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 April  2012

From the Principal

Hello everyone,

Welcome back to term 2. First term concluded with very successful three-way conferences where children’s achievements were celebrated and goals set. Many parents commented on the professionalism with which these are run and how wonderful they are for the children. Well done everybody! The staff will be commencing their work on the children’s half year reports in the coming weeks.

We have already had an eventful two weeks this term.

We were fortunate enough to have a visit by the Australian Ballet performance team – Out There, on the first day of term. Out There’s visit was divided into two main activities i.e. movement/dance workshops and a demonstration/discussion forum called Talking Doing Dancers. The children in grade 4 – 6 were able to participate in these sessions. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day. Some children were surprised at how supple, flexible and fit you need to be! The team were most impressed by our students and we were proud of their behaviour, willing participation and the great questions they asked.

Our Athletics Carnival was held on the first Wednesday of term. What a marvellous day. We were blessed with a beautiful Melbourne Autumn day. Marg Eames coordinated this successful event, along with the 5/6 and 3/4 staff and Sue Grad our P-4 PE teacher. The organisation was superb and the children had an exciting and enjoyable day. The grade 3 children were particularly pleased to be participating in their first Athletics Carnival. Many parents and grandparents attended to assist or watch their children compete. Once again our students demonstrated our values and were a credit to our school. Thank you to Marg and the staff and pre-service teachers who supported her so well. I’d also like to thank the many parent volunteers who helped out on the day. Without you these events would not be able to happen.

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.
We appreciate the efforts you make to show your children you value their school and education.

On Tuesday of this week we held our annual ANZAC Remembrance Ceremony. Once again this event was coordinated by Marg Eames. It is always a very moving ceremony and a great tribute to all those who have served in the many war zones in which Australia has been involved. Our School Captains and Vice Captains were the Masters of Ceremony for the entire event. We were all extremely proud of them. I received a lot of positive feedback about the afternoon. Thank you. One community member commented that she ‘never ceases to be amazed at what a wonderful school this is and how our student leaders are able to present such an event.’ Congratulations and thank you to everyone involved.

School Council met during the last week of term and then again this Tuesday evening. The Annual Report was presented and approved at the AGM in March. It is now available for reading on our school website in the Parents section.

Unfortunately we are still unable to fill our School Council vacancies. There are now two positions available, so if you are interested, please see me as soon as you are able. If you know someone who you think would be able to contribute to school council, please give them some encouragement.

Out Arts Extravaganza day and evening is being held Tuesday 8th May. During the day the children will be involved in a variety of Arts’ activities and participate in the ‘Bushwahzee’ incursion. In the evening students will perform their ‘Bush Cabaret’ and ‘SURPRISE’ item for their parents! We look forward to seeing parents at the evening sessions supporting their children when they perform. There will also be a chance for parents to join in the fun!

The Mother’s Day stall will be held on Thursday May 10th. This event is one of the highlights of our school year. The children love the opportunity to browse, reflect on their mothers' likes and dislikes, and to make their final decision.

A reminder that NAPLAN testing will be carried out in week 5 of this term, commencing Tuesday May 15th and concluding on Thursday May 17th. Our grades 3 and 5 students will be participating in the NAPLAN assessment.

The National Assessment Program is the measure through which governments, education authorities and schools can determine whether or not young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes. The National Assessment Program is run at the direction of the Ministerial Council for Education, Early Childhood Development and Youth Affairs (MCEEECDYA). It includes:

- the National Assessment Program — Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)
- three-yearly NAP sample Assessments in Science Literacy, Civics and Citizenship, and Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Literacy, and International sample assessments.

Students are assessed in Year 3 to identify their achievement at the end of the early years of schooling and again in Year 5 to monitor their achievement before moving to secondary school.

Teachers use a range of assessments over time to build a picture of your child’s strengths and needs. The results of the NAPLAN tests will form a small component of the assessment tools, which teachers as professionals, use to tell how your child is progressing. They are one test on one day. The NAPLAN 2011 will assist teachers in a small way to identify students’ strengths and weaknesses in Literacy and Numeracy. By analysing results which show a pattern or which add to information from teacher judgments, teachers can adjust teaching strategies to provide appropriate support.

The student results from the NAPLAN testing will be due in schools in early term 3.

The aggregation of students’ results will provide the school with an overview of current achievements for groups of students and contributes to a more comprehensive understanding of their performance. The analysis of school-wide data assists school planning and can be used by the school to monitor Literacy and Numeracy improvement over time.

If you would like to discuss this further, please call or come in to see Sandi Young.

It is Walk to School day, Friday May 18th. The Junior School Council will be promoting this event. It is proudly sponsored by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing. It is supported by the Australian Government, all State/Territory Governments and Local Governments, as well as the Heart Foundation, Cancer Council Australia, Diabetes Australia, Beyond Blue and the Australian Conservation Foundation. We will be registered and promotion materials will be distributed in the near future.

There are a number of really good reasons why you should join us on Walk to School day on Friday May 18th AND every other day.

Health benefits
According to the Australian Federal Government report, Healthy Weight 2008, more than a third of Australian children between the ages of seven to 11 are overweight or obese.

Children should spend no more than 2 hours of recreational time on TV/couch/PC a day.

Walking regularly can help kids steer clear of:
- heart disease
- type II diabetes
- accidents, fractures and injuries (through improved strength and coordination)
- some cancers (including colon cancer)
Safety
Experts agree, reducing the number of cars around school gates can help reduce the risk of injury to child pedestrians. By parking the car a few blocks away and safely walking the rest of the journey with a parent or carer, school areas become less congested with traffic and therefore safer for young children.

Quality time together
This may be a good opportunity to talk with your children; maybe the only real chance you get!

This year Education Week is from Sunday May 20th until Saturday May 26th. The importance of reading and literacy skills throughout a child’s learning journey is the focus of Education Week this year which coincides with Library and Information Week and Australia-wide celebrations to highlight the National Year of Reading. There will be many exciting events at MSPS, including open sessions for grandparents and family members, the Book Fair and Science/Technology sessions for both students and parents. I hope parents will join in the fun during our celebration of this year’s Education Week!

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. Disabled parking spaces are made available when any of our students require it. We currently have a child who is in need of this parking space. PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN IT.

At this point we are still in need of canteen volunteers, particularly for Fridays. This is a vital service for our community and can only be made available if we have support.

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

As from next week school hats do not need to be worn again until Monday September third, which is week 8 of term 3. During this time a plain burgundy, black or white beanie (No Logos) may be worn during outside playtimes.

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
### Grades Prep – 6
#### Week 9 Term 1

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- **Physical Education Prep-4**
  - Home Group 2
  - Performing Arts / Science Prep-4
Congratulations to the following group of students who were presented with their badges for student voice at assembly on 26th March 2012. The photo below also includes our 2012 school Captains.

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### Stars of the Week

**Grades Prep – 6**  
**Week 2**  
**Term 2**

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**ANZAC DAY**

On Anzac Day we remember the soldiers who died in the war. Logan and Ava.

We made Anzac Biscuits. They were yummy and they were delicious. Lachlan.

I loved the biscuits. Logan.

To make Anzac Biscuits we need oats. Harley.

We made Anzac Biscuits. They were yum. Renee.

We made Anzac Biscuits. We mixed the Anzac Biscuits. Ella.

**MILKSHAKES** by HG 1

We made milkshakes today. We had to choose chocolate or strawberry. We put the milk in the cup. Then we put the topping in. Then we mixed it up with the milkshake maker. It went, “m,m,m,m” It was all frothy. We all said “it was delicious!

Aa- Ants in the apple
Dd- dolphins diving
Ee- empty eggshells
Hh- hens with hats on
Mm- many mice munching
Nn- not a nice nose

Pp- possums peeping
Bb- Ben’s big boot
Ss- soft snakes sliding

**ASK US ABOUT THE**

letters we have been learning!
What a sensational day the 3-6 students had at Willinda Park last Wednesday, April 18th. The sun was shining. Everyone was excited and expectant as to what might happen and what stars may be exposed on the day. We had an incredible group of parents that along with the teachers and pre-service teachers brought the day together. Everybody contributed, whether it was to time keep, measure throws and jumps (while ducking out the way of flying objects), record results or start events. Without this coming together, the day would have not have been the success it was. We congratulate the participants, applaud the place getters and cheer for the adults who worked together to make the day so successful. Many thanks to all Marg Eames
Athletics day

On Wednesday 18th of April the grade 3 to 6s had their athletics day. The students participated in many events including shot put, discus, hurdles and running. At the end of the day the points each student earned for their house were added up. In 4th place was Yellow House with 502 points. In 3rd place was Red House with 529 points. In 2nd place was Green House with 541 points and in 1st place with 628 points was Blue House. It was a fun day and everyone enjoyed themselves.

ANZAC Day Ceremony

On Tuesday the 24th of April a special ANZAC day ceremony was held in the Paringa Complex to commemorate each war Australia has fought in. The school captains did a fantastic job at hosting the ceremony. Students brought flowers to school to place at the flag pole as part of the ceremony. Two class representatives went up and said a few words about what we remember on ANZAC day as well as place their class’s flowers in a basket. The students sang the national anthem and an ANZAC day song about one soldier’s journey. Parents and relatives of students came to the school as well and some even brought flowers for the ceremony. Lest We Forget

By Brooke F– HG 9

School Reporter
Morang South Primary School hosted an inter-school tournament last term. Approximately 90 students attended. There was quite a buzz in our gym with many competitive chess games being played. We had two teams with a total of 19 students participating. For most of the day our Team A was running third only to be pipped at the post in the last round of matches to come fourth. Our chess club members are constantly improving their skills and are more competitive at each inter-school chess tournament.

Special mention goes to Kiyan for having 4 and 1/2 points and Fonda, Heath, Simon, Peter for having 4 points. Well done Jesse, Ethan, Kassandra and Alyssa for gaining 3 and 1/2 points. Special thanks to Thinura, Andrew, Shayden, Jake, Brandon, Jack, Brooke, Franki and Sam N for participating and making it such a special day. Rhys and I are very proud of all of you!

It’s such a delight to watch our children be so involved in their games and also demonstrate great sportsmanship. There were a number of occasions where our children showed our school values and ensured that all students from other schools were welcomed and included. A teacher from another school commented on one of our children, Peter, who saw that a child from another school was upset due to a lost game. Peter consoled that child and invited that child to play with him. What a caring person you are Peter!

Looking forward to the next inter-school chess tournament at Lalor on the 31st May. Rhys will be selecting a team of ten members to attend.

Diana Gevaux
COME TO OUR
SCHOLASTIC
BOOK FAIR!
Your Ticket to Read!
DATES - TIMES - PLACES
In Rm 4 22nd May till 29th May
Mornings 8.30 - 9.00
Afternoons 3.30 - 4.00
Hey Kids! Read more in May and you could win!

Scholastic is giving away over $30,000 worth of books to celebrate
NATIONAL FAMILY READING MONTH
Scholastic book club – Due Thursday 3rd May

Today your children have received leaflets from Scholastic Book Club. **If paying by credit card or cheque please read the information in the boxes 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 Thursday.

**This order is due back on Thursday May 3rd** *Please pay attention to this date. The order is processed on the internet on the closing day – Thursday.*

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**

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**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.

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**Problems?** See Deb Powell. There are plenty of spare leaflets if you child wants a leaflet not distributed in their class or if leaflets are lost.

**How long do orders take?** Orders will be completed on the internet on the Thursday evening when orders are due. Orders come from Sydney. Please don’t hesitate to contact Deb Powell if you have any queries at all.

Thank you for your past & future participation in Book Club.

Deb Powell
Let’s 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

In the last month we raised
$131.85
Can anyone catch Home Group 1?
Let’s make sure we keep the momentum going...

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
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.

EASTER RAFFLE
Congratulations to our winners:
1st Prize – James Popovski (HG 18), 2nd Prize – Laura Lindsey (HG9), 3rd Prize – Yuan Qian (HG3)
4th Prize – Peter Tsalacopoulos (HG22), 5th Prize – Charlotte Bradstreet (HG7)
6th Prize – Aidan Black (HG15), 7th prize – Ross Hatzis (HG16)

HOT DOG DAY
Special Lunch Day – Tuesday 1st May
Notices have been sent out, please send through your orders by Thursday April 26th

MOTHERS DAY STALL
That special day for Mum - Thursday 10th May
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

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 6th May
OSHC NEWS

Hello everyone,

Welcome back to term 2!

We have so many new, exciting and fun learning activities for everyone to join in, so come along and speak to our friendly staff at Morang South OSHC to get involved!

- Reannan, Kristin, Charleigh & Vincenza

REMINDERS

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
Week 3

MONDAY: Finger puppets
TUESDAY: Hand puppet
WEDNESDAY: OSHC talking head character
THURSDAY: Paper plate puppet
FRIDAY: MOVIE Pinocchio

AFTER SCHOOL CARE
Week 4

MONDAY: Mothers day card
TUESDAY: Gift box
WEDNESDAY: Apple cupcakes
THURSDAY: Beaded broach
FRIDAY: MOVIE Spy Kids 3

AWARDS... Ella B and Akash

MENU

MONDAY: Sandwiches with a variety of spreads
TUESDAY: Crackers, cheese & tomatoes
WEDNESDAY: RESTAURANTS
THURSDAY: Jelly and fruit
FRIDAY: Biscuits and warm Milo
EDUCATION WEEK TOURS

Welcome to The Lakes!!!

The Lakes South Morang P-9 School is conducting a ‘Year 7 Discovery Night’ for prospective year 7 parents and students on:

Tuesday May 8 @ 6pm

This ‘Discovery Night’ will showcase some of the wonderful things we offer in year 7 at The Lakes. We would love to see you there!

We will also be running school tours at the following times:

Thursday April 26 @ 9.30am
Thursday April 26 @ 4pm
Tuesday May 1 @ 9.30am
Tuesday May 15 @ 9.30am
Tuesday May 15 @ 4pm

Join us for personalised tours of our Middle Years Campus and morning Tea with the College Principal.
Tours will be conducted from 9:15 – 10:00am
April 30th, May 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th
Please book a tour by contacting the General Office on 9407 9700.

2013 YEAR 7 SEAL AND EXTENSIONS AND ENRICHMENT APPLICATIONS

There is one application and test for both the SEAL and Extension and Enrichment Programs.
The aptitude test takes place on Friday 4 May beginning at 9:00am over approximately 3 hours, at a cost of $57.
Application forms must be completed and returned to the College no later than Friday the 27th April 2012
If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Leesa Mereos on mereos.leesa.j@edumail.vic.gov.au or 9407 9700.
Commemorative Bricks

ORDERS NOW CLOSE 4TH MAY

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 NOW CLOSE 4TH MAY