### 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.

### 26th July 2012

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### From the Principal

Hello Everyone,

As you know, the Australian Olympic Committee has selected Morang South Primary School as the school to host the Victorian community chat session with an Australian Athlete in London, Gala on August 7th. Five other Victorian schools are hosting smaller events.

In order for us to cater for the event I have sent a formal invitation with a reply slip included, home for every family today. IF YOU ARE ATTENDING THE EVENT, PLEASE RETURN THE RSVP BEFORE THURSDAY AUGUST 2ND.

Gonski could be great for our school

Have you heard about the findings of the Gonski Review? Potentially it’s very good news for our school and our students.

Headed by senior businessman David Gonski, the Federal Government’s review was the most comprehensive national investigation of school funding in almost 40 years. It found that increased funding for public schools is urgently required to ensure

### 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.
a high quality education for all.

The increase equates to an average of $1,500 per student extra per year in public schools. If we were to receive that amount it would mean a primary school with 250 students would receive an additional $375,000 and a secondary school with 1000 students an additional $1.5 million each year. To our school it could make a difference of $570000.

For our school, additional money could be spent in the areas we know make a real difference for students such as smaller class sizes, more individual assistance for students and a greater range of programs.

The problem is that, despite the positive response from all education sectors to the report, there has been no commitment by either the Federal Government or the Opposition in Canberra to the new system or the additional funding.

Parents, principals and teachers from across Australia have been campaigning to get our politicians to make commitments to improve funding and to pass new laws before the end of 2012.

The staff at Morang South wore green on Tuesday to show support for the campaign to have the recommendations from the Gonski report implemented. You will also see many of them with the ‘I give a gonski’ badges on. The School Council also approved the signing and sending of a green hand symbol to the organisers of the campaign to display at Parliament House.

How You Can Help
Please phone our local Federal MP Rob Mitchell on 5783 4880 to let him know that our school needs additional resources to support the learning of all students and ask him to commit to the recommendations of the Gonski review.

You can register your support for the campaign at igiveagonski.com.au or on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/igiveagonski.

You can also find out more about the Gonski Review at the Federal Government’s website: www.schoolfunding.gov.au

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

National Tree Day and Schools Tree Day are the perfect time to think about what we can do to help support the environment. This Friday the Grade 1/2 students, and then on Monday the 30th of July, Grade 5/6 students will be planting trees to support this fantastic program.

We encourage all students to bring a pair of gardening gloves and a small little hand shovel if they have one to use during planting. We speak for the trees!
**Stars of the Week**  
Grades Prep – 6  
Week 11 Term 2

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Grades Prep – 6
Week 2
Term 3

Home Group 1  Home Group 01  Home Group 2  Home Group 02

Home Group 11  Quinn & Tayla  Home Group 15  Brandon P

Home Group 16  The Bugs Bunnies  Home Group 19  Paige

Home Group 21  Amy & Ryan  Home Group 24  Jacqueline & Riley
Chess Club Term 2 Summary

Group 1
1st - Kiyan, 2nd - Jesse, 3rd - Fonda
Encouragement Award: Brooke
Most Improved: Simon
Most Valuable Player: Nevmin

Kiyan once again proved his skills by being undefeated for the whole term, not for the first time either. Simon finished 5th this term after finishing 8th in term 1 earning him the most improved award.

Full Results - mpschess.challonge.com/g1_t2_2012

Group 2
1st - Ty, 2nd - Peter, 3rd - Josh
Encouragement Award: Thinura
Most Improved: Alyssa
Most Valuable Player: Lachlan

An extremely tight top 3 that had no points separating them, only their tie-break scores. Each of their single losses was to one of the other two. After jumping from 9th to 4th in the space of a term, Alyssa proved that she deserved the most improved pin.

Full Results - mpschess.challonge.com/g2_t2_2012

Group 3
1st - Heath, 2nd - Shayden, 3rd - Lachlan
Encouragement Award: Mia
Most Improved: Liam
Most Valuable Player: Bronte

We had another undefeated player in Heath, making it two terms straight without losing a game. Liam went from finishing 9th to 6th, making him the most improved.

Full Results - mpschess.challonge.com/g2_t2_2012

Group 4
1st - Alex, 2nd - Aleks, 3rd - Thomas
Encouragement Award: Sanduni
Most Improved: Benito
Most Valuable Player: Elijah

The group who had the most people fighting for a medal in the final week, the top 6 separated by only 2 points and 3rd being decided by a tie-break score, allowing Thomas to narrowly edge in front of Ben. The majority of players finishing in similar spots meant that even the small climb of two spots from 8th to 6th earned Benito the most improved award.

Full Results - mpschess.challonge.com/g2_t2_2012
Put this date in your diary, write it on the calendar and keep it locked in your memory.. because Australia has talent, but **Morang South PS has Stars (and they are your children!)**. The ideas have hatched, the music selected, the choreography is developing as are the costumes, props and other planning that goes into making a concert concept- a reality. Over the term we will be singing, dancing, speaking and acting- all in readiness for this date.

During term 3, details about ticketing, rehearsals, DVD pricing etc will be sent to you via notes and the Gorge News, so **please be sure you read these carefully and when asked to return notes, do that promptly so that you do not miss out.**

We look forward to seeing your child starring in our concert and we are sure you will be equally excited about this event.

Thank you for your support

Staff of Morang South PS

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**Messages from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development**

**Personal Goods Brought to School at Owner's Risk:** The DEECD does not hold insurance nor does it accept responsibility for private property brought to school by students, staff and visitors. Please do not bring any unnecessary or valuable items to school.

**Student Accident Insurance Arrangements:** The DEECD does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs, unless the injury is caused by the negligence (carelessness) of a Department or school council employee or volunteer. Students Accident Insurance is available privately at low cost.
Recently your children have received leaflets from Scholastic Book Club. **If paying by credit card or cheque please read the information below.** Thank you to all the families who are able to support Book Club and earn many free resources for the library.

If you wish to place an order please follow the procedure below – leaflets are given out on a Thursday (usually with the newsletter) & are due back the following Friday. **This order is due back on Friday 3rd August.** *Please pay attention to this date. The order is processed on the internet on the closing day – Friday.*

Clearly fill in the forms on back of leaflet with child’s name, group & order total (if older children fill in forms could parents please check them, as we had a number of errors with our last order) enclose order & correct money in a clearly named envelope, making sure that any coins are secure. You may pay by cheque. Family orders may be placed in one envelope with one payment. Orders should be given to the classroom teacher. **NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

**CREDIT CARDS!**

Please note the arrangements for the use of credit cards. For added security you need to ring Scholastic on the number provided on the form. You will be supplied with a receipt number that you need to fill in on your form. You no longer need to supply your actual credit card number to the school.
A DAY TO SPARKLE

Junior School Council will be holding a fundraising day on Monday the 30th of July, to support the Children’s Cancer Centre at the Royal Children’s Hospital through the Tiana Reidy Foundation - in memory of Tiana who attended MSPS and would have been in Year 7 this year. In previous years MSPS has supported children with cancer through CANTEEN. This year, some of our grade 6 students, (who were in composite grades with Tiana) wanted to support the Tiana Reidy Foundation. Students are asked to come dressed in PINK, PURPLE and/or SPARKLY clothes in exchange for a gold coin donation.

JSC thanks everyone in advance for their support.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

Winter Warmer 2012

Don’t leave any students out in the cold this winter

On Friday the 29th of June, students were asked to participate in our

ODD SOCKS fundraising event to support the State Schools’ Relief (SSR), Winter Warmer Appeal.

Well done everyone.

We raised $400.00.

What a fabulous effort!!!

JSC would like to thank everyone for their continued support during the Earn and Learn Program. So far this year, we have collected just over 48000 points, (33000 points more than last year).

What a terrific effort.

The Earn & Learn Program has been extended until the 12th of August. Please continue to collect your stickers and bring them to school. Last year we obtained some fabulous resources through this program and look forward in receiving future resources to enhance and support student learning.
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.

END OF TERM 2 RAFFLE WINNERS

1st Penny Skateboard - donated by Planet Surf P Cauchi Student Troy HG21
2nd Penny Skateboard - donated by Planet Surf Tayla Oakley HG11
3rd $100 Commercial Hotel Voucher Ross Hatzis HG16
4th Buzy Kids Vouchers Georgia Marshall HG 20
Mystery Envelope donated by Toy Networx Blake Anderson HG15
Mystery Envelope donated by Toy Networx Emmerson Jarvie HG15
Mystery Envelope donated by Toy Networx Eddy Carranza Student Daniel C HG 19
Mystery Envelope donated by Toy Networx Brodie Murphy HG09
Mystery Envelope donated by Toy Networx Chloe Quinton Student Peter HG03
Mystery Envelope donated by Commercial Hotel Sarah Emery HG13

Congratulations to all our winners and many thanks to all our sponsors

DISCO – FRIDAY 27th JULY
Prep – Grade 2 5:00pm-6:30pm
Grades 3-6 7:30pm-9:00pm

FATHERS DAY STALL
Thursday 30th August
Further information to follow

BILL G’s GOURMET COOKIE & BISCUIT DOUGH FUNDRAISER
Further information 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
A piece of battered flake, wedges and salad consisting of Lettuce, tomato, cucumber and carrot.
Price $5.00
Please note: This is a balanced meal served with salad, so no item can be ordered individually.

Heart Foundation
Jump Rope for Heart

Hi Kids! How are your skipping tricks going? Can you do double-unders and criss-cross yet? It's not long until your Jump Off day, so keep practising.
Have you got any sponsors yet? Why not get Mum and Dad to help you use the computer to get online sponsors. It's easy and it's fun!! Log on to:

Thomastown Netball Association
Thomastown Netball Association runs a netball competition on Tuesday nights for seniors (ladies and mixed) and Wednesday afternoon for juniors ages 9-17 years at R.M.I.T Bundoora.
We are currently looking for both players and teams.
If you are interested in joining our competition please contact Dianne on 0402279608 or Amy 0421184443
Some children in grade 5/6 have enthusiastically elected to represent their Science learning about Physical and Chemical changes by creating a song or a rap. Children have been using iPads, iPhones and iPods to enhance their creation! I’ve been told that some children have even been singing or rapping their Physical and Chemical changes song at home. Children have also been seen at play time huddled together outside working on their rap. The students are very excited about their creation and I am looking forward to showcasing their talents.

Yesterday grade 5/6 had their first Performing Arts rehearsal for their ‘recorder’ concert item. We look forward to performing at the concert and I’m sure grade 5/6 will agree we have a lot more preparing to do! Below I have included some diagrams and music to help grade 5/6 practice at home. Remember to blow softly boys and girls!

😊

Sandi Young

[Diagrams of musical notes and instructions for playing the recorder]
WHEN? Mondays, 4 sessions:
05, 12 & 19 & 26 November 2012
Classes commencing 4.00pm and finish at 5.30pm

CONTACT? James Mc Gavisk: Phone 9438 8500/Email jmk@sthelena.vic.edu.au

COST? $50.00 per subject

WHO? Grade 5 and 6 students who would benefit from an extension program.

COURSES?

ART:
Mixed Media
Photoshop & Illustrator

HUMANITIES:
Mysteries of Ancient Egypt

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:
Computer Software & What’s Behind the Web Page?

MATHEMATICS:
Maths is Fun

SCIENCE:
Exploring Chemistry

TECHNOLOGY
Cooking: Afternoon Snacks & Delights
The wonderful world of Electricity & Motion
Aero Flight

Performing Arts:
Story Telling with a Drama twist

PLEASE NOTE:
• All courses commence at 4.00pm and finish at 5.30pm.
• Program costs are fixed, not pro-rata. No refunds.

For Further information please see Ms Young in HG13 for a brochure.

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 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.
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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(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 24TH AUGUST