



An Independent Public School

Morawa District High School

NEWSLETTER

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EVENTS COMING UP

Finals Fever Footy
Friday Fundraiser
Fri 25 Sept

Whole School
Assembly 9am
Fri 25 Sept

Country Week
Students Return
Fri 25 Sept

Last day of Term 4
Fri 25 Sept

TERM 4
First day back for
students
Tue 13 Oct

Year 12 Graduation
Dinner
Thur 29 Oct

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Tonia Carslake

From the Principal

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

2015 NAPLAN RESULTS FOR STUDENTS IN YEARS 3, 5, 7 & 9

The NAPLAN results for students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 have been sent home to parents. During the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy-NAPLAN, students had their skills assessed in numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, punctuation and grammar.

The results provide us with information about the performance of your child/children in relation to other students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 across Australia. Schools receive information on the performance of individual students as well as class groups in relation to others in the same year group across Australia.

This valuable data and information is used for Whole School Planning and for the Annual Report to the school community. Teachers use this information, in conjunction with their own class records, to focus on planning and classroom teaching in literacy and numeracy.

Please consider that this test is only a snap shot of time, taken back in May. A range of factors can influence student performance in the testing situation. Therefore, students' NAPLAN results should be viewed alongside other information already documented by

the classroom teacher.

If you have any questions regarding your child's NAPLAN results please contact the school.

OPEN NIGHT

Our annual Open Night was held Wednesday, 16 September. Thank you to those who attended. It was a great opportunity to showcase our school, be entertained by the music department and meet with parents, students and community members.

INTERHOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The athletics carnival was held on 11 September. This was a great day of sportsmanship and competition. Congratulations to all the Champions and Runner Up Champions. Thank you to Mr Duncanson, Miss O'Halloran, P&C Sports Rep and Vice President, Mr Cameron Tubby, P & C President Bree Philipps, P & C helpers, parents, community members and MDHS and WACOAM staff for their thorough organisation of this event and to the students for their outstanding sportsmanship and participation. It was a wonderful day. The "Greg Milloy Perpetual Trophy" for the blue ribbon 1500 metre event was won by Mathew Taukoory [male] and Hayley Clayton [female]. Ruby won the overall shield on the day with 912 points, followed by Emerald on 877 points and Sapphire on 830 points. The Morawa DHS Senior School Diamonds won the Senior School

Shield followed by Agricola and Cobweb. Congratulations to all! Please refer to the newsletter for more details of champions.

YEAR 12 EXAMS

As the term draws into its final week, it is time to think of our Year 12's who began their Mock Examinations on Monday. It is an important time for the students and I wish them well as they work hard to achieve their very best.

INTERSCHOOL CARNIVAL

Morawa DHS hosted the Interschool Athletics Carnival on 16 September. Morawa DHS won the Secondary Shield outright and many students were Champions or Runner-Up Champions for their age group. Congratulations to those students [all results are listed in the newsletter] and to the team 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!

ATTENDANCE RESULTS

As you are aware, we place a high priority on improving student attendance. Research confirms that there is no safe level of student absence and that a continued and sustained focus on improving student attendance is warranted. Regular attendance at school is fundamental to student learning. Student achievement of academic and social outcomes depends on consistent attendance and participation. It is vitally important to the development of every student that unexplained absences are addressed before they become an entrenched pattern. While family time is very valuable, it is important to stress that taking children out of school for family holidays reduces the amount of time available for learning and is detrimental to their education. I am disappointed in the attendance results for Semester One this year. If your child is sick or has a reasonable cause for being away that is understandable. Unexplained absences are not acceptable and further action will be required in many cases. Please contact the school if your child is going to be away from school. We have re-established the Breakfast Program to help encourage students to come to school. This is held each Tuesday and Wednesday morning from 7.45-8.30am. Students are also able to make a sandwich to take for lunch if required during the course of breakfast.

If you require further information or would like to discuss strategies to support you in getting your child to school more regularly, please contact me. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Primary students who met their attendance goals for Term 3 will be involved in Tabloid Sports on Friday. Congratulations to those students who met their target - 83% of students in the primary school have been invited to attend. Thank you to Miss Jongen and the primary student councillors for their assistance regarding this event.

Attendance Fact

Being half an hour late to school each day from Year 1 to Year 10 is approximately equivalent to missing one year of schooling.

YEAR 7 TRANSITION AND ORIENTATION

On Wednesday 23 September students from Years 6 from Morawa DHS, Perenjori PS, Mingenew Primary School and Three Springs Primary School will experience 'A day in the life' of a secondary student. Students will attend school at Morawa DHS on this day for the first of the 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.

PRIMARY ASSEMBLY

A delightful performance by the Pre-primary/Year 1 students was the highlight of the Primary Assembly, held on Thursday 17 September. Students did an excellent job at holding this assembly and we would like to thank Mrs Atkinson-Knox and Mrs Broad for all their efforts in getting this event organised. The Pre-primary/Year 1 students were so successful that they have been invited to do an encore performance at the Whole School Assembly this Friday if anyone missed it. Congratulations also to all certificate winners.

MINGENEW EXPO

The Morawa District High School Brass Band showcased at the Mingenew Expo on Friday 18 September, and played fabulously as always. Morawa DHS also had a promotional stall over both days. It was great to see many visitors show an interest in our school.

COUNTRY WEEK

Students from Years 7-10 are competing at the annual District High Schools Country Week Carnival this week. The team left on Sunday and return on Friday 25 September. We are competing in netball and mixed hockey. We wish them well. Thank you to Miss O'Halloran, Mr Duncanson and Mrs Bestry for their organisation and coaching of these teams.

STUDENTS NOT RETURNING IN 2016

We are now in the process of planning and timetabling for 2016. How can the year have gone so quickly? If your child is moving school could you please let me know ASAP? Needless to say, I look forward to all students continuing at Morawa DHS in 2015 – except the present Year 12s, of course!

VACSWIM DECEMBER/JANUARY HOLIDAY SWIMMING LESSONS/PROGRAMS

Enrolments are now open. With swimming pools and beaches part of the Western Australian lifestyle it is important for every child to learn to swim and develop essential water safety skills. VacSwim is available to all children over five year's old and under 18 years old on the final day of the program. All details including dates, swimming centre locations, costs and how to enrol are online. VacSwim's December/January school holiday swimming lessons are held at approximately 150 locations across the State and are conducted by qualified instructors. For information to enrol, visit education.wa.edu.au/swimming. For further information, telephone VacSwim on 9345 4007 or email vacswim@education.wa.edu.au.

STAFFING

I would like to extend our sincere thanks to Mr Kevin Crowley for his fabulous teaching in the Design and Technology Department, the Breakfast Program and across the school for the last three terms. It has been a pleasure to work with him. We would like to wish him all the very best for the remainder of his trip around Australia. We extend a warm welcome to Mrs Riitta Caruso and her family to our school as she takes up the DT position.

Thank you also to Ms Jen Sweeney for her work across the school as an EA over the past year and we wish her well in Port Hedland. Last but not least, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Diana McLay from Notre Dame University for choosing Morawa DHS to do her long term prac and for her fabulous work with the Year 5/6 class.

FINAL ASSEMBLY

The final Whole School Assembly will be held on Friday 25 September 2015 at 9:00am in the Performing Arts Room. This is the last day of school for Term 3. Monday 12 October is a professional development day for staff to analyse data and set new improvement targets across the school. School resumes for students on Tuesday 13 October.

Best wishes for a safe and relaxing holiday and I look forward to working with you all in Term 4.

Kind regards, Mrs Tonia Carslake

TLG RP-Link Program

We feel very privileged to again be involved in the RP-Link program which is a project developed by the Teach Learn Grow team. Eleven students from Years 5-7 are currently being tutored by university mentors one-to-one. These sessions are aimed at motivating students through their engagement in interactive, online activities with an experienced TLG mentor. Students will be involved in a further three sessions next term. Ongoing feedback from parents about the progress of their child throughout their involvement in RP-Link is welcomed.

Pre-Primary/Year 1 Excursion to the Morawa Agricultural College



Countryweek

This year we have sent a netball and a hockey team to Countryweek, and so far our students are having a wonderful time. They left at lunchtime on Sunday and will return this Friday.

In amongst their sport playing, they will be enjoying activities such as Laser Tag, movies, the Fremantle Eye and a river cruise, to name a few.

We wish them the best of luck!



Our netballers

Seth & Claire



The Hockey team



Fremantle Eye



Interhouse Athletics

PP Girls

CHAMPION: Samantha Tomlinson
RUNNER UP: Arliah Hale

PP Boys

CHAMPION: Nicholas Harris
RUNNER UP: Caladyn Milloy

Year 1 Girls

CHAMPION: Sophie Collins
RUNNER UP: Grace Tubby

Year 1 Boys

CHAMPION: Matthew Brockman
RUNNER UP: Ezra Govender

Year 2 Girls

CHAMPION: Carly Ballantyne
RUNNER UP: Janetria Martin

Year 2 Boys

CHAMPION: Cameron Tomlinson
RUNNER UP: Lincoln Fairlie

Year 3 Girls

CHAMPION: Christi Bestry
RUNNER UP: Sophie Scott

Year 4 Boys

CHAMPION: Michael Cowley
RUNNER UP: Domonic Brockman

Year 4 Girls

CHAMPION: Bella Tomlinson
RUNNER UP: Kayleigh Harris

Year 4 Boys

CHAMPION: Braydon Fairlie
RUNNER UP: Dehan Clarence

Year 5 Girls

CHAMPION: Megan Letton
RUNNER UP: Sydney Taylor

Year 5 Boys

CHAMPION: Regan Tubby
RUNNER UP: Thomas Appleton

Year 6 Girls

CHAMPION: Lauren Appleton
RUNNER UP: Emily Beauchamp

Year 6 Boys

CHAMPION: Jasper Chisholm
RUNNER UP: Dayan Francis

Year 7 Girls

CHAMPION: Hayley Clayton
RUNNER UP: Nellie Humphreys

Year 7 Boys

CHAMPION: Jacob Traylen-Witt
RUNNER UP: Khaylan Vick

Year 8 Girls

CHAMPION: Samantha Councillor
RUNNER UP: Tanisha Burgess

Year 8 Boys

CHAMPION: Paul Benson
RUNNER UP: Brandon Jones-Knock

Year 9 Girls

CHAMPION: Jerrilee Clayton
RUNNER UP: Kirsty Bertram

Year 9 Boys

CHAMPION: Zepplin Curtin
RUNNER UP: Henry Little

Year 10 Girls

CHAMPION: Taylor King
RUNNER UP: Jessica Wallace

Year 10 Boys

CHAMPION: Jack Ballantyne
RUNNER UP: Stewart Morgan

Year 12 Girls

CHAMPION: Emma Vanderschuit
RUNNER UP: Tiarna Kanny

Year 12 Boys

CHAMPION: Jae Wells
RUNNER UP: Jack Upham

GREG MILLOY 1500M PERPETUAL TROPHY

WINNER:

Matthieu Taukoory

GIRLS 1500M WINNER:

Hayley Clayton



Hayley and Matthieu

HouseWinners

1st	Ruby	912
2nd	Emerald	877
3rd	Sapphire	830

1st	District Diamonds	166
2nd	Agricola	151
3rd	Cobweb	127



District Diamonds - Emma & Tia

Interhouse Athletics

RECORDS SET IN 2015:

Caladyn Milloy	PP Boys Flag race
Grace Tubby	Yr 1 Girls 50m
Christi Bestry	Yr 3 Girls 50m
Alex Solomon	Yr 7 Boys Shot Put
Zepplin Curtin	Yr 9 Boys Shot Put
Taylor King	Yr 10 Girls Shot Put
Taylor King	Yr 10 Girls Discus
Jack Ballantyne	Yr 10 Boys High Jump
Jae Wells	Yr 12 Boys 100m
Reece Stewart	Yr 10 Boys Shot Put
Lachlan Fraser	Yr 9 Boys Discus
Tiarna Kanny	Yr 12 Girls Shot Put
Hayley Clayton	Open Girls 1500m
Matthieu Taukoory	Open Boys 1500m



Carly, Sophie & Christi



Ruby Winners!
Jack, Erica, Ethan & Amelia

The Record Breakers



Emily & Lauren



Dayan & Jasper - Yr 6 Boys

Parenting *ideas*

INSIGHTS



Building parent-school partnerships

WORDS Michael Grose

Do you let your kids amaze you?

“I’m amazed at what children CAN do when given the opportunity and encouragement. I love the pride, confidence and sense of purpose/ pleasure in contributing, each new skill achieved brings. The smiles are awesome too.”

A mother left this comment on our Facebook page recently in response to our post: “What would be the impact if you did less, not more for your children?”

Lovely answer!

It got me thinking that the joy that this mother took from watching her children develop independence was no accident. Her parenting style played a large role in her children’s independence. All power to her and her parenting style!

I’ve long believed that **adults are the gatekeepers for children’s independence.**

We open the gate to independence when we give children opportunities to develop **self-help skills** (carry their own schoolbags, get themselves up in the morning, tidy their own rooms); provide them with **real responsibility** (feeding pets, setting the meal table and preparing meals) and give them **autonomy** to make some of their own decisions (choosing clothes within limits, following own interests, making choices about pocket-money spending).

We close the independence gate when we **do too much** for children (tidy their toys away, pack their schoolbags, make simple snacks); **rescue** them from learning opportunities (take forgotten lunches to

school, sort out their friendship problems, pay their library fines) and **neglect** to build scaffolds to independence (such as help them make their bed, walk half way to school, teach them to ride public transport).

It’s a quirk of parenting that many children think they are older than they are, and parents think their children are younger than they are. We underestimate children’s abilities to the detriment of their development.

Are you an opener or closer of the gate to children’s independence?

Think of independence as a continuum with opening the gate and closing the gate at either end. If your parenting is more at the closing end then look for ways to move down the continuum towards independence building. My advice is to make small adaptations to your parenting. For instance, start with a child making their own snacks before moving to helping you to prepare a meal. But first you need to develop a mindset for independence building. That means, be on the lookout for opportunities for children to do things for themselves.

As many readers will know I firmly believe that the job of parents is to make ourselves

redundant from the earliest possible age of a child’s life. That means, that our interactions with kids have an endgame in mind – we want our kids to be able to stand on their own two feet **physically** (Don’t we get a kick out of them walking for the first time!), **emotionally** (with support, of course) and to **navigate their world** without being reliant on others.

There is no better feeling as a parent than watching your child beam with joy and pride when they’ve mastered a new skill, overcome a challenge or conquered a fear. It’s those times that make parenting so worthwhile. Those awesome smiles won’t happen by accident. They require a parenting style that gives kids a chance to be independent; that encourages them to be brave and offers them the safety net of emotional support when life throws them curve balls. Why not try it? Give your kids a chance to amaze you.

If the idea of promoting real independence in kids entuses you then join me at Parentingideas Club where week in and week out I’ll show you how to raise kids that will amaze you. Find out more.

Michael Grose



Stay one step ahead of your kids with great ideas & expert advice from Michael Grose. Join Michael’s **NEW Parentingideas Club** today at parentingideasclub.com.au. You’ll be so glad you did.



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Interschool Aths

Bookweek

Our champions and runner-ups

NAME	PLACE	DIVISION
Christi Bestry	Runner-Up	Year 3 Girls
Braydon Fairlie	Runner-Up	Year 4 Boys
Sydney Taylor	Runner-Up	Year 5 Girls
Hayley Clayton	Runner-Up	Year 7 Girls
Taylor King	Champion	Year 10 Girls
Jessica Wallace	Runner-Up	Year 10 Girls
Jack Ballantyne	Champion	Year 10 Boys
Emma Vanderschuit	Champion	Year 11/12 Girls
Rachel Lucas	Runner-Up	Year 11/12 Girls
1500m OPEN		
Matthieu Taukoory		Boys
Hayley Clayton		Girls

Our winners this year were:

- Kindy: Summer English
Ella McBeath
Harry Cosgrove
- PP/1: Caladyn Milloy
Iona Scott
- Year 1/2: Sophie Collins
Carly Ballantyne
- Year 3/4: Sophie Scott
Banjo McBeath
- Year 5/6: Atayah Aliphon
Regan Tubby

Well done to everyone who dressed up!



TREVASKIS OVERALL OUTRIGHT SHIELD

MORAWA	737
DONGARA	655
JURIEN BAY	644
CARNAMAH	449

REG TUBBY HANDICAP SHIELD

MORAWA	907.75
JURIEN BAY	828.5
CARNAMAH	722.75
DONGARA	855

SECONDARY SHIELD

MORAWA	529
JURIEN BAY	478
DONGARA	387
CARNAMAH	253

PRIMARY SHIELD

DONGARA	268
MORAWA	208
CARNAMAH	196
JURIEN BAY	166

Records set:

- JERRILEE CLAYTON - Yr 9 Girls Shot Put
ZEPPLIN CURTIN - Yr 9 Boys Shot Put
DAKOTA CURTIN - Yr 12 Girls Discus
EMMA VANDERSCHUIT - Yr 12 Girls 100m
EMMA VANDERSCHUIT - Yr 12 Girls Long Jump

Literacy and Numeracy Week

Students at Morawa DHS have been involved in activities related to Literacy and Numeracy Week for the final week of school. Staff and students were invited to be a part of our Dress Parade and to come to school dressed as their favourite book character on Monday. Thank you to Mrs Glassford-Hill and Ms Moore for coordinating this event. Winners of the Maths Wizard and the "Reader of the Week" competitions will be announced at the Whole School Assembly.



Finals Fever Footy Friday Fundraiser

Friday 25 September

Come dressed in your favourite football team colours
Cost: Gold coin donation

Why??

We are celebrating two WA teams getting into the AFL finals!

and raise money for sports equipment

WEEK	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT/SUN
	Sep 21	22	23	24	25	26/26
10	Bookweek Dress Up	Country Week			Last day of Term 3. Footy dress up day. Whole School Assembly 9am	
	Literacy & Numeracy Week					
HOLIDAYS Students return Tuesday 13 October						
	12	13	14	15	16	17/18
1	PD Day for Staff	First Day Term 4				
	19	20	21	22	23	24/25
2				2016 Year 7 Students Transition Camp		