



An Independent Public School

Morawa District High School

NEWSLETTER

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EVENTS COMING UP

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End of Term 4

Thursday 14 December

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Teachers commence

Monday 29 January 2018

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2018 Term 1 start

Wednesday 31 January

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In-term swimming

5 - 16 February

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National Day Against Bullying
and Violence

16 February

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Morawa District High School

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS
AND
HAPPY NEW
YEAR**



Our Day of Celebration ...

The 78-year-old Morawa Town Hall burst into vibrant life last Friday with music, song, dancing and drama during the school's annual awards and presentation celebration.

It was the first time the event had been held during the day and from the reaction of special guests, parents, relatives, friends and students, it was an outstanding success. The hall's stage pulsed with energy and colour as primary and secondary students presented the carefully choreographed song and dance items, a play based on Romeo and Juliet, and a school staff meeting that they had been polishing up over the last few weeks.

For many of the students and their peers the occasion was particularly exciting when they were announced as Dux of their class and subject award and scholarship winners (see details inside). For others it was the first time their parents had ever seen them in a stage performance.

But there were also a few tears when the school farewelled long-serving teacher Mrs Noelene Carslake and our school psychologist, Mrs Jacque Conte.

Mrs Carslake worked as a Physical Education teacher, a primary and Kindergarten teacher, a literary specialist, and a Visual Arts teacher before becoming the Home Economics teacher over the last 43 years of her 45-year service. She had also served on the Morawa Shire Council as both a councillor and Shire President.

Ms Conte is leaving the school after working in the region for many years. She is moving to Mandurah where she will continue to help give the guidance and support to students in the role of Lead Psychologist.

Another emotional moment came when Year 8 student Lauren Appleton gave an outstanding rendition of the song Hallelujah accompanied by Bailey Campbell and Jacob Traylen-Witt on guitar.



Retiring teacher, Mrs Noelene Carslake with Mrs Tracy Tapscott



School Psychologist Ms Jacque Conte with Mrs Tonia Carslake



Scholarship winner Samantha Councillor with Mr Chris Linnell CEO Morawa Shire



Really getting into it ...

Endeavour & Achieve



Tonia Carslake

From the Principal

Dear School Community,

It has been a pleasure to reflect upon the year and express our gratitude to all who have contributed to the successes we have celebrated over the last 12 months at Morawa District High School.

I would like to acknowledge the school community, in particular our School Board, for their commitment during the year as we endeavoured to follow our clearly articulated vision – that Morawa District High School is held in high esteem and considered the region's high school of choice, providing a strong and sustainable education for the students, families and communities in the district. The key to any strategic planning process is to ensure that the vision and mission is articulated in what is done and this has been a clear goal for us this year.

We have worked together in partnership, striving towards achieving this dream. Student achievement – both academic and non-academic - is our core business and we have endeavoured to focus on the needs of students by offering them as many opportunities as possible so that they are able to reach their full potential. We have shared many of these successes with you throughout the year and congratulate those students who have dared to do what it takes to excel.

It is with pleasure that I also commend and congratulate the Year 12 class of 2017 on their leadership throughout the course of the year, and I would like to thank our Student Council, led by Head Students Corrine Moore and Kyrilee Whitmore, for the positive contributions that they have made.

Our school has been saddened by the illness of our substantive Principal, Tonia Carslake during the year. While we have been challenged by these recent events, the strength and breadth of leadership across all aspects of the school, has enabled us to rally together to review our current practices and identify areas to focus our energies on.

A special thank you to the leadership team, Mike McGann, Sarah Baden-Powell, Wendy Glassford-Hill, Lee Jones and Linda Jenkins for your leadership and support throughout the year; to our Year Coordinators Tammy Solomon, Lee Jones, Sophie Smith and Joel Hodgson for your work leading our Student Council; to the health and wellbeing team, school psychologist Jacque Conte and new school chaplain Annie Severtson for your ongoing support of our students and families; to School Board Chair, Karen Chappel, and Board members, and Parents and Citizens Association President Jamie Appleton and executive committee Sarah Baden-Powell, Jane Coaker, Mark Coaker (and the many sub-committees), for your dedication to our school. Your commitment during the year has indeed provided many wonderful opportunities for our students.

I would like to also acknowledge the tremendous support of our parents, carers and community members who have worked with the school to ensure success for all students. Your efforts are greatly appreciated and we thank you.

While we will be delighted to welcome Tonia Carslake back to school next year, sadly some staff members will be leaving us and we would like to take this opportunity to thank them and wish them all the very best in their new ventures.

Noelene Carslake will be leaving us at the end of this year after 45 very productive years and we wish her very well in her retirement.

Secondary Deputy Sarah Baden-Powell will be returning to Esperance with her family and we will all miss her calm, caring manner and organisational capabilities across the whole school.

Sophie Smith will be off exploring the world and her dynamic approach to teaching and success as a Year Coordinator will be sadly missed by all.

Paul Smith will be moving to Kambalda West District High School and his expertise in the Design and Technology department will also be greatly missed.

Sue Offszanka will also be taking some well deserved leave early next year as our Lab Technician and we also wish her well.

Jacque Conte will also, after 18 years of service at Morawa District High School, be sadly missed by students, parents and staff alike.

In conclusion, I thank you for your support this year and am excited by the prospect of what 2018 holds in store for our school. We look forward to welcoming students back at school next year on Wednesday 31 January.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a wonderful Christmas and happy holiday period.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the tremendous hard work by all involved in the Presentation Ceremony last Friday and hope you enjoyed the many and varied performances right across our school. Thank you to the many sponsors who generously made donations towards scholarships and prizes. I would like to warmly acknowledge the outstanding achievements of the fine young people we recognised that day and also congratulate all students for their efforts throughout the semester which are celebrated in second semester reports.

Yours sincerely,
Tracy Tapscott
Principal

Languages Update

Languages is one of the eight learning areas for the Western Australian Curriculum. The Western Australian Curriculum provides students with:

- essential communication skills in a language other than English
- an intercultural capability
- an understanding of the role of language and culture in human communication.

The Languages Committee are delighted to inform the school community that the chosen Language, after consultation, will be French.

Students in Year 3 will be taught this language online through SIDE in 2018. There were many factors that were considered in making this decision and we are looking forward to working with students in this subject next year.

From the School Board Chairperson

The School Board has a Strategic and Governance role. This past year the Board has focused on learning about the strategies and programmes that our School has in place for better outcomes for all students.

These learnings have been invaluable and will ensure that we are a strong and informed School Board. The Board in partnership with the Principal are well prepared for the IPS review next year.

The Principal and the School Leadership team have kept the Board informed of all planning and programmes. The Board has endorsed and supported all recommendations put before the Board.

Thank you to all Board Members and Staff for their efforts and endeavour in 2017.

To our Principal Mrs Carslake we have missed you and look forward to your return.

To our Acting Principal Mrs Tapscott, on behalf of the School Board and the School community our sincere thanks for stepping up and leading the School, your commitment and dedication to our School is appreciated and valued.

Karen Chappel
Board Chair
Morawa District High School

From the P & C President

The Morawa District High School Parents & Citizens Association has been proud to continue to provide funding support for school programs in Literacy, Numeracy, and Scholarships in 2017. The P&C also provided funding for new Country Week uniforms and the annual Sports Carnivals. We have been able to continue financial support for these programs despite not having a crop this year, due to the unfavourable seasonal conditions. We hope for a better season next year to continue with this traditional fundraising activity.

To the P&C Pre-primary/Kindergarten, Sports, Uniform Shop, Canteen and Band Committees, a huge thank you to these involved for your efforts throughout the year.

The P&C would also like to acknowledge and thank Mark and Rini Richards for their services operating the canteen throughout the year.

Thank you to my executive committee Vice President, Mark Coaker; Treasurer, Jane Coaker; and Secretary, Sarah Baden-Powell for their dedication and commitment throughout the year.

I wish everybody a safe and happy holiday season and look forward to seeing you next year.

Jamie Appleton
P&C President



Country Week Uniforms

Primary Focus

As the school year comes to a close, I reflect positively on what has been a busy and productive year. Our delightful primary students have been well supported by our dedicated and caring staff and this combination has made for a fabulous and positive environment in the primary school this year.

In Week 8 we held a Celebration Assembly for the Year 6s and many memorable moments were shared as the students looked back on their primary years. Mr Hodgson and the Year 6s presented a wonderful item from Harry Potter, the Sorting Ceremony, which included the 'talking hat'.....literally.

Also in Week 8, we welcomed Teach Learn Grow (TLG) into the school once again. Eighteen university students volunteered their time to tutor 48 students daily in maths. This is a highlight of our school calendar and our students had fun with their tutors while achieving the maths outcomes their teachers set for them. We also held a Kindergarten information session for parents, outlining expectations and procedures for students beginning school. Thank you to those parents who attended and to anyone who could not make it, there are information packs at school for you.

In Week 9, the K/Ps held their Christmas party which was an absolute delight. The classes entertained parents with Christmas songs and students were then presented with certificates and a present from their teacher. Santa arrived, then all shared a lovely morning tea. It was great to see all the parents there, and once again a well-supported event which has become a tradition for Kindergarten/Pre-primary.

On Wednesday 13 December our attendance reward will take place. Students who have met their attendance target will be eligible to attend. Letters went out to those students who did not make their target; these students are encouraged to improve their attendance in Term 1 2018. Thank you to all those parents who insist on regular attendance. We cannot emphasise enough, the importance of this.

At the moment, the library is missing approximately 100 books – readers that the primary students have taken home. This is just the number for 2017 and doesn't include the many missing from previous years. We urge you all to have a good look at home and return any books you may find. As you would appreciate, the cost to the school to replace these books, is great.

Thank you to the student councillors who have done a sterling job with fundraising this year. They have been an enthusiastic group whose actions have made a difference in the primary school. Classes now have alternative seating and other equipment. Thank you to our Year Coordinators Miss Smith and Mr Hodgson, who have been very enthusiastic in their approach to working with the student council and getting things happening. We congratulate our out-going student councillors on a wonderful job and welcome our in-coming councillors with whom we look forward to working in 2018. Sadly, we say farewell to Miss Smith who has contributed greatly to the education of her students. She will be missed by us all and we wish her all the best in the future.

Congratulations to all students who received an award at the Presentation Ceremony. It was great to see these students acknowledged for their efforts over the year.

Finally, I would like to thank the fabulous Admin and staff for their support while in this acting position of Primary Deputy. I have enjoyed this role and learnt so much more. I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing you all again in the new year.

Mrs Wendy Glassford-Hill
Primary Deputy

Secondary Matters

2018 OLNA

Year 10, 11 and 12 students who need to demonstrate the minimum standard in reading, writing and/or numeracy are scheduled to sit the required components of the OLNA each March and September. As its name suggests, the OLNA is an online test. If your child did not achieve at least Band 8 in all three tests in Year 9 NAPLAN, you are encouraged to read the OLNA Information for parents/carers brochure, which is available online at -

<http://seniorsecondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/assessment/olna>

All the World's a Stage ...

English teacher Ms Margaret Henderson has won one of 30 regional mentor scholarships with the Australia's famous Bell Shakespeare Company in Sydney next year. The theatre company is dedicated to producing the plays of William Shakespeare in ways that are relevant and exciting to Australian audiences. It has toured Australia with educational programs and vibrant productions of Shakespeare's work including Hamlet, Othello and, of course, Romeo and Juliet. Ms Henderson will travel to Sydney early in March to take up the scholarship and is expected to return to school, ready to help our students enjoy the works of one of the world's greatest playwrights.



Year 7 Transition

Preparations for Year 6 students to move into high school was a great success this year, with approximately 21 students enrolled for 2018. Orientation Day and Transition Camp were specifically designed to assist each student's transition to high school, and make the move as smooth and happy as possible.

It also aims to introduce the students to all the wonderful opportunities that the secondary students are given at Morawa District High School. This year students participated in classes with secondary teachers including Science, Maths, Music, Home Economics, D&T, Visual Arts, STEM and PE. During the overnight camp, students were able to have some fun with their new friends and join in activities such as water games, spotlight, goal setting, a scavenger hunt, a BBQ lunch, and an excursion to Koolanooka Springs. The students had a great time. A huge thank you to all the staff and students who were involved in the day!

Mike McGann and Sarah Baden Powell,
Secondary Deputies



Ready for the move into high school ...

Community Recognition Award

Every year the school endeavours to acknowledge the efforts of a school community member or group who makes a significant contribution to our school. Their commitment goes above and beyond their duties, and their contribution greatly assists the school and our students. There have been many worthy winners in the past and this year we recognised Teneke English (nee Knight) and the work that she has undertaken as a member of the Morawa District High School P&C Association.

Teneke's efforts in managing our school uniform shop and her contribution to the Canteen Committee have been invaluable. The P&C plays such an important role at our school and Teneke's efforts in both of these roles have helped raise important funds to support our students.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks and congratulations to Teneke for the wonderful work she has done this year.



Mrs Teneke English & Mrs Sarah Baden-Powell

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 for 2017.

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

Morawa District High School 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 compulsory. Morawa District High School endeavours to keep course costs to a minimum to ensure maximum participation.

Alternative payment options

Part payments, early payment discount, deferred payments and credit card debits are all available to support parents experiencing difficulties. If you would like to discuss options or organise a payment plan, please contact the Manager of Corporate Services, Linda Jenkins to arrange.

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

On the blackboard

Year Book 2017

Now available at the school office.

Vac Swim

Late enrolments Friday 15 December

2pm at the pool

The winners of the \$20 voucher were:

Secondary:

Calvin Turner

Samantha Councillor

Kobi Little

Noah Whait

Tarl Parker

Primary:

Blake Appleton

Jacob Coaker

Shaun Turner

Summer Brockman

Wylie Chappel

Morawa District High School - Term Dates 2018

Students		Teachers	
Semester 1		Semester 1	
Term 1	Wednesday 31 January - Friday 13 April	Term 1	Monday 29 January - Friday 13 April
Break	Saturday 14 April - Sunday 29 April	Break	Saturday 14 April - Sunday 29 April
Term 2	Tuesday 1 May - Friday 29 June	Term 2	Monday 30 April - Friday 29 June
Break	Saturday 30 June - Sunday 15 July	Break	Saturday 30 June - Sunday 15 July
Semester 2		Semester 2	
Term 3	Monday 16 July - Friday 21 September	Term 3	Monday 16 July - Friday 21 September
Break	Saturday 22 September - Sunday 7 October	Break	Saturday 22 September - Sunday 7 October
Term 4	Tuesday 9 October - Thursday 13 December	Term 4	Monday 8 October - Friday 14 December

School Development Days for 2018

Monday 29 January and Tuesday 30 January

As Easter falls during Term 1, all schools will be closed from Friday 30 March to Tuesday 3 April inclusive.

Monday 30 April

Wednesday 15 August

Monday 8 October

Friday 14 December

Academic and Learning Area Awards 2017

NAME	YEAR	AWARD	NAME	YEAR	AWARD
Felix Andrews	Year 1	English	Cooper Baden-Powell	Year 5	Health
Felix Andrews	Year 1	Physical Education	Michael Cowley	Year 5	Physical Education
Jacob Haeusler	Year 1	Mathematics	Cooper Baden-Powell	Year 5	Mathematics
Felix Andrews	Year 1	Mathematics	Cooper Baden-Powell	Year 5	Science
Felix Andrews	Year 1	Science	Cooper Baden-Powell	Year 5	Geography
Felix Andrews	Year 1	Geography	Cooper Baden-Powell	Year 5	Digital Technologies
Felix Andrews	Year 1	Digital Technologies	Jaxon Carpenter	Year 5	Design & Technology
Felix Andrews	Year 1	Design & Technology	Sophie Scott	Year 5	Music
Felix Andrews	Year 1	Music	Sophie Scott	Year 5	Instrumental & Ensemble Music
Gabrielle Yewers	Year 2	Music	Cooper Baden-Powell	Year 5	English
Evie Chappel	Year 2	English	Cooper Baden-Powell	Year 5	Guitar
Caladyn Milloy	Year 2	Health	Isabella Tomlinson	Year 6	English
Caladyn Milloy	Year 2	Physical Education	Darcy Tynan	Year 6	Health
Samantha Tomlinson	Year 2	Mathematics	Mac Ballantyne	Year 6	Physical Education
Evie Chappel	Year 2	Science	Isabella Tomlinson	Year 6	Mathematics
Gabrielle Yewers	Year 2	Science	Darcy Tynan	Year 6	Science
Evie Chappel	Year 2	Geography	Darcy Tynan	Year 6	Geography
Evie Chappel	Year 2	Digital Technologies	Darcy Tynan	Year 6	Visual Arts
Evie Chappel	Year 2	Design & Technologies	Darcy Tynan	Year 6	Digital Technologies
Tyler Robinson	Year 3	Music	Isabella Tomlinson	Year 6	Instrumental & Ensemble Music
Sophie Collins	Year 3	English	Darcy Tynan	Year 6	Music
Sophie Collins	Year 3	Health	Darcy Tynan	Year 6	Guitar
Sophie Collins	Year 3	Physical Education	Harry Cosgrove		Endeavour Award
Paxton Denham	Year 3	Mathematics	Iona Scott		Endeavour Award
Blayke Twomey	Year 3	Mathematics	Carly Ballantyne		Endeavour Award
Tyler Robinson	Year 3	Science	Mac Ballantyne		Endeavour Award
Sophie Collins	Year 3	Science	Aaron Grist	Year 7	English
Blayke Twomey	Year 3	Geography	Thomas Appleton	Year 7	Health
Iona Scott	Year 3	Digital Technologies	Megan Letton	Year 7	Physical Education
Sophie Collins	Year 3	Design & Technology	Josh Vanderschuit	Year 7	Physical Education
Tyler Robinson	Year 3	Design & Technology	Thomas Appleton	Year 7	Mathematics
Liam Appleton	Year 4	Digital Technologies	Aaron Grist	Year 7	Mathematics
Liam Appleton	Year 4	English	Thomas Appleton	Year 7	Science
Cameron Tomlinson	Year 4	Music	Sam McGlew	Year 7	Guitar
Liam Appleton	Year 4	Health	Thomas Appleton	Year 7	Humanities & Social Science
Carly Ballantyne	Year 4	Health	Thomas Appleton	Year 7	Digital Technologies
Cameron Tomlinson	Year 4	Physical Education	Thomas Appleton	Year 7	Design & Technology (D&T)
Liam Appleton	Year 4	Mathematics	Thomas Appleton	Year 7	Design & Technology (Home Economics)
Cameron Tomlinson	Year 4	Mathematics	Andy Mubi	Year 7	Visual Arts
Liam Appleton	Year 4	Science	Sam McGlew	Year 7	Music
Carly Ballantyne	Year 4	Design & Technology			

NAME	YEAR	AWARD	NAME	YEAR	AWARD
Dion Jefferies-Patterson	Year 8	English	Darcie Parker	Year 10	English
Dion Jefferies-Patterson	Year 8	Health	Darcie Parker	Year 10	Health
Matthew Bickford	Year 8	Physical Education	Samantha Councillor	Year 10	Recreational Games
Dion Jefferies-Patterson	Year 8	Mathematics	Samantha Councillor	Year 10	Physical Education
Dion Jefferies-Patterson	Year 8	Science	Kobi Little	Year 10	Physical Education
Oliver Humphreys	Year 8	Humanities & Social Science	Darcie Parker	Year 10	Mathematics
Dion Jefferies-Patterson	Year 8	Digital Technologies	Darcie Parker	Year 10	Science
Matthew Bickford	Year 8	Design & Technology (D&T)	Darcie Parker	Year 10	Humanities & Social Science
Teagan Parker	Year 8	Design & Technology (Home Economics)	Peter Criddle	Year 10	Design & Technology (Metals)
Lauren Appleton	Year 8	Visual Arts	Samantha Councillor	Year 10	Design & Technology (Woodwork)
Lauren Appleton	Year 8	Music	Casey Desmond	Year 10	Design & Technology (Home Economics)
Lauren Appleton	Year 8	Instrumental Music (Brass)	Darcie Parker	Year 10	Visual Arts
Lauren Appleton	Year 8	Instrumental Music (Guitar)	Darcie Parker	Year 10	Music (Pop Band)
Claire Tynan	Year 9	English	Darcie Parker	Year 10	Instrumental Music (Brass)
Nellie Humphreys	Year 9	English	Danielle Letton	Year 10	Instrumental Music (Percussion)
Claire Tynan	Year 9	Health	Darcie Parker	Year 10	
Hayley Clayton	Year 9	Recreational Games	Mackenzie Matthews	Year 11	English - General
Hayley Clayton	Year 9	Physical Education	Harrison Matthews	Year 11	Maths - General
Nellie Humphreys	Year 9	Mathematics	Harrison Matthews	Year 11	Materials, Design & Technology - Wood
Nellie Humphreys	Year 9	Science	Shannon Burnett	Year 11	Materials, Design & Technology - Metals
Nellie Humphreys	Year 9	Humanities & Social Science	Jerri-Lee Clayton	Year 11	Physical Education Studies - General
Claire Tynan	Year 9	Digital Technologies	Matthew Vanderschuit	Year 11	Visual Arts - General
Calvin Turner	Year 9	Design & Technology (Metals)	Harrison Matthews	Year 11	Information, Digital Media & Technology
Hayley Clayton	Year 9	Design & Technology (Woodwork)	Mackenzie Matthews	Year 11	Hospitality
Calvin Turner	Year 9	Visual Arts			
Jacob Traylen-Witt	Year 9	Music (Pop Band)			
Claire Tynan	Year 9	Instrumental Music (Brass)			
Jacob Traylen-Witt	Year 9	Instrumental Music (Guitar)			

NAME	YEAR	AWARD
Harvey Andrews	PP	Academic Award
Jaycob Twomey	PP	Academic Award
Anna Collins	PP/1	Class Award
Mikayla Scott	PP/1	CWA Service Award
Felix Andrews	1	Academic Award
Evie Chappel	2	Academic Award
Iona Scott	2/3	Class Award
Paxton Denham	2/3	CWA Service Award
Sophie Collins	3	Academic Award
Carly Ballantyne	4/5	Class Award
Matthew Olsen	4/5	CWA Service Award
Liam Appleton	4	Academic Award
Sophie Scott	5/6	Class Award
Corin Campbell	5/6	CWA Service Award
Cooper Baden-Powell	5	Academic Award
Isabella Tomlinson	6	Academic Award
Darcy Tynan	6	Academic Award
Thomas Appleton	7	Academic Award
Sam McGlew	7	Class Award
Megan Letton	7	Service Award
Dion Jefferies-Paterson	8	Academic Award
Teagan Parker	8	Class Award
Lauren Appleton	8	Service Award
Nellie Humphreys	9	Academic Award
Bailey Campbell	9	Class Award
Claire Tynan	9	Service Award
Darcie Parker	10	Academic Award
Kayla Campbell	10	Class Award
Samantha Councillor	10	Service Award
Harrison Matthews	11	Academic Award
Matthew Vanderschuit	11	Class Award
Terri-Lee Clayton	11	Service Award

NAME	YEAR	AWARD
Nicholas Brown	PP	Optimistic Aussie Award
Chloe Lawrance	1	Optimistic Aussie Award
Darcy Hutchinson	2	Optimistic Aussie Award
Summer Brockman	3	Optimistic Aussie Award
Thia Garlett	4	Optimistic Aussie Award
Hannah Little	5	Optimistic Aussie Award
Kieran Egan	6	Optimistic Aussie Award
Andreas Mubi	7	Optimistic Aussie Award
Oliver Humphreys	8	Optimistic Aussie Award
Jacob Traylen-Witt	9	Optimistic Aussie Award
Casey Desmond	10	Optimistic Aussie Award
Grace Moulden	11	Optimistic Aussie Award
Darcy Tynan Woodside Scitech Science Award Isabella Tomlinson Woodside Scitech Science Award Danielle Letton Secondary Citizenship Award Sarah Connolly Senior Band Masters Award Alexandra Whitehurst Most Improved Senior Player Lauren Appleton Junior Band Masters Award Isabella Tomlinson Most Improved Junior Player Darcie Parker Australian Defence Force Long Tan Leadership & Team Work Award Isabella Tomlinson Geraldton Universities Encouragement Award Terri-Lee Clayton Midwest Aboriginal Education Award		



Darcy Tynan & Mr Dean
Carslake



Danielle Letton & Mr Chris
Moffet



Darcie Parker & Mr Chris
Moffet



Megan Letton & Mrs Helen
Walter



Oliver Humphreys, Mr Jamie Appleton &
Teagan Parker



The PP's waiting to perform



Seth Mills, Jaycob Twomey & Harvey Andrews



Yr 5/6 & PP/1 - Lean on me



Mrs Tonia Carslake & Ms Jacque Conte



Mrs Noelene Carslake & Mrs Tracy Tapscott



Sophie Scott, Niamh Cowley & Mikayla Scott



Yr 2/3 & 4/5 - Hall of Fame



Romeo & Juliet - Megan & Aaron



Lauren Appleton & Mrs Sarah Baden-Powell



Isabella Tomlinson & Mrs Sarah Baden-Powell



Danielle Letton & Tarl Parker



Staff Meeting - Kayla, Casey & Dion



Staff Meeting



Pop Band - Bailey, Lauren & Jacob



Jerri-Lee Clayton & Ms Marrikka Hill

Student Councillors for 2018

PRIMARY 2018 STUDENT COUNCILLORS

Sophie Collins
Tyler Robinson
Liam Appleton
Brian Taylor
Michael Cowley
Sophie Scott

RUBY HOUSE CAPTAIN

James Olsen

RUBY HOUSE CAPTAIN

Jaxon Carpenter

SAPPHIRE HOUSE CAPTAIN

Samuel Councillor

SAPPHIRE HOUSE CAPTAIN

Marquille Richards

EMERALD HOUSE CAPTAIN

Michael Cowley

EMERALD HOUSE CAPTAIN

Sophie Scott

SECONDARY 2018 STUDENT COUNCILLORS

Megan Letton
Dion Jefferies-Paterson
Hayley Clayton
Darcie Parker
Danielle Letton
Kayla Campbell

SCHOOL CAPTAINS 2018

Jerri-Lee Clayton
Mackenzie Matthews

RUBY HOUSE CAPTAIN

Hayley Clayton

SAPPHIRE HOUSE CAPTAIN

Lauren Appleton

SAPPHIRE HOUSE CAPTAIN

Emily Beauchamp

EMERALD HOUSE CAPTAIN

Megan Letton

EMERALD HOUSE CAPTAIN

Dion Jefferies-Paterson

DISTRICT DIAMONDS

Jerri-Lee Clayton
Samantha Councillor



Jerri - Lee Clayton & Mackenzie Matthews
School Captains



Sophie Collins, Tyler Robinson, Liam Appleton, Brian Taylor, Sophie Scott, James Olsen, Jaxon Carpenter & Samuel Councillor



Megan Letton, Dion Jefferies-Paterson, Lauren Appleton, Kayla Campbell, Danielle Letton, Darcie Parker, Jerri-Lee Clayton, Samantha Councillor, Hayley Clayton & Emily Beauchamp

Thanks to all Scholarship and Award Donors!

A big thank you to all of our sponsors for your continued support of our school prizes!

Scholarship Donors:

Chris Moffet, Carslake Family, Frank Dixon Memorial, Morawa District High School P&C Association and Shire of Morawa

Award Donors:

CWA Morawa Branch, Landmark Morawa, Morawa Freemasons, Morawa Rural Enterprises, Morawa Gutha RSL, Peter Smith, Kats Rural, Darren West MLC, Shane Love MLA, Melissa Price MLA, Laurie Graham MLC, Geraldton Universities Centre, SDERA, Midwest Regional Education Office, Woodside, Scitech, Australian Defence Force and Caltex

2018 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Darcie Parker	Laura Moffet Memorial Scholarship
Danielle Letton	Bellaranga Scholarship
Sophie Scott	Morawa P&C Primary Achieve Scholarship
Samuel Councillor	Morawa P&C Primary Endeavour Scholarship
Oliver Humphreys	Morawa P&C Secondary Achieve Scholarship
Teagan Parker	Morawa P&C Secondary Endeavour Scholarship
Megan Letton	Frank Dixon Memorial Music Scholarship
Samantha Councillor	Morawa Shire Scholarship
Darcy Tynan	Carslake Family Scholarship

Santa came to Kindy!

On Thursday, 7 December, the Kindy and Pre-primary children hosted their annual Christmas Party over at the Kindy building. First the Kindergarten students presented two songs; 'SANTA' to the tune of 'Bingo' and 'The Reindeer Hokey Pokey'. Then the Pre-primary students performed their two songs; 'Santa Got Stuck up the Chimney' and 'Feliz Navidad'. All performances were fabulous and students should be very proud of their efforts. After performing for our special guests, our local policeman chauffeured a very special visitor to our Christmas party. Santa Claus! Everyone was super excited and everyone got very spoilt. We then overindulged on lots of Christmas food made by our very talented mums and dads. We would like to say a huge thank you to the K-PP committee for their assistance in organising this event, Stu for volunteering his time to chauffeur Santa, all of our special guests for attending, our students for doing a fabulous job performing, and the big man in red for taking time away from his busy life in the North Pole to come and visit our superstars!



Eagerly awaiting Santa



Enjoying the spoils

Teach Learn Grow



"Ahhh... that's how you do it...!"



Some students were floored by Teach Learn Grow!



Boys' own learning hub ...

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

FROM: YOUR CHAPLAIN ANNIE SEVERTSON

It has been a great start to Chaplaincy here at Morawa District High School. I have been lucky enough to spend a lot of time with the students and staff throughout Term 4. I was honored to attend the end of year assemblies, Year 12 graduation and the Presentation Day for 2017. You should all be extremely proud of how kind and welcoming your children are. I have enjoyed everyday spent here at the school and I look forward to a wonderful 2018 with you all!

Below are some helpful numbers in case of holiday emergencies-





An Independent Public School

IPS Board Vacancies

The Independent Public School Board for Morawa District High School is calling for nominations for Parent representatives on to the Board. These vacancies are for only one year, being the remainder of three year terms which were recently vacated.

The Board is open to any parent who has a genuine interest in the District High School, its future direction and delivery of education in rural areas.

Parents can bring their experience as parents at the school, and the views and context of the wider school community, as well as expertise such as business, or life skills that are an asset to the School.

The Board meets every three months (this equates to once a term), in Morawa, or more frequently if required.

If you wish to nominate yourself for one of the positions on the Board, please send a brief CV and covering letter, via email to :-

Maryanne.Milloy-rakich2@education.wa.edu.au

Or by Mail
PO Box 13
Morawa WA 6623
(Marking the envelope to my attention.)

Nominations close:- January 25 at 4pm, 2018

Thank you.

Maryanne Milloy-Rakich
Morawa IPS Cluster Assistant

T20 Cricket

On November 24, 22 students from Years 3 - 6 took part in a T20 Cricket Carnival at Three Springs. Despite the hot weather, all students were keen to showcase their cricket skills in front of the other schools. Sophie Collins and Mac Ballantyne were nominated as Morawa District High School's 'Most Valuable Players' for the day.

Miss Jane Pearson
PE Teacher



Sophie in action!



Michael Cowley, Jacob Coaker, Corin Campbell, Clayton Dongara, Darcy Tynan, Samuel Councillor, Cooper Baden-Powell, Isabella Tomlinson & Sophie Scott



Presentation Line

UWA Aspire Yr 9 Immersion Camp

Four students were flown from Perth to Geraldton in Week 8 to take part in Aspire UWA's 2017 Year 9 Mid-West camp. Their flight came after a 6.15 am meeting with Ms Jones at the Mingenew bus stop.

Students and teachers from schools around the Pilbara also participated in the camp, which showcased different academic fields across the four main degree areas and gave the students a taste of life at a university.

The students – Bailey Campbell, Nellie Humphreys, Hayley Clayton and Jacob Traylen-Witt - also had the opportunity to engage with undergraduates and to take part in several group activities and outings.

When questioned about their week on campus the students agreed that the highlights of the camp were playing the juke box, the visit to the Planetarium at Sci-Tech, team building games and staying at University Hall.



Bailey Campbell, Nellie Humphreys, Hayley Clayton & Jacob Traylen-Witt



Water rocket man ... Jacob

THANK YOU

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR 2017

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

Your support for this annual event is much appreciated.

Catherine Moore
Library Officer



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!

Band News

All the Senior and Junior Band students enjoyed a sausage sizzle, drink & icecream at the pool on Thursday afternoon 7 December for the Band windup. Pens were presented to the two students who are leaving the band at the end of this year, Alex Whitehurst and Claire Tynan. We wish both girls all the best for the future. Band Committee member Sarah Baden-Powell was also farewelled as she and her family are returning to Esperance. Thank you Sarah for your contributions to our Committee during the year. Thanks to the Committee members and parents for preparing the food for the windup and thanks to all the students for a fabulous year of banding.

The Senior Band students final performance for the year was at Late Night Shopping on Friday 8 December. The band played two brackets of music for 20 minutes each to entertain community members in the main street. Items played included some old favourites and a couple of Christmassy songs. Thank you to everyone who came to listen and support us.

The Senior Band also played at the end of year school Presentation Ceremony at the Town Hall on the morning of Friday 8 December, so it was a long and busy day for the students. Congratulations to the following award winners.

Senior Band - Bandmaster's award - Sarah Connolly
Senior Band - Most Improved - Alexandra Whitehurst
Junior Band - Bandmaster's award - Lauren Appleton
Junior Band - Most Improved - Isabella Tomlinson
Music Scholarship 2018 - Megan Letton.

An outstanding effort from all. Looking forward to doing it all again in 2018!
Helen Walter - Band Director



Morawa came alive with music when the school band entertained late night shoppers



Mrs Walter presenting Claire with her leaving gift

Year 6 Graduation Celebration

Year 6 students had the rare opportunity to enjoy morning tea in the school staffroom recently, after their special Graduation Assembly. Here, their teacher Mr Joel Hodgson prepares to cut the cake to celebrate their move to high school.

Darcy Tynan, Corin Campbell, Mac Ballantyne, Kieran Egan, Jacob Coaker, Shaun Turner, Mr Hodgson, Noah Kowald, Xander Thompson, Marget Barnes & Isabella Tomlinson



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23rd November 2017

Dear Parent,

Ngala Bright Stars is actively working with the Shire of Morawa to ensure childcare services will be available for 2018. Recently we advertised for educators to provide childcare in the community and we are now seeking expressions of interest from families who may require care in 2018.

Ngala Bright Stars are looking to provide 8 child care spaces for children 0 -4 years and 6 before/after school places for each day from Mon – Fri.

Ngala Bright Stars is a registered Child Care Service and families may be entitled to Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate. Ngala Bright Stars will operate from the Child Care Centre in Dreghorn St, commencing in January 2018.

To express an interest in using Ngala Bright Stars to provide care for your children, please email brightstars@ngala.com.au

Kind Regards

Angela Williams



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Upcoming events at The University of Notre Dame Australia

ATAR Advice Day

Our Course and Admissions Advisors will be available to discuss applications, alternative pathways, and courses with your Year 12 students and their families once they receive their ATAR results. No RSVP necessary.

ATAR Advice Day

Thursday, 21 December 2017

9am – 4pm

St Teresa's Library, ND17 (access via Bateman Courtyard), access from 38 Mouat Street
The University of Notre Dame Australia, Fremantle

To register for any events, visit <http://notredame.edu.au/freo> or contact the Prospective Students Office on (08) 9433 0533

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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

Endeavour & Achieve



Failure! What a genius idea!

by Michael Grose

A leading Victorian independent school is actively encouraging its students to fail, which is an absolutely genius idea.

As reported in *The Age* (28th August 2017), Ivanhoe Girls Grammar School is holding Failure Week to teach students that making mistakes is a crucial part of learning.

Teachers are sharing their personal stories of failure and students from prep to Year 12 are learning challenging activities such as abstract painting, juggling, reciting poetry and dancing. At the end of the week they'll be displaying their new skills in front of each other with the emphasis being on stuff ups rather than perfection.

I suspect for many students making errors, stuffing up and struggling to get things right will feel uncomfortable. But that's the whole point.

Kids need to fail more if they are to succeed

Traditionally, schools and, in recent years, parents have excelled at celebrating student success. "Top marks", "Dux of the school" and "Perfect score!" are the types of aspirations that teachers and parents have for kids.

But to many students academic success means "Don't stuff it up!", "No mistakes please!" and "You've got to get it right!"

It's been widely reported that Australian kids are anxious, perfectionistic and risk averse. They just don't feel comfortable with failure. And who could blame them? We've hidden failure and disappointment from them for far too long. In recent years there's been a common perception that failure damages people. Unfortunately, this is to the detriment of young people's future success.

Failure is an integral part of learning anything significant, challenging or worthwhile. Resilient learners realise that they don't always get things right the first or even second time but with effort and practice they will master skills, find solutions and gain the knowledge they need to succeed.

As reported in *The Age*, failure, if handled properly, provides kids with the feedback they need to help them achieve excellence. Yes, kids need positive feedback too ... but only when it's deserved. When we tell a child everything is wonderful when, in fact, his work is mediocre at best, we give him a false sense of achievement.

Failure takes bravery

I've long been a fan of encouragement. What I mean by that is parents and teachers focusing their comments on



the processes (effort, contribution, improvement) of what kids do rather than the outcomes. Encouragement places the locus of control onto the child, which is essential for resilience. That doesn't mean that we avoid giving a child feedback if their work or behaviour isn't up to scratch. By all means, we should inform kids when they need to lift their game, but this feedback needs to be provided respectfully and with sensitivity if we want it to be taken on board.

The real strength of encouragement is hidden in its French derivative, the verb *coure*: 'to give heart'. Encouraging teachers and parents to somehow find a way to give their kids the courage to be imperfect. It takes a brave soul to make a mistake sometimes, particularly when others may be watching.

Failure needs a supportive environment

It's all very well to encourage kids to have a go but they won't stretch themselves unless mistakes are truly accepted by the people that matter to them. A child won't speak up in class when he's unsure of the answer if he knows his classmates will laugh at his errors. Similarly, if kids are to take more learning and social risks they need to know that mistakes and stuff ups won't be thrown back in their faces at home by parents or siblings.

Five simple ways to encourage kids to fail and celebrate errors

1. Model failure: Next time you break a plate when emptying the dishwasher, avoid negative language ("What a klutz!") or catastrophising ("This is the worst thing ever!"). It's a plate. Stuff happens.

2. Tell stories of failure: We tend to be nostalgic of the past and tell kids of the good stuff when we talk about our childhoods. But kids love to hear the warts'n'all stories of the difficulties you faced and stuff-ups you made as a kid. It makes you more human and also gives them permission to do the same.

3. Encourage them: Develop a vocabulary around effort, improvement, contribution and enjoyment. Be your child's cheerleader but don't avoid giving feedback when necessary.

4. Tell and show kids how to improve: Feedback is always best when it has a teaching focus. So next time you pick up a child on their poor schoolwork or untidy bedroom, make sure you remind them how to do it right.

5. Provide the time to fail and get it right: Modern teachers and parents are time poor. Crowded curricula and busy lifestyles make us less tolerant of failure. But as anyone who has taught a young child to do up his or her shoelaces will know, some things can't be rushed. Time and patience can be your best assets when helping kids to handle learning challenges.



Failure doesn't sit comfortably with many of us, but it's an essential element to success. The idea of a school setting aside a week to encourage their students to fail more may challenge our perceptions of the education process. But it's a very timely, very smart idea that should be adopted and adapted by schools and families everywhere.



Michael Grose

Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia's leading parenting educators. He's the author of 10 books for parents including Thriving! and the best-selling Why First Borns Rule the World and Last Borns Want to Change It, and his latest release Spoonfed Generation: How to raise independent children.

WEEK	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT/SUN
1	Jan 29 Staff Commence School development day	30 School development day	31 Students commence	Feb 1	2	3/4
2	5 In term swimming	6 →	7 →	8 →	9 →	10/11
3	12 In term swimming	13 →	14 →	15 →	16 → National Day Against Bullying & Violence	17/18
4	19	20	21	22	23	24/25
5	26	27	29	Mar 1	2	3/4

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.

