## 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.

## 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,

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### From the Principal
Hello Everyone,

The weather has picked up and we are starting to have days in the high teens with a little more sunshine. This is great news for our 3/4 students, staff and parents who are at Arrabri lodge on camp. They arrived safe and sound yesterday and have been having a wonderful time since. I have spoken to our staff this morning and they were pleased to report that everything is going well. They are off on a hike this afternoon and I am looking forward to being at camp to greet them on their return! I’m sure the 3/4 parents are looking forward to hearing all of the stories from camp - but perhaps not the washing though!

It was pleasing to see the number of families who attended the Science Fair last Wednesday evening. Thank you to those who supported this wonderful annual event. I was thrilled with the number, variety and standard of the entries. Congratulations to everyone involved. A huge thank you to Karen Jeffery who manages this event each year and to the other staff who assisted her and those who attended on the night. Science is certainly another great feature of our school!

Many of you will have noticed our Solar Panels being installed in recent weeks. They are now fully operational. We hope to have a significant reduction in our power bills! These panels were purchased through a grant of $50000 given by the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency, for investment in Solar energy. A huge thank you must go to Troy Cox, a past parent, who as President of School Council commenced this project by applying for the grant and then continued to work on it for us this year, even though his children have both moved on to Secondary School! Well done Troy, this certainly is community spirit at its best!

At Morang South we have a dedicated and hard working staff who undertake many hours of
work in excess of their normal teaching load and thirty-eight hour week, preparing lessons, supervising activities, and assessing student work to name a few, to ensure that their students get the best possible education. Our staff’s participation in the recent science evening, last night’s school council meeting and the current 3/4 school camp are just a few examples of this. Many parents in our community often acknowledge this to both the teachers and me. Thank you for your support.

The Australian Education Union is taking action in support of the new enterprise agreements for teachers, principals and support staff. There is currently a raft of bans in place including a ban on taking additional students from other grades when a teacher is absent from their class for any reason. The school will be seeking extras funding from the DEECD to cover the cost of employing casual teachers for this work because ordinary school funding has proved inadequate for this situation. There is also stop work action planned for Wednesday September 5th.

If you have a child who will be attending prep here in 2013 I would encourage you to enrol them as soon as possible. We are commencing our mail out of materials and dates for our transition program very soon.

If you know of families in the area who have a child who will be in Prep in 2013, please encourage them to call us for a promotion package and book a tour. This is a busy but enjoyable time for me as I take prospective families around our school. They are always impressed with our well kept grounds and of course the way the children are focussing on their learning and moving around our school, showing our values! What a great school we have here at MSPS!

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 lifelong learning!

Julie Jones
Principal

Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians

Earlier this year the grade 5/6 Maths Extension group entered a Mathematics competition called ‘Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians’. This competition involves spending three weeks solving four very complex worded problems. Each problem has four parts. It involves reading and comprehending language and their mathematical components. The students needed to be methodical in their approach and yet creative in thinking and problem solving. Certificates were presented at the last assembly. Angus – certificate of participation. Tahlia and Kassandra – certificate of proficiency. Kiyan, Luc, Natasha and Sarah – certificate of credit. Josh D certificate of distinction. Impressive! Congratulations to all our students for their great efforts. A photo of our amazing mathematicians is included in this Gorge News. Well done, from Diana Gevaux
Stars of the Week

Grades Prep – 6
Week 6

Home Group 1  Taylah & Chelsea
Home Group 2  Jai & Oakley-Georgia
Home Group 3  Jack & Logan
Home Group 9  Nathan & Laura
Home Group 11 Grace & Melwyn
Home Group 13 Stephanie & Teagan
Home Group 15 James & Lauren
Home Group 16 Joshua & Benito
Home Group 20 Niveditha & Lachie
Home Group 21 Amy & Ben
Home Group 23 Cara & Joshua
Home Group 24 Eva & Liam
Art
Home Group 24
Performing Arts / Science Prep-4
Science Award Dakota Home Group 2 & Home Group 16
On Saturday the 18th of August, seven students competed in the Tournament of the Minds Competition which is a program to challenge students, these students were required to make their own costumes, write a script and perform a play in front of judges who scored them on their performance, as well as answering a spontaneous question on the day.

The following girls represented our school, Grace and Olivia from HG11, Brooke from HG09, Kassandra from HG07 and Natasha, Sarah and Emily from HG13. They competed in the Language Literature category, their task was to create an allegory (play with a moral) using characters from a list of books and songs. We are very proud of them for competing in this competition and representing our school.
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FAIR

Congratulations to all those students who participated in our Science and Technology Fair. The exhibits were fantastic and enjoyed both by the other classes and families that came to visit during the evening. Well done to all the following students as well as all grade 5/6 students. Keep up that investigating.
Karen Jeffery and Leanne Nicholls

Home group 1: Ava, Ethan, Ella, Gracie-May, Alysha, Erin, Matthew, Sarah, Ashlyn, Chelsea, Jennifer
Home group 2: Logan, Bree, Aaron, Jacinta, Leah
Home group 3: Akash, Logan, Tahlia, Ashlee, Madison, Jaida, Joshua
Home group 19: Anastasia, Manisha, Nika
Home group 20: Amant, Georgia, Chase
Home group 23: Stephanie, Joshua, Mihail
Home group 24: Alexis, Tonisha, Jacqueline, Chloe
Home group 15: Armand
Home group 16: Jessie, Isabelle
Home group 21: Ryan, Taylah, Thomas
Home group 22: Mia, Angelo
Chess Club Report
Chess Club results for Tuesday 21st August 2012.

Group 1: Winners were Kiyan, Nevmin, Brooke, Kassandra and Simon. So far the top three players are Kiyan, Nevmin and Andrew.

Group 2: Winners were Ty, Josh F, Sam N, Peter and Lachlan. So far the top three players are Ty, Heath and Josh F.

Group 3: Winners were Elizabeth, Mia, Aidan and Sam E. So far the top three players are Aleks, Elizabeth and Sam E.

Group 4: Last week’s winners were James, Alannah, Thomas, and Eboni. A draws between Chelsea and Jessica. So far the top three players are Thomas, Eboni and Ben.

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

A chess team of players are attending an inter-school chess tournament on Tuesday 11th September. We wish them well.

Diana and Rhys Gevaux
Help support our community through the Pauls Collect-A-Cap program

We are raising money for:

* LITERACY RESOURCES *

Please place WASHED CAPS in the box at the Office.

For every specially marked Pauls Collect-A-Cap that you bring in, Pauls will donate 10c towards our cause.
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.

FATHERS DAY STALL
Thursday 30th August
Prices ranging from 50 cents to $5.00
Lots of great gifts for dad & Granddads

FOOTY DAY
Friday 14th September

BILL G’s GOURMET COOKIE & BISCUIT DOUGH FUNDRAISER
Forms with payment due no later than Thursday 30th August 2012

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 19th September
Invite a little bit of Italy into your home!

Become second parents to an exchange student as they adopt themselves to the Aussie way of life and share their cuisine, history and culture with you. Volunteer host families come from all walks of life and communities: rural, suburban and urban. Contact WEP for more information: 1300 884 733 or wep.org.au

Costanza participated in a semester-long student exchange program with World Education Program (WEP) Australia. At the end of her program, Costi shared the following:

Thank You! Two words that I probably didn’t have the chance to say properly so far. Thank you to the coolest host mum, to the nicest host dad and to the funniest host sisters ever! Thank you for making every day of my stay so wonderful and keeping away that homesickness that could have shown up without you. Thank you for all the little moments we shared together: Riley’s birthday, the pizza night and all our ‘Australian’s Next Top Model’ nights. Thank you for having been there for me even in the worst moments. Of course it hasn’t been always smooth and soft, no one is perfect, and you got to know me and eventually accept me even when I make mistakes.

This is what I thank you for, for letting me into your family and say one more time: Thank you! You’ve been the most wonderful host family that I could possibly have!

HOSTING IS FUN!

Join the WEP community and become a volunteer host family to an Italian exchange student.

Certificate of Education Integration Aide
RMIT University Bundoora

20 October – 1 December 2012 (not on Cup weekend)
6 Saturdays (total course length = 42 hours)

Short course designed for those seeking work in schools as Integration Aides.

Course provides individual assistance with job application and interview.

Also of benefit for parents or carers of children with special needs.

For further information go to our website
www.rmit.edu.au/education/integration-aide
Email: edu@rmit.edu.au or ring 9925 6617
NEW PLAYERS WANTED

OLD PARADIANS/ST. FRANCIS CRICKET CLUB
IS LOOKING FOR NEW PLAYERS OF ALL AGES AND ABILITIES TO JOIN US FOR THE 2012-2013 CRICKET SEASON
MILO IN2 CRICKET, MODIFIED, UNDER 12'S - UNDER 16'S
ENQUIRIES: JOHN BUBIS 0417 501506 KAREN MCGINTY 0417 522595

LOCATED AT PARADE COLLEGE GARVEY OVAL 1436 PLENTY ROAD BUNDOORA
REGISTRATION DAY SUNDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER FROM 10AM-1PM
COME AND MEET OTHER JUNIORS AND JOIN US FOR A BBQ

LOOKING FOR A PLAYGROUP?

Morang South Primary School Play group
When: Friday Mornings 9.30-11.30 approx
Where: Morang South Primary School Gorge Road, South Morang.
Call Donna 9437-8833
Cost: $2.00 per week per child over 12 months.

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 a craft activity/playtime 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. We also have use of the playground and sandpit at the school.
COME AND PLAY

SOFTWARE

BlastBall  TeeBall

Girls, Boys, Women & Men!
All Ages Welcome!

FREE COME & TRY DAY
SATURDAY
8TH SEPTEMBER
10 A.M - 2 P.M

Northern District Softball Association
Morang Drive, Mill Park
Next to Mill Park Leisure Centre
Contact Cathy Ferraro on 0418-338-270
or Michael O’Brien on 0402-329-388

www.northerndistrict.softball.org.au
Commemorative Bricks

ORDERS CLOSE 24TH AUGUST

We will be using these special bricks around the Paringa Complex 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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On the back of this section record your design

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HURRY BEFORE IT’S TOO LATE

ORDERS CLOSE 24TH AUGUST