



An Independent Public School

Busy times

TERM THREE

Another term has drawn to an end, full of many extracurricular activities including the Interschool Cross Country, Athletics Carnivals, Year 7 Camp to Coral Bay, Book Week, Country Week and Open Night, just to name a few.

The Year 7 students had a fabulous time on camp in Coral Bay earlier this term. This was a wonderful educational camp, exposing students to marine life and the environment. By all accounts the students were great ambassadors of Morawa DHS, they did themselves, the school and their families proud.

"Congratulations Year 7 students! I would like to sincerely thank Mrs Solomon, for the time she put in to making the arrangements prior to the successful camp, and to Mrs Bestry for accompanying the students on camp. Your time and commitment to ensuring the students had a great time was commendable," said Mrs Carslake.



The Cross Country team enjoyed success at the Interschool Cross Country at Eneabba at the beginning of term. Morawa did really well, securing 4 firsts, and quite a few in the top 10 places. Miss O'Halloran and Mr Duncanson worked tirelessly in their preparation of the team and on the day itself.



We were lucky enough to have the Spare Parts Puppet Theatre from Fremantle perform Blueback by Tim Winton a few weeks ago.

We were introduced to the world of Abel Jackson, a child born and raised in the ocean. The story had an undercurrent of the need for strong relationships between family, each other and the environment.

Mrs Carslake thought the performance was very relevant to the audience, "it was a journey to discover where you belong, along with a lesson about fighting for what you believe in. Blueback is a must see or read, for all of us."

Mrs Rosemary Bond accompanied 4 secondary students to attend the UWA Aspire Camp during the term. 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 who might not be considering university as an option to see the benefits and opportunities that university study offers.

The UWA Aspire team visited the school in the school during September to work with students from year 2-12. The program is aimed at promoting a culture of academic achievement and desire for learning; and at encouraging students who might not be considering university as an option to see the benefits and opportunities that university study offers.





Open Night gave both the staff and student's the opportunity to showcase the school, the student's work and projects they were working on. The event was well attended with many highlights though out the evening. Families could sit and watch on the outside screen a picture show recording the year's events, have dinner and visit all the different displays, the band rounded off the evening, before a scrumptious supper was enjoyed.

"This was a fantastic opportunity to come and talk with your child's classroom teacher and to see the great work and progress they have made so far this year. We enjoyed meeting all the families and friends of the students and school", said Mrs Carslake.



Students were busy during the term, preparing for the Inter house sports carnival in PE classes as well as at lunch time training and after school. Miss O'Halloran and Mr Duncanson were again busy organising this event, but all their efforts paid off, with a



great carnival being held, with lots of participation – Ruby were the successful faction winning on 912 points, followed by Emerald on 877 points and then Sapphire on 830 points. District Diamonds came in first on 166 points, in the Secondary section followed by Agricola on 151 points and then Cobweb with 127 points.

The interschool sports carnival was hosted here in Morawa, with schools from Dongara, Jurien Bay and Carnamah attending. Morawa DHS won the Secondary Shield Outright and many students were Champions or Runner-Up Champions for their age group.

"Congratulations to those students and to their teams on their outstanding performance. Thanks to Mr Duncanson, Miss O'Halloran, Mr Tubby and the P & C for their preparation of the team, setting up the carnival and for assisting on the day. It was great to see so many parents supporting the team – thank you", said Mrs Carslake.

"The Importance of Being Earnest', A Musically Mad Mini-Version" was held for all students from Years 5-12 at no charge to them. In this shortened version, the play has been ramped up, furnished with puppetry, added songs, references to Ibooks, Twitter and Lance Armstrong for modern minds, yet maintains the essence of sparkling Victorian humour that Wilde was famous for.



This performance was very well received by the students, with many parts of the show having the audience in fits of laughter, it was lots of fun and enjoyed by everyone who attended.

We reintroduced a School Breakfast Program which runs Tuesday for secondary students and Wednesday for Primary students. This is to encourage all students to eat a healthy and nutritious breakfast and provide students with something to eat after a long bus trip as well as a social environment to make new friends and encourage them to come to school every day.

Many students do not start the day with a substantial or healthy breakfast. Research says that eating a healthy breakfast assists with performance in class and general health and wellbeing.

“We have a team of willing and able staff committed to running the School Breakfast Program who would love some assistance. If you are able to help out in the morning please contact the School Breakfast Coordinators Reverend Ric Payne and Tammy Solomon. Your help will be greatly appreciated and will ensure that the students are able to participate in this important program. “



The Mingenew Expo was a busy time for the School, with both the School Brass Band playing and we had a marketing stall there also:- the perfect opportunity to showcase the Morawa District High school to the wider Mid-west community.

“It was great to see many visitors show an interest in our school. And the Band played fabulously, as always. We were also lucky enough to take out the winner of the Best Educational display at the Expo.”

The School has been a buzz with book week celebrations. Each year, schools and public libraries across Australia spend a week celebrating books and Australian authors and illustrators. Classroom teachers, teacher librarians and public librarians develop activities, offer competitions and tell stories relating to a theme to highlight the importance of reading. Staff and students really got into the spirit of book week wearing costumes relating to their favourite book, it was a wonderful spectacle of colour and creativity.



“A big thank you to everyone involved in Book Week, especially Ms Moore and Mrs Glassford-Hill, and to the students and parents who created the wonderful array of costumes we saw.”



The final week saw Morawa students travel to Perth for Countryweek. This was a highlight for the students involved. Students had the opportunity to compete against lots of other District High Schools in netball and hockey. Our students were commended on their sportsmanship at this year’s competition – something we can all be proud off.



The final assembly for term three was a colourful and lively affair with awards for attendance and book week given out to the many worthy winners.



“Thank you for your ongoing support of Morawa District High School. Best wishes for a relaxing break and we look forward to Term 4.”

