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.

24th May 2012

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From the Principal
Hello Everyone,

Sandi and I had the pleasure of attending the Northern Metropolitan Region Principal’s Conference at Lorne – ‘Teaching for today and tomorrow - optimism in challenging times.’ Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. They were three very full, busy and worthwhile days. We were able to attend many valuable workshops and listen to a number of engaging keynote speakers. We are sure the MSPS will benefit from our involvement in this! Look out for more about it in future Newsletters.

I’d like to thank Kaye McLaren who stepped up into the Acting Principal role while Sandi and I were away and managed brilliantly. The staff also supported her very well. Thank you all.

What a wonderful week this has been at our school. We have had many excited and impressed visitors along with the participation of many families and children in our Technology and Maths evenings. I think the photos and children’s work included in this Newsletter speak volumes for the success of Education week here at MSPS. I would like to thank the Education week Committee comprising of Melinda Bell, Diana Gevaux and Kylie Troiani for the wonderful work they have done organising the week and giving the children such terrific opportunities. I’d also like to thank the staff for their enthusiasm and the commitment they have shown to the activities this week. It has been lovely to see the children all working well with their buddies today – involved in and sharing their learning. Make sure you take the time to talk to your children about all they have been involved in.

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.
this week. Congratulations to all the families who involved themselves in the variety of activities on offer.

**Congratulations** to our wonderful staff and grade 3 and 5 students who completed the National Assessment Program — Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) last week. Sandi Young was managing our NAPLAN implementation and the organisation and communication with staff, parents and students was excellent, once again. Also to be congratulated are our grade 4 and 6 students for the support they gave their grade three and five class members. Thank you and well done to all those involved.

The teaching profession and society in general seem to be concerned about the resilience of our young people. To that end I have included the following from Michael Grose.

**Resilience** is a 21st Century parenting concept that every parent needs to understand.

Some kids are resilient by nature – their temperament helps them to be mentally and psychologically tough. You know those kids. They get straight back up after a setback or disappointment. Rejection in the playground doesn’t faze them. Unfortunately, not every child has such natural resilience.

The good news is that most of the research shows that resilience can be nurtured and developed, particularly when parents themselves are resilient and they actively foster it in their kids.

Resilient kids share four basic skill sets— independence, problem-solving, optimism and social connection.

**Building Resilience**

From a resilience perspective parents need to coach kids through some of their more challenging moments and reviewing what they may have learned for next time. Avoid solving all their problems for them.

You can promote a lasting sense of resilience in your kids by:

1. **Having a positive attitude yourself.** Your attitude as a parent impacts on their ability to bounce back from some of the difficulties they face. Make sure you model a ‘you can do it’ attitude for your child when he meets some of life’s curve balls.

2. **Look for teachable moments.** Many kids’ learning opportunities are disguised as problems.

3. **Make the most of these opportunities so that kids can grow and learn from some of the challenges they face.**

4. **Make kids active participants in the family.** Active participation in a family develops the self-help, problem-solving and independence skills of kids that are necessary for resilience.

**Build kids coping skills.** There are plenty of strategies you can pass on to kids to help them cope when life doesn’t go their way, including acceptance, getting away for awhile, and normalisation.

Promoting resilience in kids is a not a single event but a continuous process that requires adults to be supportive and empathetic when things don’t go their way. It also requires you as a parent to have an understanding of resilience, so you have faith in yourself, and your child’s ability to cope.

Want more Resilience-building ideas?

You’ll get plenty of great Resilience-building ideas and parenting advice on Michael’s blog.

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 lifelong learning!

Julie Jones
Principal
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I learnt how to make a circuit! Caley

Parents and Special Friends Day was great fun! Sanduni

I loved going to the Technology Night! Isabelle

I learnt a lot from Norm! Stephanie

I learnt that you can melt metal! Benito

Did you know that one battery is called a cell? Malik

I enjoyed playing maths games with my mum! Emily

I bet Mum in Chess! I got her King out! Ben

I learnt how to make a light bulb work! Jordan

I used my electrical circuit as a torch last night! Ty

I played on my laptop with friends! Ethan

I enjoyed playing Snakes and Ladders with Mum! Jessie

I liked playing on my laptop with my sister! Jordyn
On Tuesday night students, parents and teachers worked together to create wobbly machines. The night finished with a GRAND PARADE! Thank you to all who made this evening an event to remember.
What a fabulous night!

The talented Mrs Gevaux demonstrated many simple but effective maths games to play at home. Thanks to Mrs Gevaux for not only a fun night, but also creating and providing a maths pack for each family to take home.

Thank you also to the families that supported this fantastic night.
HG19 have been reading Dr Seuss books and learning about the life of Dr Seuss. We would like to share some of the information with you.

Dr Seuss’s real name was Theodor Seuss Geisel and he was known as Ted to his friends.

Dr Seuss was born in Springfield, Massachusetts in the United States of America on March 2nd 1904. If he was alive today he would be 108 years old.

Dr Seuss grew up in a family that loved to play games with words, and they invented funny names for things, including themselves. This enjoyment with word play stayed with Dr Seuss throughout his life.

When Dr Seuss was a young boy he loved visiting the zoo where his father sometimes worked, and when he went home he would draw funny pictures of animals on his bedroom walls.

Dr Seuss was not a real doctor. He gave himself the title of Dr Seuss when he began publishing articles and books. He called himself a doctor because he did not want to disappoint his father about the fact that he had left Oxford University without finishing his course. Then in 1955 Dr Seuss was awarded an honorary doctorate – so he became a real Doctor.

Dr Seuss had a difficult time when he was growing up because World War 1 started in Europe. Although his family had come from Germany many years before people did not like them and called them names.

Dr Seuss married a lady named Helen Palmer in 1927 but they never had any children.

The first book Dr Seuss wrote and illustrated for children that was published in 1936 was “And to think that I saw it on Mulberry Street.

Dr Seuss did all of the illustrations for his own books. He liked to draw funny invented animals with exaggerated features.

During World War 2 Dr Seuss worked helping to make films about what the United States should do in Germany and Japan after the war was won. He won two Oscars for this work. Dr Seuss decided that writing children's books was more important that making films so that is what he did for the rest of his life.

Dr Seuss wrote the story Green Eggs and Ham using only 50 different words. In 1957 Dr Seuss wrote The Cat In The Hat to help young children learn to read. He found two words that rhymed on a high frequency word list which were “cat” and” hat” so he wrote a story about them.

After the success of The Cat In The Hat - the publishing company began to publish a range of books called Beginner Books – of which Dr Seuss was one of the people in control. This range of books is said to be what got young readers interested in books. Throughout his life Dr Seuss wrote more than 60 books for children to enjoy. Dr Seuss died in 1991 but his work lives on for children to enjoy for years to come.

HG 19 has enjoyed reading Dr Seuss books and is sure that you would too.
I think it is the stupidest statement ever heard in the world because men and women do not want to cook—so agree with me.

I hate cooking, because if you miss something, the whole thing wouldn't taste nice and won't look nice. All mums should cook, not the dads and not the kids. The kids have better stuff to do like going to friend's houses and playing games.

Following on, if mum's don't get it right, they rage and get angry because it didn't work. Some things, I must say, are if it does come out well, everybody loves it. If everybody learned to cook, it will be so bad sometimes.

Following on from that paragraph, I hate cooking, because if you put in too much of some stuff than you should have, then it will crumble, that why I hate it! 1000s of millions of people in the world can't cook and by buying ingredients, you're just wasting money!

I hate cooking so you should too, because everything can go wrong when cooking, SO DON'T TRY IT!

Paul

I totally agree, everybody should learn to cook. It is a life skill and you know what I say to people who don't want to learn to cook? 'Toughen up because one day you are going to have to learn to cook for your family.'

Everybody thinks the women are the only ones that cook and men work, but I believe men should learn to cook too. I think as soon as someone turns 4, their parents should bake cupcakes, cookies, mousse and jelly with their child to teach basic cooking.

Not only is cooking fun and delicious, it is also teaching you how to measure and set the oven. It also teaches you how to keep track of time.

Cooking can also tell you about history, like when a certain food was introduced and where it was discovered and how. It can also show you what a recipe is. When cooking you can see what food different countries like.

In conclusion I believe everyone should learn to cook. I can tell you I am 11 now and I have been cooking with mum since I was 6 and it is so much fun. I wish I had started earlier. So I really encourage men and women to cook.

Mikieli

What do our grade 6s think about this statement?

I agree that everyone should learn how to cook because you can cook so many things and you can have fun cooking.

When you cook, you can cook with fresh vegetables. It can encourage you to make your own vegie patch, because if you grow your own food, you can cook with the freshest foods.

When you cook you can cook with different tools. Every time you cook you do it with passion because it helps you cook beautiful food. Always remember to cook with love and I guarantee you will have your favourite dish in no time.

I love cooking because I have grown up with it but if I didn't grow up with it I would still want to learn to cook.

If you like cooking, go out and get some herbs and vegetables and plant them and in no time you will have vegies to cook with. Cooking opens the doors for you, so if you like cooking, start now and have fun.

Cameron

What! Everyone should cook! Are you silly? Some kids can't even go near the kitchen, so what would be the use of teaching them to cook if they can't even go in there?

Following on from that, we have great chefs that can cook food for us. They're good at it, so they should cook it. What about those silly shows like MasterChef? The people who win have done it for a while and they know what they are doing! But the others that lose, it's like, "What is the point of cooking?" it would be like putting a baby in a running race.

Secondly, your parents know how to cook. They just the basic stuff like dim sims and noodles. I bet if they had a go at the fancy stuff it would be hard and they would not like it.

Thirdly, yeah sure, if you were brought up cooking, fine, cook then! Do what you love. So if you are not a cooker then you should not a cook then you should not have to cook. Say you love sport, then you should worry about sport and not about learning to cook.

That is my text, I hope you get the message. Do not, and I mean do not force people to cook if they don't want to.

Brody

Everyone should learn to cook. I've thought about this before and I believe everyone should learn to cook. Cooking has its advantages.

What I would like to say right at the start is that learning to cook at a young age will help you in the future when have you grown up. It will help you with your home cooking.

In addition, learning to cook will help you with your career. When you are old enough to get a job, you could become a chef. The recipes you have learnt could help you with your job.

One of the things I think that will happen if you learn to cook is that you won't need to spend money on take away and finger food. You can cook food at home.

Last but not least, I would like to point out that cooking is great fun. You have fun with the family while you are cooking.

In conclusion, if you learn to cook you will always hear laughs around the dinner table. Cooking will help you at home and outside.

That is why I think that people should learn how to cook.

Karen

I disagree! Not everyone can cook. If you want to cook, then cook, but don't think that you should have to. When you learn to cook you forget something that could be important. At camp you open a can, heat it up and eat. When you are young, you get mum to cook for you or dad.

If you have a big kitchen you learn to cook in it, but if you have a small one there is no room to cook.

If you don't want to cook it is because it is too complicated! All the ingredients, the order and the steps! If you have a talent to cook, fulfill your dreams and don't waste your talent on other things.

If you want to cook, then become a chef. If not, then do what you want. It's all up to you.

Scott
Chess Club Report

Chess Club results for Tuesday 22nd May 2012.

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

Group 2: Winners were Peter, Lachlan, Alyssa, Josh, and Jack. So far the top three players are Peter, Alyssa and Ty.

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

Group 4: Winners were Alex, Aleks and Benito. Draws between Sanduni and Aidan, Elijah and Elizabeth. So far the top three players are Alex, Aleks and Thomas.

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 Thursday 31st May. We wish them well.

Diana and Rhys Gevaux

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

**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 20 June
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 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 South Morang Community,

We have had so much in OSHC so far doing so many different and new things. We always welcome new people so come join our crew!

OSHC families, as part of the new National Framework we require a copy of your child’s immunisation paper work. Can you please bring a copy in as soon as possible.

- Reannan, Kristin, Charleigh & Vincenza

REMININDERS

- **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.

WHAT’S ON THIS WEEK

**AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

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AWARDS... Logan and Isabelle

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www.campaaustralia.com.au
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

LOOKING FOR A PLAYGROUP?

Morang South Primary School Play Group
When: Friday Mornings 9.30-11.30 appro
Where: Morang South Primary School
        Gorge Road, South Morang.
        Call Donna  9437-8833
Cost: $2.00 per week per child over 9 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.