

Saying goodbye to Term Three, 2024!

The past ten weeks has flown by! In addition to lots of learning in classrooms, we have shared some fabulous events as a school community.

Without a doubt, one of the highlights was the choir's performance at Crown Theatre on 7<sup>th</sup> August. The choir worked hard over many months to get their item ready, and they were fabulous! We are grateful for the support of all the parents of choir members who helped make this opportunity a reality.

Without the vision and talent of Mrs Jones, this project would have remained a wishful idea. On behalf of the school, I thank her for the hundreds of hours she put into making Schools Make Music so successful. Last week we presented Mrs Jones with a certificate from the Director General of Education, Lisa Rogers, which summed up our gratitude:

*"We commend you for your leadership in coordinating and guiding student participation in the 2024 WA Government Schools Music Society concert series. Your dedication to undertaking this demanding logistical challenge played a pivotal role in bringing the show to life, showcasing the talents and hard work of your students."*

We are also very lucky to have had many staff involved along the way and I particularly thank the backstage crew on the night – Miss Moses, Mrs Salamone, Mrs Stegner, Miss Blanchard, Mr Gray and Miss Gartrell. Extra special thanks to Miss Gartrell for also helping with some of the choreography.

In the words of one of the songs performed on the night – "We are Morley, yeah!"

We have celebrated Book Week, competed in faction and interschool carnivals, and highlighted the importance of wellbeing and kindness through Bullying, No Way and RU OK Day events just to name a few.

#### School Culture Survey

Thank you so much for participating in this survey. In the end, we had 105 surveys returned which represented responses from 67% of families. This is an outstanding collection rate, and we appreciate your feedback. It was also affirming to see such overwhelmingly positive results and comments. We will email you a copy of the results. Our team will spend time understanding all the data and look for ways we can further improve. We have noted a few questions with higher responses of 'unsure' and we are looking for ways help clarify our work in these areas.

### **COMING EVENTS**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Term 3 – last day**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October**  
School Development Day

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Term 4 – Students return**

**Tuesday (weekly)**  
8.45-9.15am Uniform Shop

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October**  
8am Toast Wednesday

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October**  
Art Exhibition / 90<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October**  
Free Dress First Friday

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October**  
Healthy Mouths Incursion

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October**  
School Speech Competition  
Year 4-6  
Year 3 Poetry

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October**  
P&C Meeting



The first question we will address is “There are effective pastoral care processes in our school.” While 72% of people responded with “Strongly agree” or “Agree”, 32% were “Unsure”. One written comment indicated that there may be a belief that ‘pastoral care’ is related to religious services so this may be a wider misconception, and other people may simply not be aware of what we do.

At a public school, ‘pastoral care’ in a contemporary sense means the social and emotional support we provide to students and our community to promote wellbeing. At Morley Primary, we do significant work in this area, and it is often done behind the scenes at point of need. We can and do offer support to families, make referrals, and provide assistance - more often than you may think. Please, if we miss noticing that you or your child need a hand, reach out - we feel privileged to help. Our regular pastoral care processes include:

**Wellbeing Officer** – By referral, Mrs Morris sees children individually and in small groups for a variety of reasons including to provide support, build capacity of students to make and sustain friendships, improve self-esteem and practice wellbeing strategies. She facilitates mindfulness activities at class and school level, as well as fun activities during breaks. Mrs M also coordinates Toast Wednesday and Parent Cuppas in the Hive.

**School Psychologist** – Mrs Ralph supports the school with the case management of students, meets with parents, conducts classroom observations, and makes referrals to specialist services. She also consults and provides advice on school plans and strategies to support students.

We also run intervention groups to support student wellbeing through drumming and mindfulness activities. All classes undertake learning in mindfulness and Zones of Regulation. Our annual Wellbeing Week is a priority as is offering a range of ongoing special activities to enhance social and emotional wellbeing. Our education team seek to know and understand students well and provide point of need support as well as ongoing check-ins as required. We offer parent sessions hosted by the school to support families and advertise courses being held in the wider community.



#### Parents and Citizens’ Association (P & C)

The P & C are busily arranging a disco for Term 4. The “Glow Disco” will be held on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November so please mark that date on your calendar. More information will be available soon.

#### Protective Behaviours – Partners in Learning

It was fabulous to have such an interested group of 10 parents at the Protective Behaviours session last week. Special thanks to Mr Gray for providing child supervision. Attendees indicated a desire to participate in a cyber safety session which we will look to facilitate in 2025.

#### Term Four

There is lots to look forward to in Term Four so please keep your term planner handy! The first big event is the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Art Exhibition on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October. Our student councillors, Arts Captains and the choir will be required to fulfill special duties on the night, but we hope all students will attend! We are looking forward to seeing the creations for the family sculpture section of the exhibition. Finished pieces should be delivered to school on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October. If you have lost your note, more are available at the front office.

We also have our Public School Review on the 24<sup>th</sup> October. The staff, Student Council and School Board have been preparing for this over the past few months. We will include the community survey results in our submission.

Another date to highlight on your calendar is the End-of-Year Celebration which is on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Students will perform their dance items from the Make a Move program. Notes about this will go home this week.

Thank you to the Morley team for another fabulous term. I appreciate your hard work and commitment to our students and school.

Take care,  
Nicole

**Nicole Kovalevs**  
**Principal**

## Athletics

On Friday, 13 September the Small Schools' Association and Ashfield Primary School hosted the annual Interschool Athletics Carnival. The day started with jumps and throws, followed by flat races, team games and finishing with the relay events. There were a number of highlights throughout the day, with the Morley students always doing themselves and the school proud.

Our Year Six relay team won their baton relay by a healthy margin, and were almost strong enough to get us home in the penultimate grand relay where the fastest girl and boy from each school in Year 1 – 6 run the event. In the team games we fared particularly well in passball and the flag relay events. Morley finished third overall, with West Morley the winning school on the day. Thank you to Ms Hayman, Miss Crouch, Miss Spence and Ms Morris for coaching, completing jobs and accompanying the students on the day.

Division	Student	Place
Year 2 Girls	Anjali S	Runner-up
Year 4 Boys	Joshua K-S	Champion
Year 5 Girls	Indi E	Runner-up
Year 6 Girls	Ashlee Y	Champion





## Rehearsals, costumes and make-up!





# Crown Theatre



## Faction Carnival



## Rotary 4 Way Test – Public Speaking Competition



# Book Week



Stay and Play on RU OK Day





## Lost Property

We have had reading glasses handed in to the office during the term that have not been claimed. If your child has misplaced their glasses please see Trina or Marnie at the office.



## We are all in this together – support reminders

Please see the list below of some of the many agencies which provide mental health support. If you or members of your families are facing particular problems or are struggling with anything, please give Mrs Kovalevs a call at school so she can help you access some support.

### Mental health and Wellbeing Supports

- **KidsHelpline** provides 24/7 phone and online counselling support to young people aged 5-25. Call **1800 55 1800** or visit [www.kidshelpline.com.au](http://www.kidshelpline.com.au)
- **Lifeline** provides 24/7 phone and online counselling support to people in crisis, including suicidal thoughts and self-harm. Call **13 11 14** or visit [www.lifeline.org.au](http://www.lifeline.org.au)
- **Youth Beyond Blue** is a website dedicated to providing information to young people on anxiety and depression. The website helps young people to understand mental health and strategies to cope through tough times: [www.youthbeyondblue.com](http://www.youthbeyondblue.com)
- **The BRAVE program** is a free and interactive online program for the prevention and treatment of anxiety in young people. The program provides ways for young people to better cope with their worries. There are also programs for parents to learn strategies to support young people. The program can be used on any computer or tablet device and includes up to 10 sessions that you can work through at your own pace. There are three versions of the program: **Young Child Program** (ages 3-7), **Child Program** (ages 8-12) and the **Teen Program** (ages 12-17). For more information visit <https://brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au/>
- **Headspace** is a youth-friendly counselling service for young people aged 12-25. The Joondalup office can be contacted on (08) 9301 8900, or chat to a counsellor online at [www.headspace.org.au/ehespace](http://www.headspace.org.au/ehespace). For more information on how to cope with stress relating to COVID-19 visit: <https://headspace.org.au/young-people/how-to-cope-with-stress-related-to-covid-19/>

## Community Notices

### Midvale Hub

We are a free Parenting Service that supports families who reside in the local government areas of City of Swan, Town of Bassendean, City of Bayswater and Shire of Mundaring. We provide both in person and online courses.

Some of the courses on offer are :

- Circle of Security Parenting – Maylands
- Bringing Up Great Kids in the Early Years – Beechboro
- Bringing Up Great Kids in the Early Years – Dayton
- 123 Magic and Emotion Coaching – Dayton
- Tuning in to Kids – Beechboro



### MIDVALE HUB PARENTING SERVICE PERTH NORTH EAST

FREE parenting programs, workshops and support for parents and carers of children aged 0 - 18 years and reside in the local government areas of Mundaring, Swan, Bassendean or Bayswater



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