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.

Thursday, 7 April, 2011

Calendar of Events Term 2 2011

**Week 1:**
- Wed 27 April: Term 2 begins
- Wed 27 April: School Council meeting 7:30pm
- CANTEEN CLOSED 27,28,29 April

**Week 2:**
- Mon 2 May: School Canteen OPEN!
- Tues 3 May: Swimming begins grades 1/2 & 3/4
- Wed 4 May: Grade 1/2 ‘Starlab’ Incursion
- Thur 5 May: Mother’s Day Stall
- Fri 6 May: Grade 2 Sleepover
  - Grade 3/4 Soccer

**Week 3:**
- Tues 10 May: No Swimming
  - NAPLAN grades 3 and 5
- Wed 11 May: NAPLAN grades 3 and 5
- Thur 12 May: NAPLAN grades 3 and 5
- Fri 13 May: M.S.P.S Mum’s Night Out!

**Week 4:**
- Tues 17 May: 1/2 and 3/4 Swimming
- Wed 18 May: Grade 3-6 Cross Country

**Week 5:**
- Mon 23 May: 5/6 Camp Coonawarra
- Tues 24 May: 1/2 and 3/4 Swimming
- Wed 25 May: District 3-6 Cross Country
- Thurs 26 May: Lego Excursion H/G 03 & Prep 1C
- Fri 27 May: Lego Excursion H/G 01 & 02

**Week 6:**
Morang South Primary School Education Week

From the Principal

What a wonderful way to finish our busy learning term with such positive **Three-way Conferences**. The response from parents, students and teachers alike has been very affirming. **Congratulations** to you all for attending and being **involved in your child’s education** and **celebrating their successes**, while supporting them to **plan for future learning**. I know you will join with me in **congratulating and thanking** our wonderful teaching staff for the work they do with your children and way the support and prepare your children for these conferences. I am sure that you are all very proud of your children and rightly so! Well done everybody.

We bid a fond **farewell to Stefanie Tigani** today. As you will know from previous newsletters, Stef is taking leave for the rest of this year to broaden her horizons. She will be having some wonderful holidays but also doing some teaching in Italy. Although we miss them we always encourage our staff to take these opportunities to travel where they learn and grow bringing those wonderful experiences back to our school. We wish you well Stef but will certainly miss you. You will be a marvellous ambassador for our country and school. **Ciao.**

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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.
As you may have heard, Wendy Knight our canteen manager has resigned to take up new position with Australia Post. Wendy has done an amazing job in our canteen these past few years and while we will miss her, we are excited for her and wish her well. Thank you Wendy for all you have been to us at Morang South Primary School.

I have had interest from both individuals and groups to manage our canteen. Sandi and I will be working on this in the holidays, so if you are interested in chatting with us about it or know someone who is please don’t hesitate to ask them to contact me.

Due to the limited time frame, there will be no canteen during the first three days back in term 2. Canteen will commence on Monday May the 2nd.

To the parents and students I would like to thank you all for a wonderful term full of learning! Please stay safe and enjoy some family time together. I will look forward to seeing you back on the 27th of April safe and sound, full of wonderful holiday stories.

To our terrific staff thank you for your dedication and commitment to our children and their learning this term. To my wonderful AP, Sandi, thank you is not enough!

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

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008.

On Tuesday 10, Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 May, students will undertake the 2011 NAPLAN tests.

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four domains of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how individual students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australia children.

All students are encouraged to participate in the tests. Students with disability may qualify for special provisions that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child’s results to discuss progress with teachers. More information is available at www.naplan.edu.au

Sandi Young
Assistant Principal
BEAT THE BITE:
If you’re planning to go on holidays over the break, here is some important information to know from the Department of Health.

BEAT THE BITE!

Its holiday time and lots of families will be heading to areas where mosquito activity has been high – and they’re not just annoying; some mosquitoes can transmit serious diseases.

There are simple ways you and your family can protect yourselves and Beat the Bite:

♦ Wear light-coloured, loose-fitting clothing when outdoors.
♦ Use mosquito repellents containing DEET or picaridin on exposed skin.
♦ Try to limit outdoor activity if lots of mosquitoes are about. Dusk and dawn is when most mozzies are active.
♦ Make sure there is no stagnant water where mosquitoes can breed around your accommodation.
♦ On holidays make sure your mosquito netting or screens are properly fitted.
♦ If you’ve got a baby in your family, it’s safer to spray or rub insect repellents on their clothes rather than directly onto their skin.

For more information: www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au

FOR SALE

Hills Children’s Swing Set
5 piece (toddler swing and slide included)
$50
Contact 0409 305 538

The Diamond Creek Tennis Club (located on Phipps Crescent), is holding an open day for any child interested in playing tennis. On Sunday the 10\textsuperscript{th} of April, all children are welcome from 3pm to 4pm and all tennis rackets are provided. A lot of fun activities, games and prizes are ensured. This is a great opportunity to see if your child is interested in playing tennis. All new enrolments to our coaching program will receive a free tennis racquet. For all inquiries please call Paul Mick on 0415 511 150 or email paul.emick2011@gmail.com Bookings are essential.
Stars of the Week

Prep — 2

Home Group 01  Declan & Manisha  Home Group 02  Mia & Max
Home Group 03  Shynal & Sanya  Home Group 04  Kane & Luke
Home Group 19  Aidan  Home Group 20  Lauren & Dean
Home Group 23  James, Miracle & Eboni  Home Group 24  Caley & Kyle
Art  Home Group 03
Stars of the Week

Grades 3 to 6

Home Group 05  Simon & Kally
Home Group 15  Reece, Grace & Charlotte
Home Group 21  Lauren & Peter
Home Group 07  Kiyan & Bree
Home Group 19  Thomas & Mallory

P.E.  3 to 6 Athletics Participants
Art  Home Group 05

![Image of students holding certificates]
Parents & Friends

BILLY G COOKIE DOUGH
Thank you to everyone that ordered their cookie dough – ENJOY!

EASTER RAFFLE
Once again we are running our Easter Raffle with fantastic hampers to win.
If you would like to contribute any donations please place them in the box located in the office foyer. This raffle will be drawn at the end of Term 1 assembly on Friday 8th April.

MOTHERS DAY STALL
To be held on Thursday 5th May. Further details to follow next term....

MUM’S NIGHT OUT
Put this one in your diary ladies - Saturday 14th May for a fun-filled evening.
Dancing, games, door-prizes, raffles, auctions, finger-food etc. to be held at Morang South Primary School old gym, 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start.
Cost: $15 per ticket, BYO Alcohol with supper provided.

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

NEXT MEETING—WEDNESDAY, 18TH MAY, 7.30PM
New Members Welcome

😊 NEW MEMBERS WELCOME 😊
On the 30th of March 2011 the 5/6 Girls Netball teams went and played netball at the Diamond Valley Sports and Fitness Centre. Our school competed against other schools including Acacia College, St Marys at Whittlesea, Mary Mede and The Lakes. Out of our six games the B team came 4th out of all the B teams and the A team came 6th. We had so much fun on the day. It was really exciting! We would also like to say a big thank to Mrs Molloy for running the whole event!

Also on the 30th of March the 5/6 boys T-ball Team went and played against other schools for the day.

Below is a grid of the games played

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We would all like to thank Mrs Eames for taking the boys to T-ball on the day. They really appreciated it.

On the 18th of March 2011, the grade 3 to 6 students participated in our annual school athletics day at Willlinda Park in Greensborough.

We competed in many events; they were shot put, discus, long jump, triple jump, 100m, 200m, 800m and hurdles. We all had lots of fun and everybody participated and got involved. We would all love to thank Mrs Molloy, the teachers and the parents who helped us run the day.

Below is a list of the wonderful parents who helped us: Donna Tait, Kerrie Ralph, Jackie Johnstone, Sherryn Lindsay, Rachel Jarvis, Linley Potter, Julie Hatzis, Donna Campbell, Lisa Bowlen, Jane Marshall, Julie Condidorio and Michelle Lewis.

On Tuesday the 15th and on Thursday the 17th of March the 5/6s went to Parliament House and the Old Treasury Building in the city for their unit on Democracy and Government.

We went inside the Legislative Assembly which is green and the Legislative Council which is red. At Parliament House we were told about roles of the people who work in Government. At the Old Treasury Building we learned about Australia’s history and about the Old Treasury Building itself.

We had a great day and we learnt lots of new things about Parliament!
Junior School Council Leaders of 2011

Congratulations to our Junior School Council Leaders who were presented with their badges at assembly on Monday the 4th of April.

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL LEADERS

HG 05 - Steven & Maddie
HG 11 – Cooper & Brianna
HG 15 – Reece & Grace
HG 07 – Jayden & Olivia
HG 13 – Kyle & Jayde
HG 16 – Mark & Zoe
HG 09 – Jarrod & Lauren

SCHOOL CAPTAINS

HG 09 – Milly
HG 09 – Mitchell Hocking
HG 13 – Anishaa
HG 07 - Hayden
On the 10th of March, JSC Leaders and MSPS School Captains, came together to learn about Leadership and what it means to be a JSC Leader. Student leadership development is the process of involving students in meaningful ways both in and beyond the classroom.

What does a JSC Leader do?
- give input about programs
- plan special events or projects
- fundraise for student activities
- support students
- give the student body a “voice”
- socialize with other students

What have we achieved so far?
On the 11 of March, JSC and the children at MSPS helped to raise $558.70 for the Leukaemia Foundation. The school held a CRAZY HAIR DAY and we all watched as Rebecca Rohr shaved her hair as part of the World’s Greatest Shave fundraiser.

On the 6th of April, JSC Leaders supported Olivia from HG 16 in her efforts to raise money for The Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal. Congratulations Olivia on displaying initiative and supporting this cause which raised $91.00. Well done everyone who helped with this event.

What’s Next?
- Walk Safely to School Day – MAY
Details of this event will be provided next term.

“YOU CAN” CAMPAIGN - ONGOING

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.
Dear Parents,

We would like to introduce an exciting campaign which will enable your child's school to receive important educational products for free, while also helping young Australians survive cancer and contributing to a greener planet.

You Can Schools Program
Building a brighter future for young Australians with cancer

Sony Foundation and CanTeen have joined forces to help young Australians survive cancer through their 'You Can' fundraising campaign. Your child's school has chosen to support this important charity drive by collecting old mobile phones which will be recycled to raise much-needed funds to build youth cancer centres across the country. The school will be rewarded for their efforts with exciting educational tools including interactive whiteboards, laptops and video cameras – all of which will contribute to your child's learning experience.

With cancer the biggest disease killer of Australian teenagers, there is an obvious and urgent need for action. Sony Foundation together with CanTeen is determined to improve the odds for young cancer patients but they need your help. You Can's primary fundraising mechanic calls on all Australians to donate their old mobile phones and we have partnered with an international recycling company to swap these phones for cash – turning trash into treasure.

To help your child's school reach their phone target we need your help. Please send any old mobile phones lying around the house to school with your child. Also, talk to your friends, colleagues and other family members and encourage them to clean out that bottom drawer and finally get rid of the old phones that have been doing nothing but collect dust for the past months. By doing so you will not only be helping your child's school receive important educational products, you will also be helping young Australians survive cancer.

For more information please visit www.youcanschools.org.au. Remember: your old phone can help save a young life.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

Sophie Ryan  
Chief Executive Officer, 
Sony Foundation

Andrew Young  
Chief Executive Officer,  
CanTeen