



An Independent Public School

## Morawa District High School

# NEWSLETTER

Issue 7, November 2017

### EVENTS COMING UP

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Primary Student Elections  
20 November

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Book Fair  
21 November

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Aspire Immersion Yr 9  
27 November

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TLG  
27 November -  
1 December

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Yr 6 Celebration  
1 December

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Kindy Orientation  
5 December

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Kindy /PP Christmas Party  
Thu 7 Dec

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Band Wind-Up  
Thu 7 Dec

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Presentation Ceremony  
8 December

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End of Term 4  
14 December

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### Students Express School Pride at Graduation Assembly

The school's 2017 Head Students, Corrine Moore and Kyrilee Whitmore, handed over an Australian flag to two Year 11 students at the end of our recent Graduation Assembly, as a symbol of the school pride they had worked to foster over their last year at school.

The flag was received by Jerri-Lee Clayton and Mackenzie Matthews, who hope to be elected as Head Students for 2018.

Corrine and Kyrilee said they were proud to graduate from Morawa District High School as the independent, young adults the school had helped them to become.

"Each teacher and every staff member at Morawa District High brings with them their own unique and valuable methods of teaching and supporting their students," Corrine said.

The girls also gave thanks to the parents of the Year 12s for supporting them when they were stressed and for encouraging them to keep going.

Special guests, teachers and students stood to give each of the graduates - Shannon Simpson, Dianne Flanagan, Taylor King, Molly Traylen-Witt, Alexandra Whitehurst, Corrine Moore, Kyrilee Whitmore and Ashlee Knock - a Hollywood welcome as they walked down the passageway to the music "Pictures of You" and an announcement of their achievements.

During the ceremony that followed the students were presented with their Certificates of Completion, copies of their WACE studies results, school prizes and subject awards.

At the end of the presentations, Corrine was announced as the ATAR Dux for 2017 while

Molly Traylen-Witt was announced as Vocational Education and Training Dux. (Other award winners are listed elsewhere in this Newsletter).

Graduates, parents and staff members enjoyed morning tea after the assembly before the students geared themselves up for the traditional graduation battle on the oval against their teachers.

The Graduation Ceremony was held after a special dinner for the graduates and their teachers, parents and special guests held at Everlastings Restaurant.



The flag is handed over during the assembly.



Corrine Moore and Molly Traylen-Witt



Tonia Carslake

## From the Principal

Dear School Community,

As spring develops and Term Four increases in momentum, students and teachers are very busy in the middle of our final term at school. Although we see some Year 12s coming and going, working on revision for their final exams, the school is a quieter place without our school leaders. We had two tremendous days of farewells, filled with memories, laughter and yes, a few tears.

### Success for all students:

Year 12 Graduation Ceremony and Dinner

Everlastings looked spectacular as we welcomed our eight graduating students and their families, special guests and staff to an evening of impressive speeches and entertaining awards. This was followed by a delicious meal, served very capably by secondary students from our school. The following day we celebrated with our Year 12s at their final assembly and listened to insightful and thoughtful speeches. Congratulations to all award recipients including our Dux Corrine Moore and VET Dux, Molly Traylen-Witt. We were immensely proud of the way the Class of 2017 concluded their year and would like to wish them every success for the future. A special thank you to all involved in the preparations for these final celebrations.

### School Planning

Planning for 2018 has been underway for some time. We are currently reviewing staffing and class compositions for next year. Even the best laid plans may need to alter dependent on many factors including increasing or decreasing enrolments. Please contact the school as soon as possible if you are intending to enrol your child at our school or are indeed leaving.

### High Quality Teaching

We are delighted to announce that Morawa District High School's nomination for this year's Mid-West Education Award is Rosemary Bond. Rosemary's work as a highly professional teacher and her commitment and devotion to all of her roles, make her a fitting candidate for this award. Two other staff members were also recognised for their significant contributions during the year: Jacque Conte (by the Midwest School Psychology Service) and Maryanne Milloy-Rakich (by the WA College of Agriculture Morawa). Congratulations to Rosemary, Jacque and Maryanne.

We welcomed Miss Tayla Norrie from Edith Cowan University into our school during Weeks 2 & 3 of this term and thank her for the time she spent working with our students.

Mrs Baden-Powell will continue to take some well-deserved Long Service Leave throughout this term. Please direct all secondary schooling enquiries to secondary deputy, Mr McGann, during her absence.

### Effective Leadership

School staff members were involved in school planning for 2018 during the first day of the school term. Staff reviewed our strategic and operational targets and began planning for improvements next year.

Our Student Council plays an integral and important role in our school community. It provides opportunities for students to debate issues of concern and undertake initiatives of benefit for the school and wider community. Student Elections for 2018 are underway and I would like to encourage all students to get involved in this process.

### Strong School Governance and Support

We welcomed the WA College of Agriculture – Morawa Board and Morawa District High School Board to the NMEITA (North Midlands Education, Industry Training Alliance) briefing session on Wednesday 1 November. We toured both the Morawa District High School and the WA College of Agriculture- Morawa and showcased our facilities and educational programs. The Shire President, Councillors and the CEO of the Shire of Perenjori along with the Principal, Board Chair and Board Members of the Perenjori Primary School, also attended.

### Year 7 2018 Orientation

We were also delighted to welcome Year 6 students into our school in preparation for their transition to Year 7 next year. Thank you to all students for their exemplary behaviour and to all staff for making this possible.

### Presentation Ceremony

The results from our recent school survey regarding the end of year awards overwhelmingly indicated your support of a combined event to be held during the day. The Presentation Ceremony will therefore be held on the morning of Friday December 8. Awards, scholarships and learning area certificates will be presented. Students across the school will also be involved in performances. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Once again, there have been a myriad of activities across the school and these are celebrated throughout this newsletter. Please enjoy!

Kind regards  
Tracy Tapscott  
(Acting Principal)

## A Primary Focus

We were delighted to have a practicum student here for two weeks at the start of term when we welcomed Miss Tayla Norrie into the Year 4/5 classroom. Miss Norrie enjoyed her time working with the students in this class and it appeared the students equally enjoyed her presence in the classroom.

In Writing this term, students have completed a poetry unit and have now started to work on writing narratives. It is great to see some student poems printed in this newsletter.

E-Mentoring continued into this term with 12 students from Years 5-7 being mentored by university students. These students were involved in sessions about goal setting and cyber-safety. TLG will once again be visiting us in Week 8 of this term and we welcome their participation in our school community, along with their tutelage in Mathematics.

Our fabulous student councillors have once again been fundraising and we congratulate them on raising a substantial amount of money with a successful Bake Sale. A huge thank you to those parents of the councillors who so generously donated baked items. Your support is much appreciated.

Coming up in Week 7 is the Junior Council elections. It is hoped that many students from Years 4-6 will nominate to be a student councillor and be a role model for Respect, Responsibility and Achievement – our PBS expectations. Nomination forms will be sent home in Week 6 and the elections will take place the following week. Those nominating will deliver a brief speech to the primary students. I hope all students thinking about the role of a student councillor will think seriously about what such a position will mean. We look forward to the outcome and to announcing our 2018 school leaders in the Primary School at the final assembly.

Also coming up is the 2018 Kindergarten Information Session for parents and the Kindergarten/Pre-primary Christmas party. More information on these will be relayed to parents soon.

A reminder to parents to ensure your child has a hat to wear. Our policy is 'No hat or play in the shade'. We are very conscious of protecting students from the sun. It is recommended that a hat be left at school to ensure students always have the opportunity to play outside.

As is usually the case, we have a very busy and fun Term 4. Attendance is still a focus and those attending regularly and meeting their target will be rewarded with a fun activity at the end of the term.

Until the next newsletter.....keep well and cool.  
Mrs W Glassford-Hill

## On the blackboard

A **BIG** thank you to **MEEDAC** for the donation of books for our DEAR programme!

School Dental Van arrived  
13 November

Jump Rope For Heart  
Sign your child up for online fundraising, visit  
[www.jumprope.org.au](http://www.jumprope.org.au)

2017 Book Fair  
Tuesday 21 November, School Library!

NAPLAN Results have been posted. If you have not received them, please contact the school office.

Vac Swim - Early Start Sat 16 December  
Online enrolment has now closed but late enrolments will be accepted on Friday morning 15 December at the pool.

Year Book 2017  
Order forms now available at the school office.

## P & C NEWS

**Uniform Shop SPECIALS!**  
Unisex Black Sports Shorts - all sizes  
\$21 (normal price \$30-\$32)  
Faction Shirts  
Child-\$15  
Adult-\$18  
until the end of term

### POSITION VACANT CANTEEN MANAGER

Email Jane Coaker ([janecoaker@hotmail.com](mailto:janecoaker@hotmail.com))  
P&C Committee, job criteria on pg 15. Details have been emailed out and are on our facebook page.

## Secondary Matters

**Exams, Exams, Exams!** While our 12 ATAR students have almost completed their very stressful and final round of examinations for their WACE Certificates, Year 7 to 10 students are getting nervous about their own exams which will be held during Week 6. Lower School students will sit their English, Mathematics, Science and HASS exams on Monday and Tuesday.

**Year 11 School Clearances** The school has introduced a Friday morning “catch-up program” to help ensure students gain maximum academic success before they leave school at the end of this week. Teachers will contact parents and guardians of students who have not completed work at the required standard as this could have implications for their graduation status next year. Year 11 students who have not completed their work by the end of this week will be asked to return to school to get it done!

**Year 12 Reports** Final Year 12 school reports will be sent out to parents at the end of this week. WACE results will be available online from December 19. Year 12 graduates who completed their studies for a Certificate II in Hospitality, Digital Media and Technology or Business will receive their certificates from Central Regional TAFE over the next few weeks.

**Early Wake Up Call** Several of our Year 10 and 11 students are very excited about the prospect of completing certificate courses in Automotive and Engineering at the WA College of Agriculture—Morawa in 2018. The courses will be conducted on Friday, from the slightly earlier starting time of 8.30 am!

**Running away with the circus!** Former Morawa District High student Serena Bickford is returning home to Mingenew soon after travelling around Australia with the Circus Royale. After leaving school, Serena completed a veterinary nursing course at Geraldton Regional TAFE before joining the circus to care for the animals and help tutor the younger members of the troupe!



**Blasting her way to success!** Hannah Mills, who left Morawa District High School in 2015, was one of five young women to reach the finals in the 2017 Young Business Woman of the Year awards. Hannah, who is WA's youngest licensed pyro technician, was known for taking off from school on Friday afternoons in a ute loaded up with swag and other camping equipment, to help set up stunning firework displays all over the region.

Sarah Baden-Powell and Mike McGann,  
Secondary Deputies

## Taking a VET Pathway to WACE Graduation

Year 12 students not seeking university entrance must complete a Vocational Educational and Training (VET) Certificate II to gain WACE graduation – and in 2017 Morawa District High students have done this in style! In fact, our eight final year students completed a total of nine Certificate II qualifications between them! Even our university-bound students each completed at least one Certificate II, which makes sure they meet graduation requirements if they don't achieve the ATAR score of 55 or more required as the graduation alternative.

Many employers seek students with VET qualifications because they are designed to deliver workplace specific skills and knowledge-based competencies.

The certificates gained at Morawa DHS this year are in the fields of hospitality, business and digital media and information technologies. They were delivered through arrangements with Central Regional TAFE in Geraldton and School Based Traineeships.

Molly Traylen-Witt and Alexandra Whitehurst completed all the competencies needed to be awarded two certificates. Molly has already been offered a position at Imerys' Talc Mine in Three Springs while Alexandra hopes her ATAR results will mean that she will study at the University of WA next year.

Next year, students in Years 10 and 11 will have the opportunity to work towards a Certificate II in Automotive and a Certificate II in Engineering at the WA College of Agriculture - Morawa.

All students who are completing a Vocational Educational and Training qualification must make sure they have a Unique Student Identification Number (USI) to ensure their qualifications are recorded on the nation-wide register.



Molly Traylen-Witt takes water samples at Imerys' Talc Mine in Three Springs as part of her School Based Traineeship.

# The Waiting Game ...

Year 12 students Alexandra Whitehurst and Corrine Moore will have to wait until Tuesday, December 19, before they can go online and find out their Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (called the ATAR score).

An ATAR ranges from 99.95 to zero, and reports your rank position relative to all other students. An ATAR of 70 indicates that you've achieved as well as or better than 70% of the Year 12 school leaver age population in the state.

The ATAR allows the results of any WA student applying for university admission interstate to be directly compared with results in other states. All states (except Queensland) report student rankings as an ATAR.

Alexandra and Corrine are currently completing a strenuous round of examinations which are up to three hours in length, at the Morawa Town Hall.

Alexandra has had a successful year so far, completing all competencies to gain a Certificate II in Kitchen Operations and a Certificate II in Digital Media and Information Technology. These certificates, along with her success in Music Performance Ensemble and her course results in ATAR-level Biology, English, Mathematics Applications and Health Studies have ensured she will meet the requirements needed to gain a WA Certificate of Education.

Alexandra has applied to study Engineering at the University of WA and Wildlife and Conservation Biology at Edith Cowan University.

Corrine has also gained the results needed to be awarded a WA Certificate of Education through a Certificate II in Kitchen Operations, success in Music Performance Ensemble, a program of work experience and sound course results in General Visual Arts and ATAR Biology, Mathematics Applications, English and Geography.

Corrine has applied to study Nutrition and Food Science at Curtin University and Health Science at Edith Cowan University.



Alexandra Whitehurst ... waiting for that ATAR score!



Corrine Moore ... survived a stressful year with style!

## BOOK FAIR!

A colorful poster for a book fair. At the top, the text 'BOOK FAIR!' is written in large, bold, purple letters. Below this, there is a collage of book covers. In the center, a sign reads 'READING RAINFOREST' with the tagline 'GO WILD FOR BOOKS!'. The book covers include 'COSPIRACY', 'FAMILY FRIENDS', 'TOM GATES', 'THE VERY SLEEPY BEAR', 'BAD GUYS', 'WEIRDO', 'DIARY OF A MINECRAFT ZOMBIE', and 'ZOMBIE FAMILY REUNION'. At the bottom left, a yellow box says 'All purchases earn books and learning resources for our school!'. At the bottom right, a white box contains the event details: 'Date TUESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER Time 8:30am - 4:00pm' and 'Place MORAWA DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY'.

### 2017 Graduation Assembly Awards

Australian Defence Force Long Tan Leadership Award  
Corrine Moore

Caltex "Best All-Rounder" Award  
Alexandra Whitehurst

Vocational Education and Training Award - School-based Trainee  
Sponsored by Darren West, the State member for the Agricultural Region  
Molly Traylen-Witt

WA College of Agriculture External Student Award  
Sponsored by Laurie Graham, MLC for the Agricultural Region  
Ashlee Knock

Year Coordinator's Awards  
Kyrilee Whitmore  
Ashlee Knock

#### Highest Achiever Awards

English ATAR	Corrine Moore
English Foundation	Taylor King
English General	Ashlee Knock
Visual Arts General	Corrine Moore
Certificate II Hospitality	Molly Traylen-Witt
Mathematics Applications ATAR	Corrine Moore
Mathematics Essential	Ashlee Knock
Mathematics Foundation	Kyrilee Whitmore
Design and Technology Wood	Dianne Flanagan
Physical Education Studies General	Kyrilee Whitmore
Music Ensemble Performance	Alexandra Whitehurst
Certificate II in Digital Media	
And Information Technology	Alexandra Whitehurst
SIDE Student of the Year	Corrine Moore

#### Year 12 Certificates of Completion

Dianne Flanagan  
Taylor King  
Ashlee Knock  
Corrine Moore  
Shannon Simpson  
Molly Traylen-Witt  
Alexandra Whitehurst  
Kyrilee Whitmore

Morawa District High School ATAR Dux  
Corrine Moore

Morawa District High School Vocational Education Dux  
Molly Traylen-Witt



After the battle ... !



Receiving Graduation Certificates



The Year 12s get ready to cut their Graduation Cake!

## Primary Stem Update

On Thursday, November 2, students from Year 2 to 6 participated in a morning STEM session organised by Miss McLay. Students were organised into their House Factions and completed different STEM tasks in each classroom. Mr Hodgson was spreading Christmas cheer in Room 10 as students were challenged to build a free standing Christmas tree! Their pipe cleaner trees were encouraged to be as tall as possible. In Room 11, Miss Smith ducked for cover as students used pop sticks and elastic bands to construct catapults. Their enemies were 'hit' with a tasty surprise of marshmallows! Miss McLay played Cinderella and asked students to design and make her a shoe out of newspaper and sticky tape. The objective, was that it had to fit the foot of one person in the group then take it on and off without damage and strut the catwalk (verandah). Students had a fantastic time applying concepts from Science, Engineering, Maths and Technology to help them design, create and improve their projects!



Keagan Burnett



Miss McLay's sandal



Michael Cowley, Clayton Dongara & Hannah Little



Mia Egan, Cameron Tomlinson, Carly Ballantyne & Paxton Denham



Students making catapults using popsticks and rubber bands that shoot off marshmallows!



Hey Mum and Dad  
Did you know heart disease affects 2 out of every 3 families?  
You can help your child support valuable research into heart disease by registering them online. It's easy, safe and secure.

We have set our school's fundraising target at \$500. Help us get there by registering your child at:  
**[Jumprope.org.au](http://Jumprope.org.au)**

Heart Foundation

*Jump Rope for Heart*

## In the moment ...



When Barbara Garlett decided she would like to catch some action at our Friday secondary sports class recently, one group decided to freeze for the picture! The afternoon class marks the end of the week for our students and gives them the chance to unwind and get ready for their weekend of study!

## Students Shine in Australian Mathematics Competition

Morawa District High School took part in the Australian Mathematics Competition in July this year. Eleven students from Years 5 to 8 were recently awarded three Certificates of Credit, four Certificates of Proficiency and four Certificates of Participation. Cooper Baden-Powell, Isabella Tomlinson, Darcy Tynan, Thomas Appleton, Aaron Grist, Sam McGlew, Noah Whait, Alex Zenni, Joshua Vanderschuit, Oliver Humphreys and Dion Jeffries- Patterson were our worthy recipients. The school is looking forward to entering again, in August 2018.



## ATTENTION YEAR 6 STUDENTS

Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance Programs in academic, arts and languages bring out the best in exceptional children. Applications are now open for entry into Year 7 in 2019.

Limited places may also be available for children going into Years 9, 10 and 11 in 2019. Successful country applicants may be eligible to board at City Beach Residential College and apply to receive a boarding allowance. Visit the website for more details.

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Email: [gtsu@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:gtsu@education.wa.edu.au) T: 9264 4307

## News from the Art Room!

Semester 2 has been an extremely busy time in the Art Room with students working away on their beautiful original creations. Every year our school enters student artworks to the competitions held in the towns in the Midwest region. This year, in particular, our school entered a large number of paintings, drawings and three-dimensional pieces of artwork for the two huge art shows organized in Three Springs and Carnamah. Several of our talented students won awards for their artwork. Hearty congratulations to all the participants and winners.

### NMAS 2017 CHILDREN'S ART AWARDS, CARNAMAH North Midlands Agricultural Society Art Exhibition


Kindergarten & Pre-primary			
1st	Blake Appleton	Drawing	PP
1st	Seth Mills	Painting	1
1st	Evie Chappel	Drawing	2/3
1st	Sophie Scott	Painting	5/6
2nd	Gabrielle Yewers	Painting	2/3
2nd	Cameron Tomlinson	Craft	4/5
2nd	Andi Mubi	Painting	7
3rd	Wylie Chappel	Craft	PP
3rd	Felix Andrews	Craft	1
3rd	Harry Cosgrove	Craft	1
3rd	Marquille Richards	Craft	4/5
3rd	Jacob Coaker	Painting	5/6
3rd	Calvin Turner	Ceramics	9
Overall 2nd place - Evie Chappel 2/3			
People's Chocie Award - Darcy Tynan 5/6			

### Three Springs Wildflower Show & Art Exhibition 2017

#### JUNIORS (6-12yrs) PAINTING/DRAWING

1st Prize	Sophie Lawrence	Portrait	\$50 Cash Prize
2nd Prize	Niamh Cowley	Portrait	\$30 Cash Prize

#### JUNIORS (13-17YRS) PAINTING/DRAWING

2nd Prize	Corrine Moore	Rooster	
People's Choice	Corrine Moore	Rooster \$30 Cash Prize	

#### HIGHLY COMMENDED

Sophie Collins	Still Life
Gabrielle Yewers	Monster
Seth Mills	Portrait
Sam McGlew	Portrait

## From Our Student Council

The Primary Student Council ran another successful bake sale fundraiser on Wednesday 1 November in Week 4. With a mountainous supply of cupcakes and cookies, the Student Council were very busy selling all the sweet goodies to the school. We have raised over \$ 120 to purchase new equipment for our adventure playground. Thank you to all parents, students and staff members who contributed baked goods for our fundraiser.



Shaun Turner, Mac Ballantyne, Michael Cowley & Sophie Scott

### Primary Student Council Fundraising

During Weeks 3 and 4 the Primary Student Council ran a Winter Warmers Raffle to raise money for alternative seating resources for the primary school. Thank you to all students, parents and staff members who donated items to our raffle. A huge thank you as well to the Morawa Post Office, Morawa IGA, Morawa Roadhouse, Morawa Newsagents and Kats Rural for selling our raffle tickets. It was a very successful raffle and our lucky winners were: 1st prize – Ian Manuel, 2nd prize – Kate Davies, 3rd prize – Amanda Carpenter and 4th prize – Fran O'Neill.

On Wednesday 9 August in Week 4, the Primary Student Council ran another fundraiser! Our Soup Day fundraiser was fortunately held on a cold and stormy day, which made it a popular lunch time option! A big thank you to Haylie Cosgrove, Narelle Atkinson, Di Ballantyne and Tamara Kowald for their generous donation of soup.

In total, the Primary Student Council have raised \$ 386 for the purchase of alternative seating resources this term. Stayed tuned for an update on new additions to our primary classrooms!



## Year 4/5 Cooking

The Year 4/5 students have been learning about procedural texts during Term 3, in particular looking at recipes! With an abundance of recipe books to explore in the classroom, students have been learning about what to include in a recipe, common quantities used and how to describe the steps to be followed in a recipe.

To begin this writing topic in Week 2, we headed up to the school garden and picked a delicious array of carrots, spring onion, garlic, silver beet, cauliflower and broccoli to turn into a stir fry.

We worked in two teams, with the assistance of Mrs Solomon, to cook a delicious and tasty Honey Soy Chicken Stir Fry! We also had the opportunity to sit down together and enjoy our creation, which was greatly enjoyed by all of us.

Every student in the Year 4/5 class loved our cooking and even ate all of their vegetables – some asking for seconds! In Week 4 we had another chance to cook again, this time for the Primary Cook Off! In this competition all primary classes cooked a dish that used at least five items from the school garden.

Taste testers from the Admin team then judged each class on taste, aroma, presentation and how many items from the garden they used. For the Year 4/5 contribution we changed the recipe we had been learning, 'How To Cook A Hawaiian Pizza' into our own creation. We made a cauliflower based Hawaiian pizza with a few extras, including garlic, spring onion and silver beet. Again we cooked an amazing concoction and all of the Year 4/5 students were pleased with their culinary skills!



Keagan Burnett, Janetria Martin, Jamie Cosgrove, Max Knox-Atkinson, Miss Smith & Thia Garlett

## Moments of Creativity...

### MY CLASSROOM

Pens await patiently to be used,  
Chairs sit stubbornly, waiting to be sat on.  
The clock ticks endlessly as time goes by.  
Pencil shavings lie defeated on the lonely  
ground.

The computers rest, before being tested.  
Tables sit patiently, like Satan waiting for his  
master.

This is my classroom; a living, breathing cube.  
By Marget Barnes 5/6

### OCEAN

The ocean is  
Thirteen million steam engines,  
The ocean is art in the sea.

By Kieran Egan 5/6

### IF ONLY I COULD

If only I could capture happiness and give it to  
the less fortunate.

If only I could eat the devil's chilli and finish it  
unscorched.

If only I could make a candle that was hot but  
did not burn.

If only I could fly like a soaring eagle.  
Cooper Baden-Powell 5/6

### Free Verse Poems from the 2/3 class...

The frog is cold as the breeze.  
The frog is small as an ant.  
The frog has a little hand.  
The frog is long as rope.  
The frog is blue as the sky.  
By Damien Flanagan

My super fat cat  
Sat on the mat.  
By Evie Chappel

I was a cat  
on the mat.  
By Paxton Denham

### Haiku Year 8

No more mercy please  
Its enough to make me scream  
Lets not talk anymore

Lost wanderers cry  
Trying to find the safety  
Of their stolen souls

Ginquain  
Loud screams  
Silent night times  
Slept in rushed to make it  
Found comfort in the middle of it  
Love them

By Lauren Appleton

## Wanted!

### For the Adventure Playground/Nature Playground

- Tree trunks
- Wooden planks
  - Rope
  - Hessian
- Black tubing/pipe
- Plumbing pipe
- Tractor/car tyres
- Stepping stones

Donations of any of the above items would be  
greatly appreciated.

Thank you!

### Morawa DHS Award Winner

Morawa District High mathematics specialist Rosemary Bond has been announced as the school's Mid-West Education Award nomination for 2017.

The awards were announced at a presentation dinner held at the Queen Elizabeth II Centre in Geraldton.

Mrs Bond was introduced to the 200 people who attended the dinner as a passionate, dedicated educational professional whose tireless efforts to engage students in education to improve outcomes, to development excellence in Mathematics at Morawa District High School and to enhance student learning through practical applications by establishing a sustainable kitchen garden, a tree-planting program and an egg-production facility.

She was also noted as a highly organised resource manager who has initiated collaborative planning and professional development meetings which have been crucial to the development and implementation of the school's secondary Mathematics' program.

As a Mathematics curriculum leader at the school, Mrs Bond has spearheaded a very successful ATAR program involving students from this school and Morawa's agricultural campus. As SIDE coordinator she has helped ensure our students have had the opportunity to succeed in a variety of subjects.

Mrs Bond has also successfully case-managed an extension group of primary Mathematics students through the introduction of challenging activities. She has also engaged and inspired all of our primary classes in Digital Technology with fun activities.



Mrs Rosemary Bond with some prized vegies from the garden!



*To all  
Students, Parents  
and The School  
Community*



### MORAWA DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

*Would like to cordially invite you to our*  
**2017 PRESENTATION CEREMONY**

*To be held on*  
**FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER 2017**  
**AT 9.30AM**  
**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.

**SPECIAL GUESTS, PARENTS, CARE GIVERS  
AND VOLUNTEERS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US  
AFTERWARDS FOR A LIGHT LUNCH IN THE  
STAFF ROOM**

PHONE: 08 99710 900

## First Words from hopeful New Head Students

Year 11 students Jerri-Lee Clayton and Mackenzie Matthews addressed a high-school assembly recently in their quest to be elected as Head Students for 2018. Here is what they had to say -

Mackenzie: I am in Year 11 and I live in Three Springs. I really like to travel and spend time with my friends and my family. At school, I enjoy Hospitality and many of my other subjects. I think I do well at listening to what others have to say and letting them express their own opinions on a subject. I am honest and organised and I am ready to be there for people when they are upset. If I am voted in as Head Student I would help to make sure that the high school students have things to do at recess and lunchtime. I would also be ready to help people who need help. I am prepared to complete all jobs given to me as a Head Student.

Jerri-Lee: I am currently in Year 11. I live in Three Springs with my fantastic, crazy family. I have played for the Three Springs Netball Club for three years, including in two grand final victories. I really do like my sport but most of the time you will find me relaxing or going motor bike riding with my family. I think I could do really well as a role model for younger students and supporting my peers when needed. I'm honest and caring and promise to always keep a smile on your face! If I am voted in as a Head Student I will help to make sure all high school students have something fun to do during lunchtime and that we all have a chance to help make decisions about the school. I would also like to get all students to think about their personal goals at the end of each term so that they can be successful at school. If I am elected, I will work to make sure next year is an awesome one! I feel confident that I will be able to complete all jobs given to me as Head Student in a very positive manner.



Jerri-Lee Clayton and Mackenzie Matthews hope to become Head Students in 2018

## Manager of Corporate Services

### 2017 CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES

It is the time of year where the school asks parents and care givers to settle their outstanding contributions and charges.

The school relies on and appreciates the contributions and charges paid by parents and care givers to assist in supplying your children with the best possible materials and resources.

#### Voluntary Contributions

The cost of schooling a student in a public school in Western Australia has not increased since 2003.

Morawa DHS asks for a voluntary contribution of \$60.00 for students in Kindergarten to Year 6 and \$235.00 for students in Year 7 to 10 for the school year.

#### Senior School Courses

The School Education Act 1999 states that charges apply to all Year 11 & 12 courses and payment is expected. Morawa DHS endeavours to keep course costs to a minimum to ensure maximum participation.

#### Where do contributions and charges go?

The contributions and charges paid by parents and caregivers are budgeted to purchase consumable items used directly by the students.

Some examples include: ingredients in home economics, printed and electronic materials, photocopying, art materials, timber, metals and consumable tools for D&T, consumable sporting equipment and text books.

#### Who should pay?

Given that all students benefit from the pool of collected fees, it is fair to expect that all parents should pay the balance of contributions and charges. Parents of students who choose the more expensive option subjects need to consider the costs during the subject selection process. This school is committed to a fair and responsible approach and asks all parents to make contributions towards their children's education.

#### Alternative payment options

This school is only too aware that the payment of school contributions and charges can be a burden for families. Part payments, early payment discount, deferred payments and credit card debits are all available to support parents experiencing difficulties.

#### Collecting Contributions & Charges

The school will take a positive approach to collecting contributions from parents and caregivers of students in Kindergarten to Year 10. In particular, the school will highlight the benefits to students if all parents meet their contributions. With respect to charges for Years 7 to 12, the school will actively seek full payment of charges where appropriate.

If you would like to organise a payment plan, please contact the Manager of Corporate Services, Linda Jenkins.

#### Payment of Accounts

Fees may be paid by the following methods:

Cheque, cash, credit card or direct deposit to

Morawa District High School Headmasters Trust Account

BSB: 306-024 Account number: 4176384

## Open Night

Morawa DHS staff and students welcomed parents/carers, families and community members to our annual Open Night on Wednesday 6 September. This wonderful evening gave everyone an opportunity to gain insight into the opportunities at Morawa DHS in both the primary and secondary schools. All the classrooms looked amazing, with teachers and students treating us to spectacular displays and impressive student work. Primary themes included 'Space' (Kindy), 'Farms' (PP/1), 'Escape to Everywhere' (2/3), 'Mad Scientist Lab' (4/5) and 'Sports!' (5/6). Our secondary students showcased their work across the curriculum, while visitors were able to try their hand at various interactive STEM activities and Design and Technology creations.

We were lucky enough to have displays and competitions running with the PBS team, Ngala and SDERA throughout the evening, as well as an outstanding Visual Arts display from students across the whole school. Both the Junior and Senior Student Councils were hard at work running fundraisers through an icecream stall, Guess The Jelly Bean competition and a Ping Pong tournament. The Country Week team cooked up a storm with their burgers and sausage sizzle fundraiser, while talented Certificate II in Kitchen Operations students presented a delectable supper at the end of the evening.

Families and community members were treated with fabulous performances from the various school music ensembles via QR codes, and the evening was finished off perfectly with performances from the Junior and Senior Brass Bands. Once again, it was a successful evening that showcased our wonderful school to our families and wider community, including several prospective families who gave us very positive feedback. Congratulations to everyone involved!



Mr Zwaan and Keanu Hedlam experimenting...



Darcy Tynan, Carly Ballantyne & Jamie Cosgrove selling ice cream!

# SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME

YEARS 7 TO 12  
YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR UP TO:

## \$350

towards school expenses

DO YOU HOLD A: ● **CENTRELINK HEALTH CARE CARD**  
(OR) ● **CENTRELINK PENSIONER CONCESSION CARD**  
(OR) ● **VETERANS' AFFAIRS PENSIONER CONCESSION CARD**

Applications Close  
**Friday 13 April 2018**

**ASK SCHOOL RECEPTION FOR MORE INFORMATION**



## The agony and ecstasy of teenage peer groups

by Michael Grose

*Young people generally want to fit into their various social groups so peer approval is a significant driver for their behaviour. For a young person, resisting peer influence can mean isolation or instant ostracism so it sometimes takes great strength of will to refuse to follow the crowd.*

Having a group of friends is one of the most important parts of being an adolescent. It is how teenagers learn to get on in the world of their own age group and to gradually become independent. It is important for parents to understand the value of peer groups for young people and also to remember that peers can be positive influences.

### Positive peers

Peer groups can give young people a sense of belonging, which gives them an increased sense of self-confidence. These groups also provide safe testing grounds for attitudes and values outside their family at a time when young people are trying to define their identity. By and large, peers can be very supportive of each other. However, they can also be judgemental and can be the cause of heartache when conflict or alienation occurs.

### Unwanted peer pressure

While the increased influence of peers is a normal part of a young person's development, they can sometimes use some help to resist any pressure to conform that is placed on them.

**The following ideas may assist you to help young people resist unwanted peer pressure:**

#### 1. Talk about peer influence with your young person

Be open and frank about the subject. Call peer pressure out for what it is: unwanted pressure to conform to the views or behaviours of others. Let him or her know that while much of the influence of their friends is positive, some is definitely not in their best interests.

#### 2. Help young people say 'no' while still saving face and status among their friends

Ask them how they would refuse an offer of a cigarette, an illegal substance or an invitation to behave in a way that they felt uncomfortable with. How could they say no? What words could they use? How could they react if they were pestered? How can they refuse and still be 'cool' and accepted by others? Be upfront with them – after all, their peers will be.

#### 3. Be the scapegoat that they need

Many young people in the 11 to 14 age group are frequently pressured by early maturers to act older than they are. They are often asked to go to places or behave in ways that make them feel unsafe or uncomfortable. In these situations, kids need a scapegoat and that should be you. Allow them to blame you for not letting them



# **POSITION VACANT**

**Applications are invited for the following position:**

## **CANTEEN MANAGER**

### **MORAWA DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL P&C COMMITTEE**

Morawa District High School and the P&C Committee are seeking a skilled and motivated Canteen Manager for our canteen at Morawa District High School. As the Manager you will take responsibility for all aspects of running the canteen.

**Please note that this position is for during the school terms only and is paid in accordance with the Restaurant, Tearoom and Catering Workers Award.**

#### **ROLE:**

As Canteen Manager you will be reporting to the Morawa DHS P&C Canteen Committee Coordinator and you will be responsible for the following:

- Oversee all operations within the canteen including food purchase, preparation, cooking and sales
- Operate the canteen in accordance with the Healthy School Canteens Guidelines and Department of Education's Healthy Food and Drink policy
- Customer service provided to students and staff
- Cleaning of the canteen area on a daily basis, i.e benches, floors, appliances and equipment
- Daily stock control
- Daily reconciliation and completing associated paperwork
- Maintain a cash float, daily banking, preparing weekly balance sheet and providing reports for Canteen Committee
- Work with suppliers to maintain relationships, problem solve and add value
- Contribute to keeping the overall site safe, clean and presentable to customers
- Supervision of volunteers
- Other duties as required including participating in the P&C Canteen Committee

#### **HOURS:**

This position is for 3 days per week (5 hours per day) with the potential to increase to 5 days per week.

**APPLICATIONS CLOSING DATE:**      **Monday 4 December, 2017**

**COMMENCEMENT DATE:**              **Monday 29 January, 2018**

Please address your application to:

**Morawa P & C Canteen Committee**

**Attention: Jane Coaker**

**PO Box 69**

**MORAWA WA 6623**

**Or email to [janecoaker@hotmail.com](mailto:janecoaker@hotmail.com)**

Please include your resume and a covering letter detailing your relevant skills, experience and any qualifications relating to this role.

The successful applicant will require a Working with Children check and National Police Clearance. The position will initially be for the first term of 2018 (10 weeks) with an extension following satisfactory appraisal by the Canteen Committee.

WEEK	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT/SUN
6	Nov 13	14	15	16	17 Last day for Yr 11's	18/19
7	20 Primary Student Leader Elections	21 Book Fair	22	23	24 T20 Primary Cricket	25/26
8	27 Aspire Immersion Yr9→ TLG→	28 → →	29 → →	30 Secondary Student Leader Elections 2018 Kindy Parent info session	1 Yr 6 Celebration Assembly	Dec2/3
9	4	5 2018 Kindergarten Orientation Day	6	7 Kindy Pre-primary Xmas Party Band Wind-up	8 Presentation Ceremony 9.30am @ Town Hall	9/10
10	11	12	13	14 End of Term 4	15 Final Day for Staff	16/17

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.

