**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.

**11th August 2011**

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From the Principal

Hi Everyone,

Thank you all for your warm and enthusiastic welcome back from my conference and long service leave. It is great to be back. The International Thinking Conference in Belfast was valuable as were the visits to four schools in the north of England. It was affirming and exciting to know that we certainly have many worldwide leading practices happening at our school. I was also pleased to learn many new ideas and look forward to working with Sandi and the school community to implement those which are appropriate for the children at Morang South!

You were in very capable hands while I was away; it is comforting to be able to make the most of my opportunity to travel knowing this. Sandi did a wonderful job as Acting Principal – **Thank you Sandi**. Thank you also to Kaye McLaren and Marg Eames our leading teachers and the rest of the staff and community who all supported Sandi so well.

We were very fortunate during this week to have Bunnings donate plants, mulch and the services of three staff to work on our gardens with some of our students. Bunnings are wonderful organisations who do a marvellous job of supporting our school community through donations to PFA and the school. I’d like to thank them on behalf of our community and encourage our community see the report by Jordan and Sabrina later in the Newsletter and check our website.

**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.

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Your school's total points as of today 9,753.

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As you would know our ‘Sparkles’ second hand clothing store closed at the end of last term. Many of you will have found yourselves some wonderful bargains here but more importantly made a contribution to the Tiana Reidy Foundation through your donations of used clothing and subsequent purchases. This Saturday evening sees the third annual Gala being held in Tiana’s memory. During the eighteen months the shop was operating along with a special morning tea over $1600 was raised for the Tiana Reidy Foundation, which of course supports the Royal Children’s hospital. It seems timely to acknowledge and thank Team Sparkles! Nicole Turner and Simone Ford were the initiators of the idea and were well supported by Kerrie Ralph in the initial set up and Donna Tait was a regular sales assistant. Thank you to you all for a fabulous effort for a very worthy cause. Paul and Cath, Tiana’s parents also supported the shop and Cath was often seen helping out on Wednesday afternoons. They now live in Queensland where they are getting to know a new community while still keeping in touch with their friends from Melbourne. We wish them well for the future and know that they will be warmly welcomed this weekend when they will catch up with their Melbourne friends and family and attend the Gala.

We have had a number of 5/6 children attend inter-school round robin competitions in recent weeks for both basketball and football. Congratulations to all of the children and staff involved for representing our school so well and on your fine achievements. I have had some wonderful positive feedback about the high standard of sportsmanship and behaviour. We have high expectations about how our children behave when they represent our school. It is a privilege to represent our school not a right. Students who show they can live up to our values will be invited to attend these events. Well done everyone!

The term social media refers to the use of web-based and mobile technologies to turn communication into interactive dialogue. Social media are media for social interaction, as a set of methods to enhance social communication, using easily accessible communication techniques. I have included an article on social media and its possible impacts on children with today’s newsletter. I hope you will find it beneficial as you navigate this phenomenon.

We are now taking prep enrolments for 2012. If you have a child who is starting school next year you can obtain an enrolment form from the office. If you know of anyone who is thinking of enrolling their child here please let them know that we are running tours each week, 9:30am Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. They just need to contact the office to let us know they would like to attend. We try to limit the tours to no more than four families each time. This enables us to give some individual time to each family.

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

Social Media Use Can Lead to Mental Health Problems
August 10, 2011 by Andrew Atwal
Social media present risks and benefits to children who use them, but parents who secretly monitor their children’s activity on networking sites are wasting their time – that they should have started talking to their kids about internet use when they were youngsters and they used their very first technology. These are the conclusions of Larry D. Rosen, a psychology professor at California State University Dominquez Hills who has researched children’s use of technology, which he presented at last week’s meeting of the American Psychological Association.

In a talk entitled “Poke Me: How Social Networks Can Both Help and Harm Children,” Rosen said teenagers who use the social networking websites often show more narcissist tendencies, while young adults, who are older than teenagers and have a strong Facebook presence, show more signs of other psychological disorders, including aggressive tendencies, mania and some antisocial behaviours.
Rosen said daily overuse of various forms of media and technology has a negative effect on the health of all children, preteens and teenagers, which, in turn, makes them more prone to psychological disorders like anxiety, depression and others, which also makes them more likely to have further health problems as they grow older.

Many college students agree that Facebook is distracting and can negatively impact learning. A study conducted by Rosen and two other researchers showed that middle and high school students, as well as college students, who checked their Facebook accounts at least one time during a 15-minute study period, achieved lower grades than those who did not check their Facebook during the same time frame.

However, aside from the negative effects of social networks, Rosen said they also have some positive impacts. Young adults who spend more time on Facebook are often better at showing “virtual empathy” to their online friends. Social networking can also provide vital tools for teaching in ways that engage young students, more so than using other traditional methods. Another benefit of the websites is that they can help adolescents who are more introverted learn how to socialize behind the safety net of the various screens -- television and computer monitors and cell phones.

Other results of Rosen’s research include a correlation between virtual and real-world empathy. Although they are not the same, they do seem to be related, Rosen said. When people have more virtual empathy and real-world empathy, they tend to receive more social support in comparison with those that do not. Those that tend to spend more time playing video games often at times demonstrate less real-world empathy than those who spend less time playing video games.

The most positive predictors of virtual empathy include the time that people spend on Facebook and the time they spend instant messaging others while on the website, Rosen said.

A study of students studying showed that, on average, students lose focus on studying about every three minutes.

According to a Wakefield Research Study, 73 percent of college students cannot study without some form of technology present, and 38 percent cannot go more than 10 minutes without checking their phone, computer, or other related forms of technology.

Parents, however, hold the keys to impacting children’s behaviour online. Rosen insists that it is all about parenting, “we need to recognize that just as we start to talk to our children about safety at an early age and teach them to look both ways before crossing the street, we need to start talking about online safety as soon as they start to use any technologies. When you give that 2-year-old an iPad to play with, you need to start discussing their ‘cyber world.’ As they grow older, the talks should continue at their developmental level so that by the time they are teenagers they trust you and will talk to you if any safety issues arise.”

During his speech Rosen noted that parents who are more authoritative tend to have children who behave better while online, are less addicted to the internet, have higher levels of self-esteem, less depression, and often are more highly supervised. Parents can develop the authoritative style by setting rules and limiting their children’s use of technology, asking their children (or students) for their thoughts and perspective about these rules and limits and setting consequences for disobeying the rules in advance.
Stars of the Week

Grades Prep – 6
Week 03

Home Group 1  Samir  Home Group 2  Jonathan
Home Group 3  Tobey  Home Group 4  Caitlyn
Home Group 5  Steven  Home Group 7  Jayden T-G
Home Group 9  -  Home Group 11  Hayley
Home Group 16  Lauren  Home Group 19  Kobi
Home Group 22  Whole Grade  Home Group 23  Alexis
PE  5/6 Basketball
### Stars of the Week

**Grades Prep – 6**  
**Week 04**

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Keeping our gardens beautiful with Bunnings!
On the 4\textsuperscript{th} of August Bunning’s came to M.S.P.S to help out with some gardening around our school. Glen, Carly and Narelle were the generous workers from Bunning’s who took their time to help out along with all of the 5/6 leaders and a few 1/2s. Bunning’s also donated plants and gardening equipment. Bunning’s and the children worked on gardens around the Court yard and they extended Tiana’s garden while teaching the children about the plants and their habitats.

We are very grateful for Bunning’s kind help and donations and our gardens look amazing and better than ever.
By Jordyn C

\textit{Veggie Patch News With Home Group 13}

Our seasonal vegetables and herbs have been planted in the three garden beds. In season for Winter/Spring are broccoli, cauliflower, snow peas, bok choy, carrots, capsicums, spring onions, rosemary and strawberries.

We are looking forward to watching them grow and thrive, so that we can then use them in our cooking.

Please take good care not to step on our garden beds, but please feel welcome to come and have a look.

Dylan G is our garden manager and Brayden M, our garden assistant.
SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY FAIR

REMINDER

Morang South Primary School will be conducting a Science/Technology Fair to celebrate “Science Week”. This will be held on Thursday August 18th and Friday August 19th. Parents are invited to attend with their child/children on the evening of Thursday August 18th between 7.00 and 8.00 pm. Participating students are required to bring their entries to the gym at 8.45 on Thursday August 18th and will take them home on Friday August 19th.

Karen Jeffery (Science Co-ordinator)
Leanne Nicholls (Technology Co-ordinator)
On Friday the preps celebrated 100 days of school. We made fruit loop necklaces, blew bubbles, had a party and popped 100 balloons.

Home Group 3

‘WAKI DAY’

To celebrate the children that have worked so hard to perfect their Wakakirri items ready for the competition we will be having a WAKI day on Monday 22\textsuperscript{nd} August. On this day the children from Morang South Primary can come to school dressed as “WACKY” as they like for a donation of a gold coin. As part of the day they will have the chance to watch the items performed in the new gym. This also gives the competitors a chance to perform in front of an audience before the big night when they will perform for up to 2,000 people. There will be two performances the first at 9:30 and the second at 11:50.
**OSHC NEWS**

Hi Everyone,

On Tuesday the 16th of August there will be a curriculum day so there will be NO OSHC running on this day!

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

- Reannan, Monique, Charleigh, Kristin and Belinda.

**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

**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: Chaela and Kai

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*we make kids smile*
**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.

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**FOR SALE**

Jack Russell x Chihuahua 9 month old, vaccinated with Kennel. $200

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AUSTRALIAN PLANTS EXPO 2011
PROGRAM
SATURDAY 10 Sept
1pm A wildflower tour in WA. Talk by Neil Macumber, dedicated birdwatcher, naturalist, & tour guide.
2.30pm Creating informal floral arrangements using native flowers. Demonstration/talk by Judy Mallinson, member of APS Maroondah.
SUNDAY 11 Sept
11am Small eucalypts for home gardens. Talk by Phil Hempel, member of APS Yarra Yarra.
1pm Cooking with bush foods. Demonstration/talk by Juleigh Robins of Robins Foods.
2.30pm Attracting birds to your garden. Talk by Graeme Hosken, President of BOCA.
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SPONSORS/PARTICIPANTS (at date of printing)
Seasol Field Naturalists of Victoria
Debco Wildlife Victoria
APS Maroondah WaterWatch
APS Grampians/1st Eltham Scouts
Grevillea Study Group Robins Foods
APS Wyndham Edendale Nursery
APS Keilor Plains Suntuff Plants
Helene Wild Kuranga Native Nursery
Moore’s Flowers Nursery
Bird Observation & Conservation Australia
LaTrobe Wildlife Sanctuary Nursery
FATHERS DAY STALL
To be held on Thursday 25th August,
with a second chance visit on Friday 26th August (2:45-3:15pm)
Gifts will range from .50 cents to $5.00

FOOTY DAY
To be held on Tuesday 6th September
Order forms have been sent out with orders & payment required by
Tuesday 30th August. On this day students are asked to come along to school
wearing the colours of their favourite team (please no coloured hair spray)

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
e-mail 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

New Members Welcome J

Next Meeting
Wednesday 17th August @ 7:30pm - Staffroom
Thank you for supporting Morang South Primary.

There is still time to order your 2011 | 2012 Entertainment™ Book! Make sure you don’t miss out by ordering your copy now.

The new Greater Melbourne Entertainment™ Book features many of the most popular businesses in the area like...

- The Point
- Taxi Dining Room
- Nobu
- Mezzo Bar and Grill
- Saint Peter’s
- Red Spice Road
- Sapore
- Paladarr Thai Issan
- Comme Kitchen
- The Groove Train
- Wagamama
- TGI Fridays
- Taco Bill
- The Pancake Parlour
- Café Sienna
- Beachcomber
- La Camera
- Time Out
- KFC
- McDonald’s
- Grill’d
- Nando’s
- Laurent
- Mrs Fields Cookies
- Red Rooster
- McCafé
- Brumby’s
- Zoos Victoria
- Hoyts
- Luna Park
- AFL
- Falls Creek
- Hayman
- Hamilton Island
- Crown Towers
- Dreamworld

The best part is that for only $65, you’ll be helping us fundraise, with $13 from every Book sold contributing to our fundraising.

Morang South Primary School books are available at the school office

Contact: Michelle Lewis    Phone: 0419 580 768

Name: ____________________________________________ Phone: ____________________ Mobile: ____________________________

Address: _____________________________________________ State: __________ Postcode: ______

I would like to order _____ x Greater Melbourne @ $65 each (including GST)     $_______

I would like to order _____ x Geelong, Surf Coast & Ballarat @ $55 each (including GST)     $_______

TOTAL ENCLOSED     $_______

Payment type: c CASH      c VISA     c MASTERCARD      c CHEQUE (Make cheques payable to Morang South Primary)

Credit Card number: _______ / _______ / _______ / _______ / _______ / _______       Expiry date: _______ / _______

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Signature: ____________________________

Thank you for supporting Morang South Primary $13 from each Book sold will contribute to our fundraising.