MISSION
Morang South Primary School is a committed and unified partnership of teachers, parents and children. We value diversity and strive for excellence. We are committed to providing a high quality education in a cooperative, caring and safe environment. Children are encouraged and challenged to reach their full potential.

From the Principal
Hi Everyone,

What a fortnight we have had since the last Gorge News! There have been an amazing number of activities and celebrations happening in our school both in and out of school hours! I have had the pleasure of writing a large number of thank you notes in this edition. What a wonderful community we have here at Morang South Primary. It is amazing what we can achieve when we work as a team!

Last week we received news from the Wakakirri coordinator that our grade 5/6 item "The Legacy of our Pride and Honour" came third in the state. What a result! Congratulations to Michele Creevey, all the helpers and of course our wonderful student performers.

Tournament of Minds (TOM) is a problem solving program for multi-aged teams of students who work together to solve a demanding, open ended Long-Term Challenge. The team also participates in an unseen Spontaneous Challenge on Tournament Day. The challenges encourage lots of stimulating and inspiring thinking and effective team work. Two groups of our grade 5/6 students competed in this year’s TOM at Latrobe University. Congratulations to the following students, Emily Anderson, Sarah Emery, Michael Farthing, Cassandra Mathison, Mitchell Ratcliffe, and Maddie Tait, who competed in the Applied Technology Challenge on Saturday August 27th and to the following students, Kiyan Mirzaie-Basari, Jordyn Cullen, Anishaa Lathpandura, Marlon Seneviratne, Cara Thompson, Natasha Vu and Jack Watson, who competed in the Maths Challenge on Sunday August 28th. They all acquitted themselves very well and we all should be very proud of them. It was great to see their excitement on their competition day and watch them representing our school so well. These opportunities would not happen without the commitment of not only the children and their parents but also the commitment and dedication of our staff.

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Don’t forget your hat!

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VISION
Our vision for Morang South Primary is to become a vibrant learning community where all members are challenged and empowered to strive for and celebrate personal excellence and continuous growth. The children will become positive, compassionate, able, creative, confident thinkers, and life long, socially responsible learners equipped to thrive in and shape the future of our evolving global society.
and Rhys Gevaux put a great deal of work into supporting the children in their endeavours. Thank you, Marg, Diana and Rhys for supporting the children and for giving up a part of your weekend.

The grade 3/4 students, teachers and some parents had an enjoyable and successful camp at the CYC camp on Phillip Island. There were lots of ‘stories’ on their return - eager cabin decorators up in the early hours getting ready for cabin inspection; staff and parents tackling challenging activities and not showing the fear in their hearts; a parent was heard to say “I can’t believe how hard the teachers have to work!” We were successfully able to post some photos directly from the camp onto our website during the camp. I hope you saw them during the week. I’d like to congratulate and thank the staff, Leanne Nicholls, Rachel Janis, Melinda Bell, Mel Tollit, Debbie Molloy and Deb Powell for the wonderful job they did providing our 3/4 children with such a positive, constructive and fun learning experience. Thank you also to the parents who attended – Farooq Ahmed, Paul Baker, Brad Campbell and Len Falzon, without you camps would not be possible. It is always wonderful to hear about the parents attending camp and how they work hard to support the staff and all of the children, not just their own!

The annual Science and Technology Fair was held on Thursday and Friday the 18th and 19th of August. A huge thank you, to Karen Jeffery and Leanne Nicholls for organising the fair and attending on the night. A big thank you to all of the staff who encouraged the children and supported their efforts, particularly the grade 5/6s. To the children who entered, congratulations to you for a great effort and thank you to the parents who supported them and thank you to all those, including Diana Gevaux and Sandi Young who attended on the Thursday evening. Well done everyone!!

Our annual Footy Day was a great success. It was great to see so many club jumpers, flags, scarves, beanies and hair gear, as well as support and sportsmanship shown by all. As usual Collingwood supporters outnumbered all other clubs and their donation line was the longest! It was great to see our students and teachers show a sense of pride in their clubs. We raised over $700, which will go to the PFA fund raising effort for the year. Thank you to Marg Eames for organising the coin line events and to PFA for organising the ‘footy’ food!

Our school website now has photos from the above events and lots more info so keep a close eye on it. The address is: http://www.morangsouthps.vic.edu.au/.

The annual Father’s Day stall was held on Thursday and Friday August 25th and 26th. Once again there were many, many excited faces as the children left the stall with their secret purchases! Our PFA did a marvellous job. As always there were a variety of gifts and plenty of helpers on the day including some of our school leaders. Thank you to you all!

Our second round of three way conferences is fast approaching. These will be on Thursday September 22nd. School Council has approved a variation to the school day, where the children will only attend school for their conference. Please be sure to put this date in your diary so you can celebrate you child’s achievements with them and be part of the partnership to develop their learning goals for term 4. These are a very important part of our communication and reporting process.

We are starting to think about grades placements and staffing for 2012 and will be doing this in detail at the beginning of term four. Therefore, if you have a prep child for 2012 and have not enrolled him/her please do so as soon as possible or if your child/ren will not be returning to Morang South next year, please let us know as soon as possible.

It is our policy to ensure all children are placed in grades with children they both relate to and work well with. Our teachers are highly professional and spend an enormous amount of time thinking about and discussing this, in their endeavour to create balanced, harmonious grades. If you have any serious concerns regarding your child’s placement in relation to other class members, NOT in relation to teachers, please put those concerns in writing to me.

Please do not assume that because you have made a request before that you don’t need to do it again. Circumstances change, so we need you to do this every year if you have a concern.

They MUST be to us by the end of term – FRIDAY 23rd of SEPTEMBER, the end of term 3.

It is pleasing to note that more families are choosing to receive their Newsletter via email. Thank you for your positive response and cooperation. This helps the school save money on the consumables and staff time but most importantly helps the environment.

Please remember that we love to have parents helping in the classrooms and if you have any worries or concerns, please let us know straight away.

You are welcome to see me if you wish to discuss the issues I’ve written about today. I would appreciate feedback as to whether you find the information useful.

Keep up that life-long learning!

From your Principal,
Julie Jones
Grades Prep – 6
Week 7

Home Group 1  Manisha
Home Group 3  Hayley
Home Group 5  Jaymes
Home Group 9  Jessica
Home Group 16 Tayla
Home Group 20 Brydee
Home Group 22 HG 22
Home Group 24 HG 24
Art HG 22
PE

Finley
Malik
Ben
Brodie & Brittany
Tiana & HG 15
Eric
Jordan
Cynthia
5/6 Basketballers
### Grades Prep – 6
#### Week 8

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1/2 Fairy Tale presentations

To celebrate Literacy and Numeracy Week the 1/2 children presented their fairy tales. Their tales were interesting and exciting. They are great authors!

Sapna – The fox who made friends with the mermaid
Caley – The girl who fell in love with the boy
Aidan – The ghost finds the secret dinosaur
Tristen – Rexy saves Dino from getting eaten!

In a Battle—Ben
The Three Little Dogs—Matthew
Lucy Gets Lost—Ebony
The Three Children—Cara

Ross - The Five Funny Friends
Emmerson—Cinderella the musical
Josh - The 4 Aliens

Lauren – Bird Land
Liam – Future World
Ethan – Zombie Land
Amber – The Witch and the Elves

The Mean Cat and the Three Lions—Taiaha
The Three Kookaburras and the Owl—Georgia
Homer and the Three Dogs—Eric
The Bear and the Three Azzopardies—Bronte
The canteen will now operate as follows:

- **Monday** – students in all grades can order
- **Tuesday** – Closed
- **Wednesday** – Healthy lunch day; students in all grades can order.
- **Thursday** – (Restricted orders) students in **ODD** numbered home groups **CAN ORDER** (5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 19, 21, 23) (THIS EXCLUDES Preps as THEIR DAY IS FRIDAY)
- **Friday** – (Restricted orders) **Preps** and students in **EVEN** numbered home groups **CAN ORDER** (all Prep grades including PREPI and 4, 16, 20, 22, 24)

When necessary, due to lack of volunteers, counter sales at first and second lunch will unfortunately be suspended.
Wakakirri has finished for another year. A considerable amount of effort went into creating the two items that we presented at the Melbourne Convention Centre on 24th August. I would like to thank the following people for all of their assistance in sewing, making and painting props as well as cutting fabric.

**SEWING**
Jann McVicar, Debbie Powell, Heather Govett, Janet Mathison, Marg Eames, Debbie Cullen, Julie D’Intinosante, Kelly Donnelly, Lisa Bowlen, Leanne Bradstreet, Donna Vitiritti, Jenny Tollit and Trudee White

**PROPS**
Trudee, Jan and Jazmyn White, Debbie and Mia Powell, Joshua, Alysha and Shelley Dean, Simone, Chelsea and Joshua Ford, Donna and Alyssa Vitiritti, Brooke McVicar, Melissa and Bree Shane, Leanne Bradstreet, Alyssa Bannan and especially Jim Bannan who put in many hours creating and making most of our props.

**TEACHERS AND PARENTS THAT HELPED ON THE DAY**
Heather Govett, Debbie Cullen, Marg Eames, Mel Tollit, Debbie Powell, Leanne Bradstreet and Jann McVicar.

It has been a very special year this year with the group of children being very committed to our items and coming to all rehearsals. We had children contributing to the choreography and also making props. It has been a real pleasure to work with these special children over the two terms preparing for the competition. They worked very hard every first and second lunch giving up their free time to rehearse.
All their hard work was rewarded when we received third place in the state. This is the best result we have received since we have been involved in Wakakirri. I am already missing our rehearsals and the fun we had together.

Well done to all involved and a big thankyou for all your hard work.

Michele Creevey
Fact Sheet

Magpies

October and November can be a potentially threatening time if you are living in magpie territory. This is the period in which attacks by magpies occur.

Magpies attack people because they have an innate sense to defend their territory, particularly at nesting time. They are protecting their nests, eggs or young from potential intruders, irrespective of whether they are other magpies, predators or people.

Their territory may include your backyard, the park across the road or the local school yard. It doesn’t matter to the magpie as long as he considers you a potential threat. However, the probability of an attack is increased by interfering with, or teasing the magpie.

Scare tactics for magpies

- **Swooping** is the common attack method. The bird is threatening or bluffing and only means to scare the intruder. It is unlikely to attack if you walk confidently keeping an eye on it.

- **Beak clacking** as the bird swoops overhead is another form of bluff. Like some dogs, magpies can sense fear and will capitalise on it by continuing to attack.

- In a **strike attack**, a magpie usually swoops, hovering momentarily and then strikes. The fluttering of wings as the bird hovers can be a warning to duck and avoid an attack.

What to do

Keep in mind that magpies attack only during the nesting and rearing periods, and that most attacks are really a bluff - the bird rarely has any intention of actually striking.

There are many ways to avoid the impact of magpie season:

- Try to stop children and others interfering with magpies.

- Try to avoid the swooping area.

- Wearing a hat while working or playing in the backyard and garden is one of the simplest means of protection. The hat deters much of the magpie activity and also deflects any accidental or intentional strike by the bird.

- Magpies hate being watched so children playing in the yard could try wearing a hat or ice cream container with eyes painted on the back of it; sunglasses worn backwards have a similar effect.

- Waving a stick or a hat will often cause the bird to retreat.

- Avoid walking alone, birds tend to swoop at individuals not groups of people.

- Try not to be scared and run this will only encourage the bird to continue attacking.

For more information, you can contact Council’s Health Services Department on 9217 2277

City of Whittlesea

www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au

call 03 9217 2170 fax 03 9217 2111 email info@whittlesea.vic.gov.au

address Council offices, 25 Ferres Blvd, South Morang, VIC 3752

Free Telephone Interpreter Service Türkçe 9679 9877 Italiano 9679 9874

العربية 9679 9871 備案 9679 9857 Српски 9679 9872 Việt Ngữ 9679 9878

Македонски 9679 9875 普通话 9679 9876 希腊语 9679 9873 其他 9679 9879
OSHC NEWS

Hi Everyone, SPRING HAS COME! Please supply your child with a hat for after school care. The hat doesn't have to be a school hat it can be any. NO HATE NO PLAY! So please help us abide by school rules.

Just a reminder to OSHC families making bookings or cancellations our number is 0412 318 716. If there is no answer please leave a message and we will get back to you. You can also make and change bookings on our parent portal at www.campaustralia.com.au

Thank you,
- Reannan, Monique, Charleigh, Kristin and Belinda.

### REMINDERS

**How to get started** before using our programs you must register online for an account. Registering is quick and easy. Visit our website to begin [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au)

**Once registered** you can make bookings and cancellations, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day online. Keep in mind we are able to take bookings at short notice to help busy families.

**Save on Care** You can save 50% or more on Before and After School Care fees with the **non-means tested** Child Care Rebate. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more call our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343 Monday to Friday.

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**AWARDS...** Ticket in the Tub: Tristen and Tehara

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS
These are still available for purchase at $65 from the office with $13 profit going towards the school

BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE - Sunday 13 November
Further details to follow – volunteers are required on the day so if you can help out for a couple of hours please leave your contact details at the office

CLASSIFIEDS
Advertising prices (per month) are:
   Business card $12
   ¼ page $18, ½ page $24
   Full page $48

To advertise, contact Donna on 0439 322 242 or email donnafortergill@hotmail.com

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP
Situated in the Parents & Friends Room (opposite Room 22).
Open Thursday mornings 9:00-9:30am

BAKERS DELIGHT – RIVERGUM “Dough Raiser”
Shop at Bakers Delight Rivergum Shopping Village, mention Morang South Primary School and they will happily donate a % of the total you spend back to the school

Full Life PHARMACY MILL PARK
AND Amcal PHARMACY RIVERGUM
Remember to place your receipts in the Morang South Primary School box

New Members Welcome 😊

Next Meeting
Wednesday 21st September
7:30pm - Staffroom
REGISTRATION DAY
PLENTY VALLEY BATS CRICKET CLUB
(Incorporating Yarrambat Cricket Club)
Season 2011 / 2012
Sunday 11 SEPTEMBER 2011  12.00 pm to 2.00pm
At Yarrambat War Memorial Park Ironbark Road, Yarrambat.
BBQ Lunch and entertainment provided.
Guests attending on the day include cricketing legend Bill Lawry

Junior grades playing in:

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Club merchandise available for purchase on the day. Every new junior player who registers with the club will be invited to open an account with Bendigo Bank and the club will deposit the first $50.00

For further information:
Please contact Darren Callahan on 0413 055 829 or Greg Carpenter on 0419 001 045
Email – plentyvalley@club.cricketvictoria.com.au
Website – http://bopacc.cricketvictoria.com.au
THANK YOU!

We would like to give a big “THANK YOU” to Maddison & Kiara Brullo for the generous donation of books to the library.

Parents & Friends along with MSPS also wish to say a Huge Thank You to Jennifer Galbraith for the donation of plants for the Fathers Day.

BE PART OF A UNIQUE CASE STUDY

Students at this school age 7-12 who have never learnt piano or keyboard before are invited to participate in a world first ten week case study to conduct research into the effectiveness and impact of Musiah, the world’s first artificially intelligent virtual piano teacher when used with and/or without the involvement of a traditional piano/keyboard teacher.

There is no cost to participate, and successful applicants will receive 10 weeks of free lessons at home with Musiah.

To register your interest, email support@musiah.com, enter “CASE STUDY” as the subject, and we will email you more info and a link to an online application form.

KEYBOARD LESSONS

New Enrolments are currently being accepted for Term 4, 2011.

At only $10.90 (incl. GST) per lesson, this music program is Great Value!!!

Enrol online at www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au

Small Reminder
To cancel: Written cancellation must be sent to the above address/fax number or emailed to admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.au at least two weeks prior to the start of term to avoid incurring that term’s fees. (It is not sufficient for this advice to be communicated to the school or keyboard teacher).
Community News

Morang South Primary School Play Group

When: Monday Morning 9.30-11.30 approx
Where: Morang South Primary School
Cost: $2.00 per week per child.
Gorge Road, South Morang.
Call Donna on 9437-8833 and leave a message.

Come and enjoy some time with your children whilst meeting other parents in the area. Tea and coffee provided.

The group begins with some music, singing and dancing followed by craft activities with breaks for snacks. Many of the songs use instruments and other props to keep the children focussed.

All you need to bring is a snack for your child. For those not wanting to join in with craft activities there is plenty to keep them busy.

HOLIDAY CLUBS
Taking kids to new heights

Let Camp Australia make your kids smile these holidays

With more than 70 locations to choose from, finding fun things to do has never been easier.
Go online to find your nearest club.

Hi kids,

Here are just a few of the things we’ll be getting up to this holidays:

- fun games
- art x craft
- sport challenges
- special workshops
- exciting excursion destinations

So come and join us at Holiday Club.
Lots of smiles
From Patch & the Team

50% Childcare benefits and rebates apply.
Book early to avoid late fees.