

FROM THE PRINCIPAL**NOVEMBER 2007**

Over the past month we have celebrated the achievements of our students in various forums; Leadership Changeover Dinner, Academic Awards Night and Sports Awards Night. I am immensely proud of those who have received recognition for their commitment and drive to achieve their dreams and aspirations. Congratulations to all Award recipients.

Year 12 Graduation class preparations are well underway for our graduation ceremony and I know students are eagerly awaiting the formal. I urge all year 12 students to complete the next few weeks by maintaining a high standard of conduct and submit all assessments in order to achieve the best possible educational outcomes. I have spent time discussing with them safety and the need to take care of themselves and each other. I know that parents are giving the same message.

I am also looking forward to our Graduation Ceremony where we officially celebrate the conclusion of 12 years of schooling. My wish for the graduating class is for a life well lived, one filled with love, laughter and the achievement of their dreams.

Sharyn Donald, Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL MIDDLE SCHOOLING

I would like to start this newsletter by thanking all of those who attended the recent Awards Night, Sports Awards Ceremonies and Dance Night at the school. It is wonderful to see so many talented students receiving their accolades in a public forum. The school is very proud of your achievements and as parents and carers you should also take a bow. As a team, parents and carers at home work with the school to ensure the best educational, cultural and sporting outcomes for every child. It's a team effort!

To this end, I would like to raise an issue with parents and carers to bring up with your Morayfield student. Every school has issues that are presented from time to time in the playground and classroom. One of the things which concerns me is when a student or group of students will engage in rumour-mongering and 'stirring' of other students to illicit a response. This is behaviour which we deal with quite strongly at the school and we feel has no place in our positive learning environment. If any students are found to be engaging in this sort of behaviour they will be dealt with by Administration. This issue has been spoken about on Year Level Parades in the past and recently – we are hoping that you can assist us as the other part of our 'team'.

Simon Done, Deputy Principal

AWARDS NIGHT

On Wednesday 24th October the school held our annual Awards Night and Eyeball Art Exhibition. Family, friends & community members were able to proudly watch the students receive awards for their achievements throughout the year including Academic, Service & Special Awards.

Many long hours were put in by staff and students presenting an outstanding display of the student's artwork at the Eyeball Art Exhibition and transformed the multi-purpose building for the ceremony.

This year we saw a slight change of proceedings with a speech given by a student representing each level, who gave an informative account of their experiences throughout the year at Morayfield State High School. On the night many awards were given out to students rewarding them for their hard work, commitment and service to the school. Additionally, some special academic and cultural awards were presented to the following students:

SPECIAL ACADEMIC AWARDS:

Kathryn Harris Memorial Award	Jillian Hays
Margaret Newton Award	Shannon Stephenson
Alan Meehan Memorial Award	Alex Robson
Excellence in Arts Award	Katrina Burley
Paul Everingham Bursary	Shannon Bownds
Senior Science Award	Kayla Delange
Senior Mathematics Award	Rebecca Ford
English Writing and Speaking Award	Elizabeth Blain
"Good Guys" Morayfield	Daniel Kelly
Trainee Encouragement Award	Lucas Daly
High Achievers Trainee Award	Naomi Lewis
Trainee of the Year	Liam Barnes
Social Science Active and Informed Citizenship Award -	Shannon Bownds

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS:

Nick Watts, Allan Wilson, Troy Thorpe, Brendan Switzer, Aaron Williams, Troy Woodward, Peter Dobson, Stevie Williams, Tymika Thompson, Lucas Daley, Daniel Kelly, Shannon Stephenson, Rachelle Crane, Jessica Payne, Ryan Verhagen, Samuel Smith, Elizabeth Blain, Marie Walter, Chantelle Nicholas, Alyce Kemp, Amy Collins, Alex Beerens, Greg Kelly, Jaimee-Lee Lovell, Sharae Gill, Shane Beeston, Shannon Tetley, Marshall Powell, Amy Straughan and the members of the school band.

SPECIAL CULTURAL AWARDS:

Aireal Angus Bursary	Ryan Verhagen
Hancock Family Service Award	Elizabeth Blain
Student Council Award	Shannon Bownds
Leadership Award	Rosanna Alexander
Australian Defence Force Leadership and Teamwork Award to:	
• Yr 10 Jessica Polgase	
• Yr 11 Paige Reeves	
• Yr 12 Elizabeth Blain	
Principal's Award	Naomi Watts
Caltex Best All-Rounder	Alex Robson

ICHINOSEKI GAKUIN HIGH SCHOOL VISIT

Ichinoseki Gakuin High School students visited Morayfield State High School from the 16-23rd September. The 12 students (nine girls and three boys) from the town of Ichinoseki in Iwate Prefecture of Japan, enjoyed their Australian experience and had a wonderful time with the following activities:

- Performed a Japanese song to the residence of the Sunnymead Aged Care Home.
- Joined in a cooking lesson with the Year 11 Hospitality students.
- Played a game of basketball with the Year 8.
- Participated in some art classes.
- Visited some of our tourist attractions including Lone Pine, Sunshine Coast, Mooloolabah Beach and the Sunshine Plaza.

The students return to Japan on Sunday. A big thank you must be extended to the host families for their support of the program run by Australian Institute of International Understanding.



LEFT: Lisa Ness (Australian Group Co-ordinator)
RIGHT: Makoto Yoshida (Teacher from Ichinoseki Gakuin)
with the students from Ichinoseki Gakuin High School.
www.igakuin.jp

SHANNON'S SUCCESS IN HOSPITALITY

Shannon Stephenson was nominated by the Morayfield State High School Hospitality Department for a Queensland Tourism Industry Council "Excellence in Hospitality & Tourism" award. Shannon was required to send in a brief resume and give responses to specific questions and scenarios related to her experience in Hospitality.

Shannon was selected from hundreds of state-wide applicants to participate in a "skills assessment" day with 19 other students at the Brisbane Exhibition & Convention Centre. She was selected to be a finalist for the Food & Beverage section of the awards and attended a gala dinner and presentation on October 15 in Brisbane.

Shannon was presented with the Runner-up award for Food & Beverage and received a framed certificate and valuable scholarship assistance to help further her passion for a career in Hospitality Management.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD GIFT BOXES

"Operation Christmas Child" is a project organized by a ministry of Samaritan's Purse as an annual project. This project presents a wonderful opportunity to share this life-changing message with children and their families living in poverty.

Shoes boxes are covered with decorative paper and filled with christmas goodies and sent to these less fortunate children living in developing countries. In 2006, 7.6 million children all over the world received these wonderful gifts.

Morayfield State High School has introduced this project as part of the Year 9 Rich Man, Poor Man unit of the Social Science curriculum.

As part of this unit of work students are made aware of the various issues affecting people in developing countries and are encouraged to take part in a charity event each year.

This year approximately \$850 dollars was raised via free dress day and student and staff donations. Many students have been very generous by giving soft toys, clothing and stationery to fill these decorated boxes.



On Friday 19th October, students filled and sent off 44 boxes and we hope to reach a much higher target for 2007. Events Organiser and Teacher Deanna Mann has been very touched by the generosity shown by the students to this worthy cause.

"MOVEMBER" IN NOVEMBER AT MORAYFIELD STATE HIGH SCHOOL

In November Morayfield State High School male staff will be participating in "Movember" (grow a mo to support prostate cancer research and male depression). 14 male staff members put their hand up to grow a moustache over the month of November to support this worthy cause. At a staff meeting held Tuesday 23rd October staff participated in a fundraising auction to sponsor the 14 men.

After a fantastic and enthusiastic response the staff have raised \$925.00 in one afternoon. Events organizer/teacher Alex Brain has been overwhelmed by the generous support of the staff and we are all looking forward to see who grows the most outstanding moustache.

Once registered on the 1st November each person will start with a clean shaven face. Then, for the entire month of November they must grow and groom a moustache according to the rules of this event.



2008 BRISBANE TERTIARY STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

Raymont Lodge Residential College provides fully furnished accommodation for students undertaking tertiary study in Brisbane. The College is located 4km from the heart of Brisbane and in close proximity to the University of Queensland and the Queensland University of Technology. All public transport is within easy access to the College.

Raymont Lodge provides modern and comfortable single room accommodation for up to 120 students. All meals are provided as well as a number of other services that include :internet access, individual telephones, common room, and swimming pool.

Additional information is available on the net at www.raymont.com.au or by contacting 07 3377 9903 and requesting an information kit. Raymont Lodge is a ministry of the Uniting Church in Australia, Queensland.

FROM THE STATIONERY UNIFORM AND BOOK SHOP

2008 Pre-order forms for Stationery Packs will be handed out to all students this week. If you miss out for any reason forms can be collected from the Bookshop.

Lay-by or order your formal now for 2008. It will be compulsory next year for all year levels, one day a week, to be in formal uniform.

Boys: White shirt, navy trousers, tie, black socks and shoes.

Girls: School blouse, skirt and tie OR dress and tie, stockings or white socks and black shoes.

Have you grown out of your uniform or leaving school? Why not put your uniform up for sale in the Bookshop. You will get some spending money and be helping out other students. Terms and conditions are available from the bookshop.

JANUARY 2008

ORIENTATION & ORGANISATION DAYS

STATIONERY, UNIFORM

S & CASHIER OPEN HOURS

Monday 21st January	Year 11 & 12	9am – 2pm	
Tuesday 22nd January	Year 9 & 10	9am – 2pm	
Wednesday 23rd January	Year 8	9am – 2pm	
Thursday 24 th January	All year levels	9am – 2pm	4pm – 7pm
Friday 25 th January	All year levels	9am – 2pm	

OFFICE OPEN HOURS

21 – 25 January 8am – 4pm

SCHOOL RESUMES

Tuesday 29th January Year 8 & 11
Wednesday 30th January All year levels

P&C News

The next P&C meeting is being held on 12th November 2007. This meeting starts at 5.30pm at the Administration Building and will include a tour of the school with Sharyn Donald (Principal) and invites everyone to see and hear of the changes that are to occur on the school grounds. We look forward to seeing you all there.

STUDENT EXCHANGE

In February 2008, students, ages 15-18 years, from over 15 countries will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for 5 or 10 months. Opportunities exist to act as a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity, Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis.

Host families help provide out students with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill. If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

To learn more about this opportunity call Student Exchange Australia on 1300 135 331 or visit our website:

www.studentexchange.org.au

CERT III IN EDUCATION SUPPORT TEACHER AID

Do you want to work school hours? Help children to learn? Gain valuable skills and knowledge?

Career Keys will be delivering Certificate III in Education Support (Teacher Aid) commencing January 2008 in your local area. This Nationally Accredited Course runs for 20 weeks part time, 5 days per fortnight. Visit our website:

www.careerkeys.com.au and download the enrolment pack, phone Career Keys on 3200 2700 or email training@careerkeys.com.au We are taking enrolments now, so don't miss out. Limited numbers