 2	Tyler Robinson	Technologies	Digital Technologies
Year 2	Lily Chisholm	Technologies	Design & Technologies
Year 2	Grace Tubby	The Arts	Music
Year 3	Cameron Tomlinson	English	English
Year 3	Carly Ballantyne	Health & Physical Education	Health
Year 3	Cameron Tomlinson	Health & Physical Education	Physical Education
Year 3	Cameron Tomlinson	Mathematics	Mathematics
Year 3	Cameron Tomlinson	Science	Science
Year 3	Liam Appleton	Humanities and Social Sciences	Geography
Year 3	Liam Appleton	Humanities and Social Sciences	Civics & Citizenship
Year 3	Liam Appleton	Technologies	Digital Technologies
Year 3	Carly Ballantyne	Technologies	Design & Technologies
Year 3	Cameron Tomlinson	The Arts	Guitar
Year 3	Carly Ballantyne	The Arts	Music
Year 4	Conner McCarthy	English	English
Year 4	Sophie Scott	Health & Physical Education	Health
Year 4	Graham Whitehurst	Health & Physical Education	Physical Education
Year 4	Conner McCarthy	Mathematics	Mathematics
Year 4	Cooper Baden-Powell	Science	Science
Year 4	Cooper Baden-Powell	Humanities and Social Sciences	Geography
Year 4	Cooper Baden-Powell	Humanities and Social Sciences	Civics & Citizenship
Year 4	Cooper Baden-Powell	Technologies	Digital Technologies
Year 4	Cooper Baden-Powell	Technologies	Design & Technologies
Year 4	Cooper Baden-Powell	The Arts	Music

HIGHEST ACHIEVERS 2016 - PRIMARY

Cameron Tomlinson, Janetria Martin, Liam Appleton, Carly Ballantyne & Timiah Egan

Conner McCarthy, Michael Cowley, Cooper Baden-Powell, Sophie Scott & Junior Whitehurst



HIGHEST ACHIEVERS 2016 - PRIMARY			
Year	Name	Learning Area	Subject/Context
Year 4	Sophie Scott	The Arts	Music
Year 4	Cooper Baden-Powell	The Arts	Guitar
Year 5	Isabella Tomlinson	English	English
Year 5	Isabella Tomlinson	Health & Physical Education	Health
Year 5	Mac Ballantyne	Health & Physical Education	Physical Education
Year 5	Isabella Tomlinson	Mathematics	Mathematics
Year 5	Jacob Coaker	Science	Science
Year 5	Darcy Tynan	Humanities and Social Sciences	Geography
Year 5	Darcy Tynan	Humanities and Social Sciences	Civics & Citizenship
Year 5	Isabella Tomlinson	Humanities and Social Sciences	Civics & Citizenship
Year 5	Darcy Tynan	Technologies	Digital Technologies
Year 5	Corin Campbell	The Arts	Visual Art
Year 5	Denayh Coyne	The Arts	Music
Year 5	Isabella Tomlinson	The Arts	Music
Year 5	Noah Kowald	The Arts	Instrumental & Ensemble Music
Year 5	Corin Campbell	The Arts	Guitar
Year 6	Mitchell Caruso	English	English
Year 6	Regan Tubby	Health & Physical Education	Health
Year 6	Regan Tubby	Health & Physical Education	Physical Education
Year 6	Thomas Appleton	Mathematics	Mathematics
Year 6	Thomas Appleton	Science	Science
Year 6	Thomas Appleton	Humanities and Social Sciences	Geography
Year 5	Thomas Appleton	Humanities and Social Sciences	Civics & Citizenship
Year 6	Thomas Appleton	Technologies	Digital Technologies
Year 6	Thomas Appleton	The Arts	Visual Art
Year 6	Atayah Aliphon	The Arts	Instrumental & Ensemble Music
Year 6	Thomas Appleton	The Arts	Music
Year 6	Atayah Aliphon	The Arts	Music
Year 6	Regan Tubby	The Arts	Guitar
	Anna Collins	Endeavour Award	Pre-primary/Year 1
	Iona Scott	Endeavour Award	Year 1/2
	Lily Chisholm	Endeavour Award	Year 2/3
	Sophie Scott	Endeavour Award	Year 3/4
	Jacob Coaker	Endeavour Award	Year 5/6
Pre-primary	Cameron Councillor	Optimistic Aussie Award	
Year 1	Keanu Hedlam	Optimistic Aussie Award	
Year 2	Noah Abrahams	Optimistic Aussie Award	
Year 3	Timiah Egan	Optimistic Aussie Award	
Year 3	Janetria Martin	Optimistic Aussie Award	
Year 4	Michael Cowley	Optimistic Aussie Award	
Year 5	Keiran Egan	Optimistic Aussie Award	
Year 6	Megan Letton	Optimistic Aussie Award	



# HIGHEST ACHIEVERS 2016 -SECONDARY

Sarah Connolly, Kobi Little, Samantha Councillor, Darcy Parker, Peter Criddle  
Chloe Abrahams, Shyanne Narain & Tanisha Burgess



Kelsey Fraser, Jerri-Lee Clayton, Mackenzie Matthews, Shaun-Michael Harwood,  
Zepplin Curtin, Harrison Matthews & Matthew Vanderschuit



# HIGHEST ACHIEVERS 2016 -SECONDARY

Corrine Moore & Kyralee Whitmore



Kelsey Fraser, Tarl Parker, Mackenzie Matthews, Jacob Traylen-Witt, Kayla Campbell,  
Claire Tynan & Teagan Parker



HIGHEST ACHIEVER 2016-SECONDARY			
Year	Name	Learning Area	Subject/Context
Year 7	Oliver Humphreys	Technologies	Home Economics
Year 7	Ella Jewell	Humanities and Social Sciences	Humanities and Social Sciences
Year 7	Ella Jewell	The Arts	Instrumental Music - Guitar
Year 7	Charlee-Ann Chisholm	The Arts	Instrumental & Ensemble Music - Brass
Year 7	Ella Jewell	The Arts	Music
Year 7	Oliver Humphreys	The Arts	Visual Arts
Year 7	Oliver Humpheys	Mathematics	Mathematics
Year 7	Charlee-Ann Chisholm	Mathematics	Mathematics
Year 7	Dion Jefferies-Paterson	Science	Science
Year 7	Matthew Bickford	Health & Physical Education	Physical Education
Year 7	Lauren Appleton	Technologies	Design & Technology
Year 7	Lauren Appleton	English	English
Year 7	Dion Jefferies-Paterson	Technologies	Digital Technologies
Year 7	Dion Jefferies-Paterson	Health & Physical Education	Health
Year 7	Oliver Humphreys	Technologies	Career Studies
Year 8	Candi Shiel	Technologies	Design & Technology
Year 8	Nellie Humphreys	Technologies	Design & Technology
Year 8	Bailey Campbell	The Arts	Visual Arts
Year 8	Jacob Traylen-Witt	The Arts	Instrumental Music - Guitar
Year 8	Nellie Humphreys	The Arts	Instrumental & Ensemble Music - Brass
Year 8	Claire Tynan	The Arts	Instrumental & Ensemble Music - Brass
Year 8	Jacob Traylen-Witt	The Arts	Music
Year 8	Nellie Humphreys	Humanities and Social Sciences	Humanities and Social Sciences
Year 8	Nellie Humphreys	Mathematics	Mathematics
Year 8	Nellie Humphreys	Science	Science
Year 8	Bailey Campbell	Health & Physical Education	Physical Education
Year 8	Candi Shiel	Technologies	Home Economics
Year 8	Trinity Denham	English	English
Year 8	Nellie Humphreys	Technologies	Digital Technologies
Year 8	Claire Tynan	Health & Physical Education	Health
Year 8	Claire Tynan	Technologies	Career Studies
Year 9	Chloe Abrahams	Mathematics	Mathematics
Year 9	Darcie Parker	Humanities and Social Sciences	Humanities and Social Sciences
Year 9	Sarah Connolly	The Arts	Instrumental & Ensemble Music - Brass
Year 9	Chloe Abrahams	Health & Physical Education	Health
Year 9	Samantha Councillor	Health & Physical Education	Physical Education
Year 9	Sarah Connolly	Technologies	Design and Technology - Jewellery
Year 9	Chloe Abrahams	Science	Science
Year 9	Shyanne Narain	English	English
Year 9	Chloe Abrahams	Technologies	Digital Technologies
Year 9	Darcie Parker	The Arts	Visual Arts
Year 9	Darcie Parker	The Arts	Visual Arts (Ceramics)

HIGHEST ACHIEVER 2016-SECONDARY			
Year	Name	Learning Area	Subject/Context
Year 9	Tanisha Burgess	The Arts	Pop Band
Year 9	Peter Criddle	Technologies	Design and Technology - Woodwork
Year 9	Darcie Parker	The Arts	Media
Year 9	Kobi Little	Technologies	Design and Technology - Metalwork
Year 10	Harrison Matthews	The Arts	Pop Band
Year 10	Kelsey Fraser	Technologies	Design and Technology - Woodwork
Year 10	Harrison Matthews	Technologies	Design and Technology - Woodwork
Year 10	Zepplin Curtin	Technologies	Design and Technology - Jewellery
Year 10	Mackenzie Matthews	Technologies	Home Economics - Food in the Fast Lane
Year 10	Harrison Matthews	Mathematics	Mathematics
Year 10	Jerri-Lee Clayton	The Arts	Ceramics
Year 10	Mackenzie Matthews	English	English
Year 10	Jerri-Lee Clayton	Health & Physical Education	Health
Year 10	Harrison Matthews	Humanities and Social Sciences	Humanities and Social Sciences
Year 10	Matthew Vanderschuit	Health & Physical Education	Physical Education
Year 10	Shaun-Michael Harwood	Science	Science
Year 10	Mackenzie Matthews	Technologies	Digital Technologies
Year 10	Harrison Matthews	Technologies	Digital Technologies
Year 11	Alexandra Whitehurst	Mathematics	ATAR Mathematics
Year 11	Kyralee Whitmore	Mathematics	Foundation Maths
Year 11	Jessica Wallace	English	English General
Year 11	Corrine Moore	English	ATAR English
Year 11	Kyralee Whitmore	English	Foundation English
Year 11	Alexandra Whitehurst	Information Technology	Cert II Information Digital Media and Technology
Year 11	Shannon Simpson	Design & Technology	Certificate II in Resources and Infrastructure Work Preparation
Year 11	Jessica Wallace	The Arts	ATAR Visual Arts
Year 11	Corrine Moore	The Arts	Visual Arts General
Year 11	Corrine Moore	The Arts	Instrumental & Ensemble Music
Year 11	Corrine Moore	Technology & Enterprise	Hospitality Certificate II
Year 11	Alexandra Whitehurst	Technology & Enterprise	Certificate II in Information, Digital Media and Technology
	Teagan Parker	Endeavour Award	Year 7
	Claire Tynan	Endeavour Award	Year 8
	Kayla Campbell	Endeavour Award	Year 9
	Mackenzie Matthews	Endeavour Award	Year 10
	Shannon Simpson	Endeavour Award	Year 11
Year 7	Tarl Parker	Optimistic Aussie Award	
Year 8	Jacob Traylen-Witt	Optimistic Aussie Award	
Year 9	Kayla Campbell	Optimistic Aussie Award	
Year 10	Kelsey Fraser	Optimistic Aussie Award	



STUDENT COUNCIL 2017 - PRIMARY		STUDENT COUNCIL 2017 - SECONDARY	
Year 4	Carly Ballantyne	Year 7	Announced next year
	Jamie Cosgrove	Year 8	Emily Beauchamp
Year 5	Michael Cowley	Year 9	Hayley Clayton
	Sophie Scott	Year 10	Kayla Campbell
Year 6	Mac Ballantyne	Year 11	Mackenzie Matthews
	Judd Chisholm		Jerri-Lee Clayton
	Denayh Coyne	Year 12	Molly Traylen-Witt
	Isabella Tomlinson		Alexandra Whitehurst
		<b>HEAD STUDENTS</b>	
		Corrine Moore	
		Kyrilee Whitmore	
HOUSE CAPTAINS 2017 - PRIMARY		HOUSE CAPTAINS 2017 - SECONDARY	
Emerald	Denayh Coyne	Emerald	Danielle Letton
	Judd Chisholm		Darcie Parker
Ruby	Mac Ballantyne	Ruby	Hayley Clayton
	Isabella Tomlinson		
Sapphire	Corin Campbell	Sapphire	Claire Tynan
	Darcy Tynan		Samantha Councillor
		District Diamonds	Jerri-Lee Clayton



### CONGRATULATIONS HOUSE POINT WINNERS

Thomas Appleton, Judd Chisholm, Brooklyn Richards, Carly Ballantyne, Sophie Collins, Evie Chappel & Seth Mills



Jerri-Lee Clayton and Mackenzie Matthews



A great day was had by all at the Summer Splash attendance reward day.  
A big THANK YOU to Morawa DFES for bringing the fire truck out to play.

Arliah Hale, Samantha Tomlinson,  
Evie Chappel & Iona Scott







Chloe Abrahams, Kayla Campbell, Danielle Letton & Darcie Parker attended UWA Aspire Camp together with Mrs Hunt





www.summerreadingclub.org.au

25 November 2016

To Whom it may concern,

I am pleased to announce that the Summer Reading Club is taking place at Geraldton Regional Library these summer holidays.

Last year the Summer Reading Club was a huge success!

- Over 48,000 children participated across Australia, and
- more than 333,000 books were read.

Celebrating its sixth year as a national program, the Summer Reading Club could be even bigger and better this year, with the help of your school!

The theme for the 2016 Summer Reading Club is **Heroes and Villains**. Young readers will be encouraged to engage with a variety of traditional and non-traditional heroes and heroines as they explore the themes and conventions associated with super and everyday heroes, and their villainous counterparts.

At Geraldton Regional Library, Summer Reading Club activities will run from 15 December until 30 January 2017. Registration is FREE! When participants register at our library they will receive a Summer Reading Club pack. Alternatively, they can also register through the Summer Reading Club website at [www.summerreadingclub.org.au](http://www.summerreadingclub.org.au)

National prizes are also up for grabs for those who participate in the online activities.

To encourage participation in the 2016 Summer Reading Club, I invite teachers and library staff at your school to promote this program to students and parents as they enquire about holiday activities. Information about the Summer Reading Club could also be included in your school newsletter.

For more information on this year's Summer Reading Club, or if you would like me to send you poster templates or marketing materials for display in your school, please contact please contact Michelle Agi or Jenni Hargrave on 99 56 6659 or by email to [library@agg.wa.gov.au](mailto:library@agg.wa.gov.au)

Yours sincerely,

Michelle Agi  
Young People Services Team Leader

Delivered in partnership with:





UWA ASPIRE CAMP 2016

This week selected Year 9 students attended UWA’s Aspire Camp in Perth City. They lived the life of university students; they slept in university dorms, attended university overview programs, worked in groups with other Aspire students, toured the City of Perth and captained the waters of the Swan River. Planes were boarded, friends were made, aspirations were formed, and teachers were exhausted! Thankyou UWA and Hrs Hunt for providing this opportunity.



PBS NEWS

Term 1: Week 10	Term 2 : Week 4	Term 2 : Week 10	Term 3: Week 6	Term 3: Week 10
<p>RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY and ACHIEVEMENT</p> <p>In recent weeks our focus in Primary Health and Pastoral Care classes has been:</p> <p>RESPECT: Follow all staff instructions promptly and politely.</p> <p>ACHIEVEMENT: Persevere when faced with challenges.</p> <p>In Week 8 a Bee Mascot Competition was conducted. There were some great designs with 32 shortlisted to be voted on by the PBS team. There are now five finalists' designs which proceed to Stage 2 where their creative ideas will be developed. The outcome of this process will be consolidated into the final PBS mascot for the school.</p>	<p>RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY and ACHIEVEMENT</p> <p>Across the whole school each week students and staff will be focusing on a positive behaviour focus from one of our Behaviour expectations.</p> <p><b>So far this term....</b></p> <p>WEEK 1 - USING GOOD MANNERS, SPEAKING AND ACTING COURTEOUSLY</p> <p>WEEK 2 - BE PUNCTUAL AND PREPARED</p> <p>WEEK 3 - USING RESPECTFUL LANGUAGE</p> <p>WEEK 4 - STRIVING TO DO YOUR BEST</p> <p><b>Still to come....</b></p> <p>WEEK 5 - BEING AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT</p> <p>WEEK 6 - STAY FOCUSED ON YOUR LEARNING</p> <p>It is important to have a common language amongst the school community to ensure our message of behaviour expectations is clear. These explicit lessons on behaviours equip our students with the skills they require in the community.</p>	<p>RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY and ACHIEVEMENT</p> <p>This term all staff has been involved in Professional Development sessions on Wednesday afternoons. Staff focused on procedures and referral forms used in our school. The PBS Team will now be developing a new management plan to be released next term.</p> <p><b>Next terms Behaviour Expectation weekly focus</b></p> <p>WEEK 1 – Set and achieve personal and academic goals</p> <p>WEEK 2 – Care for our school e.g. equipment, grounds, buildings, staff and students</p> <p>WEEK 3 – Allow others to complete their work</p> <p>WEEK 4 – Treat others with fairness, kindness and respect</p> <p>WEEK 5 – Keep our school clean and always place rubbish in the bin</p>	<p>RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY and ACHIEVEMENT</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The next phase of our plan is to redevelop our school's behaviour referral process to ensure it is friendly for all users this includes Primary and Secondary students, all staff and parents.</p> <p>Our weekly focuses from our matrix:</p> <p><b>So far this term....</b></p> <p>Week 1- Achievement- Set personal goals</p> <p>Week 2- Responsibility-Care for our school</p> <p>Week 3- Respect – Allow others to complete work</p> <p>Week 4- Respect – Model appropriate Behaviour</p> <p>Week 5- Respect – Treat others with fairness, kindness and respect</p> <p>Week 6- Responsibility- Keep school clean</p> <p><b>Still to come....</b></p> <p>Week 7- Achievement- Resolve conflicts positively</p> <p>Week 8- Responsibility- Wear hats outdoors</p> <p>Week 9- Respect- Move promptly and quietly</p> <p>Week 10- Respect- Wait your turn and be patient with others</p>	<p>RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY and ACHIEVEMENT</p> <p>This term the PBS team have completed a proposed Student Behaviour Referral Process to be put to Senior Staff for review. Once confirmed all staff will be involved in refinements and developing Primary, Secondary and Community versions. This will allow clear understanding of the expectations amongst all stakeholders.</p> <p>Also this term an audit was conducted across all classes and staff members. Random students and staff were surveyed on their knowledge of our 3 expectations. Overall the results were positive with a greater percentage being able to identify all three than last surveyed, and many classes scoring 100% accuracy. However the audit did reveal that a focus on our weekly focus behaviours is required.</p> <p><b>Term 4: Our weekly focuses from the matrix</b></p> <p>Week 1- Achievement- Set personal goals</p> <p>Week 2- Achievement – Persevere when faced with challenges</p> <p>Week 3- Responsibility- Be neat, tidy and wear school uniform</p> <p>Week 4- Respect – Use respectful language</p> <p>Week 5- Responsibility- Wear hats outdoors</p> <p>Week 6- Responsibility- Support and help others</p>







## Building parent-school partnerships

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# Goodbye primary school, hello secondary



The end of primary school is a significant milestone in children's lives. They've spent half their lives in primary school, in many cases in the same school, which is significant.

Developmentally they've come a long way from those skinny little kids who lined up for class on the first day holding a parent's or carer's hand. Now entering puberty, most are taller than their mothers and the only people they'll hold hands with are 'special friends', but not in public. Those displays of affection will come later in the secondary school years.

Changing from primary to secondary brings a mixture of emotions in kids such as excitement, apprehension, pride and, in many cases, sadness about leaving friends and familiar surrounds behind.

Parents often go through the same range of emotions as children at this time so we need to acknowledge those feelings in ourselves, just as we should in our children.

### LOOKING BACK

This is a time for kids to celebrate their achievements; show appreciation to their teachers and enjoy the friendships that they've formed. **Here are three ideas:**

#### 1 Let's celebrate

Primary school graduation ceremonies play an important part in the primary school life, as they mark the end of an era and the start of a new part of their lives. We need to be careful that the meaning doesn't become lost as graduations become increasingly lavish, even to the point where some students are transported to their graduation in a stretch limo. *Keep them simple and keep them close to the school's values.*

#### 2 Show gratitude

As a former teacher I know how much a simple thank you can mean from students at the end of the year. So make sure your kids take the time to thank their final year teacher and as well as seek out to thank other teachers who contributed to their education over their primary school journey. *Gratitude costs nothing but has a great impact.*

#### 3 Enjoy friendships

Encourage your kids to be open and friendly at this time of the year, and steer clear of

cliques and fellow students who want to exclude others from their groups. The end of primary school can be tricky to navigate, particularly when early maturers stick together and ostracise certain classmates. *This is the time for friendly behaviour and inclusiveness.*

### LOOKING AHEAD

When primary school is finished and the holidays are coming to an end it's time to focus on the new experiences of secondary school. Some kids take secondary school in their stride but it is natural to experience some difficulty.

If your eldest is starting, then secondary school will be a relatively new experience for you too. It will take some time for you to adjust to the school's culture and communication methods.

Your attitude as a parent can help your child quickly adjust. **Here are three ideas for you to help kids make a smooth adjustment:**

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## ... Goodbye primary school, hello secondary school ...

#### 1 Promote friendships

The quicker kids form new friendships the sooner they'll feel comfortable in their secondary school surroundings. Encourage your young person to be open to forming friendships with all sorts of kids; to be accepting of others who may be different to them; to take social risks by joining in activities even though they may feel uncomfortable; and to be friendly, approachable and positive!

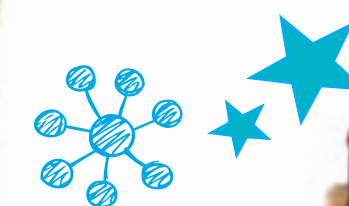
#### 2 Be ready to listen

Patience and understanding in the early weeks is essential. Brush up on your listening skills as you help your young person adjust. Talk to your young person about change and reassure them that it's normal to feel unsure or nervous in new circumstances. Let them know that many difficulties they face will be temporary.

#### 3 Keep your attitude positive

Confidence is catching so make sure you see this transition time as an exciting challenge that your child can handle rather than an event to be feared. Ask them about the new subjects or interesting activities they are doing, and try to shift their focus to the positive aspects of school. Discuss settling in issues with the appropriate person such as a year level coordinator, but give your young person time to handle them on their own before seeking help.

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## THANK YOU

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR 2016

Thank you to all students and their families, school staff and members of the community for supporting Book Fair this year. It was a great success, enabling the library to acquire a large number of new books for our students to enjoy.

Your support for this annual event is much appreciated.

Catherine Moore  
Library Officer

## CHAT

Morawa District High Schools CHAT committee was acknowledged as one of the most productive CHAT teams in the Mid-West Area.

We were recognised as a collaborative group where all team members are responsible for the action plan.

Thank you to the outgoing members for a fantastic year in moving towards our silver target.



Miss Kirsty O'Halloran, Miss Dimity Chivers, Mrs Tammy Solomon, Mrs Tonia Carslake, Mrs Sarah Baden-Powell, Miss Renae Guelfi & Mr Alistair Duncanson

## Wanted

Spare pillowcases and cushion covers  
that you no longer want.

We would appreciate your donation of  
these items for a school project.

Please send in with your child or  
drop off at the Front Office.

Thank you.

Wendy Glassford-Hill  
Literacy/Learning Support Coordinator

## Lunchbox Ideas for Busy Parents



It is important for students to arrive at school well fed and to have enough food for the day.

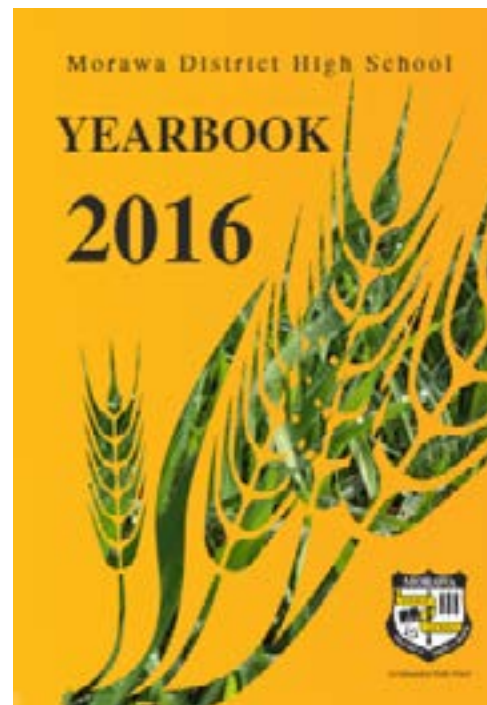
To help us promote healthy lifestyles, the following resource is available for download at the livelighter website:

[https://livelighter.com.au/Assets/resource/booklet/Packed-with-goodness\\_FINAL\\_2016.pdf](https://livelighter.com.au/Assets/resource/booklet/Packed-with-goodness_FINAL_2016.pdf)



Morawa District High School

## YEARBOOK 2016



**2016 YEAR BOOK  
ON SALE \$25  
SEE SCHOOL  
OFFICE**

### 2016 Contributions and Charges

All parents and care givers should have received the final Contribution and Charges statements for 2016. Thank you to parents/caregivers who have already settled their accounts. Parent contributions play a vital part in supporting your child and your contributions are appreciated. Voluntary contributions go directly to support your child's learning and are used to purchase resources and consumables to support you child.

For your information;

**Morawa DHS ask parents for a voluntary contribution of \$60.00 in Kindergarten - Year 6**

Calculated on a 40 week school year this works out at \$1.50 per week

**Year 7 -10**

**Morawa DHS asks parents for a voluntary contribution of \$235.00 in Year 7 -10**

Calculated on a 40 week school year this works out to \$5.87 per week

**Year 11 & 12 school and SIDE charges**

A reminder to parent/caregivers that in Year 11 and 12 all school fees are classified as compulsory and therefore payment is expected. The school relies on school fees paid to run the high cost senior school programs and all fees are kept to a minimum.

Parents and caregivers are welcome to set up periodical payments to assist with budgeting and can contact the Manager Corporate Services, Linda Jenkins on 99710900 to arrange this.

*This year all student payments received have been entered into the draw to win a 2016/2017 Morawa Family Pool Pass. The prize will be drawn this Friday 16 December, so there is still time to be included in the draw.*





WEEK	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT/SUN
<b>10</b>	Dec 12	13	14 Presentation Night	15 Last Day for Students	16 Staff last day	17/18
<b>CHRISTMAS SCHOOL HOLIDAYS</b>						
<b>1</b>	Jan 30 Student free day	31 Student free day	Feb 1 Start Term 1	2	3	4/5

Grounds and Security: Parents are asked to remind students that the school grounds are out of bounds out of school hours. In the event of vandalism, please report to School Watch on 1800 177 777 or the local Police on 99 601 666.

## MORAWA DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL BUSINESS PLAN 2016-18

### Vision

Morawa District High School is held in high esteem and considered as the region's high school of choice. Providing a strong and sustainable education for the students, families and communities in the district.

### Mission

Morawa District High School is an Independent Public School which shares a commitment with parents and the community to provide a safe, stimulating and differentiated learning environment, encouraging all students to be fully engaged and motivated to excel.

