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.

10th May 2012

From the Principal
Hello Everyone,

Many Australians celebrate Mother’s Day by showing their appreciation for the achievements and efforts of mothers and mother figures. This will be my first Mother’s Day without my mum; she passed away while I was in Ireland last year, so I have certainly been remembering and reflecting more than usual on the role of mothers in the days leading up to Mother’s Day. Mothers play so many roles throughout our lives - teacher, nurse and counsellor, chauffeur, cook, friend and playmate to mention but a few.

I have just made a visit to the Mother’s Day stall. As always there were lots of smiling faces on our children as they showed off their purchases or were making decisions as to which of the wonderful array of items they would purchase for their mum. This is always a lovely day, as the children think about their Mum’s and what they would enjoy and what they mean to them and how they are going to show their appreciation.

Once again I would like to thank the PFA, particularly Julie Hatzis, Michelle Lewis and Sherryn Lindsay for their wonderful organisation and dedication leading up to the stall and their participation on the day. I would also like to thank the parent volunteers and red and green house leaders who assisted on the day; without you all this would not be possible. Well done everyone!

I would like to wish all the mothers, grandmothers and mother figures in our community a Happy Mother’s Day and congratulate you on a job well done!

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.
Wow! What a wonderful day and evening we had on Tuesday. Our ‘Arts Extravaganza’ was a huge success. The children had an amazing day, participating in a wonderful array of activities related to the arts, including attending the Bushwahzee performance in the morning, attending singing and dancing workshops with the Bushwahzee performers and experiencing other arts activities with the class teachers. The Bush Cabaret in the evening was a huge success with a large number of families and children participating. Thank you to all those who attended and participated with such enthusiasm. We truly do have a great school and community! I would also like to thank the staff for their support and enthusiasm. Huge congratulations and thank you to Sandi Young, our wonderful Assistant Principal, who conceived and organised the day!

Once again we have an opportunity to offer Special Religious Instruction to our grade 1 and 2 children. This will commence on Friday May 25th. The sessions will be of thirty minutes duration and conducted by accredited instructors. An explanatory note and form is being sent home with the grade 1 and 2 children today. Please read this carefully and consider your options.

You may be interested in joining Parents Victoria Online Conference 2012. PARENTS (and grandparents) of primary and secondary students, in all states, territories and countries, are warmly invited to take part in this year’s online conference, to be held by Parents Victoria, in Australia. The conference will be held non-stop on the Internet from 6am Sunday 20 May to midnight Saturday 26 May. No special software is needed, other than an Internet-connected computer and a browser (speakers are an advantage but are optional). The online discussions will be very easy to join in, online resources will be provided, and guidelines about how to participate will be available. You don’t need to be a member of Parents Victoria to take part. Join in for all days, just some days, or even a few hours, depending on your lifestyle and other commitments.

Register online at no cost. The Parents Victoria Online Conference 2012 website will open at exactly 6am on Sunday 20 May at: http://www.cybertext.net.au/pv/ The conference will feature six ‘live’ daily online discussions, each of them hosted, for several hours each day, by a member of Parents Victoria or expert commentators from a number of different associations. Each 24-hour period will focus on a different topic that is currently of concern to parents. The seventh day will provide an extra opportunity to have your say on all of the topics discussed earlier in the week. There will also be one continuous online discussion that will last all week.

A reminder that NAPLAN testing occurs next week, commencing on Tuesday May 15th and concluding on Thursday May 17th, our grades 3 and 5 students will be participating in the NAPLAN assessment. An information brochure will be sent home on Monday with all grades 3 and 5 children. If you would like to discuss NAPLAN further, please call or make an appointment to see Sandi Young.

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 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.

Keep up that life long learning!

Julie Jones
Principal
Stars of the Week
Grades Prep – 6
Week 4

Home Group 1  Renee & Ethan  Home Group 2  Reece & Chloe
Home Group 3  Victoria & Joshua  Home Group 7  Haylee & Dylan
Home Group 11  Kris & Lachlan  Home Group 13  Sam & Scarlett
Home Group 15  Armand & Gurman  Home Group 16  McKenzie & Isabelle
Home Group 19  Nika  Home Group 20  Blake
Home Group 21  Kara & Troy  Home Group 22  Mia & Bronte
Home Group 23  Shelby & Stephanie  Home Group 24  Luke & Tonisha
Performing Arts /  Scientist of the Week
Science Prep-4  Home Group 07  Ethan L HG  22
Performing Arts/  Scientist of the Week
Science  Prep-4
Grades 5/ 6
**Home Group 15**

We have been learning about the Earth and how it is constantly changing through natural events such as weathering and erosion. Here is some of our work!

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**Barometer**

A barometer is a scientific tool that is used to measure the weather. This is how we can see the weather forecast.

*Kyle B.*

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**Weathering**

Weathering is when things in the environment change over time—they start to wear down. Weathering can sometimes be caused by water e.g. Rain, floods and ice.

*Alana*

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**Erosion**

Erosion is when things in nature, like rocks, are touched by water, wind or ice, and they wear away. This is called erosion.

*Emmerson*

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**Cyclones**

Cyclones are storms with fast winds. They can cause lots of damage to towns. When the cyclone finishes there is lots of rain.

*Erin*

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**Tornado**

A tornado is like a big swirl of clouds or dust, but it is really just a twirl of wind. It can sound like big rocks banging on the ground. It is really, really strong.

*Elizabeth*
On Thursday the 3rd of May the 5/6s went on an excursion to China town in the city. They went to the Chinese museum for a tour and made paper lanterns. In the museum there was a Kung Fu presentation and the students learnt a lot about the Chinese culture. From the Terracotta Warriors to the Chinese Dragons everything was exciting and had fabulous information to take away from the experience. After the magnificent tour through the museum was over, they went to The Dragon Boat Seafood Restaurant for lunch. There was a variety of food to choose from which was fried rice, beef and black bean sauce, spring rolls, sweet and sour pork and noodles. It was a terrific day for the 5/6s which should hopefully help them a little bit throughout their unit on Asia.

By: Brooke F

School Reporter
On the 8th of May there was an Arts Extravaganza day!!! The students took part in a series of activities and there was a special performance by Bushwahzee. There were many activities including singing, dancing and playing instruments. That night the students came back at 6:00 for a night of fun! Each class performed a dance, song and played instruments in front of their parents and friends. There was a great amount of team work showed by the students as they had to improvise depending on how many students came to the night from their grade. There was a raffle for a door prize won by Bailey Doyle who will get a free lunch order with whatever he wants later on during the week.

By: Brooke Fandrich,

School Reporter
Chess Club Report

Chess Club results for Tuesday 1st May 2012.

Group 1: Winners were Kiyan, Jesse and Simon. Draw between Ethan and Andrew. So far the top three players are Jesse, Kiyan and Ethan.

Group 2: Winners were Ty and Josh. Draws were between Alyssa and Lachlan, Brayden and Sam N. So far the top three players are Ty, Alyssa and Thinura.

Group 3: Winners were Heath, Shayden, James, Bronte and Liam. So far the top three players are Heath, Shayden and James.

Group 4: Winners were Alex, Jonah, Thomas, Ben and Aleks. So far the top three players are Alex, Thomas and Aleks.

Congratulations everyone on great matches and play!

For further results visit http://mspschess.challonge.com where you will find links to the past and present

As we had the Arts Extravaganza last Tuesday and NAPLAN next Tuesday there is no chess on these days. Chess Club will resume on Tuesday 22nd May 2012.

Diana and Rhys Gevaux
### Education Week...we can’t wait!

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| **Friday 18th May** | 5 / 6 students will be attending Norm Steven’s Technology workshop  
3 / 4 students will be attending Norm Steven’s Technology workshop | |
| **Monday 21st May** | 1 / 2 students will be attending Norm Steven’s Technology workshop  
Lunchtime activities in the school library | 3 / 4 Parents and Special Friends Open Time session between 10:00-10:40  
Meet at your child’s classroom and challenge your child to some maths games! |
| **Tuesday 22nd May** | Prep students will be attending Norm Steven’s Technology workshop  
Lunch time activities in the school library | 1 / 2 Parents and Special Friends Open Time session between 10:00-10:40  
Come along to your child’s classroom for a morning of fun! |
| **Wednesday 23rd May** | 1 / 2 students will be attending Norm Steven’s Technology workshop  
3 / 4 students will be attending Norm Steven’s Technology workshop  
Lunch time activities in the school library | Prep Grandparents and Special Friends Open Time session between 10:00-10:40am  
Meet at your child’s classroom for some fun, old-fashioned games! |
| **Thursday 24th May** | Whole school Buddy Day  
where literacy learning will take place through activities and games with our buddies | |
| **Friday 25th May** | 5 / 6 students will be attending Norm Steven’s Technology workshop  
3 / 4 students will be attending Norm Steven’s Technology workshop  
Lunch time activities in the school library | 5 / 6 Parents and Special Friends Open Time session between 2:40-3:15  
Make your way to Paringa Complex for an afternoon full of fun, cheering and sporting activities! |
Norm’s Technology Expo Night Date Tuesday the 22nd of May.

Mrs Gevaux’s Maths night: Wednesday the 23rd of May.

First 30 can join for Mrs Gevaux!
First 60 can join for Norm’s night!
**Notes have been sent home to those families confirming their attendance.

Don’t forget about whole school buddy day on Thursday the 24th of May.

Presenting Mrs Gevaux!!!

Education Week 21st to the 25th May

Starring NORM STEVENS!!!

Mrs Gevaux’s hosting a maths night on Wednesday 23rd May

Whole school buddy day is on the 24th of May

Organised by our lovely staff, teachers and Principals!!

Only the first 60 for Norms family night

22nd May: Norm’s Night for the whole family

Only the first 30 people for Mrs Gevaux’s Maths night!

By Isabelle Room 16 Grade 4
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.
BASELINE PRESENTS
Dealing with Adolescents
How to set boundaries and rules while still getting along

Free workshop for parents who live in the City of Whittlesea

When:  Tuesday 15 May 2012
Where:  Edge Services for Young People
         Shop MM1 – Westfield Plenty Valley
         415 McDonalds Rd, Mill Park Melways Ref: 183 B 11
Time:  6.30pm – 8.30pm
Contact:  Tennille Alivizatos

Booking are essential.
Contact Baseline for Young People to make a booking as place are limited.

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e. baseline@whittlesea.vic.gov.au
p. 9404 8800
The 2012|2013 entertainment Book is coming to Morang South Primary School! Pre-order your copy today!

Entertainment™ Books are only $65, and you'll receive $15,000 worth of valuable offers until 1 June 2013. So you can choose what you want to do and when you want to do it!

The new Book is packed with hundreds of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers and below are just a few of the participating businesses;

Pre-Order your new Book now and receive Bonus Offers!

Be one of the first to order and pay for your new 2012|2013 Entertainment™ Book and you will receive over $150 worth of Bonus Offers you can use straight away!

Bonus offers are in limited supply so purchase your Entertainment™ Book now by ordering on-line at https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/186m003 or by filling in the order form below and returning it to the office so you don’t miss out!

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**Morang South Primary School — Entertainment Book Order Form**

PAY ONLINE AT: [https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/186m003](https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/186m003) or complete below

Child's Name: (please print) __________________________  Class/Group __________________________

I would like to order:  

______ x Melbourne  @ $65 each (GST incl.) = $__________

______ x Geelong  @ $55 each (GST incl.) = $__________

Total amount enclosed = $__________
5 CENT-A-THON FUNDRAISER
Collect all those 5 cent coins that are lying around the house or cluttering up your wallet and send them to school with your children. Each classroom will have a jar with different coloured levels marked clearly on the jar. Small and fun rewards will be offered to those grades who reach a level 1st. Progress will be announced at the fortnightly assemblies.

MOTHERS DAY STALL
That special day for Mum - Thursday 10th May
Second chance shopping on Friday 11th May: 2:45-3:15pm

WALKATHON
Thursday 7th June
Further details to follow

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS
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 donnafothergill@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

We always welcome new members 😊
Next Meeting – Wednesday 16th May
South Morang Junior Basketball Club is currently taking registrations for new players for next season starting July 2012 in all age groups from U/8’s to U/19’s

For further information please call Margaret Bate 9436 8252 or come to Registration At Mill Park Basketball Stadium on May 26th Between 9am & 6pm

REMINDER

If you would like a hard copy of the Gorge News, there will be a limited number available in the foyer for collection by parents.

The newsletter is also available to be viewed on the school’s website http://www.morangsouthps.vic.edu.au and is usually uploaded by the end of Thursday in each

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

Hello everyone,

In the upcoming weeks we are doing fun things about, and for our family and awareness for allergies.

To help us it would be great if OSHC families could send along a family photo with their child to share with everyone and to also help them feel that their family is a part of OSHC.

- Reannan, Kristin, Charleigh & Vincenza

REMINDEERS

How to get started before using our programs register online for an account. Registering is quick and easy. Visit our website to begin www.campaustralia.com.au

Once registered you can make bookings and cancellations, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day online.

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... Tristen S and Emily

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