## Important Dates

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### From the Principal

Hello Everyone,

Here we are at the end of another term. What a wonderful term we have had even though it was incredibly busy. We had a PFA meeting last night. When I was giving my report, we were all reflecting on what we have achieved. **We receive great support from our community.** I hope you are able to spend some family time with your children during the holidays. I will look forward to seeing you all back safe and sound on Monday October 3rd.

Sandi has updated the school website with some information about school holiday programs and activities in our community. Use the link below in the address bar of your Internet browser or visit our school website:


The student-led, three-way conferences were a great success on Wednesday. These are a very important part of our communication and reporting process. I received many positive comments and the teachers received great feedback. **Congratulations and thank you** to all those parents who attended and celebrated their child’s achievements with them. Attending these conferences, taking the time to show interest in your children’s learning and supporting them in the conferences gives your child a clear message that you value education. **Congratulations** to our wonderful teaching staff for their professionalism and dedication.

### 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.
Footy day was a great success! The feedback from students, teachers and parents was terrific. There were lots of great activities and laughter! The inclusion of family, particularly dads and friends at the end of the day was an initiative of the MSPS KidsMatter team. Thank you to Sandi and the KidsMatter team, our student leaders, and Hayden Wardrop for making it such a great day.

We raised $620 from the footy team donations, the PFA donated $328 from the lunch orders, and the staff donated $252 at our ‘biggest morning tea’. This added up to $1200. As mentioned previously this will go to a family who are having a huge battle with cancer.

Great news!
We are now set up to use “Our Online Canteen” for lunch ordering. You can go to the link below, sign up and follow the instructions.

A flyer will be distributed on the first Monday of term.
You are still able to use the traditional process for ordering lunches through the classroom lunch order box and the paper bag.

In 2015, Mental Health Week will run from Sunday 4th to Saturday 10th October. World Mental Health Day is marked every year on the same date: 10th of October.

Mental Health Week aims to activate, educate and engage Victorians about mental health through a week of interactive events across the state including an official launch, community festivals, art exhibitions, music, theatre and seminars.

From its beginnings in 1985, the week has grown to encompass hundreds of events and a multitude of individuals, community groups and service providers throughout the state. Much of the effort of running Mental Health Week comes from dedicated volunteers committed to promoting mental wellbeing, furthering knowledge about mental health and eliminating the stigma surrounding mental illness.

Another initiative, supporting positive Mental Health, of Sandi and the KidsMatter team was our ‘R U OK?’ Day. The children were all involved and the school looked fantastic with the balloons displayed along the fences. This publicised the importance of caring for each other and how to get help if it is needed. 
Well done everyone!

Congratulations to the students who have been bringing and wearing hats. Well done to the parents who supported them in this endeavour.
Remember, hats are available at the office if a new one is needed. There are three types; broad brimmed, bucket and legionnaires all costing $10. We have plenty in stock!

REMEMBER OUR POLICY - NO HAT NO PLAY

2016 Grade Placement
If you have any concerns regarding your child’s grade placement for next year, Friday September 18th is the last day for you to let us know any important information or concerns. Please put your requests or concerns in writing and address the envelope marked confidential to Julie Jones or email me.

It is important for us to have accurate enrolment numbers for children attending our school in 2016 so that the best possible class structures and class sizes can be organised. As always, our children, their learning and development, will remain our top priorities. Please contact us to let us know if your child/children will not be attending MSPS in 2016.

Please do not assume that because you have made a request before that you don’t need to do it again. Circumstances change, so we need you to do this every year if you have a concern.

Foundation (Prep) enrolment 2016
We are now taking enrolments for our 2016 Foundation (Prep) classes. Please inform family, friends and neighbours that if they have a child starting school next year and would like them to come to our school to enrol them soon. It is important that children are enrolled by the end of Term 3 so that they can participate in our excellent Foundation (Prep) Orientation Program in Term 4.

Our Newsletter arrives via email.

If you would like a hard copy of the Gorge News, there will be a limited number available in the foyer for collection by you or your child.

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.

Education Matters, Teachers Make a Difference & Every Day Counts!
Keep up that lifelong learning!

Julie Jones
Principal
Home Group  1  Kunal and Ryan
Home Group  3  Shaurya and HG 03
Home Group  5  Angelina
Home Group  09  Ebony and Yuan
Home Group  11  Julian and Kobi
Home Group  14  Bree and Leah
Home Group  16  Tehara and Salah
Home Group  21  Home Group 21
Home Group  23  Mitchell and Amy
The Arts– Prep  Home Group  03
The Arts– GR 1-6  Home Group 16

Home Group  2  Maya
Home Group  4  Imogen and Chloe
Home Group  7  Elena and Ethan M
Home Group 10  Maria and HG 10
Home Group 13  Kiara and Lachlan
Home Group 15  Karan and Arshia
Home Group 17  Amber A and Michael N
Home Group 22  HG 22
Home Group 24  Toby and Hawa
Home Group 04  Alice HG 07
Home Group 21  Jonah HG 18

Junior Sport
Artist Week

Stars of the Week
Grades Prep – 6
Term 3 Week  10
MPS R U OK? Day - A HUGE SUCCESS!

WELL DONE! We successfully promoted R U OK? Day on Thursday 10th September!
THANK YOU to all of the students, families and friends who participated in the day, bringing balloons and wearing yellow! What a positive BUZZ we created in the community and on social media!
MPS proudly implements a whole-school approach for supporting and improving children’s mental health and wellbeing. Children who are mentally healthy learn better, benefit from life experiences and have stronger relationships with family members, school staff and peers.

Write, show and share the love.

For more information about R U OK? Please visit: https://www.ruok.org.au/
For more photos please visit our school website.
The following three clues have been provided by a mystery staff member. Can you work out who they are?

• Is waiting 4 weeks until she can pick up her new puppy
• Loves to travel and learn
• Favourite colour yellow

Do you know who it is? All will be revealed next newsletter.

It was great to see people wearing yellow for RUOK? Day. Some of us had yellow balloons, we shared extra balloons with our friends that didn’t have one. It made us feel happy to share. Our class took our balloons outside and we tied them onto the school fence. The fence looked like the Rainbow Serpent! It was so colourful and happy. There was a big sign that said RUOK? and a phone number that people could call, if they were not feeling ok. People could call that number and talk to someone to help them feel better.

On Wednesday, we chose a name out of a box and we made RUOK? Friendship chains to wear as necklaces. They were made of yellow strips of paper. We wrote RUOK? and happy messages to our friend on some of the links. The messages made us smile and feel happy.
Hands on Maths in Home Group 01
2015 MSPS FOOTY DAY

What a fabulous day we had and the weather was kind to us! From the colourful and enthusiastic parade, to the traditional footy team coin lines, footy rotations throughout the day and the KidsMatter Footy Fun afternoon in the last session!
The MSPS KidsMatter Action team would like to thank the parents and carers to who got involved!
Traditionally the money raised on Footy Day goes to the PE budget. This year we will be donating the money raised from Footy Day to supporting a family affected by cancer.
5 / 6 Photography Re-enactments

In Performing Arts 5 / 6 students had the opportunity to re-enact a selected photo. Students were encouraged to think about body positioning, facial expression, camera position and backgrounds/props. Well done 5 / 6 students for some great (and very funny) shots!
5 / 6 Photography Re-enactments

Here are some more fantastic shots!
ONLINE SAFETY
We have been trialling an internet safety filter that limits the websites your child can access when using their SCHOOL NETBOOK at home. This will not work for other computers or devices at home. We will be configuring the school netbooks to pass their internet traffic through the school's Internet Service Provider 'Netspace' which is Department of Education filtered. This will reduce the probability of your child accidentally accessing inappropriate websites significantly at home. Remember: it may also take approximately 30 seconds to 1 minute, at home, to establish the connection initially.

HOW IT WORKS
When your child’s netbook turns on and connects to your WiFi at home, their netbook will automatically connect to the schools network. This means that websites that are blocked by the Department of Education that they cannot access at school they will now, not be able to access at home.

There will not be any loss of internet speeds, because the school is connected via a high speed fibre internet link. To take advantage of this increased internet safety students will need to restart their netbooks when they get home in order to use the service. If your child has a “Proxy error,” when using the netbook at home– this means that the Department of Education has not approved that website.

MORE INFORMATION
PLEASE VISIT our school website: http://www.morangsouthps.vic.edu.au/page/84/Online-Safety-for-your-child We have MANY resources to support you and your family.

Congratulations to HG 01 who were the Highest Fundraising class for 2015 Readathon and a very big congratulations to Jack M from HG 01 for being the Highest Fundraiser for 2015. He raised $209.00

Congratulations to the students that received banking awards at this weeks assembly.
Well Done!
Every Day Counts @ MSPS

Student Attendance Report  31/08/15 -14/09/15

As part of the Everyday Counts initiative, the DET is reporting attendance in percentages.

Some children have 100% attendance.

The percentages in the following table indicate the average attendance for each grade during the fortnight.

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Remember that every day counts and arriving at school on time, every day, can improve student learning! Please make sure you send a note if your child is going to be absent from school or on their return to school after an absence.

Towards the end of term 2 a letter was sent home to all families to ascertain interest in Special Religious Instruction. Unfortunately the response was not sufficient to enable us to provide a program. Consequently there will be no religious instruction in 2015.
Magpies

The magpie will only attack when protecting their nest, eggs or young from potential threats, especially during nesting time in October and November.

As native birds, magpies are a fully protected species so we should try to respect their needs.

Nests

Nests can be located in your garden, a park or the schoolyard. Magpies prefer a broad area of short grass with scattered tall trees for nesting and a nearby source of water.

Magpie attacks

If a magpie feels threatened, it can attack by swooping, or hovering around you and clacking its beak. Most of this behaviour is a form of a bluff, designed to scare, and the bird rarely intends to actually strike.

In a strike attack, a magpie usually swoops, hovering momentarily and then strikes. The fluttering of wings as the bird hovers can be a warning to duck and avoid an attack.

Avoiding magpie attacks

You can help to avoid a magpie attack by following these steps:

- do not interfere with, or destroy, eggs or nests
- try to stop children and others interfering with magpies
- wear a hat while working or playing in the backyard and garden to deter magpies and protect you from a strike by the bird
- watch the magpie, or pretend to watch it by painting eyes on your hat, or by wearing sunglasses backwards
- wave a stick or hat to cause the magpie to retreat
- stand your ground after being swooped and glare at the bird confidently to make it retreat to a nearby tree (this action is not recommended for children)
- avoid showing your fear as magpies can sense it and will continue to attack

Magpie swooping hotspots

Residents can view a map of local magpie swooping hotspots and download a free 'Swoop Off' kit from the Department of Environment and Primary Industries website.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

PFA on behalf of MSPS wish to thank Dean Turner from Bakers Delight Warringal for their generous donation of bread for our Footy Day Special Lunch.

Thank You so much for your continued support.
MILL PARK LIBRARY
PHONE: 9437 8189
394 Plenty Road, Mill Park

Weird Science Movie Festival
Monday 21 September to Friday 2 October
1.30pm–3.00pm

Over the holidays, we will be showing daily movies about weird science for the family to enjoy. On our big TV, we will show movies such as: Flubber, Honey I Shrunk the Kids, and much more. All movies rated G and PG. Bring along your own snack.

Weird Science with Makey Makey
Tuesday 22 September
2.00pm–4.00pm

Come and experience some weird electronic stuff with our Makey Makey kits.

Science the Old-Fashioned Way
Wednesday 23 September
2.00pm–3.00pm

Be an inventor. Learn how to make scientific inventions the old-fashioned way to take home.

The Scientwists
Thursday 1 October
2.00pm–3.00pm

Come along to the Twisted Science Show with the Scientwists. They will show you some really cool and crazy science experiments.

THOMASTOWN LIBRARY
PHONE: 9494 1864
52 Main Street, Thomastown

Imaginary Zoology
Tuesday 22 September
1.00pm–2.00pm

Ever wanted to create or amalgamate your own fantastical animals? We are letting our imagination run silly as we make our own birds and other feathered friends.
### SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

Run by Jodie Potter and Kate Rigoni  
Situated in the Parents & Friends Room  
**Open Thursday mornings 9:00-9:30am**  
If you have any items of clothing that you no longer require, please send them to the shop. Donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

### FOOTY DAY LUNCH

Was held on **Tuesday 15 September**  
PFA raised $1798.00 * profit.  

* Please refer to article in body of the newsletter

### BILLY G’S COOKIE AND BISCUIT FUNDRAISER

Notes going home Thursday.

### SCHOOL BANKING

**Every Tuesday 9.00am**  
Lots of cool rewards throughout the year along with certificates at different stages. New bankers always welcomed.

### CLASSIFIEDS

The MSPS Classifieds is a PFA initiative that aims to provide affordable local advertising.  
**Prices per Month:** (as of 25th February 2015)  
- Small: $10 (approx. A5)  
- Medium: $20 (approx. A4)  
- Large $35 (approx. A4)  

To advertise, contact the school on 9404 1548 or email young.sandi.c@edumail.vic.gov.au for further details.

### NEXT MEETING:

**Wednesday 21st October**  
**All Welcome**

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**Messages from the Department of Education and Training**

**Personal Goods Brought to School at Owner’s Risk:** The DET 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.
All advertisements in the MSPS Classifieds will be in **COLOUR**.

Businesses or groups who already hire our facilities (eg. Paringa Complex or our Killara Gym) will receive 10% off each advertisement.

If you choose to advertise for 10 consecutive months you GET 1 month for FREE!

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** Morang South Primary School, the School Council and Parents & Friends Association accept no responsibility for services or special offers advertised.
In 2012 we began the Commemorative Brick fundraiser at MSPS. It might have been ‘that time of the year’ but we only received minimal orders, we did not have enough special bricks to create a path! We had planned to lay them across the dry river bed, creating a walk way, in front of the Paringa Complex as part of our landscaping.

Last night, at our Parents & Friends meeting, it was decided to restart the Commemorative Brick fundraiser in 2015. Our aim is to sell more Commemorative Bricks and create our path across the dry river bed! CAN YOU HELP? Would you like your child or your family to have a very special memory at MSPS? Talk to your friends... Two families could share one brick.

**Prices:** 1 brick: $30  2 bricks: $50  3 bricks: $70  4 bricks: $90

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 $__________.

Print this page to draw on the back of this section below to record your design **OR** visit our office.

(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.

On the back of this section record your design