### 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.

### From the Principal

Hello Everyone,

As I sit here writing this, seeing and hearing the rain pelt down, I am grateful for the **beautiful day we had on Tuesday**. Although it is winter, the sun shone brilliantly and enabled us to host a memorable, successful and some would say a magical event!

What a wonderful day our children experienced. I know they will hold the memories with them for a lifetime. It commenced with Olympic activities in the morning where the children worked with their buddy class, learning about the young archers, **Elisa Barnard and Taylor Worth**, we were talking to in the afternoon and making representative flags. We then had an **Opening Ceremony** after first lunch play. These activities certainly set the scene for the **afternoon festivities** sponsored and organised by Telstra.

Brooke F our school reporter and home group 03 have written about our day later in the Newsletter and we have two wonderful pages of photos included. I’d encourage you to read their articles and enjoy the photos.

I would like to **congratulate and thank** all those involved on the day, families, MSPS staff and the children. Our school is certainly a wonderful place for our students to learn and belong to. The students really demonstrated our **school values**. I was congratulated time and time again about their **great behaviour**, by not only our families and community members but by the organisers, technicians and all of those who were involved in working with them on the day. The children showed good sportsmanship, resilience, persistence, patience and tolerance. Well done to the proud students of MSPS, I am proud of you all!

### 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.

### 9th August 2012

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What great questions our children asked! Congratulations to Alysha (HG 01), Jai W (HG 02), Logan (HG 03), Haylee (HG 07), Brooke (HG 09), Olivia (HG 11), Sarah (HG 13), Alyssa (HG 15), Ethan (HG 16), Micah (HG 18 PREPIC), Declan (HG 19), Georgia (HG 20), Kara (HG 21), Mia (HG 22), Shelby (HG 23), Liam (HG 24) for a job well done!

I’d like to thank all of those families who were able to attend and join in during the afternoon. I am sure you enjoyed yourselves. Many of you talked to me about it and I could see the enjoyment on you and your children’s faces.

Brooke Hanson, Elisa Barnard and Taylor Worth were all fine ambassadors for the Olympic movement, our country and their sports. They talked about what an honour it is to represent your country, the opportunity to compete and mix with the best sports people in the world. They also talked about the dedication and persistence required to achieve national and international success.

Their message should still be ringing in our ears as we hopefully ignore some of the negative media coverage of our athletes’ performances in London. It is an amazing feat to represent your country. As humans, we naturally love to win but there is much, much more to competing than winning.

I thought the article below from one of my colleague’s newsletters is very timely.

WINNING AND LOSING GRACEFULLY

‘You don’t win silver. You lose gold.’ This message was aired during a recent Olympic Games telecast. Such media messages combined with a ‘winning is everything’ philosophy makes it harder than ever for adults to teach children that it’s not whether you win or lose, but how you play the game that’s important.

It is therefore not surprising that the rise in bad sportsmanship in professional sports has resulted in an increase in poor sportsmanship in youth sports. Regardless of whether we caution our children about professional athletes who behave badly, children will continue to be influenced by the behaviour of their sports heroes. So how can parents, coaches and teachers instil in children the importance of good sportsmanship and offset the ‘win at all costs’ philosophy?

Be the children’s role model. Offer praise and encouraging words for all athletes, including the children’s opponents. Never openly berate or demean any child, coach, teacher or referee while attending a sporting event. When attending sporting events or watching them on TV with children avoid making negative comments of the other team’s performance. During the London Olympics what messages are you sending your child if you honour only athletes from Australia, while booing athletes from other countries? Remember that sports are for health, refreshment and relaxation as well as for trophies and medals.

Do you have a hidden agenda? Be honest with yourself about why you want children to play organised sports. Are your intentions to provide them with pleasurable social activities that develop a better sense of self-worth, skills and sportsmanship? Or do you harbour dreams of them becoming Olympic stars? Children’s participation in sports and the importance attached to sports should not be driven by a parent’s desire to use their children’s accomplishments for their own purposes.

You set the rules. It’s the responsibility of parents along with the school and coaches to teach children good sportsmanship, both as a participant and a spectator. It is important to openly discuss appropriate behaviour of players towards one another. Children usually have highly developed standards of fairness and justice.

Talk to children about cheating, losing your temper, negative criticism of teammates, coaches, referees and opposing players, about blaming teammates for mistakes or a poor team performance, about sledging and taunting opponents, arguing with referee decisions, the importance of congratulating and thanking opponents after a game, and most importantly – how to win and lose.

Congratulations to our grade 5/6 children who competed in the recent Hoop Time basketball tournament. They were gracious winners and losers! You can see them all later in the Newsletter.

Our school tours for prospective prep families have continued this term and we are continuing to take enrolments. If you have a child who will be attending prep here in 2013 I would encourage you to enrol them as soon as possible. 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
On Tuesday 7th of August, there was a Chat to the Champ day at school set up by Telstra to celebrate the Olympics. For the first 2 sessions of the day everyone worked with their buddies making flags for the parade that was after recess. The parade was terrific! Each student had the chance to walk around the Paringa Complex waving the flags they created. At 2:00pm everyone went outside to participate in some activities set up by Telstra. There was a sausage sizzle and everyone got a sausage and a drink. Everyone had the opportunity to have paper signed by past Olympian swimmer Brooke Hanson as well as look at her medals. There was face painting, soccer, shot put, egg and spoon races, and more fun for everyone to enjoy! Everyone had the chance to have their photo taken on a podium and put their photo in a Lanyard for memories. At 4:00pm 16 students lined up ready to ask questions to Australian Olympian archers Elisa Barnard and Taylor Worth, Telstra organized a live cross to London via a big screen. We found a lot out about our archers and congratulated them on making the Olympics. It was a fantastic and fun filled day that everyone enjoyed.
Written by reporter: Brooke F HG 9
We made flags with our buddies. We went to the gym and had a parade. We went outside. We had our face painted, a photo taken and we talked to two champs.

Home Group 3
Tree Planting Day
Monday the 30th of July, 2012
On Friday July 27th the 5/6s went to Mill Park Basketball Stadium to compete in the Hooptime competition. We had 4 teams, 2 boys, 2 girls. Our A grade girls were undefeated the whole time and won the Grand Final. The other teams tried hard, showed good sportsmanship and did well.

Alysha
On the 1st of August, grade 3/4 students attended a 5-A-SIDE gala event at Harvest Home Reserve in Epping. The day was hosted by Football Australian Federation. The grade 3/4 students had a fabulous day, picking up some new skills and valuable tips about soccer.
SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY FAIR

Morang South Primary School will once again be conducting a Science/Technology Fair to celebrate “Science Week”. This will be held on Wednesday August 15th and Thursday August 16th. Parents are invited to attend with their child on the evening of Wednesday August 15th between 6.45 and 8.00 pm. Participating students are required to bring their entries to the gym at 8.45am on Wednesday August 15th and will take them home on Thursday August 16th.

Leanne Nicholls
(Technology Co-ordinator)
Karen Jeffery (Science Co-ordinator)

Messages from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development

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.

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OSHC NEWS

Hello South Morang Community,

The OSHC children got to enjoy attending ‘Chat to a Champ’ on Tuesday afternoon, this was a great success.

To ensure our program is correctly staffed we would like to encourage our OSHC families to make their bookings permanent, this would benefit both us and your children.

- Reannan, Kristin, Charleigh & Vincenza

WHAT’S ON THIS WEEK

**AFTER SCHOOL CARE Week 5**

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AWARDS...

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**REMINDEERS**

- **How to get started** before using our programs register online for an account. Registering is quick and easy. Visit our website to begin [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.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.
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
Further information to follow

FOOTY DAY
Friday 14th September
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

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 15th August
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.

Plenty Valley Christian College Open Morning
When: Wednesday August 15th
Time: 9am – 11am
Enjoy a cuppa and have a tour of our magnificent facilities
You are also welcome to stay for secondary student performances at 11am

REGISTRATION DAY
Saturday, 18th August, 2012: 10.00 am - 2.00 pm
The Groove Train, Westfield Plenty Valley
The 2012-2013 Little Athletics Season is starting soon.
We welcome girls & boys from 5 years to 15 years to join our Club and participate in a healthy outdoor sport in a fun and family friendly environment.

◊ The Little Athletics Season commences on Saturday, 6th October, 2012 ◊
◊ at Meadowglen International Athletics Stadium ◊
◊ Weekly competition is on Saturday mornings or Friday nights ◊
◊ Structured weekly training sessions with individual coaches for each age group ◊
◊ Club Training is on Tuesday nights, commencing 4th September, 2012 from 5pm-6pm ◊
◊ Birth Certificate is required for new Athlete Registrations ◊

Contacts: Michael McBrien, Secretary - 0417 011 240
Vince Barca, Team Manager - 0425 786 863

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P.R.I.M.E NIGHT

(PARENTS REALISTIC INVOLVEMENT IN MATHEMATICS EDUCATION)

Term 3 PRIME Night

The aim of the P.R.I.M.E night is to provide parents with the skills and strategies to help your child at home with his/her Mathematics homework.

Topic: Angles and Measurement
When: Wednesday 22nd August
Time: 7:00 pm—8:30 pm
Where: Mill Park Secondary College
        Middle Years Campus
        Moorhead Drive Mill Park

Contact: General Office (regarding attendance)
        Ms. Dorothy Cheale (regarding information relating to the night)
        Numeracy Co-ordinator
        Ph:9407 9700

Note: These sessions are for parents only.

The Solar System and Beyond

Mill Park Library

Science Week

Wednesday 15 August
7.00pm – 8.00pm

Join Barry from the Astronomical Society of Victoria on a journey through our solar system. Learn about the planets, stars and other wonders of the universe.

Bookings Required
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*

ORDER CLOSE 24TH AUGUST