



An Independent Public School

Morawa District High School

NEWSLETTER

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2021 Starry Night Ball

The best night of my life ...



The ball crowd celebrate the night's success!

This has been the best night of my life, ever!"

This statement from a Year 7 student as he left the Morawa Town Hall after attending what has been described as one of the best school balls ever held, epitomises the excitement and delight of all those who attended.

The "2021 Starry Night Ball", held on Saturday, May 8, began after crowds of parents and friends crowded around the hall entrance to give the immaculately-dressed students a real Hollywood welcome.

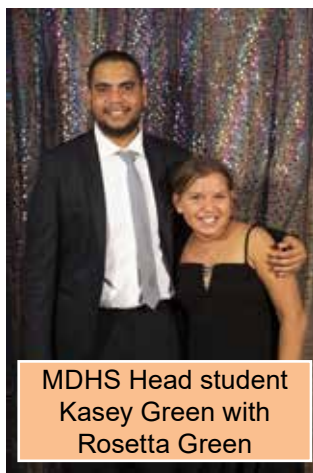
Inside, the hall had been transformed into a mystical, magical scene of fairy lights, glitz and glamour.

Students from both the High School and the WA College of Agriculture Morawa obviously enjoyed the music which was provided by DJ DiP (Mr Purser) and the food provided by WACOAM.

The ball's success was the result of the efforts of staff including Mrs Tomlinson, Ms Jones, Miss Boyce, Mr Bishop and of course, students from both campuses.



MDHS Belle and Beau of the Ball, Tegan Parker and Dion Jefferies-Paterson



MDHS Head student Kasey Green with Rosetta Green



Flying high....!

Endeavour & Achieve



Tonia Carslake

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school for Term 2. It has been a wonderful start to another term with our beautiful students. We hope our school community is coping with the aftermath of Cyclone Seroja - we know some of you are doing it tough and our thoughts are with you. Our school was very fortunate not to receive much damage and grateful to our wonderful gardening and cleaning staff for having the school back in tip top shape for the start of Term 2. We are also very fortunate for the amazing donation of resources and supplies from the central Department of Education and from the Regional Director Lisa Criddle and her team at Midwest District Office. We are so thankful for their support after Cyclone Seroja, it was so amazing!

We have also been very fortunate to have received Chaplaincy support from Youth Care for a couple of days in Week 1 to support students, as well as from the Uniting Church in Dongara with Revd Ric Payne. It has been so wonderful to have Revd Ric back in our school for 5 weeks supporting our students. A huge thank you to Ric and the Uniting Church of Dongara for releasing Ric to work with us and for their very kind donation towards school uniforms for those affected by Cyclone Seroja. It is most appreciated.

Our school motto is Endeavour & Achieve and our MDHS Vision is to 'Grow Good People'. Which is exactly what staff aim to do each and every day. Morawa District High School is striving to fulfil the vision set out in our Business Plan (2019-2021) of 'Growing Good People'. Our Business Plan identifies four school priorities:

Success for all Students, High Quality Teaching, Effective Leadership, and Strong Governance and Support. These are the key areas of the Department's strategic endeavours and will be also reflected in our Business Plan going forward.

Staff professional development is the focus of our early close sessions at Morawa District High School. Staff are engaged in a variety of Professional Learning, with Quality Explicit Teaching remaining a focus in 2021. Staff have attended professional development on Positive Behaviour Support [PBS], Classroom Management Strategies - Conference Accredited Training, Professional Learning Teams, Office 365 as well as Teach Well and Empowering Leaders of Mathematics.

Success for all Students

Term 2 so far has been a busy time full of class assessments, NAPLAN online testing, SCSA Externally Set Tasks for Year 12 students and examinations. Whilst these events play an important role, we need to understand that examinations and assessments are only one measure of our children. Students persistently need to strive to achieve their personal best and celebrate themselves as individuals.

Our school has high behaviour expectations and promotes positive behaviour choices at all times. To reward the students who have been demonstrating our Positive Behaviour Support expectations of Respect, Responsibility and Achievement, Primary students receive Tokens which go into a draw for Canteen vouchers, while Secondary students earn Mo Bucks.

ANZAC Day

On Friday 23 April we held our annual combined ANZAC service with the West Australian College of Agriculture Morawa- a truly beautiful event.

Student leaders and councillors from both schools welcomed our special guests and hosted the service. The Ode, presented by the Year 3/4's was very moving and our wonderful Brass Band was the perfect accompaniment to the laying of wreaths.

Thank you to Liam Appleton (Year 8) and Mrs Helen Walter for performing the Last Post. A huge thank you to all families and community groups and members who supported this service and laid wreaths.

Starry Night School Ball

The annual Morawa DHS and WACOAM School Ball was held on Saturday the 8 May in the Morawa Town Hall. It was a huge success with the hall being transformed into a starry night sky. The students looked wonderful in their evening attire and enjoyed dancing to DJ DiP's [Mr Puser] music, as well as a lovely supper provided by the WACOAM. Thank you to Mrs Tomlinson, Ms Jones, Miss Boyce, Mr Bishop and MDHS and WACOAM staff and student councils for their organisation of this event.

NAIDOC Activities

Morawa District High School will be joining the community at the town NAIDOC Celebrations on Wednesday 21 July. There will be performances by the Morawa District High School Choir and Pop Band, guest speakers, artists and story tellers as well as Band 'Red Ochre', traditional arts, traditional food and various activities including basketball to mark this special occasion. Please join us for this special occasion.

School Uniform Jumpers and Pants

As winter starts and we experience colder mornings, we ask that students wear the school jumper and pants.



These are available for purchase at the school uniform shop or alternatively you can ask at the school office for second hand jumpers depending on availability. Different coloured jumpers are not part of our school dress code so we ask that families continue to ensure their children come to school in the black and gold. Coloured jumpers and jumpers with logos blazed on them are not acceptable.

2020 Annual School Report

The 2020 Annual School Report has been uploaded to Schools Online and can be found at: <http://www.det.wa.edu.au/schoolsonline/home.do>

Influenza

Some school staff and students have been sick with cold and flu like symptoms. Please observe your child for any symptoms of Influenza. If your child develops symptoms, please take them to see your local doctor as soon as possible and inform the school if the diagnosis is confirmed. It is also important to ensure that your child is vaccinated against Influenza. Please do not send your child to school until all symptoms have subsided.

Reports

Semester 1 Reports will be sent home Monday 21 June. Parent Interviews will be held on Wednesday 23 June and Wednesday 30 June or at a time suitable to you and your child's classroom teacher. If you would like a teacher interview please phone the front office on 99712500 to make an appointment.

Artist in Residence Helen Ansell

Morawa District High School was privileged to host Artist Helen Ansell recently. Helen worked with students on a beautiful mural on the English room wall of the "Golden Grevillea" (*Grevillea tenuiloba*) - a shrub of the genus *Grevillea* native to an area in the Wheatbelt and Mid West regions of Western Australia and the floral emblem of Morawa. Helen is a regional Western Australian artist whose vibrant paintings capture the spirit of native Western Australian flora and fauna. Helen has strong ties to indigenous communities having grown up in Ululla, a remote Aboriginal community in central Western Australia.

As a child Helen was and still is inspired by the wild desert landscape. Helen now lives with her family in Mullewa, the centre of Western Australia's wildflower country.

We feel very thankful we were able to get Helen Ansell to paint this beautiful mural at Morawa DHS! It is just stunning - thank you Helen!!

Spelling Bee

Well done to our Spelling Bee winners & finalists. The final was held yesterday and the competition was fierce!

Year 1-3 Winner was Violet Andrews

Year 4-6 Winner was Samantha Tomlinson

Year 7-8 Winner was Cameron Tomlinson

Morawa DHS are doing CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE.

We will be collecting containers to help us fundraise for Secondary student camps such as Country Week and MoBucks rewards. We will let you know more information in the coming days - so start saving those containers!

I am taking a few weeks Long Service Leave as we are welcoming our second grandchild.

Thank you to Tracy Tapscott for filling in in my absence.

Kind regards

Mrs Tonia Carslake



SECONDARY MATTERS

Public Speaking

The school's public speaking competitions are due to be held in Weeks 8 and 9. Secondary students will have the opportunity to show their public speaking skills in a series of debating competitions, rather than speaking as individuals.

Football and Netball Carnival

Students from Years 7 to 10 have the opportunity to attend the annual Football and Netball Carnival in Carnamah on Friday, June 18. The school plans to send two netball teams and a football team to the carnival where students will compete against and socialise with students from Dongara DHS and Carnamah DHS. All students attending must have met the school's behavioural expectations. Head student Kasey Green and Josh Vanderschuit will be umpiring the football matches.

Exam Time!

Lower School students participated in a challenging round of examinations in their English, Humanities, Mathematics and Science courses this week. Teachers have been delighted with many of the exam performances, which will contribute to their Semester 1 grades.

Country Week 2021

Students from Years 7 to 10 have been asked to show their "expressions of interest" to be selected for the Morawa DHS 2021 Country Week team. They have been asked to show a preference for Mixed Hockey, Netball and Mixed Basketball activities. The "expressions of interest" forms need to be returned to school as soon as possible so that planning and accommodation arrangements can be finalised.



2021 STARRY NIGHT BALL



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SPELLING BEE 2021

The Spelling Bee Final was held on Thursday, 6th May 2021.

All students from Year 1 to Year 8 participated by sitting a written test to determine the top six students in each year level. These six students then competed in an Oral Spelling Bee with the top three students going into their respective Final – i.e. the Junior Primary (Years 1-3), Senior Primary (Years 4-6) and the Middle School (Years 7-9).

Congratulations to the following students who were in the Final:

Junior Primary:

Year 1 – Ellie Collins, Lacey Coaker & Kobhi Porter

Year 2 – Violet Andrews, Selena Carter & Lena Severtson

Year 3 – Anlaby Milloy, Milly Collins & Ryland Haydon

Senior Primary:

Year 4 – Abygail Romy, Harvey Andrews & Wylie Chappel

Year 5 – Felix Andrews, Billy Coaker & Seth Mills

Year 6 – Samantha Tomlinson, Gabrielle Yewers & Sam Knox-Atkinson

Middle School:

Year 7 – Justice Golby, Eliza Wolfe & Leroy Severtson

Year 8 – Cameron Tomlinson, Max Knox-Atkinson & Monique-Blue Haimona

Congratulations to our champions ...

Violet Andrews – Primary Junior Spelling Bee Champion (Years 1-3)

Samantha Tomlinson – Primary Senior Spelling Bee Champion (Years 4-6)

Cameron Tomlinson – Middle School Bee Champion (Years 7-9)

It was obvious that the finalists had worked hard to learn their word list and they can be very proud of their efforts.

Well done also, to all the students for their great participation in this year's Spelling Bee.

Nadia Katona (Coordinator)



Rock Band



BAND NEWS, TERM 2

The Senior Band travelled to Perenjori on Anzac Day, 25 April with Mrs Tomlinson and Mrs Walter to perform for the Anzac service at 8.30am. Then it was back on the bus to return to Morawa to march and play for the Morawa Anzac service. There was only one of the 8 students who had played at an Anzac service before (in 2019) so it was a new experience for nearly all of them. They were all a credit to the band and to Morawa District High School.



Anzac Day March and Service, Morawa, 2021

Currently the Senior Band is preparing to enter the State Band Championships in Perth on the long weekend, 5-7 June. Students have been working hard to learn their parts and attending twice weekly rehearsals after school. One student has also entered the Solo competition. The band students will be accompanied to Perth by Mrs Walter, Miss Pearson and Mr Milloy. In addition to the serious aspect of the competition, some fun activities have also been organised, including Lasertag, 10-pin bowling, a visit to Whiteman Park and the Perth Zoo.



The Junior Band has not had the chance to perform yet this term, though there is a Primary Assembly coming up soon. In the meantime the students rehearse regularly every Friday morning during P1 and are sounding good.

The last 3 new cornets also arrived this term and have been allocated to students Charli Forbes, Evie Chappel and Caladyn Milloy. The Band Committee would like to thank the Morawa Sinosteel Future Fund for their support with funding for the Instruments and Chairs Upgrade project, which is now complete.



PRIMARY DEPUTY REPORT

Things have settled back to normal after an interesting school holiday. It was amazing to see the school grounds looking so fabulous, ready for the school term, thanks to the efforts of a small group of dedicated people. The Department of Education has recognised the contributions made by the following people, who have been awarded Making a Difference certificates: Bernard Coyne, Caitlin and Josh Mills, Danelle Websdale, Fay Knock, Sheryl Lightfoot and Linda Jenkins. Tonia Carslake also was involved – thank you to all those people.

I sincerely hope that the school community is also on the road to recovery after this natural disaster. It has been overwhelming, and some families have been impacted more than others. Morawa District High School will be hosting two separate Triple P Seminars for parents, guardians and carers on Friday 11 June to support the recovery of students impacted by Cyclone Seroja. Further information is included in this newsletter – attendees can choose to attend either one or both of these free seminars. Please register on the Triple P website or contact the school office.

During the term Nadia Katona organised a very successful Spelling Bee and my congratulations are extended to all winners and finalists. Our next event will be the Public Speaking Competition and students are busily preparing for this.

Kindergarten and Pre-primary students invited mothers for a pampering session for Mother's Day, organised by Courtney Kollmann. Students are currently preparing for the Primary Assembly to be held on Friday 11 June and my spies tell me that there will be a special guest appearing!

This term, Tegan King arranged for the Year 3/4 class to take a walk through the town centre, identifying how the community has changed over time as part of Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS). Students in Year 1/2 also visited the Morawa Historical Society Museum with Nadia Katona. Students then completed a persuasive writing task about why it is important to learn about the history of Morawa. Students from both classes thoroughly enjoyed these adventures!

I was delighted to be invited to the Midwest NAIDOC Working Group meeting as they continue to work on preparations for this event to be held in Morawa on Wednesday 21 July commencing at 10:00am.

The theme for National Reconciliation Week (27 May to 3 June 2021) is, 'More than a word: Reconciliation takes action'. The following statement, found on the Reconciliation Australia website, resonates with me:

Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation

strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

This year, Jessica Johnson's artwork has been used in this year's National Reconciliation Week poster. To learn more about this artwork, click on the colouring activity link provided.

Colour for Recognition

Students in Years 3-6 have been invited to the Primary Winter Carnival on 25 June. It gives them an opportunity to play netball and football against local school teams. This event will be held in Carnamah. Thank you to those parents who are helping officiate this event. Students are reminded that they must have their Good Standing (behaviour and attendance) to be eligible to be part of the team.

Teach Learn Grow will also be working in the school during the final week of term and we are looking forward to welcoming them again.

We also welcome Wendy Glassford-Hill back to the school as Primary Deputy while Tonia Carslake is on leave.

Tracy Tapscott



PRIMARY MATTERS

Morawa Historical Museum

On the 20th May, 2021, the Year 1/2 class visited the Morawa Historical Museum. We were amazed at how much things have changed over time – from old fridges and ovens to tractors and harvesters. We would like to thank Mrs Sue Hunter for guiding us around the museum and teaching us so many interesting facts about the history of Morawa. We loved every moment.



Mother's Day Spa



National Simultaneous Story Time, 2021

The Kindy-Year 2 students participated in the NSST on the 19th May 2021 in our school library. The nation stops to all read the same book, at the same time. This year the book was called 'Give Me Some Space!' by Philip Bunting. The story was read from space! It was incredible to see the book floating in the spaceship! We then returned to Miss Katona's classroom to create our very own 3D planets. They looked fabulous!



Small changes,
big differences.



Triple P – Positive Parenting Program AFTER THE DISASTER SEMINAR – How You Can Help Your Children

Appropriate for parents of children aged 2-12 years old.

Cyclones can be frightening and distressing experiences for children, teenagers and adults. Extreme weather conditions are part of the natural landscape in Australia. These events can be overwhelming and terrifying when they happen. The loss caused by cyclones can be significant – including the loss of a home or belongings. After something frightening happens on a large scale, it is common for children of all ages and stages of development to become distressed. Parents' own emotional reactions may be complicated by worrying about how their children are coping.

This FREE two-hour seminar can help parents:

- ✓ Understand what their children's reactions mean and how serious they are
- ✓ How to manage children's emotions and behaviour
- ✓ Know how to encourage children to naturally resolve their distress
- ✓ Answer their children's questions about what happened and what might happen in the future.

**Friday 11th of June
10am**

The seminar will take place at Morawa District High School Library

You can register your place at <https://www.triplep-parenting.net.au/au-uk/en/find-help/find-a-session/2021-06-11/disaster-recovery-seminars/seminar-after-the-disaster/109427/>

www.triplep-parenting.net.au



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Triple P – Positive Parenting Program

APPROACHING BAD WEATHER – Helping children feel prepared

Appropriate for parents of children aged 2-12 years old.

Extreme weather events can be frightening and distressing for children. In many places, the season for extreme weather is quite predictable. One of the most important jobs for parents heading into this season is to help their children feel prepared rather than scared by the prospect of extreme weather.

This FREE two-hour seminar will be held at Morawa District High School:

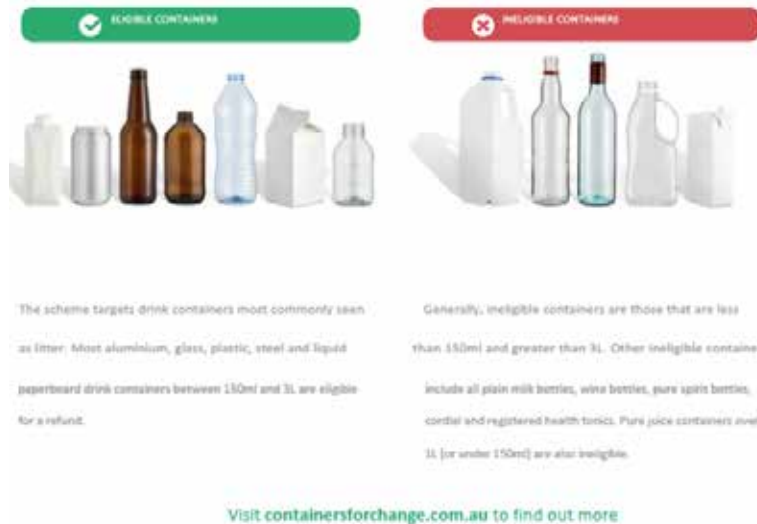
**Friday 11th of June
12.30pm**



www.triplep-parenting.net.au



We'll get 10 cents for each one. With your help, we can make a change.



Visit containersforchange.com.au to find out more

Morawa DHS has joined Containers for Change!!

Start saving your containers to help us fundraise for Secondary camps and rewards. You can bring your containers in to our drop off point next to the Performing Arts Room (just look for the signs – you can't miss them!) or you can take them directly to a Containers for Change Refund Point and use our scheme ID **C10460653**.

THIRD PARTY SERVICES INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Our school provides access to Department of Education online services. These enhance the contemporary learning opportunities available to students and the range of teaching tools available to staff to deliver the Western Australian Curriculum.

The Department's online services currently provide students with access to:

- individual email and calendar accounts;
- the internet, with all reasonable care taken by central office and schools to monitor and control students' access to websites while at school;
- online teaching and learning services such as Connect, web-conferencing and digital resources;
- online file storage and sharing services; and
- these online services at locations other than school.

Please note that while every reasonable effort is made by schools and the Department to prevent student exposure to inappropriate online content

when using Department provided online services, it is not possible to completely eliminate the risk of such exposure.

You should be aware that the Department has the right to review, audit, intercept, access and disclose messages created, received or sent over Department online services. Logs of email transactions and internet access data are kept for administrative, legal and security purposes and may be monitored. Similar to other corporate records, emails and internet access records are discoverable in the event of legal action and are subject to provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 1992. (www.foi.wa.gov.au)

If you agree to your child using these online services, please click on the link below and complete the information on the following pages and then click submit ASAP. This will enable students to continue to access all school services.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-RaA4P3Ru0yDsLdutDYWJ_5QbqiqYDVAnNN1qH1nrXJUM1dOVjU2TTg2OUFFT1IYR0MxN0RYUUXNSiQIQCN0PWcu



INTRODUCING.....

Miss Alisha Madurun



What is your role at MDHS?

Provisional School Psychologist

Where did you come from?

Perth

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Drawing and catching up with friends.

Something people might not know about you?

I'm half Malaysian and half Fijian.

What's your favourite dinner?

Pasta

Are you a netball or hockey player?

No :(

First impression of Morawa?

Love it! Everyone seems really nice and supportive here.

COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE

Welcome to the 2021 school year. 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**

We can all do things to improve our mental health

Primary School

Most people think a lot about the sorts of things they can do to keep physically healthy, like eating healthy foods and keeping fit, but it's also important to do things to keep mentally healthy.

Being active, having good friends and having hobbies and interests make us feel good, which helps us cope with problems and worries.

Did you know that keeping active can help you worry less?



Doing something nice for others makes us feel good!



act

Stay physically, socially, spiritually and mentally active. Walk or ride to school, play outside with some friends, read a book or complete a puzzle!

belong

Belonging to a club is not only fun, it's good for you! Join a netball club or footy team, join a band or get involved in community events.

commit

Learn to play a musical instrument, offer to help a younger sibling with their homework or sign-up for a fun-run. Committing means putting a little more effort into things you do.

For more ideas on how to live an active lifestyle and keep mentally healthy visit the following websites:

Act-Belong-Commit
actbelongcommit.org.au

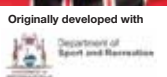
Find out how you can Act-Belong-Commit to be more mentally healthy. Use the 'Activity Finder' to find local activities, events and clubs.

Department of Sport and Recreation
dsr.wa.gov.au
Use the 'find a club' tool to find local sports clubs to join.

Nature Play WA
natureplaywa.org.au
Ideas on how to get more involved in outdoor activities.



actbelongcommit.org.au





News from the P&C uniform shop...



We now stock long sleeve Kindy shirts

Available in size 4, 5 & 6

Range of colours available

\$22 each

Contact the front office on 9971 2500 or come in and see us.



TERM 2, 2021

WEEK	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT/SUN
8	June 7 Western Australia Day WA State Band Championships	8 Dental Van	9	10	11 Triple P disaster recovery parent sessions K/P Assembly	12/13
9	14	15 Public Speaking competition Primary 10:30-12pm	16 Secondary Debate P1&2	17	18 Eagles Cup Years 7-10	19/20
10	21 Board Meeting Parent Teacher Interviews	22	23	24 Team Building	25 Primary Winter Carnival, Carnamah. Yr 3-6	26/27
11	28 TLG Final Assembly Parent Teacher Interviews	29 TLG Dr Yes 1:10 - 3:10pm	30 TLG Cross Country Colour Run	July 1 TLG	2 TLG End of Term Attendance Rewards	3/4

Grounds and Security: Parents are asked to remind students that the school grounds are out of bounds out of school hours. In the event of vandalism, please report to School Watch on 1800 177 777 or the local Police on 99 601 666.

MORAWA DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL BUSINESS PLAN 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

