

Morawa District High School

# Newsletter

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## Presentation Extravaganza

**The Morawa Town Hall was alive with drama, song, rock music and a few tears on Friday, when the school invited parents, guardians, friends and student scholarship providers to the school's Presentation Ceremony 2019.**

Over 200 guest chairs were filled for the event, which was described by many as "an outstanding event".

The ceremony included performances by all classes from Pre-Primary to Year 10.

Major highlights included an emotional presentation of "*I Am Australian*" with a chorus in Wajarri, a lively performance of "YMCA" by the Village people (which had half of the audience joining in the moves), a dramatic high school movement and dance number called "Straya" to the music of "Hey Ya", by Outcast and a foot-tapping dance routine by the Pre-primary and Year 5/6 students to "Jail House Rock" by Elvis.

The school's Rock Band presented Deep Purple's "Smoke on the Water", while the Senior Band played Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody".

Another highlight was the presentation of Subject and Year Awards and an announcement of scholarship winners (details inside).

The two-hour presentation ended with a slide show, which celebrated student activities throughout the year.



"YMCA ... YMCA ..."



An appreciative audience...



"Straya, Straya ..."

# Principals Report

This final newsletter for 2019 is an opportunity to reflect on the wonderful year it has been and how we have achieved our school vision of 'Growing Good People'. We are immensely proud of what all students have achieved throughout the year under the care of our dedicated staff.

Over this past term, artist Paula Hart has worked with our art department staff, students and the school community to produce new road Wise Banners for the main street of Morawa and new murals for the school which promote our school vision "Growing good people". A huge thank you to Paula, Mrs Veni Inbaseelan and Ms Lee Jones for their work in producing such wonderful public art for us all to enjoy.

As you may be aware, during Term 4 we underwent a successful Public School Review. The reviewers validated our School Self-Assessment during their visit to the School and were very impressed with what they saw and heard and stated that we are a highly effective school, with a culture that certainly "Grows Good People". The reviewers were overwhelmed with our school partnerships both within the school and wider community and that with the WACOAM, which provides our senior school students with broader career pathways. The review report has now been endorsed by the Deputy Director General Schools, Stephen Baxter and is available on our website. He commended us on creating the right conditions for successful students; for having an authentic commitment by members of the school community to our business plan; for developing a shared and unifying vision that provides clear school-wide direction and strategic intent; and for having a solid foundation for a culture of continuous, sustained school improvement. Thank you again to all school board, parents and P&C members who gave up their time to meet with the reviewers.

Morawa District High School prides itself for having a strong and supportive School Board and P & C. I would like to extend my thanks and gratitude to Mr Greg Payne, School Board Chair, Mrs Helen Walter Deputy Board Chair and all School Board members for your dedication and commitment and belief in Morawa District High School. Thank you for all you have done for us and for always keeping the students at the heart of your decisions. Your support is greatly appreciated.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to P&C President Haylie Cosgrove, Vice-President Mark Coaker, Secretary Teneke English; Treasurer Linda Collins and Sports Coordinators Haylie Cosgrove, Brad Collins and associated presidents, members and committees for their contributions throughout the school year, which has made such a positive difference to the workings of our school.

Members of the P & C have worked diligently all year to support our school goals and to ensure the success of school events and have been successful in raising funds to support our school, conducting busy bees and swimming and athletics carnivals, as well as raising spirits and ensuring a strong school community. Thank you.

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.

It is truly wonderful to work with such a supportive school community. I would like to thank you all.

The quality of our teaching staff is the most important school-based factor that impacts upon student achievement and learning. It is our staff, at every level across the school, teaching, support and administration and their incredible work ethic, enthusiasm and energy that make this school the very special place that it is. Our school is committed to ensuring that quality teaching occurs in every classroom and our teachers are intent on focusing on best possible teaching practices to challenge and support our students in everything they do and I am proud to be part of such a committed team. A huge thank you to the teaching and support staff for their dedicated hard work and care throughout the year, providing the best opportunities we can for our students. The support, encouragement and efforts of all individuals have provided students with excellent learning opportunities. Students have excelled in many areas, both within the school and beyond, and we are very proud of them.

I would like to extend a special thank you to the school leadership team; Mrs Tracy Tapscott, Mr Mike McGann, Mrs Wendy Glassford-Hill and Mrs Linda Jenkins; for their outstanding work, support and dedication to our school and students.

It is an honor to be part of this special Morawa District High School community.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Glassford-Hill for her tremendous work over many years and wish her all the very best as she takes some well-deserved leave next year.

Last Friday at our annual Presentation Ceremony, we acknowledged the outstanding achievements of our fine young people, and enjoyed many and varied performances from across our school, giving everyone who attended a taste of what makes our school such a wonderful place to learn and grow.

Thank you to those parents who have taken the opportunity to meet with staff regarding their child's progress over the last couple of weeks. Semester 2 Reports will be sent home on Wednesday 18 December.

Thank you all for your support this year. I am excited by the prospect of what wonderful things 2020 will bring for our school and look forward to working with you all.

The school office opens on the 28 January and the **students first day back at school for 2020 is Monday 3 February.**

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

Mrs Tonia Carslake  
Principal



## Presentation Ceremony 2019

Name	Award	Year
Violet Andrews	Academic Award	Pre-primary
Asha Haeusler	Class Award	Pre-primary
Ellazay Hedlam	CWA Service Award	Pre-primary
Anlaby Milloy	Academic Award	Year 1
Harvey Andrews	Academic Award	Year 2
Sophie Lawrance	Class Award	Year 1/2
Mikayla Scott	CWA Service Award	Year 1/2
Felix Andrews	Academic Award	Year 3
Anna Collins	Class Award	Year 3/4
Billy Coaker	CWA Service Award	Year 3/4
Samantha Tomlinson	Academic Award	Year 4
Tyler Robinson	CWA Service Award	Year 5
Iona Scott	Class Award	Year 5
Sophie Collins	Academic Award	Year 5
Cameron Tomlinson	Academic Award	Year 6
Matthew Olsen	Class Award	Year 6
Jamie Cosgrove	CWA Service Award	Year 6
Peta Humphreys	Academic Award	Year 7
Sam Wilson	Academic Award	Year 7
Aimee McGlew	Class Award	Year 7
Sophie Scott	Service Award	Year 7
Bella Tomlinson	Academic Award	Year 8
Ariel Sauvarin	Class Award	Year 8
Gemma McLevie	Service Award	Year 8
Thomas Appleton	Academic Award	Year 9
Sam McGlew	Class Award	Year 9
Megan Letton	Service Award	Year 9
Dion Jefferies-Paterson	Academic Award	Year 10
Oliver Humphreys	Class Award	Year 10
Teagan Parker	Service Award	Year 10
Bailey Campbell	Academic Award	Year 11
Calvin Turner	Class Award	Year 11
Jacob Traylen-Witt	Service Award	Year 11



‘Straya’ - Bree, Amiee, Sophie, Tahlia, Emily, Peta and Audrey

## Presentation Ceremony 2019

Sahara Baughen	Optimistic Aussie Award	Year 6
Audrey Addison	Optimistic Aussie Award	Year 7
Gemma McLevie	Optimistic Aussie Award	Year 8
Adrianna Clayton	Optimistic Aussie Award	Year 9
Teagan Parker	Optimistic Aussie Award	Year 10
Jacob Traylen-Witt	Optimistic Aussie Award	Year 11



Pre-primary Year 5 & 6 'Jail House Rock'



Year 1/2 & 3/4 class 'YMCA'

Teagan Parker

Australian Defence Force Long Tan Leadership & Team Work Award

Max Knox-Atkinson

Geraldton Universities Encouragement Award (Primary)

Katrina Clayton

Midwest Aboriginal Education Award

Danielle Warrell

Junior Sportsperson of the Year

Jamie Cosgrove

Junior Sportsperson of the Year

Hayley Clayton

Senior Sportsperson of the Year

Calvin Turner

Senior Citizenship Award

## Scholarship Winners 2020

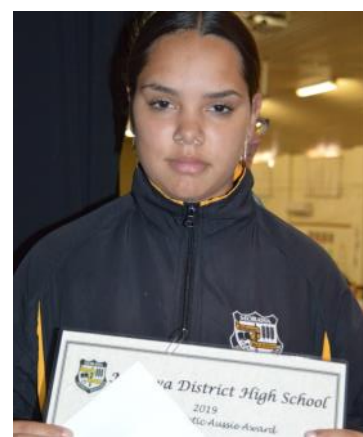
### **NAME OF SCHOLARSHIP**

Shire Of Morawa  
 Bellaranga  
 Laura Moffet  
 Frank Dixon  
 P&C Secondary Achieve  
 P&C Secondary Endeavour  
 P&C Secondary Endeavour  
 P&C Primary Achieve  
 P&C Primary Endeavour  
 Carslake Family

### **WINNER**

Dion Jefferies-Paterson  
 Oliver Humphreys  
 Teagan Parker  
 Sophie Scott  
 Bella Tomlinson  
 Emily Traylen-Witt  
 Gemma McLevie  
 Blayke Twomey  
 Iona Scott  
 Liam Appleton



















# 2020 Student Leaders

## PRIMARY

2020 Student Councillor Yr 4	Felix Andrews
2020 Student Councillor Yr 4	Harry Cosgrove
2020 Student Councillor Yr 5	Samantha Tomlinson
2020 Student Councillor Yr 5	Evie Chappel
2020 Student Councillor Yr 6	Iona Scott
2020 Student Councillor Yr 6	Hailey O'Toole
2020 Emerald House Captain	Latrelle Green-Brockman
2020 Emerald House Captain	Iona Scott
2020 Ruby House Captain	Blayke Twomey
2020 Ruby House Captain	Leona Chipper
2020 Sapphire House Captain	Sophie Collins
2020 Sapphire House Captain	Leroy Severtson

## SECONDARY

2020 Student Councillor Yr 8	Peta Humphreys
2020 Student Councillor Yr 8	Aimee McGlew
2020 Student Councillor Yr 8	Emily Traylen-Witt
2020 Student Councillor Yr 9	Bella Tomlinson
2020 Student Councillor Yr 9	Gemma McLevie
2020 Student Councillor Yr 11	Teagan Parker
2020 Student Councillor Yr 11	Dion Jefferies-Paterson
2020 Head Student	Hayley Clayton
2020 Head Student	Nellie Humphreys
2020 Emerald House Captain	Shaun Turner
2020 Emerald House Captain	Sophie Scott
2020 Ruby House Captain	Bella Tomlinson
2020 Ruby House Captain	Katrina Clayton
2020 Sapphire House Captain	Corin Campbell
2020 Sapphire House Captain	Kim Bickford
2020 District Diamonds House Captain	Kasey Green



Primary student leaders—Felix, Harry, Samantha, Evie, Iona, Jarelle, Blayke, Leona and Sophie



# Year 6 Celebration Assembly

On Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of December we had our Year 6 celebration day. We spent most of the previous week practicing our item. After our graduation was done we went to the pool, then to the youth centre and had lunch there. My favourite part of the day was the graduation its self and the morning tea was also really good. – **Sahara Baughen**

On Wednesday week 8 we had our Year 6 graduation assembly, during the assembly I felt happy. We performed a game show item and showed some videos of camp and also an interview video. After the assembly we went to the staff room for a morning tea then to the pool with Miss Shephard and Miss Pearson. – **Jamie Cosgrove**

On Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of December we held our Year six celebration assembly. We spent weeks practicing our item 'Classroom Feud' and it turned out great. It was a lot of fun and after we got to have morning tea in the staff room. We then went to the pool for an hour and a half, but we had to leave to go to the youth centre. We played the car games had a sausage sizzle and played cops and robbers. – **Cameron Tomlinson**

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of December the Year 6 celebration assembly was happening in the performing arts room at Morawa District High School. My favourite part of the assembly was the interview video, Miss Shephard asked a confusing question in the interview and all our reactions were funny. Our game show performance was also good. – **Matthew Olsen**



Our Year 6 graduating class!



Jamie, Liam & Nicola



Marc & Marquille



Haylie, Jamie & Grant



Jayme, Dusty & Darren



Jarrod, Jack and the Dawson clan



Simon, Brian & Tamika



Terri & Cameron



Mrs Knox, Narelle, Max & Brett



Anne-marie, Matthew and Daniel



Danielle, Marrikka & Janetria



## Crazy Hair & Sock Day

Crazy hair and sock day was an absolute hit this year! Lots of weird and wacky hairstyles and socks rocked the primary school as we raised money for Cystic Fibrosis. A total of \$71.00 was raised. We held crazy hair and sock day alongside our jump off challenge after raising money for Jump Rope for Heart (the Heart Foundation).



Extra, Extra, Extra—Read all about it!

## Even More Presentation Ceremony Photographs!



Major Scott Norman presents Teagan Parker with the Long Tan Leadership Award.



Stage view ...



And the band played on ...



Sophie and Mrs Walter



## Art around the school with Paula Hart!

Artist Paula Hart was with us again this term working on PBS murals for the school. When you walk around the school take the time to have a look at the fabulous art work on the doors of Home Economics and the Art room.



## 2019 Book Fair

### THANK YOU

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 of this annual event is much appreciated.

Catherine Moore  
Library Officer





# Kindy Pre-primary Christmas Party!

On Tuesday 10 December the Kindy Pre-primary students had their annual Christmas Party. Students invited their families in to help celebrate and entertained them with some Christmas songs. A visit from Santa was the highlight of the morning. What a great end to a great year!



Jacob with Santa



All the students with Santa!



Ellie, Evelyn, Lena & Tilly!



All the beautiful food!



Owen with his antlers on!



Mrs Atkinson, Santa's helper



Namirhyse and her present!



Brian with his antlers on!



*So this is what university is like ...*

## Great food, new friends, dancing and prosthetic legs...!

Four of our students had their first close-up look at university life recently when they flew up to Perth with Miss Jones, to take part in the Year 9 Aspire UWA Immersion Camp.

From the time they arrived the WA University Campus in Crawley, Sam McGlew, Megan Letton, Thomas Appleton and Adrianna Clayton were surprised, challenged and delighted with their taste of campus life.

The students were involved in educational and team-building activities with students from other Mid-West high schools.

Sam particularly enjoyed the extensive range of meals offered at University Hall, where the students stayed. Adrianna was quickly involved in all activities, especially when she worked with Engineers Without Borders who were making prosthetic legs out of sink plungers and plastic pipes. And she had to try them out, of course! While Thomas investigated business activities and the stock market, Megan set about making new friends and getting down to a bit of disco dancing.

"It was awesome," she said.

Ms Jones thanked each of the students for becoming thoroughly involved in all activities and for their excellent behaviour.



Megan, Adrianna, Thomas and Sam.

*Who said it could not be done ...*

## Calvin Gallops through Certificate II in Record Time

When Calvin Turner decided to sign up for a School Based Traineeship at the end of Year 10, little did he think he would complete a Certificate II qualification in less than 12 months.

Under a training contract set up by Central Regional TAFE, Calvin began his traineeship with Imerys Talc Australia in Three Springs at the beginning of the year. Generally, certificate courses run for at least 18 months but, with a lot of extra work including blocks of study at the TAFE complex, Calvin achieved the 16 required competencies in less than a year.

He is now a proud possessor of a shiny, new Certificate II in Automotive Electrical Technology!

Highly regarded for his maturity and his willingness to "lend a hand" whenever necessary, Calvin was awarded the Year 11 Class Award and the Shane Love Senior Citizenship Award at the school's recent Presentation Ceremony in the Morawa Town Hall.

He has already been offered several apprenticeships and will start work early in the New Year as an apprentice welder with Twomeys IMR Pty Ltd, a mine service contractor based in Geraldton which services operations in Kalgoorlie, the Mid West, the Gascoyne and the Pilbara mining areas of Western Australia. We wish Calvin the best as he begins his new career.



Good luck, Calvin Turner!

### Testing, Testing ...

All students enrolled in General and Foundation courses next year will be required to sit an externally set task (EST) in each subject. The tests are compulsory and count towards student grades.

They are marked at the school and by outside markers. Though the tests are not held until Term 2, information about their content is already available on the School Curriculum and Standards Authority website.

### Testing, Testing ...

Western Australian students are required to demonstrate the literacy and numeracy skills required for the next phase of their life by achieving a Band 8 or higher in NAPLAN, or by showing their proficiency in Reading, Writing and Numeracy through the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA). The first tests for our 2020 Year 10, 11 and 12 students will be held in March. For more information see the School Curriculum and Standards Authority website.



# JANUARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

## MORAWA YOUTH CENTRE JANUARY 2020

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
<b>CRAFTERNOON</b> 2pm-4pm 8-12 yrs 4pm-6pm 13-18 yrs Velvet Art		<b>POOL DAY</b> 2pm-7pm All ages @Morawa Swimming Pool		<b>CINEMA EXCURSION</b> 9am-3pm 10-18 yrs Geraldton Orana Cinemas Permission Slips Parent Volunteers Req'd
	<b>DANCE DAY</b> DJ REV CB & FAYE MAKIN 8-18 yrs 10am-12pm Dance W'shop 2pm-4pm Games 5pm-7pm DISCO		<b>COOKING CLASS</b> 10am-12pm 8-12 yrs 12pm-2pm 13-18 yrs Australia Day Meat Pies!	
<b>CRAFTERNOON</b> 2pm-4pm 8-12 yrs 4pm-6pm 13-18 yrs Painting		<b>COOKING CLASS</b> 10am-12pm 8-12 yrs 12pm-2pm 13-18 yrs Chinese New Year Special Fried Rice!		<b>MOVIE NIGHT</b> 2pm-7pm All ages Movies TBA

13-17  
JAN

20-24  
JAN

27-31  
JAN





Week	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat/Sun
<b>1</b>	3 Feb Term 1 Begins	4 Kindergarten starts	5	6	7	8/9
<b>2</b>	10	11	12	13	14	15/16
<b>3</b>	17	18	19	20	21	22/23
<b>4</b>	24	25	26	27	28	29/ 1 Mar
<b>5</b>	2 Labour Day Public Holiday	3 Proposed start to 8 day Intern Swimming OLNA Starts	4	5	6	7/8

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 2019-21

*Vision Growing good people*

### Positive Behaviour Support Expectations:

**Respect** - We treat others with consideration and respect.

**Responsibility** - We are accountable for our own actions, resolving differences in constructive, peaceful ways; we contribute to society and we take care of the environment.

**Achievement** - We have high expectations of students and staff and endeavour to achieve our best.

### School Priorities

**PRIORITY 1:** Success for all students **PRIORITY 2:** High quality teaching

**PRIORITY 3:** Effective leadership **PRIORITY 4:** Strong governance and support