

# Morawa District High School

# NEWSLETTER

An Independent Public School

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# Phew! A very busy, exciting and successful term!

The events, activities and achievements at the school this term have been very exciting.



The term began when we celebrated the Morawa Community NAIDOC Event.

This was followed by the Interschool Cross Country, the Year 7 Camp to Coral Bay and the Interschool Spelling Bee.

The school looked spick and span for Open Night, which was held on 8 August.

Our "Future Proofing Day" then gave Morawa, Three Springs and Perenjori students an opportunity to learn about cutting-edge technologies before respected Mid West athletics coach Jacko Whitby visited the school to help prepare our students for the Interhouse Carnival.

We then had school exhibitions at the Perenjori Show and the Mingenew Expo, an Aspire UWA camp for ATAR students, a presentation by famed nature photographer Steve Parish, Book Week fun and the start of a six-week eMentoring program for Primary and Year 7 students!

And there is still more to come such as a
First Aid Course for secondary students,
the Interschool Athletics Carnival,
Country Week and the Year 7 2019
Transition Camp!

And of course all of these activities have been fitted around our very successful teaching and learning programs that have continued throughout the term!



Book Week 2018 ...



Term 3 started at a speedy pace with the **Morawa** Community NAIDOC Event being held in the Morawa Town Centre precinct on Wednesday 18 July. NAIDOC 2018 celebrates the invaluable contributions that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women have made - and continue to make - to our communities, our families, our rich history and to our nation. Under the theme - Because of her, we can! guest speakers included former Morawa students Carol Innes and Shelly McPherson, Shire President Karen Chappel and Sergeant Paul Featherstone. Students from Morawa District High School, Perenjori Primary School, WACOA Morawa and the wider community enjoyed traditional food, as well as a sausage sizzle. Local art was on display as well as other activities provided by MEEDAC, Elder Ms Yvette Harris and various community members. We were very proud to be part of this whole community NAIDOC event, which was made possible through the collaboration and support of many local businesses and organisations. A special thank you to Ellie Cuthbert, from the Shire of Morawa, for her tremendous contribution to the organisation of this event.

Students from Perenjori Primary School and Three Springs Primary School joined us for a Years 3-6 Technologies "Future Proofing Day' on the 9 August 2018 held at Morawa District High. The focus was on using various digital and design technologies skills in a variety of activities including Micro Bits, Dash Robots, Sphero Balls, Bee Bots, Jitter Bugs, Memo Boards, Smashed Banana Pancakes just to name a few of exciting learning experiences the students enjoyed.

The Morawa Year 7 2019 Transition Program has begun this term, with the "Future Proofing Day" being the first day for Year 6 students. Students had the opportunity to meet with other students from surrounding primary schools and get to know the facilities at Morawa District High School. The Orientation Camp will be held on Tuesday 18 and Wednesday 19 September for all Year 6 prospective students from Morawa District High School and surrounding feeder primary schools in preparation for Year 7 in 2019. Students will be engaged in two full days of educational experiences across the curriculum.

A range of activities have been planned in order to make this program an informative and enjoyable time for all. Students will participate in a range of lessons from the eight learning areas, an excursion to a local walk trail and Koolanooka Springs and a sleep over in the Performing Arts Room, as well as challenging and fun games and activities to help them get to know each other. This is a fantastic opportunity for prospective students and those students continuing their education at Morawa, to come together to experience life as high school students. Please contact the school office for more information.

Students from Year 7, together with Mrs Solomon and Ms Jones attended the annual Camp to Coral Bay in Week 3 of the term and had a fantastic time. Thank you to the community who supported our fundraising efforts to make this a more affordable opportunity for students.

Open Night was a huge success with close to 200 people coming throughout the evening to visit the classrooms, talk with staff and be entertained by the music department. Thank you to those who supported this evening including Kate McConkey from SEDERA and Tina Pendlebury from the Cancer Council. Congratulations to the winner of the Bee Bot, Maree Lesson, and the students who won the SDERA bike helmets and iTunes vouchers.

The Interhouse Athletics Carnival was held on the 14 August. Despite the challenging wet weather, the students displayed great sportsmanship and resiliency getting through as many events as possible. The results are displayed in the newsletter. Congratulations to Ruby and Cobweb and to all students' who attended for their participation and to the champions and runner up champions for their huge efforts. A huge thank you to Miss Pearson, Haylie Cosgrove, Brad Collins and the P & C for their organisation, set up and pack up of the day and to all staff from the WACOAM and MDHS for a fabulous day. The Interschool carnival is being held on the 14 September in Carnamah. The team is currently practising with the expert help of Jacko Whitby.

Students from Year 11 have recently returned from a **UWA Aspire Camp** to Perth with Ms Karen Teakle. Students were immersed in the culture and opportunities of university life for three days, giving them much to think about for their future career's. Thank you to Ms Teakle and Mr McGann for making this possible.

Miss Pearson and some secondary students are busy preparing to attend **Country Week** at the end of this term to compete in mixed basketball and mixed hockey. We will be joined by students from WACOA Morawa and Mr Epps. We wish them well.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to our School Chaplain, Annie Waine, for her work at school over the last 12 months and wish her all the very best for the birth of her new baby. We look forward to Annie returning to work some time in 2019.

Kind regards

Tonia Carslake Principal







# **Primary Focus**

Working in a vibrant and eventful school is always a pleasure and we have indeed been busy so far this term. Many activities involving our school community, as well as other local schools in the district, have taken place (and are celebrated in this newsletter). We are delighted to have been able to provide these opportunities to students with the generous support of staff, parents, guardians and members of our school community. It has also been a pleasure to recently welcome Mrs Glassford-Hill back to the school after her well-deserved Long Service Leave.

In the coming weeks, students in our school will also be involved in the First Aid Focus Project, athletics coach Jacko Whitby will be in the school to work with our Interschool Athletics team in preparation for the carnival to be held in Carnamah, eMentoring will begin for nominated students in Years 5-7, involvement in the Blues for the Bush school workshops; as well as the transition camp for our Year 7 2019 students.

Our next primary assembly will be held by our enchanting Year 1/2 students and we are looking forward to seeing their performance on this day. Some excursions are being planned by teachers also and parents/carers are asked to return permission slips to the school office as soon as possible so that their children are able to participate.

Illness has had a big impact on our attendance results this term and we would like to thank parents/carers for notifying the school of reasons for absences.

Our attendance reward will take place at the end of the term and all parents/carers are reminded that explanations are required for absences so that students have the opportunity to meet their attendance goal.

It is a wonderful time of year to be living in the MidWest, especially with the wildflowers blooming. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my best wishes to those teams who have made the finals in the Winter Sports competition and also to those students participating in the Interschool Athletics Carnival.

Kind regards Tracy Tapscott Deputy Principal

# **Secondary Matters**

# **ATAR Students in Campus Quiddich Duel**



Danielle Letton, Darcie Parker and Kayla Campbell relax after their exciting Quiddich match at UWA

An exhilarating, physical game of Quidditch through the Nedlands grounds of the University of Western Australia was one of the informal highlights of an Aspire UWA camp attended by three ATAR students last seek.

The Harry Potter-inspired game involved brooms, rubber balls and dozens of excited Mid West students running through trees and buildings in a quest to defeat opposing teams.

Danielle Letton, Darcie Parker and Kayla Campbell flew to Perth with Ms Karen Teakle to attend the camp, which was designed to give students the opportunity to explore what the university and Perth have to offer and make choices based on their own interests.

The program is aimed at promoting a culture of academic achievement and desire for learning; and at encouraging students who might not be considering university as an option to see the benefits and opportunities that university study offers.

In addition, the 2018 camp had a strong focus on the STEM pathways available to students in tertiary studies and resulting future careers.

Besides Quiddich and other team games, Danielle, Darcie and Kayla visited Jackson McDonald, Woodside and BHP and explored possible university pathways. And, of course, they enjoyed a two-hour shopping spree at Garden City!

#### Notes:

#### **Year 7 Transition Camp**

Plans are under way for the 2018 Year 7 Transition Camp for students in Year 6.

#### **Secondary First Aid**

Secondary students will have the opportunity to gain a nationally recognised training certificate at the school next Friday.

#### **Year 8 Student Wins Place in Exciting Technologies Program**

Year 8 student Thomas Appleton has been offered a place in digIT 2019, an Australian Mathematics Trust program designed to ignite students' passion for Information and Communication Technology (ICT).

The program will be held at the University of Western Australia and will include a Summer Camp from January 14 and 18 and a Winter Camp from July 15 to July 18.

The six-month mentoring program will give Thomas the opportunity to connect with a successful ICT professional who will work with him to establish his personal goals.

By participating in the **digIT 2019** program, Thomas will be one of 60 secondary students coming together for an exciting program of learning in ICT. He will hear talks from prominent people in ICT, complete lab work, enjoy excursions and even have a party!

As a result of gaining a place in the program, Thomas will get a great head start to further his studies in ICT and forge friendships with like-minded students from across Western Australia and South Australia.



Thomas (right) and his friend Sam try (but fail) to dodge the camera

#### **Towards 2019 ...**

Parents and Guardians of Year 10 students will be contacted this week to help the school plan their children's Upper School pathways.

Course guides have already been distributed and some students have already started to make their subject selections. The guides are available at the school if students have not taken them home.

Our Year 8 and 9 students will be given option selection guides to help parents plan their option programs for 2019.

### **Midwest Spelling Bee 2018**

On Friday 3 August, at Allendale Primary School, students from the Midwest region met to compete in the Spelling Bee.

This is the first year we have entered students in this event and 8 students from Years 3-6 were selected from our local Spelling Bee.

Students were able to participate in team and individual events (team events consisted of two students from each year level) and our 8 students participated in both. This competition was a little different from our own and students were required to spell the words using whiteboards rather than orally spelling them.

There were approximately 22 students competing in each year level and we are very proud of the students' achievement.

Some notable achievements were:

Yr 5 – Cameron Tomlinson & Jamie Cosgrove were both Runners Up in the Individual event and equal 3rd in the Team event.

Yr 4 – Sophie Collins was equal 4th in the Individual event and Sophie and Blayke Twomey were equal 5th in the team event.

Congratulations to all those attending for their enthusiasm and diligence in studying such a vast amount of words to prepare for this event.

This is what the students had to say:

Sophie S: Very competitive and a great experience

Jamie: A lot of fun and I liked the challenge

Brooklyn: Very interesting

Cameron: It was fun and you got to meet other kids. You

got to know where other kids were at in Spelling

Sophie C: I liked how it was set up
Evie Chappel: It was a new experience
Samantha: It was fun to spell all the words
Blayke: I liked how I got the chance to go in this

competition

A huge thank you to the parents who drove and attended this event and for their support. We look forward to sending our top spellers again next year.



Students L to R: Brooklyn Richards, Blayke Twomey, Jamie Cosgrove, Sophie Collins, Cameron Tomlinson, Evie Chappel, Sophie Scott, Samantha Tomlinson

#### **Book Week 2018 - Winners**

Kindy – Pre-primary	y
Anlaby Milloy	Mad Hatter
Lincoln Coaker	Norman the Slug
Chloe Knox-Atkinson	Alice in Wonderland
Ryland Hayden	Peter Rabbit
Year 1/2	
Summer English	Fly Freddie Fly
Seth Mills	Esteban – Green Crayon
Sophie Lawrance	Pirate – Captain Hook
Year 3/4	
Iona Scott	Ecco – Dolphin School
Caladyn Milloy	Little Boy Lost & Found
Year 5/6	
Sophie Scott	Sophie Scott Goes South
Carly Ballantyne	Pippy Long Stocking
Jamie Cosgrove	Tom's Outback Mailman









# **Future Proofing 2018**

Students and staff from Perenjori Primary and Three Springs Primary visited Morawa District High School to take part in a Digital Technology Rotation Day on Thursday 9 August.

Students from Years 3-6 arrived at 10:00am. Eight groups of active students followed a well paced schedule. There were recess activities, eight challenging Technology experiences located around the school as well a hearty lunch. Activities included Beebots, Sphero Balls, Cooking, Robots - Rubbish Collection using Dash, Digital Technologies in Focus- Microbits, STEM, D & T Whistles and Edison.

By 2pm all had visited every station, completed the plenary, said our goodbyes and headed off to where we had come from, recounting the highlights of the day and looking forward to when it may all happen again.

























### On the Blackboard

# Coming soon!

Jacko Whitby 4 September
Athletics Training

Interschool Athletics Carnival
Carnamah

**Country Week** 

**Year 7 Transition** 

Blues For The Bush School Workshop

New phone number for the school coming 6 September 99712500

### P & C News

# GIRLS EMBROIDERED DRESS \*\*REDUCED\*\*

Size 4c-8c WAS \$54 NOW \$45

Size 10c-14c WAS \$58 NOW \$50

Size 16+ WAS \$63 NOW \$55

# **Interschool Cross Country 2018**

Congratulations to all participants on a great effort in Eneabba for the Cross Country. Congratulations to Matthew Vanderschuit who placed 1st in his age group.



















# **Band - Expo**

A great set of three performances by the Senior Band at the Mingenew Expo on Thursday 16 August. The students were wonderful ambassadors for our school and had an enjoyable day out. Thanks to our extra players who joined us, Kirsten Haeusler & Brett Walter. Thanks also to our chief photographer Tracy Tapscott. The new location near the Family Interest tent was a success and we thank the Expo organisers and the audience. A job well done! The Band has also recently performed at the WACOAM Open Day and the MDHS Open Night. The next major performance will be at the Geraldton Bands Spectacular on 27 October at the Queens Park Theatre.







# **Open Night 2018**

Another year, another wonderful Open Night. It was great to see so many parents and students attending and visiting all of our classrooms.

Congratulations to Ms Maree Leeson for winning the door prize (Bee-Bot) and to Iona Scott for winning the scavenger hunt.

Thank you to the Country Week team for preparing the meals - a total of \$977 (less costs) was raised.





































# Year 7 Ningaloo Camp 2018



# **Year 7 Camp Diary**

I will always remember: "swimming with the Manta Ray and the tent collapsing" - Jacob Coaker The best things about camp were: "Going scootering in the bay and we went out to the Ayers rock and had a race around it. It was really fun and the scooters made it really easy" - Emily Traylen-Witt I will always remember: "When I went out on the sand boards and I accidently started to go backwards" - Ariel

I will always remember: "Going on the boat to snorkel and see the manta Rays and swim with them" - Tahlia Richardson

Sauvarin

I will always remember: "Seeing the turtles and dolphins on the boat" - Marget Barnes









Endeavour & Achieve

# WINNERS & RUNNER UPS **2018 INTERHOUSE CARNIVAL**

# 1500m - Female

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jamarah Walley (Sapphire)	6:31.35
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bella Tomlinson (Ruby)	6:41.16
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Emma Hankinson (Cobweb)	7:24.25



### 1500m - Male

1 <sup>st</sup>	Ernie Drage (Cobweb)	5:30.15
2 <sup>nd</sup>	James Webb (Agricola)	5:39.10
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Matthew Bickford (Sapphire)	6:07.00

	Champion	House	Pts	Runner-up	House	Pts
PP	Anlaby Milloy	Emd	24	Milly Collins	Sph	15
Girls						
PP	Lincoln Coaker	Rub	24	Roydon Moody	Rub	13
Boys						
Yr 1	Mikayla Scott	Emd	24	Sophie Wright	Rub	15
Girls						
Yr 1	Jaycob Twomey	Rub	24	Harvey Andrews	Sph	12
Boys						
Yr 2	Summer English	Rub	21	Anna Collins	Sph	18
Girls						
Yr 2	Cameron Councillor	Sph	24	Harry Cosgrove	Emd	13
Boys						
Yr 3	Evie Chappel	Sph	24	Gabrielle Yewers	Emd	15
Girls		1				
Yr 3	Caladyn Milloy	Emd	24	Bradley Severtson	Sph	13
Boys					1	
Yr 4	Sophie Collins	Sph	32	Rosetta Green	Emd	14
Girls		1				
Yr 4	Blayke Twomey	Rub	24	Leroy Severtson	Sph	16
Boys					1	
Yr 5	Carly Ballantyne	Rub	26			
Girls	Jamarah Walley	Sph				
Yr 5	Cameron Tomlinson	Rub	29	Brian Taylor	Sph	16
Boys					1	
Yr 6	Sophie Scott	Emd	39	Brooklyn Richards	Sph	34
Girls	1				1	
Yr 6	Samuel Councillor	Sph	37	Clayton Dongara	Emd	28
Boys		1				
Yr 7	Bella Tomlinson	Rub	39	Shanneil Dodd	Emd	22
Girls				(on Countback)		
Yr 7	Mac Ballantyne	Rub	44	Wrey Haimona	Rub	36
Boys						

	Champion	House	Pts	Runner-up	House	Pts
Yr 8	Megan Letton	Emd	53	Adrianna Clayton	Rub	33
Girls						
Yr 8	Caleb Hawkins	Rub	53	Joshua Vanderschuit	Rub	30
Boys						
Yr 9	Sherilyn Bereyne	Sph	8			
Girls						
Yr 9	Kenneth Riley	Rub	47	Matthew Bickford	Sph	31
Boys						
Yr 10	Hayley Clayton	Rub	50	Nellie Humphreys	Rub	28
Girls						
Yr 10	Jacob Traylen-Witt	Sph	29	Jack Homewood	Agr	22
Boys	-					
Yr 11/12	Samantha Councillor	DD	32	Emma Hankinson	Cob	26
Girls						
Yr 11/12	Henry Little	DD	30	Dylan Johnson	Cob	29
Boys						

# **HOUSE SHIELD**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Ruby	980
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sapphire	746
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Emerald	635

# POST COMP SHIELD

1 <sup>st</sup>	Cobweb	208
$2^{\text{nd}}$	Agricola	154
3 <sup>rd</sup>	District Diamonds	152





Caladyn Milloy & Bradley Severtson







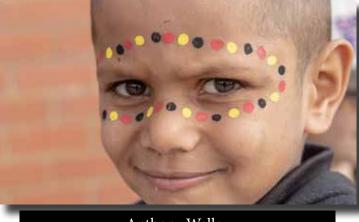




# NAIDOC 2018



Brandon Jones Knock



Anthony Walley



Rosetta, Anna, Tyler, Sophie & Gabby



Snug as a bug...



The march...



School Band



Jerri-Lee Clayton



Ms Shelley McPherson



Ms Carol Innes



Boomerang making



Making of the mural



Henry Little



Brooklyn with her Boomerang



Destiny getting her face painted



Mrs Egan



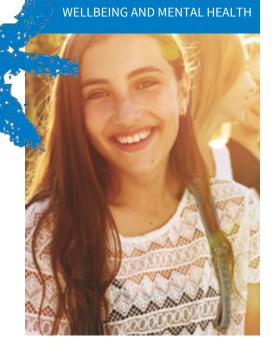
Marrikka Hill at the photobooth

# parenting \*ideas

# insights

# 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 do



something they don't feel comfortable with but can't admit to.

#### 4. Go easy on praise

Parents who use praise like a nervous tic are setting their kids up to be susceptible to peer pressure. When we continually praise kids for their good behaviour, good marks at school and good performance in any of their leisure activities we are inadvertently making their sense of self-esteem dependent on the approval of others. Peers replace parents as the source of approval in adolescence.

#### 5. Teach your young person to shrug

Sometimes an attitude of nonchalance is a young person's best friend, particularly when a peer makes a snide remark about their choice of clothes, their appearance or their friend. An 'I-don't-care-what-you-think' attitude conveyed with a shrug of the shoulders and a 'whatever' look may be the best weapon to use against such unwanted peer pressure.

#### **Peers and parents**

Belonging to a peer group is a significant stepping stone away from their family for most teenagers. While friends can never replace family, they help young people start the transition from being a compliant member of their family to eventually starting a family of their own in adulthood. Peers can have their own code of conduct, their own set of rules and their own expectations which maybe different to those experienced in the family. So what's a parent to do? Embrace their young person's friends. Here's how:

- Make them welcome in your home. Take an interest in them and get to know them.
- Set some house rules regarding what's acceptable in your house, but don't be too heavy handed as you want your home to be a welcoming place for young people. Be firm about your views on acceptable videos, alcohol use and sexual activities at home.
- Provide space and privacy for your teenager and their friends in your home.
- Keep some food available and encourage them to make their own snacks and clean up their own mess.



#### **Disapproval of friends**

It is common for parents to disapprove of their young person's choice of friends, due to those friends' behaviour or poor reputation, or the adverse influence they may have. This is a testing issue for many parents as it very often means they need to trust their young person's judgement. Criticising a young person's choice of friends is like criticising them personally so parents need to be careful how they handle these issues.

#### **Finally**

Peer groups are generally a positive influence but it is natural to have concerns about a young person's choice of peers. Get to know your children's friends and make your home a teenager friendly place. Give your young person some skills to recognise and resist adverse peer pressure and display your trust in his or her ability to make smart choices.

WEEK	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT/SUN
7	27 eMentoring	28 Jacko Whitby - Athletics training	29	30	31 Yr1/2 Assembly	1/2 Sep
8	eMentoring	4 Jacko Whitby - Athletics training	5 Yr 5/6 Excursion	6 First Aid	7 Yr 11/12 First Aid	8/9
9	10 eMentoring	11 School Board Meeting	12	13	14 Interschool Athletics Carnival Carnamah	15/16
10	17 eMentoring Country Week→	18 Year 7 Transition Camp	19 Year 7 Transition Camp	20	21	22/23

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.

