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

Welcome back to term 2. I hope you all had an enjoyable break, particularly over Easter, which is often a relaxing family time in Australia. My daughter returned from working in the US and UK during our holidays, so it was lovely to be able to spend some time with her. Mind you, she was full of excitement this morning when she heard about the prospect of another work trip to China, possibly in June and July. How small and easily accessible the world has become!

2011 is a year of Self Assessment and Review for Morang South Primary School. We are currently finalising our School Self Assessment document. This involves analysing the data from our opinion surveys and student results over the life of our previous Strategic Plan which was developed in 2007. This is always a very worthwhile process and enables us to celebrate our achievements, look at our strengths and weaknesses and set our direction for the future. I have included an overview of the process in this Newsletter. Our review date is Thursday June the 2nd. During terms 3 and 4 we will be developing our Strategic Plan for the four years from 2011 to 2014.

This year the official Education Week is from Monday 16th to Friday 20th May 2011. However we will celebrate Education Week at Morang South from Monday May 30th until Friday June 3rd. There will be many exciting events, including open sessions for grandparents and family members, the Book Fair and World of Maths. I hope parents will join in the fun during our celebration of this year’s Education Week!

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.

Calendar of Events Term 2 2011

| Week 2: | Fri 6 May | Grade 2 Sleepover |
| Week 3: | Tues 10 May | NAPLAN grades 3 and 5 |
| | Wed 11 May | NAPLAN grades 3 and 5 |
| | Thurs 12 May | BOOKCLUB DUE BACK |
| | Sat 14 May | M.S.P.S Mum’s Night Out! |
| Week 4 | Mon 16 May | Chess Club |
| | Tues 17 May | Swimming grades 1/2 & 3/4 |
| | Wed 18 May | Cross Country Gr 3-6 |
| | Fri 20 May | Walk Safely To School Day |
| Week 5 | Tues 24 May | Swimming grades 1/2 & 3/4 |
| | Wed 25 May | District Cross Country Gr 3-6 |
| | Thurs 26 May | Lego Excursion Rooms 02 & 18 |
| | Fri 27 May | Lego Excursion Rooms 01 & 03 |

Your school's total points as of today are 9,311. 😊

It's not ok to be away

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As you will know from the note sent home last week, our Canteen service commenced again yesterday. Kylie Stefanile is our newly appointed canteen manager. I am sure that you will all warmly welcome Kylie back to our school, in her new role. At this point we are still in need of canteen volunteers, particularly for Fridays. This is a vital service for our community and can only be made available if we have support.

IF YOU CAN SPARE SOME TIME TO VOLUNTEER IN THE CANTEEN, PARTICULARLY ON FRIDAYS, PLEASE CALL US ASAP. THANK YOU.

A reminder that next week, commencing Tuesday May 10th and concluding on Thursday May 12th, our grades 3 and 5 students will be participating in the NAPLAN assessment.

The National Assessment Program is the measure through which governments, education authorities and schools can determine whether or not young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes. The National Assessment Program is run at the direction of the Ministerial Council for Education, Early Childhood Development and Youth Affairs (MCEECDYA). It includes:
- the National Assessment Program — Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)
- three-yearly NAP sample Assessments in Science Literacy, Civics and Citizenship, and Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Literacy, and International sample assessments.

Students are assessed in Year 3 to identify their achievement at the end of the early years of schooling and again in Year 5 to monitor their achievement before moving to secondary school.

Teachers use a range of assessments over time to build a picture of your child’s strengths and needs. The results of the NAPLAN tests will form a small component of the assessment tools, which teachers as professionals, use to tell how your child is progressing. They are one test on one day. The NAPLAN 2011 will assist teachers in a small way to identify students’ strengths and weaknesses in Literacy and Numeracy. By analysing results which show a pattern or which add to information from teacher judgments, teachers can adjust teaching strategies to provide appropriate support.

The student results from the NAPLAN testing will be due in schools in July.

The aggregation of students’ results will provide the school with an overview of current achievements for groups of students and contributes to a more comprehensive understanding of their performance. The analysis of school-wide data assists school planning and can be used by the school to monitor Literacy and Numeracy improvement over time.

If you would like to discuss this further, please call or come in to see Sandi Young.

It is Walk to School day, Friday May 20th. This event is proudly sponsored by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing. It is supported by the Australian Government, all State/Territory Governments and Local Governments, as well as the Heart Foundation, Cancer Council Australia, Diabetes Australia, Beyond Blue and the Australian Conservation Foundation.

There are a number of really good reasons why you should join us on Walk to School day on Friday May 20 AND every other day.

Health benefits
According to the Australian Federal Government report, Healthy Weight 2008, more than a third of Australian children between the ages of seven to 11 are overweight or obese.

Children should spend no more than 2 hours of recreational time on TV/couch/PC a day.

Walking regularly can help kids steer clear of:
- heart disease
- type II diabetes
- accidents, fractures and injuries (through improved strength and coordination)
- some cancers (including colon cancer)
Safety
Experts agree, reducing the number of cars around school gates can help reduce the risk of injury to child pedestrians. By parking the car a few blocks away and safely walking the rest of the journey with a parent or carer, school areas become less congested with traffic and therefore safer for young children.

Quality time together
This may be a good opportunity to talk with your children; maybe the only real chance you get!

Speaking of walking, it is important that we work together to ensure the safety of our students. I have had some disturbing reports of children using our School Crossings inappropriately or worse still not using them at all and crossing the road in dangerous and unsupervised areas. Please take the time to discuss the appropriate use of the crossings with your child. Thank you.

Please remember that the staff car parks are for staff, parents working in the school and visitors cars only. In line with DEECD policy, we do not have drop off zones.

The school was alive with excitement today as children thoughtfully considered the best present to buy for their Mums or someone special from the Mother’s Day stall. This event is one of the highlights of our school year. The children love the opportunity to browse, reflect on their mothers’ likes and dislikes, and to make their final decision. It would not be possible without our Parents and Friends Association. I would like to acknowledge the PFA’s hard work and creativity with the assortment of so many beautiful gifts for the children to choose from. Thank you and well done to all PFA members, volunteers and the blue house captains and vice captains for their assistance.

I would like to wish all mothers and grandmothers a very happy Mother’s Day. This is a special day where we can honor our precious mothers and the priceless and often selfless role of motherhood. Enjoy your special day on Sunday.

As you know, Stefani Tigani is on leave and travelling overseas. We have heard from her. She had a lovely holiday in Thailand and is now living in Italy and seeking some work, teaching.

Please remember that we love to have parents and carers helping in the classrooms.

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!

Julie Jones
Principal
Our year of self-evaluation, review and planning
An overview for the school community

Purpose
This year we will be setting our school’s strategic direction for the next four years. Our primary goal is to provide an excellent education for every student. To do this we will evaluate our progress to date and plan a strategy that is critical to our school’s continued success – improving learning, engagement and wellbeing and successful transitions and pathways for our children and young people.

The Focus
The planning of the strategic direction for the school will be guided by the following questions:
• What outcomes did we aim to achieve?
• What outcomes did we achieve?
• Why did we achieve / not achieve improvements in student outcomes?
• How effectively did we manage our resources to support the achievement of student outcomes?
• What can we do in the future to continue to improve?

People Involved
School leaders, staff, students and parents will work together over the course of 2011 to set the strategic directions for the school.

The Process
School self-evaluation provides an opportunity for our school community to reflect on our achievements, our strengths, and areas where improvement is needed. After we have completed our self-evaluation, an external reviewer will work with us to offer independent and expert advice on our progress. With their experience and knowledge of Australian and international best practice they will be able to help identify the most effective strategies for us to continue to improve into the future.

The self-evaluation and the review provide a powerful information base from which we can develop our new strategic directions for the four-year school strategic plan.

We will:
✓ review the school’s core purpose and values
✓ take a ‘futures perspective’ of the needs of children and young people and the context of our school
✓ agree on the outcomes we are striving to achieve for our students
✓ choose the few most important strategies that are critical to our success.

"Schools are partnerships, in effect, between teachers, legislators, parents, students and community members... a shared vision effort in school should begin by calling people to come together to think and act, with the power they already have, about the things that are important to them" (Senge, Schools that Learn, 2000).
Stars of the Week

Grades Prep-02

Home Group 01  Beau
Home group 02  Mihail
Home Group 15  Haylee
Home Group 19  Mia
Home Group 23  Anastasia

Home group 03  Blake
Home Group 16  HG 16
Home Group 20  Joshua
Home Group 24  Alexis
Stars of the Week

Grades 3-6

Home Group 05 Oly
Home group 07 Jemma, Jayden

Home Group 15 Haylee
Home Group 16 HG 16
On the 3rd of May 2011 grade 5/6 students had a visit from Shaun Hampson and Christopher Yarran from the Carlton Football Club. We did some races where we had to bounce to ball then kick it or hand ball it to the next person, practising our kicking, bouncing and hand balling skills. We played another very fun game where we had to kick the football and aim for the goal. We also had time to ask some questions and get their signatures!

We had an amazingly fun time and learnt lots of new things and we would all like to thank Mrs Molloy for running the event!

By
Jordyn
School Reporter
Photos by
Sabrina
School Photographer
Today your children have received leaflets from Ashton Scholastic Book Club. Book Club operates twice a term. It is a good opportunity to purchase books for your children while you earn free books for the school. Every dollar you spend earns bonus points – if I want to choose an $8 book from Book Club, I ‘spend’ 80 bonus points. Last year we obtained $1,193 worth of books for the library with bonus points.

If you wish to place an order please follow the procedure below -
leaflets are given out on a Thursday (with the newsletter) & are due back the following Thursday
– THIS ORDER IS DUE BACK ON THURSDAY 12/05/11

Clearly fill in forms on back of leaflet with child’s name, group & order total (if older children fill in forms could parents please check them, as we had a number of errors last year)
enclose order & correct money in a clearly named envelope, making sure that any coins are secure. You may pay by cheque, but please make cheques payable to Scholastic Australia (not to the School.)
You may also pay by credit card – please see the back of the leaflet as you need to ring Scholastic to obtain a receipt number.
If ordering from more than one leaflet or more than one child you only need to make one credit card transaction or provide one cheque.
Family orders may be placed in one envelope with one payment

Orders should be given to the classroom teacher.

No late orders will be accepted.

There is never any obligation for parents to purchase.

Problems? see Heather Govett in HG 20 before or after school any day. There are plenty of spare leaflets if leaflets are lost or your child wants one of the leaflets not distributed in their class.

How long do orders take?
Orders will be completed on the Internet as soon as possible. Orders come from Sydney, and can sometimes take up to three weeks, so please encourage the children to be patient.

Please don’t hesitate to contact Heather Govett in Home Group 20 if you have any queries at all.

Thank you for your past and future participation in Book Club.

Heather Govett (HG 20)

Intra-School Chess Tournament - Term 1, 2011

Another term of chess is at its end and again it has been a delight to work with our children and watch them enjoy the game and learn new skills and strategies on a weekly basis.
Each term an intra-school tournament is held where children play games against each other each week. Results are recorded, and medals and certificates are awarded at the end of each term by Frank - our coach. This term I have great delight informing you that Sophie, Peter and Sarah came fourth. The Bronze medal was awarded to Jesse, Silver medal awarded to Thinura and Gold medal awarded to Kiyans. Certificates of achievement have been given to all our chess club members as they have all learned new strategies and involved themselves in the sporting atmosphere. Congratulations to all!

Notes for term two were handed out on the first day of term two. All children need to return the notes to participate in chess. We will be attending an inter-school tournament this term to be attended by a chess team selected by Frank Diana Gevaux
Reminders:

✔ Conserve paper have your newsletter emailed!

✔ Care for our environment send lunches and snacks in rubbish free containers!

✔ Please ensure that your children do not arrive at school preferably, before 8:45 and certainly not before 8:30 in the mornings. We have staff on duty from 8:45 until 9:00am.

✔ By following the dress code families are demonstrating respect for our school and acknowledging their commitment to our learning community.

✔ Please make sure all items of clothing are named with both first and last names. Any lost items will be returned if named and at the end of each week, any un-named clothing will go to our second-hand uniform shop.

A huge thank you to you all for how you support your children to make sure that they have sufficient “brain” food and water to ensure they can get through to second lunch without having to eat the snack food which doesn’t assist their learning.

Our fortnightly publication – The Gorge News- is the prime source of communication from the school to parents, so it is vital to read this to keep up to date. In an effort to protect the environment and better use school resources we would like as many families as possible to have the Gorge News emailed. We hope you will support us with this.

REQUEST FOR EMAIL OF SCHOOL’S NEWSLETTER.

We would be pleased to support the environment and the school by having our Newsletter emailed. We no longer require a hardcopy of the school’s newsletter.

FAMILY NAME……………………………………………………

YOUNGEST CHILD’S NAME ……………………………

HOME GROUP……………………………………
Email Address/es ………………………………………………………………………………
Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual, national event when all Primary School children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment.

The objectives of WSTSD are:
- To encourage parents and carers to walk to school with primary school age children and reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour.
- To promote the health benefits of walking and help create regular walking habits at an early age. It’s easy, free and almost anyone can do it at anytime.
- To ensure that children up to 10 years old hold an adult’s hand when crossing the road.
- To help children develop the vital road-crossing skills they will need as they become mature pedestrians.
- To reduce the car dependency habits that are being created at an early age and which will be difficult to change as children become adults.
- To promote the use of Public Transport.
- To reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles.
- To reduce the level of traffic congestion especially in and around schools, creating pedestrian-safe areas for children entering or leaving school.

What can I do to participate?
Parents and carers can walk their children all or part of the way to school. If parents and children are unable to walk the whole way, they can combine a walk with public transport or park the car a good distance away from the school and walk the rest of the way. As this is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment this is a great opportunity to promote Healthy Eating. We are also encouraging children to bring a healthy lunch to school to promote the importance of a healthy diet alongside a more active lifestyle.

Thank you for your support
Junior School Council.

Walking: it takes you and your health, to good places!
And remember: Active Kids are Healthy Kids!
OSHC NEWS THIS WEEK
'We make kids smile'

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The Playground, Drawing, Air hockey, Dress up’s, Home Corner, Puppet show, Cars and trains, Puzzles, Board games and a quiet area are available for your children to play with everyday.

Computer time at the library occurs 1 day a week. Check the OSHC room for details.

Breakfast is provided every morning and a light snack and a fruit platter is served of an afternoon. Cold Water is also provided.

If you need to make a booking or cancellation please come in and see Reannan or call our number 0412 318 716.

Hi All,

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 2! We have some new faces in OSHC which brings great excitement; we love to have new friends in OSHC to join in with our fun!

A warm welcome to our lovely new staff member Kristin Bulley, it’s lovely to have a new but familiar face onboard.

So come along and join us in the excitement of OSHC many exciting cooking, craft and active sports activities for your child to join in. So visit www.campaustralia.com.au and register your child now.

Reannan, Monique, Charleigh, Belinda & Kristin

Donations of pre loved toys especially dolls and dress ups. Also board games and puzzles would be greatly appreciated.

Hours of Operation:
BSC – 7.00 – 8.45 am
ASC – 3.30 – 6.00 pm

Outside School Hours Care with Camp Australia
BILLY G COOKIE DOUGH
Thank you to our House & Vice-Captains that helped deliver everyone’s orders – a fantastic job!

EASTER RAFFLE
Congratulations to all our winners of the Easter Raffle

MOTHERS DAY STALL
That special day to spoil our mum’s, step-mum, grandma or someone close to us
Our annual stall is being held on Thursday 5th May and a ‘second-chance’ visit on Friday 6th May

MUM’S NIGHT OUT
Put this one in your diary ladies - Saturday 14th May for a fun-filled evening.
Dancing, games, door-prizes, raffles, auctions, finger-food etc. to be held at Morang South Primary School old gym, 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start.
Cost: $15 per tickets, BYO Alcohol with supper provided.
Please find attached to the newsletter the flyer that has been sent home.

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

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 donnaforthergill@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

NEXT MEETING – WEDNESDAY 18th MAY, 7:30PM
New Members Welcome
Mums Night Out

**When** Saturday, 14th May
**Where** Morang South Primary School  
(Old School Gym)
**Time** 7:00 - 7:30pm til midnight
**Cost** $15 per ticket
BYO Alcohol, Supper provided
**RSVP** Tuesday, 10th May (payment required with RSVP)

Treat yourself, family and girlfriends to a night out and dance the night away with DJ Tony. Games, door prizes, raffles & auctions. Wear a **touch of red** to receive an extra special door prize ticket!

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Yes, count me in!

Name: 
________________________

Home Group: 
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No. of tickets required: 
________________________
Ben Muscat an ex student of Morang South Primary School has been given a fabulous opportunity to represent the Australian Basketball Digest College in a Tour to Singapore.

Please come along and assist Ben in getting this unique opportunity to Tour Singapore, as well as enjoying an entertaining night full of fun & laughs. Bring plenty of $1 and $2 coins!

When: Saturday 7th May
Where: Morang South Primary School – old gym
Time: 7.00pm for 7.30pm start finish at 10.30pm

BYO Supper
Tea Coffee and biscuits supplied

Trivia Competition

Cost: $15 per head (tables of 10)

Silent Auction Items and a major raffle on the night.

If you cannot join us on the night and would like to make a donation, please contact Mark Muscat 0419526301
mark.muscat@bendigobank.com.au

RSVP: 6th May
Community News

WANTED: MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST - BUNDOORA

Specialist Medical Practice seeks receptionist to work alongside existing staff. 8:30am – 6pm, 2-4 days/week, some shorter days also available. Duties include telephone, bookings, patient reception and accounts. Fully computerised, full training will be given. Small friendly office, flexible approach to hours. Please send letter of interest and resume to receptionst2011@dvec.com.au

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Mill Park Bunnings Mum’s & Kids Family Night
Thursday 5th May
6-8pm

Mill Park Bunnings would love you to come along with the kids to our fabulous Free Mum’s & Kids Family night!

We have:
Ben 10 visiting our store!
Dinner @ 6.30pm

* Craft activities
* Amazing face painting
* Jumping Castle
* Door Raffle and More…..

Bookings Are Essential Please call 9404 8400.
Numbers will be capped at 60 people.
Positive introduction to Netball
For 5-10 year olds
Fun & Safe Environment
Accredited Coaches
Weekly Program

Give it a go!

Plenty Valley
Netball Association

Contact us: pv.netball@gmail.com

Venue: RMIT BNASC Stadium*, Off McKimmies Road, Bundoora
Time: 11:30am for 1 hour on Saturdays, indoor court
Cost:** $3 each week

* No stadium entry is payable (for parents and participants) when attending Net-Set-Go! Program. Sessions do not run during school holidays and long weekends.

** Netball Victoria Membership (includes VNA Insurance) $30 paid yearly. Optional Net-Set-Go! Kit can be purchased for an additional $20.

www.netsetgo.asn.au