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Morawa District High School NEWSLETTER

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EVENTS COMING UP

Year 11 Last Day
Friday 18 November

Student Elections
Week 8

Kindy and Pre-primary
Transition
Wednesday 30 November
2016

Year 6 Celebration Assembly
Friday 2 December 2016

TLG
5 - 9 December 2016

Presentation Night
14 December 2016

Last Day
of Term 4
15 December 2016

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Tonia Carslake

From the Principal

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT YR 12 GRADUATION

Congratulations to the Class of 2016 on their graduation:

Aaron Connolly
Brittney Louise Councillor
Jaiden Criddle
Dakota Curtin
Sam Drew
Oaklee Dudley
Danielle Flanagan
Nikki-Lee Humble
Joshua Layton
Trevor Layton
Rachel Lucas
Cody Simpson
Matthieu Taukoory
Coen Taylor
Caleb Thompson
Anthony Whitehurst
Benjamin Whitmore

During week 3 we farewelled our Year 12 students with a celebratory Graduation Dinner at Everlastings Guesthouse, followed by a Graduation Assembly last Friday; whereby the Year 12 Head Girls handed over the school flag as a token of the school pride to the Year 11s. It was a wonderful time to celebrate our students achievements and wish them all the very best for the future.

There are many significant people involved in guiding these students

through their educational journey. Thank you to all parents and staff of Morawa District High School for supporting the class of 2016; to Mr McGann for his dedication and enthusiastic work in getting our Year 12's to graduation; Ms Jones, Mrs Solomon, Mr Duncanson, Miss O'Halloran and the many helpers for the fantastic organisation of the graduation celebrations; Mrs Carslake and Mrs Hebiton for the beautiful morning tea and to Yvette at Everlastings for the lovely dinner; and lastly to Mrs Walter and the band for the entertainment.

REMEMBRANCE DAY Friday 11 November was Remembrance Day. The day marks the anniversary of the armistice, which ended the First World War (1914-18). A group of our students formed a guard of honour at the Morawa RSL War Memorial to help mark this special occasion and play the Last Post. A special mention to Sarah Connolly for playing the last post with Mrs Walter.

CLASS COMPOSITIONS FOR 2017 We are currently in the process of reviewing class structures, compositions and allocation of students based on our enrolments for 2017. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all parents to let the school know if your child/children will not be attending Morawa DHS in 2017. A reminder also to parents of Kindergarten

and Pre-primary students to please ensure that enrolments are up-to-date so we can make informed decisions about class structures for 2017.

KINDERGARTEN AND NEW PRE-PRIMARY TRANSITION 2017 Students who are entering Kindergarten and new Pre-primary in 2017 will be invited to attend a K/PP Transition morning between 11- 12 noon on 30 November. More information will be sent home to parents. Please ensure your child has been enrolled for these classes. Enrolment packs are available at the school office. Transition for Year 1 2017 starts next week and K/PP transition starts 6 December.

YEAR 1 2017 TRANSITION Pre-primary students will begin their transition into the primary school next week by having lunch with other primary students and playing in the Adventure Playground.

SECONDARY EXAMINATIONS It is a very busy time for our students and staff with examinations upon them. ATAR examinations are currently underway for our Year 12 students. Year 11 exams are being held this Week and lower school exams for Years 7-10 will be held in Week 7. I wish the students all the very best in their examinations.

STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS We will be holding elections for school leaders in Years 4-10 during Week 8. Representatives of the Student Council are elected by their fellow students. They represent all students in the school and organise ways for students to participate in school life. I would like to encourage all students to engage in this process—it is an honour to be elected.

YEAR 6 CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY The Final Year 6 assembly will be held on Friday 2 December at 9am followed by morning tea for Year 6 students, parents and guests. I look forward to seeing you there.

BAND SPECTACULAR The Morawa DHS Brass Band performed at the Bands Spectacular at the QPT in Geraldton 29 October. The Band played superbly. Mrs Walter and the band are to be congratulated on their performance and for showcasing our school. It was a fabulous evening. Thank you to Mrs Helen Walter, Mr Peter Helfgott and Miss Kirsty O'Halloran for attending this camp and making it all possible.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR The Book Fair was held today. Thank you to Ms Catherine Moore and Mrs Sandy Connolly for organising this. It is always great to see the variety of books on offer. Please take the time to go and have a look. Every Scholastic Book Fair is packed with a multitude of genres, including fantasy, classics, reference, award-winners, humour, nonfiction and mystery.

It is a great selection of books suitable for both girls and boys within each age group. There is plenty to capture children's imaginations and excite them about reading.

TEACH LEARN GROW [TLG] We are very excited to have 20 University students from Teach Learn Grow [TLG] coming to work in the school from 5 – 9 December. They will tutor up to 60 of our students intensively in mathematics. They will be focusing on consolidating students' knowledge and inspiring their interest in education. The tutors provide one-on-one tutoring and mentoring in mathematics over the course of the week, with the aim of allowing students to master specific outcomes provided by teachers. This is always an outstanding program and a great opportunity for your child to be tutored one on one.

2016 YEARBOOK The Morawa District High School Yearbook is in the final stages of production and will be available for distribution at the end of the term. This year's publication has again been created using specialised yearbook software and is being professionally printed and bound into a high quality, full colour memento. The school is partially subsidising the cost of the book again this year and the price will be \$25 per book. Numbers may be limited so please return the enclosed form with payment to the school office as soon as possible.

ASSEMBLIES With the end of the school year coming rapidly in sight, please see below dates to add to your calendar:



- Year 6 Celebration Assembly 2 December 9.00am
- Kindergarten Pre-primary Xmas Party 8 December 9.30am
- Whole School Final Assembly 9 December 9.00am
- Presentation Night Wednesday 14 December 5.30pm

P & C CROPPING PROGRAM Wow, we are so lucky to have such a supportive P & C. Mark Coaker coordinated the harvest of the P & C crop again this year which produced approximately 100 Tonne of wheat. McIntosh and Son donated their demonstration header to harvest the crop, Steven Hill donated the use of his field bin, Mark donated the use of his chaser bin and Ken Stokes, Caltex Fuel donated the fuel. This is such an amazing effort and contribution. It's hard to find the words to adequately describe how grateful we are for this amazing support. Thank you to all involved especially Mr and Mrs Coughlan for donating the use of their land.

PRESENTATION NIGHT Presentation Night is being held on Wednesday 14 December at 5.30pm in the Morawa Town Hall. This is a great night to recognise student achievements and acknowledge the support of our community. Please note that this is a compulsory event for all students. I look forward to seeing you there.

STAFFING Mr McGann is traveling Europe whilst on his well-deserved long service leave this term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms Lee Jones and Mrs Tammy Solomon for taking on his position during the term. Ms Jones will be filling in for weeks 1-4 and 9-10 and Mrs Solomon weeks 5-8. Miss Isabella Batka is teaching the Year 7 class during this time. Please contact me at the school if you have any queries.

With every best wish
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 ENDEAVOURS,
AS WELL AS ENJOYING A VARIETY OF ENTERTAINMENT
BY THE STUDENTS.

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

PHONE: 08 99710 900

Remembrance Day 11 November 2016



P&C Crop 2016



Mr Mark Coaker, Mr Jadya Fitzsimmons and
Mr Steven Hill



Year 12 Graduation

Last Thursday evening the Year 12s, Parents and invited guests, and staff dined at Everlastings for the Annual Graduation Dinner. Sixty four guests attended the evening, which included a delicious meal, presentation of novelty awards to both students and staff, and a slideshow of their educational journey through Morawa DHS. Students were then presented with two yellow roses to give to a parent or guest.

The next day Year 12s took part in the Annual Graduation Assembly, in front of the whole school, with parents and guests attending. The students presented themselves well -being dressed in full school uniform. Academic and VET awards were then presented to the worthy recipients.

Award winners

Morawa District High School Vocational Education Dux – Aaron Connolly

Australian Defence Force Long Tan Leadership Award – Brittney-Louise Councillor

Personal Excellence Award – Sam Drew

Caltex “Best All-Rounder” Award – Dakota Curtin

Vocational Education and Training Award Pre-Apprenticeship – Aaron Connolly

Highest Achiever Awards

English General – Brittney-Louise Councillor

English ATAR – Matthieu Taukoory & Caleb Thompson

Mathematics Essential – Aaron Connolly

Human Biology General – Nikki-Lee Humble

Visual Arts General – Rachel Lucas

Certificate II Hospitality – Anthony Whitehurst

General Materials, Design & Technology Metal – Anthony Whitehurst

Physical Education Studies General – Anthony Whitehurst & Sam Drew

Music Ensemble Performance – Anthony Whitehurst

Certificate II in Digital Media & Information Technology – Nikki-Lee Humble

Morning tea was provided by Mrs Noelene Carslake and Mrs Caddy Hebiton for the students and special guests. The students then cut their Graduation cake and began preparing for Muck Up activities.



Morawa District High School results in the 2016 Australian Mathematics Competition.



Hundreds of thousands of students in primary and secondary schools from around 30 countries sat the AMC on July 28. It tests everything from basic numeracy skills through to advanced problem solving.

This year Morawa District High School entered students in the high school divisions.

Nellie Humphries received a Credit, Charlee-Ann Chisholm, Oliver Humphreys, Lauren Appleton, Kayla Campbell and Chloe Abrahams received a Proficiency Certificate and Dion Jefferies-Patterson and Candi Shiel received a Certificate of Participation.

The AMC is conducted by the not-for-profit Canberra-based Australian Mathematics Trust under the trusteeship of the University of Canberra.



In Week 4 the Year 9 and 10 Home Economics classes put on a lunch for their mothers. Everyone had a great day and now they can no longer get away with not helping with dinner.



**Midwest Zone
Junior Tennis Tournament
Morawa Tennis Club**



Saturday, 10th December 2016
8:45am start

10-16 Year Olds (age as at 31/12/16)

**Girls and Boys
Singles and Doubles Round Robin Competition**

7-10 Year Olds (age as at 31/12/16)

**Girls and Boys
Fast Tennis Competition
(Must be able to hit the ball over the net, not necessarily serve)**

**Fruit provided for players . Afternoon tea provided.
BYO lunch or can be pre-ordered (see attached order sheet)
Don't forget hats, sunscreen and water.**



Entries close 3rd of December 2016

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PEAC Scitech Challenge



On Friday 21 September, Darcy Tynan travelled to Perth to join the Midwest PEAC Stars to participate in a day of challenges at Scitech. Competing in teams of 3 from our region, Darcy and his team (both from Geraldton Schools) were clever enough to win the 'quest' for the day which was a maths and coding based challenge. Well done Darcy!

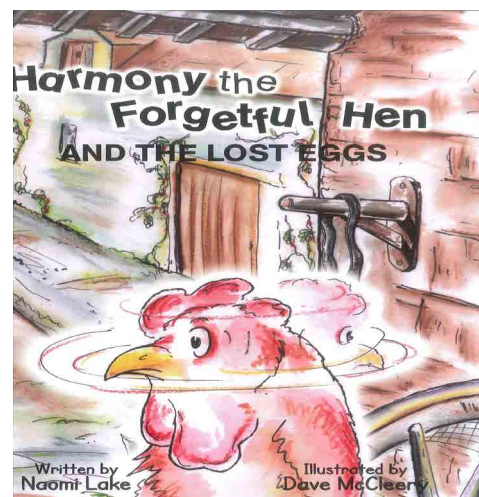


Visiting Author - Naomi Lake

On Thursday 27 October we were fortunate to have author, Naomi Lake, visit the school. Naomi is 26, has Down Syndrome and recently published a children's book called 'Harmony the Forgetful Hen and the Lost Eggs'. She has spoken as the keynote speaker at several fundraising engagements and loves working with children.

Late last year, Naomi won the AMP Tomorrow Makers Award, which included funds for her to fulfill her dream of travelling to small, rural communities to read and share her book with children, with the hope of inspiring them and demonstrating that anything is possible.

Students from Kindy to the Year 2/3 class attended and enjoyed the reading by Naomi. The school purchased a copy of the book and Naomi is currently working on a sequel. If you would like to find out more about Naomi Lake or purchase a book of your own, you can do so via her facebook page:
facebook.com/harmonytheforgetfulhen.



PBS News

RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY and ACHIEVEMENT

There has been a major push this term to inform students about our focus behaviours with special mentions and spot house points awarded at Primary and Secondary Monday Morning Meetings. Additionally each form class has been allocated a week to be responsible for announcing the focus each morning over the PA system – resulting in students having further discussions throughout the school.

Peta Beutel, from the Midwest Engagement Centre works closely with our PBS committee providing guidance and support. On Friday Week 4 Peta and some members of the committee visited one of our feeder schools, Yalgoo Primary School and met with staff to provide information about PBS aiming to develop consistency in behaviour expectations.

Finally the design for our PBS Bee Mascot has been finalised and sent away to be made. The aim is to introduce him to everyone at the Presentation night, so watch this space!

So far this term....

- Week 1 Achievement Set personal goals
- Week 2 Achievement Persevere when faced with challenges
- Week 3 Responsibility Be neat, tidy and wear school uniform
- Week 4 Respect Use respectful language
- Week 5 Responsibility Wear hats outdoors

Still to come....

- Week 6 Responsibility Support and help others
- Followed by staff selected ABE's for weeks 7-10.



Nature Playground

On Saturday 13 November some of the staff got together to participate in a challenge. The challenge involved 4 teams planning and delivering a nature play play-space for the students to enjoy.

Team 1 was the Early Childhood Team; their area was the Pre-primary play yard. They worked hard to make an outdoor mud kitchen, some tyre rockers, a water play pipe and a friendship bench.

Team 2 was the Lower Primary Team; their area was the Adventure Playground. They gathered a variety of items to put together for loose parts play and a thong-a-maphone on the big ship. Students are able to use these items to make cubby houses and in imaginary play.

Team 3 was the Upper Primary Team; their area was also in the Adventure Playground. They prepared two tunnels for the students to play in and climb over and a campfire area.

Team 4 was the Secondary Team; their area was under the trees by the oval. They used the tyres that were already in the area and bolted large wooden planks to each one to join them as a balancing/ obstacle course.

We would like to thank all the staff and their families who were involved in the preparation and construction of the new playground. The students are really enjoying these new areas and the level of cooperation and engagement is wonderful to see.



Morawa DHS staff involved in nature playground challenge

GERALDTON BANDS SPECTACULAR

On Saturday 29 October our combined senior and junior bands participated in the Geraldton Bands Spectacular at the Queens Park Theatre. Five bands from various schools in Geraldton also participated and a fun weekend was had by all.

A big thank you to all involved with organising and supervising the students.



CITY OF PERTH BRASS BAND WORKSHOP

On Saturday 5 November the City of Perth Band came to workshop with our band students. Several members from the Geraldton City Band also attended and it was a wonderful opportunity for our students to learn new skills and perform with other experienced and enthusiastic brass band musicians.

City of Perth Brass Band Workshop



Geraldton Bands Spectacular





Building parent-school partnerships

WORDS Michael Grose

Earning the right

Earning the right and not assuming a sense of entitlement is a life lesson parents, teachers and coaches must instil in children.

On talk-back radio recently I heard a caller tell a timely story about how as a child she was lucky enough to receive riding lessons from a renowned horse expert.

He had one condition. She had to earn the right to be taught to ride a horse. That meant she had to muck out the stables; brush and feed the horse; look after the gear and do everything else required to look after a horse. Only when she'd proved herself could she earn the right to ride a horse under his tutelage.

This caller said this powerful lesson shaped her entire life. It taught her that there were no entitlements in life; to work hard and value her achievements. She never took anything for granted.

Contrast this with the extraordinary sense of entitlement of Australian tennis players Nick Kyrgios and Bernard Tomic who routinely treat the public, players and the game that serves them well, with utter disdain. Their attitude of entitlement is mind-boggling, not to say embarrassing to reasonable-minded, hard-working people.

Our kids should earn the right

The talk-back caller's earning the right story is

a fabulous lesson for all parents and teachers. If we want to raise a generation to appreciate what they have, then we shouldn't give children or young people everything on a platter. In an era of small families, child pester power and relative affluence it's tempting to simply give kids what they want.

"Dad, can I have a...?"

"Sure!"

The Rolling Stones were right four decades ago when they sang, "You can't always get what you want!" Those words form a great child-rearing lesson. That is, just because you can provide something for your kids, doesn't mean that you do.

They need to earn the right to have something by saving, working for or simply waiting until they are old enough to appreciate it.

Similarly, kids don't automatically have a right to greater freedoms such as going out at night; those rights need to be earned by proving they are trustworthy.

Also, kids who think they are entitled to use a part of the house such as a living room without cleaning up mess are acting with a false sense of entitlement.

In fact, there are no entitlements, only rights. And rights are earned by being responsible.

A child has a right to use the living room but they also have a responsibility to clean up a rather than leave it a pigsty. A night banished to their room is a reminder that spending time in the living room is not an entitlement. It's a right that comes with conditions.

Earning the right! A simple phrase with so much complexity.

I suspect it's a phrase that neither Nick Kyrgios or Bernard Tomic heard much when they were growing up. Maybe their parents thought their prodigious talents excused them from having conditions placed upon them. If so, they did them no favours as good manners, gratitude and graciousness appear to be lacking in their social repertoires.

It usually takes a parent, teacher or coach to remind kids that they have to earn the right to have things, to do things and ultimately to be respected. That's a lesson that stays for life.

Michael Grose 



Want more ideas to help you raise confident kids and resilient young people? Subscribe to Happy Kids newsletter, my **FREE** weekly email parenting guide at parentingideas.com.au. You'll be so glad you did.



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Endeavour & Achieve



Hey Mums and Dads

Did you know heart disease affects 2 out of every 3 families?

Each term the Primary Student Council select a charity and organise a fundraiser. This term the primary school will be participating in Jump Rope for Heart.

A massive kit has been sent to our school with skipping ropes and sound tracks to get us motivated! Each week on Thursday mornings we all get together in groups and practise our skipping skills. On November 25 (Friday week 7) we will have our Jump Off.

Details about the day will follow shortly and notes will be sent out.

Help your child have fun and support the Heart Foundation at the same time by sponsoring your child's efforts this term.



Heart Foundation

Jump Rope for Heart



Lunchbox Ideas for Busy Parents



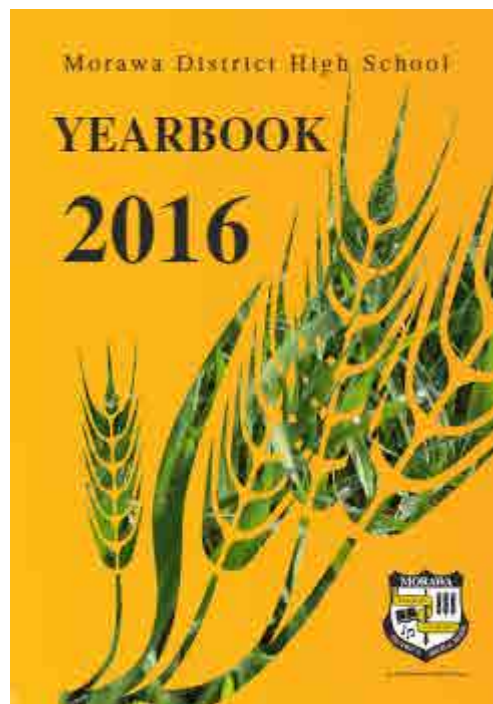
It is important for students to arrive at school well fed and to have enough food for the day.

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



livelighter.com.au



**2016 YEAR BOOK
ON SALE SOON \$25
PRE-ORDERS
WELCOME
SEE SCHOOL
OFFICE**



HATS! HATS! HATS!

A reminder to all students that hats are essential at school and must be worn when venturing off the verandas.

Many students are coming to school without a hat and we have stopped lending hats due to head lice issues we have stopped all borrowing of hats. Please ensure your child is equipped for school. A suggestion would be for your child to **leave a labelled hat** at school. We encourage all students to be responsible for having a hat at school. Thank you for your support with this matter.



2017 SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship applications for 2017 are now available from the front office.

There are 7 scholarships available;

- **Bellaranga Scholarship** (\$1000 over 2 years. Science—Year 10 students can apply)
- **Laura Moffet Memorial Scholarship** (\$1000 over 2 years. Humanities—Year 10 students can apply)
- **Frank Dixon Memorial Music Scholarship** (\$250 Music—Year 7 students can apply)
- **The Carslake Family Scholarship** (\$250 Secondary Education—Year 6 students can apply)
- **Morawa P&C Primary Endeavour and Achieve Scholarships** (\$125—Year 5 students can apply)
- **Morawa P&C Secondary Endeavour and Achieve Scholarships** (\$250 over 2 years—Year 8 students can apply)
- **Morawa Shire Scholarship** (\$500 over 2 years. Academic—Year 10 students can apply)

Applications due Friday 18 Nov 2016

For more information please see the front office or call us on 99 710 900. Thank you.

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.

WEEK	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT/SUN
6	Nov 14	15	16	17	18 Yr11's Last Day Book Fair	19/20
7	21 Year 1 2017 Transition begins	22	23	24	25 Heart Foundation Jump Off	26/27
8	28	29	30 Kindy 2017 Parent information session	Dec 1	2 Year 6 Celebration Assembly	3/4
9	5	6 K/PP 2017 Transition	7	8 K/PP Cristhmas Party	9 Final Assembly Parent helper morning tea	10/11
10	12	13	14 Presentation Night	15 Last Day for students	Christmas Holidays	