



An Independent Public School

Morawa District High School

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Tonia Carslake

From the Principal

Welcome to Term 4, 2020. Despite the challenges the present global pandemic has thrown to us and the world, we have been fortunate here in Western Australia to continue "face to face" schooling. Over one billion students across many nations have been forced out of school, due to Covid-19.

We had a fabulous start to the term with a whole school team building afternoon, as part of our Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) program. All staff and students took part in the activities with students from each house faction - Ruby, Emerald and Sapphire - vertically grouped into 4 groups each and given Wadjarri animal names. Each group had one or more staff members allocated to them and two student leaders. Everyone had a wonderful time and helped to build positive relationships between staff and students alike, displaying our PBS expectations of Respect, Responsibility and Achievement.

Congratulations Class 2020 - Congratulations goes to the Class of 2020 on their Graduation.

Bailey Campbell

Hayley Clayton

Destiny Flanagan

Nellie Humphreys

Jacob Traylen-Witt

Ellie Vanderschuit

During Week 2 of term, we celebrated their achievements and contributions to our school. "Growing Good People" is our vision at MDHS, and I certainly feel we have achieved that with these students. Their musical ability has been outstanding from the outset. They wrote and performed many fabulous original songs under the direction of Mrs Haeusler, entered the Heywire unplugged competitions with original works including Boomerang Clapsticks and

COVID 2020 and performed around our district. The graduates leave a great legacy for the music department and for the school as a whole. They have been the best promotional tool a school could ever wish for. We have also eagerly looked forward to the Kitchen Operations and Hospitality students cooking for the Pop Up Café. We held a beautiful Graduation Breakfast and Graduation Assembly, where we enjoyed a variety of speeches and presentations, including an inspiring presentation from Mr McGann. The school congratulated all award winners and wished the students well in their future endeavours. A huge congratulation goes to the following students on receiving the following awards: Academic ATAR Dux - Nellie Humphreys; VET Dux and School Long Tan Youth Leadership and Teamwork Award - Bailey Campbell; 2020 Citizen of the Year and the Caltex Best All-Rounder - Jacob Traylen-Witt; Morawa District High School Future Innovators Award - Hayley Clayton

Thank you goes to staff who worked tirelessly behind the scenes and who have gone above and beyond to support students to achieve their very best. A special thank you goes to Mr McGann for his hard work and support of these students in achieving their graduation and to Ms Jones, Mrs Coaker and all helpers for the organisation of the graduation events; and to our Year 12 parents for their support of our school and their children's education.

It was a pleasure to welcome Mrs Tracy Tapscott as Deputy Principal Primary back this term to job share for the remainder of the year with Mrs Glassford-Hill. Mrs Tapscott is working Monday, Tuesday and Mrs Glassford-Hill will be working Thursday and Friday's, with them sharing alternative Wednesdays. The school is lucky to have such talented people, caring for our



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students and leading the primary school.

Midwest Region Recognition of Excellence

Nomination 2020 – All Midwest schools were asked to nominate a staff for excellence in education in the Midwest. This was a huge decision as we have many staff who are deserving of this award. However, there can only be one nomination and we are very pleased to announce that Mrs Kirsten Haeusler is our nominee for 2020 Midwest Region Recognition of Excellence Award. Kirsten is an outstanding music teacher from PP- 12. She has also worked closely with Yamatji elders, translating and teaching songs to the students in Wajarri, as well as facilitating the writing and performance of original songs. Kirsten is a dedicated, highly effective and highly valued member of staff and an excellent music educator and performer. Congratulations Kirsten. A three-page spread in the Midwest Times featuring all nominee's photos and a brief description will be published soon to recognise their fabulous efforts.

Road Wise Banners Art Project – We were fortunate to receive a National Road Safety Week grant for a Road Wise Artist in Residence this term. Paul Hart, who has helped to add a lot of colour to the school in the past, worked tirelessly together with Art Teacher Mrs Inbaseelan, and students from across the whole school during Week 4 to recycle the old satellite dishes for the entrance Morawa and on two new large Road Wise banners. The works display the following very important road safety messages - "Slow Down, Save Lives", "Country Driving, Extra Care Required", "Buckle Up", "Stay Focused on Country Roads". Thank you to Renee King and the Shire of Morawa and Mrs Kate McConkey from SDERA for their support.

As part of our School Self-Assessment Cycle, staff were busily involved in the analysis of the school student achievement data from Reporting to Parents On-entry, OLNA and WACE, as part of our annual School Self-Assessment Cycle at the start of Term 4. We are very pleased to inform you we have many celebrations with improved achievement and progress across a range of year groups and learning areas. This information informs our Business Plan 2019-2021 review and our planning at strategic, operational and classroom levels for 2021. This includes identifying and setting improvement targets and case management plans for individual students. We are also currently reviewing class structures, compositions and allocation of students based on the enrolments received for 2021. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all parents to complete enrolments for prospective students and to let the school know if your child/children will not be attending Morawa DHS in 2021.

The Morawa District High School Brass Band performed at the **Mellenbye Station Stay** on Saturday 31 October. The Band played superbly. It was a fabulous afternoon. Mrs Walter and the band are to be

congratulated on their performance and for showcasing our school. Thank you to the Band Committee for the beautiful afternoon tea and their support of this event and to all the parents and families who supported the band by attending the concert.

This year's **NAIDOC** theme is 'Always was, always will be' and invites all Australians to embrace the history of our country. Morawa District High School celebrated NAIDOC in a diverse way in Week 5 this term with various class activities. We look forward to coming together with the wider community and district in celebrating NAIDOC week in 2021, providing the pandemic is over.

Our **Student Council** plays an integral and important role in our school community. They represent all students in the school and provide opportunities for students to debate issues of concern and undertake initiatives of benefit for the school and wider community. Representatives of the Student Council are elected by their fellow students. Student Elections for the 2021 Head Students will be held during Week 6. Elections for the remaining Student Council and House Captain positions will be held at the start of 2021, giving every student and opportunity to apply. I would like to encourage all students to get involved in this process – it is an honour to be elected and so important that we have a strong student voice.

Parent Teacher Interviews and Reporting to Parents

– If you would like to have an interview with your child/children's class teacher regarding their progress this semester, please contact the front office on 99712500 to make an appointment. Parent/teacher interviews will be held during the last few weeks of school by appointment only. Staff will make themselves available during their DOTT or before or after school as necessary. We look forward to hearing from you. Reports will be sent home on Friday 13 December.

The Morawa District High School 2020 Yearbook is in the final stages of production and will be available for distribution at the end of the term. This year's publication has again been created using specialised yearbook software and is being professionally printed and bound into a high quality, full colour memento. The school is partially subsidising the cost of the book again this year and the price will be \$30 per book. Numbers may be limited so please return the enclosed form (page 10) with payment to the school office as soon as possible.

We would like to cordially invite you to our Morawa District High School 2020 **Presentation Ceremony**, to be held at **10.00am on Friday 11 December at the Morawa Town Hall**. We are looking forward to acknowledging our students' achievements and endeavours, as well as enjoying entertainment provided by our students. We hope to see you there.

Tonia Carslake, Principal

YEAR 12 STUDENTS IN IMPRESSIVE GRADUATION ASSEMBLY

An exceptional performance of the John Mayer hit Edge of Desire by the school's Rock Band was among the highlights of the school's outstanding 2020 Graduation Assembly, held last month in front of a host of special dignitaries, parents, friends and students and teachers.

Our six Year 12 graduates were given an Academy Award style welcome as they walked proudly down the middle of the undercover area to celebrate the end of their school journey.

Special guests, including the Regional Executive Director of Education in the Mid-West, Mrs Lisa Criddle, were highly impressed by the assembly, including the way it was run by Year 11 Student Councillor, Teagan Parker, and Year 9 Student Councillor, Bella Tomlinson.

Bailey Campbell, Hayley Clayton, Destiny Flanagan, Nellie Humphreys, Jacob Traylen-Witt and Ellie Vanderschuit showed few nerves as they moved to their VIP seats amid warm applause, a recount of their achievements at school and the words of the song "It's Time".

They had worked hard to meet demanding requirements needed to gain a WA Certificate of Education, including the completion of at least 20 units of study, the attainment of literacy and numeracy standards and the demonstration of competencies needed to gain Vocational and Education and Training Certificates.

The Principal, Mrs Carslake, congratulated the students on their contribution to the school, saying they had set the bar high for all students at MDHS.

"I could not be prouder of you all than I am today," she said.

"You have been fantastic Head Girls, student leaders and role models for all."

Mrs Carslake also thanked the parents of the Class of 2020 and said that the Graduation Assembly was as much a celebration for them as it was for the students.

Special highlights of the assembly included a thank-you speech to the school community by Head Students Nellie Humphreys and Hayley Clayton, performances by the school's brass band and of course the Senior School's Rock Band. The performance by the Rock Band was particularly special as its members included five of the six graduates.

Nellie and Hayley also presented the school flag to Student Councillors Teagan Parker and Bella Tomlinson, as a symbol of the school pride they had worked to foster over their last year at MDHS.

During the assembly, students were presented with their Certificate of Completion, copies of their WACE studies results, school prizes and subject awards.

At the end of the presentations, Nellie was announced as the Academic Dux and Baily Campbell was announced as the Vocational and Education Training Dux.

(Other awards winners are listed elsewhere in this newsletter).

Our latest graduates left the assembly to join parents and school staff for morning tea, before gearing themselves up for the traditional "muck up" battle on the oval against their teachers.



Ellie leads the 2020 Graduates from the assembly area.

The Graduation Assembly was held after a special breakfast for the graduates, their parents and their teachers, which was held in the Morawa Town Hall earlier on in the day.

(Late News: The judges are still trying to decide who won the 2020 Teacher/Student Muck Up Battle and Mr. McGann still has yellow hair as a memento of the fierce action on the oval).



Nellie and Hayley hand the school flag over to Isabella and Teagan

2020 GRADUATION ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Australian Defence Force Long Tan Award

The Australian Defence Force Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award recognises students who demonstrate leadership and teamwork within both the school and the broader local community. It was set up as a tribute to the Vietnam War's Long Tan veterans, as the very traits they demonstrated such as determination, mateship, teamwork, tenacity, compassion and leadership, are the same attributes we hope to encourage and recognise in students.

Baily Campbell

Australian Defence Force Future Innovators Award

This year, the Australian Defence Force Recruiting branch has introduced a new award designed to encourage the next generation of innovators, critical thinkers and problem solvers – bright students who are succeeding in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. The award recognises recipients' science and mathematics abilities while highlighting the value the Navy, Army and Air Force place on STEM skills and STEM career opportunities within Defence.

Hayley Clayton

The Caltex Best All Rounder Award

This award which is given out at schools all around Australia is designed to recognise students for their leadership qualities and commitment across a range of activities: in their studies, on the sports field and on behalf of others.

Jacob Traylen-Witt

Citizen of the Year

The Morawa Citizen of the Year is a Year 12 student who has made a significant contribution to the school community and has served as an inspirational role model for other students.

Jacob Traylen-Witt

Year Coordinator's Award

This award is made to a Year 12 student who has played a significant leadership role in the school and taken an active part in school and community activities.

Hayley Clayton

2020 Vocational Education and Training Dux Certificate

The Dux Certificate in Vocational Education and Training is awarded to a student who has completed the competencies in their certificate courses at an exceptional level. This year's winner was one of three very hard-working Year 12 students who each enrolled in three Certificate II courses, so the competition was very tight.

Bailey Campbell

2020 Academic Dux

The Certificate for the Academic Dux is awarded to a Year 12 student who has shown superior achievement in their studies in Year 11 and 12. This year's Dux award goes to a young lady who moved from studying ATAR subjects and enrolled in Engineering and Automotive Certificate courses because she believed that mining might offer her the best career opportunities but has since applied to and been accepted by Notre Dame University where she hopes to forge a new career related to history and art. Just watch this space!

Nellie Humphreys

Subject Highest Achiever Awards

Nellie Humphreys - Visual Arts General

Nellie Humphreys - Mathematics Essential General

Nellie Humphreys - English General

Bailey Campbell – Physical Education Studies General

Bailey Campbell - Certificate II in Engineering Pathways MEM20413

Destiny Flanagan - Certificate II in Kitchen Operations SIT20416

Destiny Flanagan – Design and Technology (Wood)

Hayley Clayton – Certificate II in Information, Digital Media and Technology ICT20115

Hayley Clayton – English Foundation (SIDE)



TOP MARKS TO HAYLEY

Year 12 graduating student Hayley Clayton received a special surprise during her graduation ceremony – she was announced as having achieved the top mark of all Schools of Isolated and Distance Education (SIDE) students in her Year 12 English course.

Hayley worked at the back of the school library to complete her WACE Foundation English course online, which required resilience, determination and perseverance.

Her SIDE teacher, Donella Grieco, was delighted with Hayley's progress during the course and said that she had consistently submitted work of the highest standard.

Miss Grieco was so delighted with the standard of work submitted by Hayley and another MDHS student, Destiny Flanagan, that she submitted their creative work into the ABC's Heywire Competition.

Both Hayley and Destiny were awarded A-grades for their fine work in the course.



Hayley receives news that she achieved top marks in the state in her English Course, from School Principal Mrs Carlslake

A GRADUATION PIZZA SPECIAL

In this special presentation of Master Chef, you, our newest contestants, need to identify the ingredients for one of the most remarkable pizzas ever to hit the menu at the Morawa Dominoes Restaurant. I will give you as many clues as I can but it will be up to you to clearly identify the solid, the tasty, the spiky, the zingy, the salty and the spicy-hot ingredients that go together in this highly acclaimed recipe. You will also need to identify the final ingredient which brings all of the tastes together in this highly satisfying 2020 Year of the Covid meal.

The Base (Bailey)

All great pizzas begin with a solid base. The pizza laureata base did not always start off as it is now. It was initially quite small, chewy and weak, however,

now it is noted that the base is almost 'tank like' with a thick crust. Many refer to this ingredient as being the strongest base on the whole of the Morawa Dominoes menu. Rumour has it the base was once used as a spare wheel when the Mingenew bus broke down while another time, was used as a discus at an Inter house athletics carnival. This base has received rave reviews for how it is able to support the other ingredients. While a base can be overlooked as being 'basic' or plain, there is certainly no doubt about how a crispy, solid base either makes or breaks a pizza.

The Cheese (Jacob)

Everyone knows, a base is nothing without cheese! Cheese perhaps the most widely appreciated pizza ingredient, due to its versatility. Whilst its primary purpose is to anchor the ingredients and be a bit stringy, cheese also has other amazing skills such as running, jumping, and shredding sick solos on the guitar. These unique characteristics are due to the cheese been aged over the years under the watchful eyes of Cheesemaker Haeusler and Muesli Bar connoisseur Zwaan.

Cheese is also the most yellow ingredient used in the making of pizza laureata.

The Artichoke (Nellie)

Most people have heard of the show 'are you smarter than an artichoke?' and the answer typically is no. Artichokes are one of the oldest cultivated vegetables, so not much gets past them.

Some chefs can be intimidated to work with artichokes as they have stubborn spiky leaves that are hard for chefs to get through. They are very independent and like to run their own program.

However, on occasion, once the prickly armour is infiltrated, the inside of this vegetable is a lovely vibrant purple flower (or sometimes, blue, or red – much to Head Chef Carlslake's dismay).

The artichoke best compliments the other ingredients by doing their maths homework.

The Pepperoni (Hayley)

One of the most widely enjoyed ingredients on the pizza laureata is the old faithful pepperoni which is loved by all people big or small. As we know pepperoni comes in two main varieties, mild and spicy. The mild form of the ingredient is often polite and charming on the palate, whilst its spicy form leaves the taster with an elevated heart rate and feelings of mild frustration. Pepperoni has some specific talents that it incorporated into the overall dish such as singing, art and sport. But most notably, charming their way out of yellow cards. The two sides of mild and spicy are what make up the charisma and enjoyment of this ingredient.

The Olives (Destiny)

The reason the pizza laureata is such a hit with the

many chefs at Morawa Dominoes restaurant, is due to the refinement and maturity the olives bring the table. In the early developments of the pizza laureata, the olives were a little too salty and drove most chefs crazy. Over the years, the taste profile of olives has mellowed and they have developed in flavour and piquancy to appeal to the more mature palate. So much so, that now all the little olives look up to this key ingredient hoping that they too will be as mature and sophisticated one day soon.

The Jalapenos (Ellie)

The pizza laureata would be just another ordinary pizza if it wasn't for this ingredient. A little bit of spice and a healthy dose of vitamin C is a fiery addition to this ingredients list. The jalapeno comes from a very large family of other spicy treats, but this one is known for packing a big punch in a tiny serving. With jalapenos on your side you know you'll win! Whilst the presence of jalapeno on a pizza may deter some, others are accustomed to the jalapeno for its additional flavour of colour (in the form of language) and 'pep'.

The Sauce (Miss Jones)

And finally, bringing everything together in a crescendo of scrumptious taste, is the lovely red sauce, brewed up from juicy ripe tomatoes and a special added seasoning combination. Strangely, elements of this ingredient have been found in areas outside our restaurant's

kitchen, in the Art Room, in the Woodwork Room, in the Metalwork Room and even in the HASS Room! Some might think the sauce may be getting a little thin, but have no concern because this is one unique ingredient has still managed to keep everything together in a pizza that is beyond supreme! As many of you know, the sauce can be a little fiery when dealing with younger palettes.

Well contestants, I hope you have successfully identified the ingredients of our amazing pizza. (It should have been easy, because the editor forgot to remove the names from the ingredient list!)

Miss Jane Pearson



MDHS STUDENTS SHINE IN SECOND GRADUATION ASSEMBLY

Five Year 12 students, who were part of a pilot scheme to meet WACE Graduation requirements through Automotive and Engineering courses at the WA College of Agriculture Morawa, were congratulated on their success by the Minister for Defence Industry, Melissa Price, at the College Graduation Assembly last weekend.

Jacob Traylen-Witt, Nellie Humphreys, Hayley Clayton, Bailey Campbell and Ellie Vanderschuit began to work on the competencies in Automotive Vocational Preparation and Engineering Pathways courses in 2018, when they were in Year 10.

The presentation of their certificates at the assembly was the culmination of three years work by the students, who attended the College each Friday.

Staff at the college spoke very highly of the students' behaviour, work ethic and determination to succeed in two challenging courses.

The pilot scheme has been so successful, a new cohort of Year 10 students will begin their Certificates at the College in 2021.



Jacob Traylen-Witt, one of five MDHS students to complete the two Certificate Courses with the Minister for Defence Industry, Melissa Price



STUDENTS GO HEYWIRE!!

When Side English teacher Donella Grieco read the autobiographical stories written by two MDHS students as part of their Foundation English course, she knew that they deserved to be shared among a wider audience. With the students' permission, Donella entered the stories into the ABC Heywire competition, which was set up to give young regional Australians a chance to "tell it how it is". Here are the stories ...

The Old Station of Barnong

"Where laughter and happiness combines with the wildlife". This is what the old station of Barnong is known for in my family.

Hi today I will be sharing some memories of a very special place to me and my family. Barnong is a very large station out in the bush, located in the middle of Morawa and Yalgoo. My family, well my dad, used to live in Barnong with his nana and now every holiday we go out camping for a couple of weeks. I have so many memories, happy ones and fun ones, from Barnong.

When Dad used to live there with his nan, he would always see these big goannas walking around like that own the place. He would always try to chase them but he would never get one. One time old nan saw him chasing them. She yelled at him, saying, "Stop don't chase them – they're my pets!" Dad would be like, "What are you serious nan?" She would look at him and smile. Then she would start feeding them. When we were there camping, we had a lot of leftovers so we would go to the little pink house where the goannas lived and put it on the ground next to their holes and leave it there overnight. The next day we would go back to the same spot and nothing would be on the tin where we put the food on. We all looked at each other and laughed. We started thinking the goannas must have eaten it all.

Barnong is a beautiful place. I learned a lot of bush ways when I was there. For example, I learned to drive you know like indicating, signs and other things like that. I learned to hunt for kangaroos, goannas, turkeys and emus. This is a place where a lot of history and memories are for my family and we all respect the nature and wildlife like it's our home and friends. Barnong is a very special place to me because it's where I spent most of my childhood and I have so many loving memories there and I wouldn't change that for the world. My mum and dad has told me a lot of stories about Barnong like when it was made and who used to work there. It is a very large station – all around 40,000 acres (16,187 ha) with four wells and several semi-permanent pools to water stock.

I will always remember Barnong being a family place where we all come together and celebrate our lives with laughter and happiness. We all plan on going back next holidays for another couple of months.

By Destiny Flanagan, Year 12 Graduate 2020

Nan Knows Best

My Nan always knows best. She likes to tell us the right way if we are wrong, even if we try to argue a point with her. My Nan has inspired me to be the person I am today.

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Hayley Clayton, and I am Gloria Jones granddaughter. I am here to tell you a little something about a woman with a heart filled with love and care for our family.

Gloria has sixteen grandchildren and she has endless love for them all. Her eldest grandchildren are 24 and the youngest is 7. My Grandmother has a small house that she has lived in since I was born, and that was seventeen years ago! Her house can get pretty noisy when all 16 of her grannies (grandchildren) are under the same roof! What makes Nan's house even louder is when we get up in the morning and Nan tell us to clean up. Our older sisters always put on music when we are cleaning and we all be singing very loud till Nan tells us to quiet down a bit. I love singing and it is fun for me to lead my sisters in the latest songs. All my family like coming together and staying at Nan's house. Even though we are one big family, we try to make it easier for Nan to look after us all by trying to behave as best as we can so we can get some good treats after dinner.

My Nan's a health's worker in Geraldton and she makes sure all her grannies are as healthy as she is. I love this. We live almost two hours away from Geraldton and if one of us get a flu or has a bad cough, she always convinces our father to send us to Geraldton, just to get a check-up. Our dad hates going to the hospital and some of his children take after him and just like to suffer until they're better. But I think it's good having your nan working at the Health Department. I have learnt that if any one of her grannies ever gets sick while she is around, she helps them feel better quickly - no matter what!

Nan is the person who keeps our family together. She cares for us all but it worries me that she is getting old and that, one day, she may become annoyed at her loud, arguing grandchildren.

By Hayley Clayton, Year 12 Graduate 2020

YEAR 9 OLNA

Nearly 50% of MDHS Year 9 students successfully performed at Achievement Category 3 in all areas of WA's online literacy and numeracy assessment (OLNA) activities which were held last term.

OLNA is designed to enable students to successfully meet the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) requirement of demonstrating the minimum standard of literacy and numeracy.

It is usually only open to Year 10, 11 and 12 students, but Year 9 students were able to sit it this year as literacy and numeracy NAPLAN activities were cancelled because of the Covid 19 pandemic.

Students are required to sit for three tests in the OLNA – Numeracy, Reading and Writing.

Our Year 9s did particularly well in Reading section, where nearly 70% of the students reached Category 3. This means they have successfully demonstrated the minimum standard required by the end of Year 12.

The success of our Year 9 students in the tests means that most of them are now well on the way to achieving the literacy and numeracy elements needed to achieve the WA Certificate of Education, which is awarded at the end of their Year 12 studies.

PRIMARY NEWS

With the school holidays looming, our transition for students in early childhood settings is well under way in preparation for next year. Our Kindergarten and Pre-primary 2021 transition program commenced with a meeting in the Kindergarten building on Wednesday 23 October. Kindergarten 2021 students also began their transition to Kindergarten by attending three sessions at school with their parents. Individual Kindergarten 2021 Interviews will be held on Monday 14 December for students and parents. A timetable was included in the initial Kindergarten Orientation note sent home. Please ring the Front Office for interview times, if needed. Other information about our transition program has been sent home to enrolled students. If you are yet to enrol your child, please do so as soon as possible so that we may forward information to you.

Students in Year 1 next year will also begin their transition to the main school this term and be introduced to their Year 3/4 buddies next week. They will also attend a morning session in the Year 1 classroom with Miss Katona on Monday 14 December.

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Book Week Parade in Week 2 (and to all parents and grandparents who supported their child by getting costumes ready). The theme for this year was Curious Creatures and Wild Minds and we thank Ms Catherine Moore, Mrs Glassford-Hill and everyone involved in organising the event again this year.

As you are aware, the Year 6 camp was cancelled due to COVID in Term 1. Students have just now had the opportunity to attend an overnight sleepover at the school on Thursday 12 November. Thanks to the efforts of Miss Shephard, students were involved in many activities over the Thursday and Friday including team building, cooking, games and bush walking, as well as attending the Youth Centre and pool.

During Week 7, Teach Learn Grow will again be visiting the school as part of the Summer program. We are delighted to be able to welcome 17 tutors into the school to work with selected students in mathematical outcomes identified by class teachers. eMentoring has concluded for the year; selected students from Year 6 enjoyed hourly online sessions over the past seven weeks. We are immensely grateful to all tutors and mentors involved in Teach Learn Grow and the voluntary work they do at our school. It is indeed a highlight on our school calendar.

Our next formal assembly will be the K/PP on Thursday 19 November followed by the Year 6 Celebration assembly to be held on Wednesday 2 December commencing at 9.00am. We hope that you are able to come along and support the students as they celebrate this special day.

Tracy Tapscott and Wendy Glassford-Hill
Deputy Principals

GIFTED AND TALENTED

The Gifted and Talented Selective Entrance Programs applications are now open for Year 5 students who may be interested in Year 7, 2022 entry. These unique academic, arts and language programs are available at 24 select public secondary schools. Children in these programs learn with like-minded peers, studying an extended curriculum delivered by teachers with expert skills and knowledge. Boarding facilities are available. Families can apply online at education.wa.edu.au/giftedandtalented. Information about the programs, where they are offered and upcoming parent information sessions are also on our website. For those interested, brochures are available at school. Please let us know and we will send home with your child.



Packed with Goodness.

- Looking for some new ideas to make lunchbox packing easy?
- Need some easy and healthy snack ideas?
- Want to understand food labels a little better?

We are running a free, fun and engaging nutrition session for our parents. Come along and find out how to be a lunchbox packing pro!

When: Tuesday 17th of November, 7pm

Where: Online, like the Crunch&Sip Facebook page and webinar event to receive webinar link. @crunchandsipbreak

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BAND @ MELLEBYE



MELLEBYE BAND WORKSHOP & CONCERT

Saturday 31st October 2020

What a fabulous turnout for our band workshop and concert at Mellenbye Station Stay shearing shed on Saturday 31st October. Twenty-four band students attended and worked hard rehearsing in the morning to prepare for the afternoon concert. It was an amazing effort from this year's beginner brass and percussion students who have only been in the Junior Band for three weeks. They were well supported by the experienced band students. The Senior Band students put on a polished performance and are always great ambassadors for our brass music program.

Pieces performed were:

Junior Band

Dr Rock

Chorale and Recessional

Smoke on the Water

Senior Band

Pirates of the Caribbean

Wombat Shuffle

Freaks

Counting Stars

Double-Oh-Eight

Shutup and Dance

Thanks to Shelly Bogdan and Mellenbye Station for hosting us; the kids loved the tram rides, indoor games and the monster truck. The wonderful ladies of the Band Committee kept everyone well fed and watered, and put on a luscious afternoon tea for the families and friends of the band who came to the concert. Special thanks to Terri Tomlinson and Claire Tynan who assisted with the student supervision for the various activities, and to Fran O'Neill, Haylie Cosgrove, Narelle Knox-Atkinson and Nicola Appleton for their catering expertise. It was an excellent day out. Thanks everyone!

Helen Walter



BAND COMMITTEE NEWS

The **Morawa DHS Band Committee** is excited to announce that they have recently received notice that their application for a Morawa Sinosteel Future Fund Grant has been approved. The funding will be used to purchase 30 new music chairs and 5 new cornets for the Band.

The chairs have been ordered and delivery is expected in mid-December. The cornets have also been ordered but, due to supply issues, delivery is not expected until 2021.

The MDHS Band Committee thank the Morawa Sinosteel Future Fund Committee for their approval of our application and assure them that their generous funding is greatly appreciated in our efforts to provide and maintain good quality instruments and equipment for the music students of Morawa DHS.

Thankyou.

Helen Walter

Hon Secretary / Treasurer

MDHS Band Committee

BOOK WEEK



2020 CONTRIBUTION AND CHARGES

Student statements outlining outstanding contributions and charge requests have been mailed home.

Thank you for payments received, your support is really appreciated. The school relies on collecting contributions and charges from parents and carers to assist in supplying your children with the best possible materials and resources.

Voluntary Contributions

In Western Australia the cost to parents of schooling a student in a public school has not increased since 2003.

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

Senior School Courses

The School Education Act 1999 states that charges apply to all Year 11 & 12 courses and payment is expected.

Morawa DHS provides students with the opportunity to complete a range of Certificate courses through Central Regional TAFE, Geraldton and at the Western Australian College of Agriculture- Morawa (WACOAM). The school is billed directly by TAFE and WACOAM for the Certificate course costs and non-payment by parents results in fewer resources and programs available for all our students.

Morawa DHS makes every endeavour to keep course costs to a minimum to ensure maximum participation.

School of Isolated and Distance Education (SIDE)

Course fees collected by the school for students enrolled in SIDE subjects are paid directly to SIDE and early payment is appreciated. The school charges an amenities fee to cover the cost of stationery, photocopying, postage and provision of software technology.

Where the contributions and charges go

The contributions and charges paid by parents and caregivers are budgeted to purchase consumable items used directly by the students. Some examples include: ingredients in home economics, printed and electronic materials, photocopying, art materials, timber, metals and consumable tools, consumable sporting equipment and text books.

Who should pay?

Given that all students benefit from the pool of collected fees, it is fair to expect that all parents should pay the balance of contributions and charges. Parents of students who choose the more expensive option

subjects need to consider the costs during the subject selection process. This school is committed to a fair and responsible approach so all parents should make contributions towards their children's education.

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

Collecting Contributions & Charges

The school will take a positive approach to collecting contributions from parents and caregivers of students in Kindergarten to Year 10. With respect to charges for Years 7 to 12, the school will actively seek full payment of charges where appropriate. If you would like to organise a payment plan, please contact the Manager of Corporate Services, Linda Jenkins 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

BSB: 306-024

Account number: 4176384

WAAPA SUMMER SCHOOL 2021

This summer WAAPA is thrilled to be able to offer an exciting school holiday program at our campus in Mount Lawley. There are classes for students from Year 1 to Year 12 in drama, acting, screen performance, film making, music theatre and of course Shakespeare. For information about the many courses on offer please visit waapa.ecu.edu.au/summer-school or contact Gabrielle Metcalf at explore.waapa@ecu.edu.au or 9370 6775.



YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

SNOW MUCH TO SEE AND
READ AT OUR BOOK FAIR



FIND THESE **BOOKS** AND
HUNDREDS MORE AT THE FAIR!

Date Tuesday, 24 November Time 8.30 a.m. - 4.30 p.m.

Place Morawa DHS Library

EVERY PURCHASE YOU MAKE EARNS **LEARNING** AND
LITERACY RESOURCES FOR **OUR SCHOOL**

 SCHOLASTIC



PRESENTS

LATE NIGHT SHOPPING & CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

MORAWA STREET FESTIVAL



FEATURING

SANTA CLAUS | FOOD STALLS | KIDS ACTIVITIES | & MORE

2020

THURSDAY
3RD DECEMBER
5:30PM

FREE
ENTRY

MORAWA TOWN CENTRE

WINFIELD STREET | MORAWA



Come and join us to support local businesses and vendors, celebrate the lighting of our Christmas Tree, and have your photo with Santa!

TRIPLE P - POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM



Department of
Education

Register for your free seminar

Triple P - Positive Parenting Program

Get support, information and tips to
give your child the best start in life.

Triple P gives you simple, practical strategies
to help you raise happy and confident children.
Attend a free session near you, or talk to your
school about how they can provide a free
seminar for your school community.



Children thrive when they are raised in a nurturing environment

The early years are so important. Triple P
gives mums and dads ideas on how to help
their child develop the skills and behaviours
they need for a healthy childhood.

Learn proven strategies from trained facilitators to:

- raise happy, confident children
- manage misbehaviour so everyone in the family enjoys life
- set rules and routines that everyone respects
- encourage behaviour you like
- take care of yourself as a parent.

Find a free session near you

Seminar 1, 'The Power of Positive Parenting', is provided **free of charge** to parents of children across Western Australia, thanks to the support of the State Government.

Take advantage of this incredible opportunity.

Find a seminar near you at education.wa.edu.au/triplep

Further **free** seminars and discussion groups are available for parents of young children and teenagers. If you prefer, you can register for Triple P Online (a fee applies).



Attend a session at your school

We support all public schools to host free Triple P seminars at their school, a Child and Parent Centre or other community venue, so that every Western Australian family has the opportunity to benefit from this positive parenting program.

Talk to your school about how they can host a free Triple P seminar for your community.



Register
now

education.wa.edu.au/triplep

Triple P Online is also available.

WHAT'S IN THE COURSE?

Triple P online is suitable for all parents. There is a junior and teen version. This is the toolkit you'll rely on for years to come. Adapt the techniques to help you through all kinds of situations. With all these positive parenting strategies, you'll be set for a lifetime of raising kids. Please find more information at their website: <https://www.triplep-parenting.net.au/au-uk-en/find-help/triple-p-online/>

It costs \$79.95 and parents will need a device, internet connection and basic English-language literacy*. A new module was added 'Positive Parenting During COVID-19'. This contains an excellent 15-minute video, which clearly outlines some simple tips and strategies for parents and a tip sheet.

*There are current negotiations for the limited provision of free access codes for the Triple P Online course. Please contact the school or our School Psychologist Shirley, Ming Lui Kwok at ming.kwok@education.wa.edu.au for more information or if you wish to apply for the free access code.



Phone: (08)9971 2500 Email: morawa.DHS@education.wa.edu.au Office hours: 8.30am - 3.30pm

PLAYGROUP

Have you considered attending playgroup?

Why?

Playgroups are a fun way for kids to prepare for school before they hit kindy. In Morawa we are doubly lucky because the DHS hosts playgroup on the school grounds. Every Wednesday during school term kids aged 0-5 and their parent/grandparent or carer meet at the DHS pre primary building, just off Prater street. A range of toys and activities are available to help kids learn social skills and make friends. While the children play the adults can have a coffee and a chat or join in the play.

The details

Morawa's playgroup meets on a Wednesday morning from 9am to 11am. And no you do not need to arrive at 9am on the dot, just come when you and your little ones make it out the door. Your first two visits are free! After that its \$2 per week, this covers the cost of coffees for adults and play equipment for kids. Plus a one off insurance fee of \$15, less if you have a concession card. Bring some fruit for your little ones and come and join the fun.



Apply now to enrol your child in Kindergarten.

If your child is four years old by 30 June 2021 you can apply to enrol them in Kindergarten for 2021.

Contact your public school or community kindergarten by 24 July 2020 to apply.

At the time of enrolment your child will need to have an 'up to date' AIR immunisation history statement.

Every day of a child's education matters.

To find a public school in your area visit education.wa.edu.au/schoolsonline



A NOTE FROM THE COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE

My name is Kathryn Anthony. I am the Community Health Nurse who visits your school.

Community Health Nurses work in schools to promote healthy development and wellbeing so students may reach their full potential. A major part of our work is focused on early intervention and the School Entry Health Assessment program.

Community Health Nurses serve as a health contact point for children and their families, providing information, assessment, health counselling and referral. The services provided are free and confidential.



If you have a concern about your child's health or development, please contact me on **9927 0200** or via email on kathryn.anthony@health.wa.gov.au

Endeavour & Achieve

TERM PLANNER 2020, TERM 4, WEEKS 6-10

WEEK	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT/SUN
6	16 November	17	18 Road Safety Week Police talk	19 K/PP Assembly	20 Year 11's finish	21/22
7	23 TLG BOOK FAIR VIEWING P/1 Transition	24 TLG BOOK FAIR SALES	25 TLG	26 TLG	27 TLG Jump Rope for Heart Jump off K2021 Orientation 11.50-12.30pm	28/29
8	30 Parent teacher meetings	1 December	2 Year 6 Celebration Assembly	3 Morawa Street Festival	4	5/6
9	7 Parent teacher meetings	8 K/P Christmas Party	9 Dress rehearsal	10 Final dress rehearsal	11 Presentation Ceremony	12/13
10	14 K 2021 Interviews P/1 Transition	15 MoBucks reward	16 Band Wind-Up @ Pool	17 End of term for students Attendance rewards	18 End of term for Staff	19/20

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

