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.

23rd September 2011

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From the Principal

Hi Everyone,

Our three way conferences were a great success yesterday. Congratulations and thank you to all those parents who attended and celebrated their child’s achievements with them. Attending these conferences give your child a clear message that you value education. These are a very important part of our communication and reporting process. I’d also like to thank our wonderful staff for the effort they put into preparing for these conferences and making sure they are informative and run smoothly on the day. Well done everyone.

As I wrote in the letter I sent home earlier in the week, today is Michele Creevey’s last day with the Department of Education and Early Childhood. Michele has had a long and distinguished career, contributing to an enjoyable education to many children both as a classroom teacher and specialist. Michele, I’m sure will always hold dear to her the strong and positive relationships she has made with many children and families over her career. The staff and I would like to congratulate and thank her for her amazing contribution to Victorian Education but particularly here at Morang South. You will be missed by all. Our best wishes for this next exciting stage of your life’s journey.

Cheryl Thompson is taking long service leave for all of term; we all wish her well on her travels. Bon Voyage!

We are already working on grades placements and staffing for 2012 and will be doing this in more 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.

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.
Recently I have had a number of conversations with both our community members and members of the general public about the **staffing in schools**, how it works and the lack of male teachers in primary schools and childcare. There are certainly a number of misnomers out there about how staffing in schools work, hence this section of my newsletter today.

Schools usually have a combination of both ongoing and contract staff. When student numbers change or staff members return from leave, the school must retain ongoing staff. This means that contract staff may leave the school. This is a DEECD policy and yes sometimes these are young male staff.

I’m sure you’d also agree that **quality and the ability** to carry out such a crucial role of educating and nurturing our children is paramount. I know in my years in the profession, when I have either been part of or convened a selection panel, we are always keen to have a gender balance. However, we must be sure that our appointees are the **best possible teachers** we can employ. A combination of the application, interview and referee checks must support this. I would imagine you would expect nothing less of your child’s school.

All schools endeavour to create a balance of gender in their staffing but sometimes this is beyond their control. In Britain more than a quarter of primary schools have no male staff. This is becoming increasingly so throughout the world.

Many of you will have noticed that both the state and federal governments are often publicising schemes to attract more male applicants to university to study teaching and childcare. There is a worldwide shortage of male teachers and childcare workers.

Low pay, a perception that teaching and childcare is "women's work", the lack of respect shown to the teaching and childcare professions and fears of being labelled inappropriately, have been blamed for the reluctance of young men to teach and enter childcare. We know males can sometimes give something different to the developing boy than what female teachers give. All schools are aware of and take into consideration the wealth of research indicating ways to cater for both genders in the curriculum and how to balance activities to cater not only for gender but for learning styles. At Morang South we keep abreast of this research and we have sent staff to conferences and workshops to ensure we know about and implement best practice.

One of the ways we are proactive in managing this imbalance it to seek out programs, guest speakers and employ male staff, where possible, in non-teaching roles. We are fortunate to have a professional and dedicated staff at our school who cater and care for both genders, effectively.

If you would like to discuss staffing further or have more information, please don’t hesitate to call me or make an appointment for a chat.

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.**

You are more than welcome to **email me your concerns**. **jones.julie.a@edumail.vic.gov.au**

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.

As adults we are all models to our own and other’s children. It is important that we remember this, particularly when we are in the school grounds and surrounding areas. I’d like to acknowledge all of those parents who do this consistently and assist our children to live up to our values.

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.

Finally I’d like to wish you and your children a safe and happy holiday. I hope you are able to spend some quality time with your children and enjoy their company during this break.

Keep up that life-long learning!

**From your Principal,**

**Julie Jones***
Stars of the Week

Grades Prep – 6

Week 9

Home Group 1: Declan
Home Group 2: Lachlan
Home Group 3: Lucas
Home Group 4: HG 04
Home Group 5: Mitchell & HG05
Home Group 7: Jayde
Home Group 16: Greg
Home Group 15: Cheyenne
Home Group 20: All Campers
Home Group 19: Kanika
Home Group 22: Chase
Home Group 21: Alex
Home Group 24: Chase
Grades Prep – 6
Week 10

Home Group 1  Naomi
Home Group 2  Harrison
Home Group 3  HG03
Home Group 4  Liam
Home Group 5  Brody
Home Group 9  Mitchell
Home Group 11 Yianni & Angus
Home Group 13 Savhanna P-W
Home Group 15 Kain & Angus
Home Group 16 Jessica
Home Group 19 Kelsea
Home Group 20 Taylah
Home Group 21 Reece
Home Group 22 Jonah
Home Group 23 Ella & Robert
Home Group 24 Sienna
Performing Arts  All Grades
Grade 5/6D
Readers Theatre
During Week 7 we all celebrated Literacy and Numeracy. The Grade 5/6 had a special dress up where they were able to come dressed up as their favourite book characters! Everyone looked fantastic at the parade and it was great to see the whole school out supporting us. We had characters from Harry Potter to Fairy Tale Stories to Pirates. We also preformed plays in our classrooms based on our book characters and Readers Theatre. We had a fantastic week and did lots of fun and exciting things!

Jordyn C
I applied for JSC Leader because I wanted to help the school raise money and help the school.

What do I hope to contribute to or achieve as a J.S.C Leader? I would like to raise money for our school and be a good leader and become a School Captain.

What makes a good leader? A good leader follows the school values.

MARK
HG 16

ZOE
HG 16

I applied for JSC Leader because I like to raise money to help the school and people.

What do I hope to contribute to or achieve as a J.S.C Leader? I would like to raise money for our school.

What makes a good leader? A good leader has good values and helps people.

I applied for JSC Leader because it seemed fun and interesting.

What do I hope to contribute to or achieve as a J.S.C Leader? I hope to raise lots of money for the school and for the Cancer Foundation.

What makes a good leader? I think a good leader is someone who shows respect and listens to ideas.

KYLE
HG 13

JAYDE
HG 13

I applied for JSC Leader because it seemed fun and interesting.

What do I hope to contribute to or achieve as a J.S.C Leader? I hope to contribute in all JSC events.

What makes a good leader? A good leader cares about others, is responsible, cares about their learning and listens to others.

I applied for JSC Leader because I thought I would be a good representative for the class.

UPCOMING EVENTS

VICTORIA WALKS TO SCHOOL
Wednesday
19th October, 2011

Victoria Walks to School day is an initiative to promote more walking in your school community. Walking to school is an active and fun way to keep children healthy, connect with friends and neighbours, reduce traffic congestion, save money and help the environment.

NATIONAL BANDANA DAY
Friday
28th October, 2011

JSC Council Leaders will be supporting National Bandana Day this year, by selling bandannas during lunch time and recess. National Bandana Day is a great opportunity for everyone in the community to show their support for young people living with cancer.

LOUD SHIRT DAY
Thursday 17th November 2011

FURTHER DETAILS FOR EACH EVENT WILL BE SUPPLIED NEXT TERM
Getting to know our Junior School Council Leaders

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I applied for JSC Leader because I wanted to help the school.

What do I hope to contribute to or achieve as a J.S.C Leader?
I want to actively help the school.

What makes a good leader?
A good leader needs to be responsible.

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I applied for JSC Leader because I thought I was a good leader and a good role model for our school.

What do I hope to contribute to or achieve as a J.S.C Leader? I hope to do lots of fundraisers at school.

What makes a good leader?
A good leader has to have a good positive attitude and be calm under pressure.

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In 2010, Sony Foundation Australia, together with CanTeen, launched ‘You Can’, a national fundraising campaign to build youth cancer centres across Australia. You Can’s major fundraising mechanic calls on all Australians to recycle their old mobile phones. Sony Foundation has partnered with an international recycling company to swap these phones for money. Your school can help young Australians survive cancer by collecting old mobile phones. Plus, you will be rewarded for your efforts. The ‘You Can’ Schools Program encourages primary schools to donate old mobiles in exchange for educational products such as interactive whiteboards and Sony laptops.

http://youcan.org.au/schools/

A drop off box is placed in the foyer in the office.

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EARN AND LEARN POINTS HAS BEEN EXTENDED UNTIL THE 19TH OF OCTOBER.

J.S.C would like to ask for your help. Our school is taking part in Woolworths Earn & Learn community program. This year, they are giving away more than $5 million worth of educational resources for Primary and Secondary schools all over Australia, including ours! From July 18th to October 18th 2011, Woolworths will give you one Earn & Learn point for every $10 you spend in store (excluding the purchase of cigarettes, alcohol and gift cards). Points will automatically appear on your shopping dockets. All you need to do is save those dockets and bring them to school (Woolies have given us a special collection box). You will be able to track our progress on our points barometer poster or online at woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn.

There’s no limit to the number of points we can collect, so your participation will really make a difference. The more points we earn, the more resources we can order! We have collected more than 8000 points. Thanks everyone for your support so far.

Kindest regards,
Junior School Council
4/5/6 CHESS CLUB -TERM 3

The grade 4/5/6 chess club group have had a great term. They have learned many skills and played an intra-school tournament. As the grand final drew near the excitement grew and then with anticipation the medals were awarded. The gold medal was awarded to Kiyan, silver to Jesse and Bronze to Sophie. Congratulations to the medal winners. Other incentive prizes of a gold knight pin were awarded to players. Marlon was awarded a pin for being the Most Valuable Player (voted by the chess club members), Fonda received a knight pin for the Most Improved and Thinura was awarded a knight pin for being the most enthusiastic player. The remaining chess club members

INTER-SCHOOL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

Our chess team participated in an inter-school chess championship. We were very proud of our team and they always play with great sportsmanship and they make every chess game a battle. All players have improved and we came 6th out of 9 teams. Special mention goes to Sophie for winning 5 games out of 7. A brilliant achievement! More information is included in an article written by Stephanie in this edition of our Gorge News.

3/4/ CHESS CLUB -TERM 3

The grade 3/4 chess club group have also had a great term. They have learned many skills and played an intra-school tournament. The grand final was played this week and all the children were excited. Medals were awarded to the top three place winners. The gold medal was awarded to Jake, silver to Peter and Bronze to Ethan. Congratulations to the medal winners. Other incentive prizes of a gold knight pin were awarded to players. Sam was awarded a pin for being the Most Valuable Player (voted by the chess club members), Heath received a knight pin for the Most Improved and Chelsea was awarded a knight pin for being the most enthusiastic and dedicated player. The remaining chess club members were given a chess pencil and all members were awarded a participation certificate. Congratulations to all! Rhys is looking forward to seeing you all next term.
Gathering and examining evidence is one of the ways our society tries to make justice happen. It can protect or incriminate a person. In this unit we look at the various types of evidence and how they work, various prints, pocket data, chromatography and forgeries. We also utilize forensic skills in investigating case studies and in solving crimes. Learn to be a first rate detective.

WiseOnes is a program for fast learners from Grades 1-6. It operates during school hours, in small groups. It provides students with an opportunity to mix with other creative thinkers, be challenged and have fun. There is a levy of $198.00 for the term - 8 one hour sessions in a very small group - as this is a differentiated curriculum for special needs. The levy is payable to the school in the first week of term.

Wiseones Application for 4th Term 2011
This program is available for all Year 1- Year 6 students who have qualified for WiseOnes. Lessons will commence the week beginning Monday 17th October and the week ending Friday 9th December.

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Send the form with the fee to your school office. For further information please contact Angela Katsos on 9848-6271 or Mobile: 0418 577 725. Email: alphabg@bigpond.com

(a) Please enrol my child ____________________________ in year ____ if he/she has qualified for the program. I will pay the unit fee of $198.00 to the school.

(b) Please do the free try-out (only for students who have yet to be tested). Yes (circle)

CHILD Name: ____________________________ Date of Birth: / /

PARENT Name: ____________________________ PII: __________

Mob: ____________________________ Signature: ____________________________

Please send this slip and payment of $198.00 by Friday 14th October 2011. Children will not be accepted into the program for the term unless the fees and enrolment form are returned by the above date. If paying by cheque, please make it payable to the school.
Bridge Inn District
Morang South P.S, Whittlesea P.S, St Marys P.S, St Josephs P.S
Mernda, Mary Mede Catholic College, Acacia College,
The Lakes P-9 school

What a year we’ve had so far, making history. At the start of the year all schools involved got together and began the journey. Firstly we wanted a catchy and different name, that’s where Bridge Inn District came from. There’s a road in Mernda, called Bridge Inn Lane which is about half way between all our schools and it just sounded so good. We all quickly agreed and then sent it off to be approved by School Sports Victoria. As a district we’ve been working hard to get things up and running, we’ve had to get uniforms made, pennants printed, allocate jobs and support each other through this year. The Green Jacket and bone color T-shirt, that you may have seen me in, is our district uniform. I’m not always able to go to every event and therefore, if I’m not there, you would look for another teacher wearing this Representative Jacket and T-shirt and they will cater to your needs. Every event in which the children compete is a first for our newly formed district and we’ve decided to start keeping records for all events. Therefore, if your child was first in any of our district meets they will maintain the record until someone breaks it.

Please help us by coming to our events and supporting your school. I’m always looking for an extra hand. Also if you have an expertise in a particular sport and would like to coach please contact me at the school.

Debbie Molloy
P.E Department

Brody B, Oly P, Cayden F, Kain H, James B, Cody D, Jayden C
Mitchell H, Bailey D, Cooper L, Nathan B, Cara T, Lauren M, Marnie J,
Mikieli J, Jessica C, Monique C and Kassandra M

These students will be representing our school on Wednesday 21st September at the Zone Competition. Make sure you wish them luck!
Dear Parents of grade 6 students,

We have booked the Photographer for the following dates for the Grade 6 Graduation DVD.

WEEK 1 – Thursday 13th of October – STUDENT MEMORIES
WEEK 3 – Friday 28th of October – GYM/PLAYGROUND FILMING
WEEK 5 - Thursday 10th of November – CLASSROOM FILMING

We are a family with young children and as a free resource to parents we have created a website for finding Children's activities in Melbourne and regional Victoria called Melbourne Playgrounds.

With the Spring school holidays approaching we were hoping that you would add something about our resource into your next parent newsletter since parents will be looking for activities over the holiday period.

A description of the site is:

Melbourne Playgrounds is a free on-line guide to thousands of Melbourne activities for the entire family! Activities cover playgrounds (more than 2500 reviewed with photos), Play Centres, Aquatic Centres, Skate Parks, BMX tracks, miniature train rides, sport and recreation, nature activities, museum & science, educational pursuits, indoor activities, hobbies and cultural activities such as music and dance. Melbourne Playgrounds is unique in that it provides reviews, ratings and photos of activities.

There is also an extensive list of family activities outside Melbourne covering all of Victoria which is useful when planning a day trip or longer holidays within the State.

The website is: http://www.MelbournePlaygrounds.com.au

There is a complimentary Facebook page, http://www.facebook.com/MelbournePlaygrounds, which is running a photo quiz, “How well do you know Melbourne for Kids?” leading up to and during the School Holidays.
Hi everyone,

It’s the end of term 3 already, how time flies when you having fun!!

Come and join us in term 4 and join in all the OSHC fun!! Register on line and we will see you in then;)

OSHCA families please supply your children with hats so the can enjoy fun in the sun!

Have a fun and safe break everyone!

- 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](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: **Wednesday After care!!**

Milo In2Cricket
Yarrambat and Doreen
Plenty Valley Cricket Club
For girls and boys aged 5 to 9
Choose between
Friday evenings at Yarrambat
Or
Sunday mornings at Laurimar
Commencing 28 October 2011
Registration Friday, 14 October 2011
Yarrambat cricket club rooms 5pm-6pm
Contact Greg Carpenter 0419 001 045
Www.pvcc.vic.cricket.com.au

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game of cricket through fun,
action- packed programs and
activities. You can join all the fun
at a cricket club, school or
community centre nearest to you!
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today!
Parents & Friends

FUNDRAISING MADE EASY & FUN WITH MATCHBOX
School Loyalty Program -
Head into Matchbox Plenty Valley and have fun shopping for great cookware and kitchenware products
Mention your school when you make a purchase at Matchbox Plenty Valley and your purchases will go towards earning rewards and vouchers for your school
(Flyer attached)

WALKATHON – Friday 21st October
All forms have gone home.
Each student who raises money will go into the draw to win an iPod –
Forms and money to be returned to school by Monday 17th October

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

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

New Members Welcome
Fundraising made easy & fun with Matchbox!

Raise funds for your school in just 3 easy steps:

1. Head into Matchbox Plenty Valley and have fun shopping for great cookware and kitchenware products

2. Mention your school when you make a purchase at Matchbox Plenty Valley and your purchases will go towards earning rewards and vouchers for your school

3. Stay tuned for extra events and promos at Matchbox Plenty Valley to help your school earn more rewards!

It’s never been easier to cook great meals at home with your kids and family.

Talk to our friendly team for great advice on the right cookware and tools for your kitchen.

Matchbox – Plenty Valley
Phone: (03) 9436 0857 | Shop 23, Westfield Plenty Valley