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.

22nd March 2012

From the Principal
Hello everyone,

Next week is the final week of the term. I am sure that you are all looking forward to the three-way conferences where you will be able to celebrate your child’s achievements with them and their teacher, while planning their goals for the next term.

Debbie Cullen’s daughter Jordyn is still ill and Debbie will not be returning until at least next week.

What a wonderful week had by all at Camp Kangaroobie last week. The camp is a working farm on the Great Ocean road. Everyone came back from camp delighted with their experience, students, teachers and parents alike!

Congratulations to all those who attended. The parents and staff were extremely pleased with the enthusiasm and behaviour of the children! I’d like to thank the teachers, Marg Eames, Rebecca Delovski, Rachel Young and Sarah Anderson for their dedication and willingness to attend camp so our children could have such a terrific experience. Thank you also to the parents Morris D’Intinosante, Julie Hatzis, Jay Kemp, Marina Konstantinou, Michal Melk, without parents supporting these activities they would not be able to run.

School Council will meet next Wednesday March 29th at 7.30pm in the staff room. This will incorporate the last meeting of the 2011/12 School Council, the Annual General Meeting and the first meeting of the 2012/13 School Council.

Unfortunately we are still unable to fill our School Council vacancies.

There are now three positions available so if you are interested, please see me as soon as you are able.

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.
School Council is our governing body and consequently we need to ensure that we have adequate parent representation. Please consider joining even if you only have a small interest. I would only be too happy to have a detailed discussion about what it involves.

If you know someone who you think would be able to contribute to school council, please give them some encouragement.

We recently had to complete a survey to confirm our Sun Smart School status. Active, outdoor play is important for health and development. Outdoor activities are safe as long as time spent in direct sunlight is minimised whenever possible – plenty of shade, combined with the use of appropriate hats, clothing and sunscreen help to protect children from getting sun burnt and tanned. The current sun smart policy requires children to wear their hats until the last week in April. This is until the end of week 2 in term two. Please ensure that all children have their hats for these two weeks.

All staff at our school take duty of care very seriously and ensure students are well supervised when in classrooms and in the school yard.

During recesses when children are out to play there are three teachers on yard duty and numerous aides in the yard.

Parents are reminded that teachers are on yard duty from 8.45am and that students who arrive at school prior to this time are not supervised. Any child who arrives without an adult before 8:30 am MUST go straight to the office.

As the holidays are fast approaching I have included some articles from Michael Grose which you might find though provoking and useful.

As you know we are emailing the Gorge News to all families. Thank you to all those families who have ensured that we have a current email address.

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 even week.

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!

Julie Jones
Principal
Go visual to manage kids

Do you use a roster for kids’ jobs?

Do you put two or three things you want each day on a list for your children to read?

Do you use hand gestures such as pointing to a bedroom while you say a child’s name indicating you want them to go to their room?

If you do, congratulations! You are using the visual mode to help your kids be organised, be cooperative and be well-behaved.

Most homes are highly verbal and in that we rely on our words to ensure things get done. We tend to tell kids what to do through words rather than pictures or hand signals; relay important messages using words and even verbally give kids lists of things to do.

This may appeal to auditory learners and also to easy kids. If you have a visual learner, and this includes most boys, or a child who likes to think they are calling the shots then your reliance solely on verbal messages will mean that not everything will get done, and a great deal of what you want to get done will be resisted.

When we go verbal with all our instructions we often teach kids to shut down. As a principle, try to go visual as much as possible when managing kids, and keep your words for conversations, relationship-building and encouragement.

Use visual prompts and reminders

Here are four ways to go visual when you want to ‘manage’ your kids:

1. Construct simple ‘to do’ lists. Help children remember routines by placing 3-5 important things on charts and place them where he or she can see them. These can include bedroom cleaning routines, getting ready for school routines, getting ready for bed routines, and even chores rosters.

2. Place non-negotiables on signs. My son had a “KEEP OUT!” sign on his bedroom door as a child, indicating in strong terms to his sisters his wish for privacy. Fortress Bedroom it certainly was! Parents can do something similar when circumstances suit. For instance, if you have family meetings you can place simple rules on little signs such as “Talk about one thing at a time.” “No interruptions”. “Stick to the point.” By going visual you indicate that this is non-negotiable and important.

3. Cue kids to behave well. Teachers often use hand gestures to cue kids to behave well in class. This prevents interruptions to lessons. Besides, kids are cued to look at them. Look for opportunities to cue kids with hand gestures at home. For instance, point to your eyes to remind a child to make eye contact when talking to an adult. Try getting your child’s attention, point to the bathroom (using open palms) and look at the ground to avoid eye contact and convey expectation when you want them to clean their teeth and get bed ready.

4. Write a note. There are times when you can write a little note to your children that may prompt them to think about their behaviour. “I’m not sure if you realised it but I felt embarrassed when you back-chatted me in front of Aunty Jenny yesterday.”

This type of message when written, reduces defensiveness and allows kids to take your message on board in their own time.

We need to do much more of this so kids can reflect on their behaviour.

If I had my time as a parent again, I’d definitely be aware of using visuals rather than verbals when I managed my kids. It would have made life easier for my kids and also for myself who tended to go verbal when I didn’t really need to.
Can you relate to this.................?

Is sibling fighting something that you thought happened to other people’s children?

Were you prepared for the intensity, savagery and never-ending nature of sibling disputes?

Do you think there is something wrong with your parenting because you kids don’t get along?

Many parents have difficulty equating the pre-children expectations that they will raise happy, harmonious siblings with the reality where kids can be so cruel and awful to each other.

Yes, siblings do fight, but it’s not inevitable.

There are things you can do to move them from constantly fighting and arguing to reducing the amount and intensity of conflict that they experience. For instance, instead of dismissing a child’s negative feelings about a sibling, you can acknowledge those feelings by helping your child put those feelings into words.

It’s hard to know when a fight is real or not, and when to step in. Parents need to step in when one child doesn’t stop even though the other(s) doesn’t. There are other signs that let you know how to respond.

There are things to do and say to head off fighting before it gets hurtful and physical such as describing what you see, stepping between fighting siblings and sending them to separate rooms. The key is in the how you say it, not what you say.

5 Sibling Rivalry and Fighting facts from Michael’s website:

Researcher Laurie Kramer from the University of Illinois found that kids who learned how to argue with their siblings had more advanced emotional development

Over half of all families rate sibling fighting as an impediment to enjoying family life.

Sibling rivalry is stronger in children of the same gender and who are close in age.

Sibling rivalry is experienced less in families who embrace the values of shared responsibility and cooperative participation.

There is less fighting in families who have a known process such as family meetings to resolve conflict.

See the above points and more on Michael’s website for some materials that can assist you with sibling rivalry and fighting. http://www.parentingideas.com.au/Home
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Camp Kangaroobie was by far the best camp I’ve ever been to. We all had so much fun with each other and the activities were so spectacular. One of the activities was learning about the lifestyle around the farm. We got to give hay to the cows and see what the baby calves were like. Personally my favourite part was when we went in a cage at the back of the Ute and stopped so that people could experience what an electric fence felt like. That is why Kangaroobie was the best camp I’ve ever been to.
By Chloe G

Surfing was fun. There were two instructors that taught us how to surf on the sand. Then we got into the water. If you were struggling to get up on a wave the instructors would help you. After surfing we went to the park. There were two flying foxes. There was one which was over 12 and the other one was below 12. We still went on the over 12 flying fox.
By Josh D
I believe camp 2012 at Kangroobie was great. There were many great activities including the obstacle course which was all about getting wet and muddy. My favourite was canoeing because at the end we got to jump in the freezing cold lake. On the 2nd night we all participated in the bush dancing were we got a partner and bush danced. On the last night we all got to watch the amazing talent night which was so awesome and the winner of that was Emily M who performed an outstanding performance of Dynamite by Taio Cruz. By Kayleigh H

Camp was awesome! On the second night we had bush dancing. The guy that did it made up a dance called the Duck Dance. The guy made three groups on one side boys and on the other side it was girls. After we did the duck dance the guy said we were going to do the crazy dance our group went out third . The bush dancing was really fun and I think everyone enjoyed it. By Reece
Chess Club results for Tuesday 20th March 2012. Round four was played this week

**Group 1:** Winners were Kassandra, Ethan and Kiyan. Draw between Franki and Andrew

**Group 2:** No actual winners this week. Draws were between Jake and Lachlan, Sam and Alyssa, Jack and Peter, Brandon and Braydon

**Group 3:** Winners were Alex, Sam, Heath and Josh. Draw between Thomas and Lachlan

**Group 4:** Winners were Aleks, Kelsea and Ben. Draws between James and Elizabeth, Courtney and Sanduni

Congratulations everyone on great matches and play

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

We had a very exciting Inter-School Chess Tournament on Wednesday 21st March. More news in the next edition of the Gorge News.

Diana and Rhys Gevaux

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ANZAC Appeal

Morang South Primary School will be supporting the ANZAC Appeal by selling an assortment of items. We will be selling $2.00 & $5.00 badges, wristbands for $3.00 and bag tags for $4.00. If you wish to support the appeal and purchase an item we will be selling items at the office at 1st lunch and again at 2nd lunch.
Junior School Council members would like to thank our school community for supporting MSPS last year during the Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion. As a result of all the dockets we received from families last year, we were able to order various wonderful teaching resources which finally arrived last week. We look forward to using these fabulous resources in our classroom. Thanks to everyone who supported us last year, and we look forward to your continued support once again this year when the promotion begins later this year.

CRAZY HAIR DAY 23RD OF MARCH

A reminder that tomorrow is Crazy Hair Day.

JSC has organised a Whacky Hair Day to encourage students to support the Leukaemia Foundation—World’s Great Shave campaign. Students are asked to bring a gold coin donation in order to participate. Thanking you all in advance for your support.

JSC
From Term 2 Student Banking will be on Tuesday’s in Room 22!

Student Banking is a great way to help teach children to save and also make money for our school.

There is also a new token rewards program with great merchandise up for grabs. Children can redeem their tokens for amazing gifts such as hats, pencil cases, backpacks and much more.

Every new account opened through our school earns our school $5 and we earn commission with every deposit.

If you are interested in opening your child a Commonwealth Youth Saver Account please fill in the form below and return it to the office ASAP.

If your Child already has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youth Saver Account, or you have lost your bankbook, come and see Anthea in Room 22 for a new passbook and you can start banking straight away.
Parents & Friends

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/newsletter.

COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS (PAVERS)
DEADLINE DATE – WEDNESDAY 28TH MARCH
For anyone interested, these special bricks will be placed around the new gym as part of our landscaping.
1 brick: $30, 2 bricks: $50, 3 bricks: $70, 4 bricks: $90
For further information please see the office or contact Michelle Lewis on 0419 580 768

HOT CROSS BUNS FUNDRAISER
Reminder that order forms are due back today (Thurs 22/3) for delivery on Tuesday 27th March

EASTER RAFFLE
We are now taking donations to contribute to our annual Easter Raffle to be held on the last day of Term 1 (Friday 30th March). Our Easter Box has been placed in the foyer at the office

HOT DOG DAY
Tuesday 1st May—further details to follow

MOTHERS DAY STALL
Thursday 10th May—further details to follow

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS 2011/12
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 Ameal PHARMACY RIVERGUM
Remember to place your receipts in the Morang South Primary School box

We always welcome new members 😊
Next Meeting Wednesday 18th April
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](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**  = $____________
OSHC NEWS

Hello everyone,

With one week left of term one, Morang South Families jump online and register to join us for more excitement in term two 😊

In OSHC we really love and appreciate donations of anything from arts and crafts to boy and girl’s toys to even paints to revamp our home corner furniture!

- Reannan, Monique, 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.campaaustralia.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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www.campaaustralia.com.au
WATSONIA BASEBALL CLUB
Loyola Reserve - Gleeson Drive
Bundoora
Kathy Graham: 0429 486 126
www.watsonia.baseball.com.au

WATSONIA BASEBALL CLUB come and try day
24th March
10am-12.30

South Morang Basketball Club need MORE
UNDER 8 BOYS & GIRLS who don’t turn 8 before JUNE 30.
PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT
MARGARET BATE ON 9436 8252 IF INTERESTED

Community Notice
DARE TO BE A DEVIL
Get fit, have fun & play ball with
DIAMOND CREEK (DEVILS)
BASEBALL CLUB
Come & Try/Registration Day
Saturday 24th March
10am - 12 midday
Campbell St Reserve
Challenger St, Diamond Creek

BOYS AND GIRLS, JUNIORS AND SENIORS ALL WELCOME!
Enquiries: Rick Campbell
(President) 0438 721 962

Easter egg hunt
Mernda
Easter Saturday
Mernda Primary School
25 Everton Dr Mernda
Sausage Sizzle
Age Group Hunts
Silent Auction
Free Showbags
FREE Family Event

Easter Eggs
Proudly Donated by
GlassAssist
WINDSCREEN REPLACEMENT

Diamond Creek
Community Bank Branch
Bendigo Bank
Bunnings Mill Park

**Easter Family Night**

**Thursday 29th March**

6pm – 8pm

Easter Bunny Visit

Easter Egg Hunt

Kids DIY

Magic Show

Fairy Floss

Jumping Castle

Refreshments Provided

*Bookings Essential please call 9404 8400*

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2 wireless controllers

1 HDMI cable

5 Games -Fifa 11, Gran Turismo 5, NBA 2K11, Formula 1 2011, Champion Jockey, Grand Theft Auto IV & Episodes from LibertyCity

Call- 0409 381 872

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Committed to the development of women in football

**NOW TRAINING TUESDAY & THURSDAY NIGHTS**

U18 YOUTH GIRLS 5.00PM

@ Diamond Valley College (youth soon changing to Plenty War Memorial park, please call 0430142408 for more information)

SENIORS & RESERVES 6.30PM @ Plenty War Memorial Park

**SEASON 2012 RECRUITMENT DAY**

Sunday 25th March

@ Plenty War Memorial Park

Meet the U12’s, U18’s & Senior Coaches (10.30 – 12.30 Youths, 1pm – 3pm Seniors)

Competitions & Prizes

Special offers on membership for new members


For more info call Vice President Laura Attard on 0430 142 408
Keep up the good work!

Here are the results for the 7 classes who have raised the most money so far...
There have been some changes in the leader board.

Check out the graph below

We have now raised: $696.45

Please continue to collect up all those 5 cent coins that are laying around the house, cluttering up your purse or wallet and send them to school with your children.

Thank you,
The Parents and Friends Committee
Commemorative Bricks

ORDERS CLOSE 28TH MARCH

We will be using these special bricks around the new Gym as part of our landscaping.

**Prices:**
- 1 brick: $30
- 2 bricks: $50
- 3 bricks: $70
- 4 bricks: $90

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**Morang South Primary School Commemorative Bricks Fundraiser**

If you would like to participate in this fundraiser, please return this section below in an envelope with the correct money and the slip of paper below with your design on the back. *(Please remember to follow the instructions below).*

Name: ____________________________  HG: ________

**YES PLEASE! I would like to purchase**

☑️ brick(s) and I have enclosed $__________.

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**On the back of this section record your design**

(ONE NAME PER PAVER) Please follow these simple steps when creating your hand drawn image.

- Draw your image on the other side of this slip of paper. (the size is the same as the engraving area of a paver.)
- Draw your image using a good quality medium thickness black marker pen. (about 2mm thick.) Do not use a ballpoint pen!
- Make sure that you rub out any pencil lines as these will show up in the finished paver .
- Do not include computer generated or pasted pictures, the hand drawn image engraving process is set up to engrave hand drawn images only.
- Sample #1 has been drawn correctly. Sample #2 is incorrect it has a computer generated image and the text was written with a ballpoint pen.

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**HURRY BEFORE IT’S TOO LATE**

ORDERS CLOSE 28TH MARCH