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.

Important Dates

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Hello Everyone,

Sandi and I had a wonderful time at the 5/6 camp, PGLA Campesse Downs, last week. The staff, parents and most of all the students were having a wonderful time. The weather was absolutely beautiful for them! There were some tired looking staff and parents as some children’s excitement kept them awake during the first night! We hope you enjoyed the camp blog. Sandi and I are very proud of the students, parents and staff on camp. Thank you to the staff Hayden W; Mel T; Mel B; Rachel Y; Marg E; Stef T; Natasha J; Reannan S and the parents Adam C, Julie H, Sharon W and Brenton M.

We are also very proud of those who were unable to attend camp. They attended each day and participated fully in the programs we provided for them. Well done everyone.

On Monday we presented our Junior School Council and Student Voice members with their badges. Our School Captains and Vice Captains are also members of both these groups. I’m sure you’ll enjoy their photos featured later in this newsletter.

The current Sun Smart policy requires children to wear their hats until the last week in April. This is until the end of week 3 in term two. Please ensure that all children have their hats for these three weeks. Active, outdoor play is important for health and development. Outdoor activities are safe as long as time spent in direct sunlight is minimised whenever possible – plenty of shade, combined with the use of appropriate hats, clothing and sunscreen help to protect children from getting sun burnt and tanned.

In recent months we have had some serious vandalism perpetrated at the school at weekends or overnight. As a result we have sought and been given Department of Education and Training permission to install active CCTV. We were hoping not to have to spend the

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.
money on CCTV but rather on programs for our students. We now have no choice. Please note that these cameras will be active out of school hours.

We had a PFA meeting last night and welcomed another new parent member. All parents are most welcome to attend. We discussed the results of fundraising so far this year and planned for the year ahead. As mentioned in the last Newsletter the PFA have $4000 to put towards a project of their choice and they are now investigating large fans for the Paringa gym.

On Friday March 27th there will be an assembly at 1.45 pm. This is to enable us to draw the Easter raffle.

Student Led, three-way conferences.

Hopefully you have met your child’s teacher. If not, you will have an opportunity to do so on Tuesday March 24th.

This year we are continuing to use www.school interviews.com site for booking the 3 Way, student led conferences. The feedback is already very positive! Last Monday you will have received the student-led, three-way conference notice and instruction sheet on how to use the system. Please don’t hesitate to contact us if you’d like some assistance with this. Remember “first in best dressed!”

Schools have an emergency management plan that contains the four components of preparedness, prevention, response and recovery.

The emergency management plan:

- describes actions to take before, during and after an emergency to ensure the ongoing safety of staff, students and others
- covers all circumstances when the school is responsible for student safety, such as school excursions to ensure staff and student safety and that students are supervised at all times
- is reviewed annually and/or following an emergency or crisis
- is developed in consultation with relevant emergency services and the Security Services Unit.

Next week we will be having an emergency evacuation practice to test our plan. These occur regularly as part of our preparedness.

The 2015/6 School Council will meet for the first time on Wednesday March 25th, where the Annual Report will be presented for approval and discussed.

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.

Education Matters, Teachers Make a Difference & Every Day Counts!

Keep up that lifelong learning!
Julie Jones
Principal

**PFA SPECIAL LUNCH**

What a fantastic Sausage Sizzle day!!

Thankyou to all of our wonderful parent helpers who helped make the Special Lunch a huge success! From the organisation that goes on before and after, to all of the help on the day. These special events could not happen without you!
Introducing our...

2015 Junior School Council

Hg 05
Taylah Cooper

Hg 07
Braden Bentley

Hg 11
Sienna Chloe

Hg 17
Georgia Tiana

Hg 09
Ruby Jonathan

Hg 13
Shelby Misha

Hg 14
Lucas Alicia

Hg 15
Cameron Madisson

Hg 16
Hayden Nika

School Captains
Emma Jonathan Mia George

Student Voice 2015

Hg 05
Amber Shevin Thimasha

Hg 07
Chaise Ashlee Isabella

Hg 11
Chelsea Alexis Gurman

Hg 17
Ella Michelle James

School Captains
Emma Jonathan Mia George
Stars of the Week

Grades Prep – 6
Term 1 week 8

Home Group 1  Bethany & Julian
Home Group 3  Elaf & HG 03
Home Group 5  HG 05 Campers
Home Group 09  Ashlyn and Max
Home Group 11  HG 11 Campers
Home Group 14  Sara and Lachlan W
Home Group 16  Jai and Mikayla
Home Group 22  Cooper and Parisa
Home Group 24  Toby and Jacie
Science  HG21
P.E. 1-6  HG10

Home Group 2  Madeline & Bailey
Home Group 4  Ava and Bradley
Home Group 7  HG 7 Campers
Home Group 10  Lilli and Daffa
Home Group 13  Dylan and Mya
Home Group 15  Nicholas and Madeleine
Home Group 17  HG 17 Campers
Home Group 23  William N and Emily

Scientist of Week  Ethan L
From the 10th to the 13th of March grade 5/6’s set off for Campaspe Downs in Kyneton. The camp consisted of many fantastic facilities and some of the activities we participated in were: the Giant Swing, Flying Fox, Raft Building, Open Canoeing, Abseiling and many more. Below are some photos from the camp, but you can see them all by accessing the blog from our school website.
On Tuesday 10th, the grade 5/6 campers went to Campaspe Downs in Kyneton. The trip was about an hour and we all got there safely. When we arrived we met our instructor, Callum. The teachers announced we would find out who was in our cabins! Once we got organised, we went over to the grass area near the lake... that’s when we finally found out our activity groups. As soon as we met our groups, Callum told us our camp activities and introduced us to the instructors. The activities that we did were Raft Building, Abseiling, Giant Swing, Flying Fox, Archery, Bush Craft, Leap of Faith, Low Ropes, Canoeing, Climbing, Initiatives and Orienteering. The dinner schedule was to get a tray, plate, cutlery, then we got our food.

Every year on camp we have a spectacular talent show! This year we had a lot of talent. First place was a tie between Ethan and Jonathan. Second place was the Cheerleaders Taylah, Kellie, Alannah and Indiana. Third place was Cara and Kaneisha, but everyone else still did a fantastic job!

Sadly, before we knew it, camp came to an end! Everyone really enjoyed camp and getting to know all the student and teachers better.

Written by Alicia and Caley
School Reporters
On Wednesday 18th the grade 5/6’s had some special visitors. They were from the Vietnam war in 1963 to 1973. Rod, Peter and Clyde all came from the war, Rod and Clyde were in the ballot and their birthdate marble was drawn out which meant they automatically were conscripted. When Peter was about 16, he was friends with an interesting group... One day, a police officer came and told Peter, he would have to either go to jail or join the army. Peter decided to join the army. Rod, Clyde and Peter were required to have three years of intense training to get them prepared, The training they was running and crawling under barb wire and having a real gun, and other training.

The Vietnamese people dug three story underground tunnels to keep them protected. Some of the children lived in the tunnels for up to ten years straight.

The gear and equipment the soldiers had to carry was up to 60kg. This included the food, 7 water bottles and bullets! The bags itself weighed 45kg!

They showed us grenades, booby traps, bullets, the gear they had to wear, machetes and guns.

Overall it was very educational and we learnt a lot. We are very thankful for the work that they have done.

Written by Alicia and Caley  Photos by Mia and Dizzy
School Reporters  School Photographers
Belonging at school makes a difference

Belonging improves mental health, wellbeing and learning

All children need to feel that school is a safe place where people will care about them, where their needs for support, respect and friendship will be met, and where they will be able to get help to work out problems. When these needs are met children develop a sense of belonging at school. Belonging is very important for children’s mental health and wellbeing.

Children who feel that they belong at school are happier, more relaxed and have fewer behavioural problems than other students. They are also more motivated to learn and be more successful with their school work. Research into children’s mental health has found that a sense of belonging and connectedness at school helps to protect children against mental health difficulties and improves their learning.

Making friends and having positive relationships with teachers helps children develop a sense of belonging at school. Having older ‘buddies’ to turn to helps younger children feel that school is a place where they can get help if they need it. Looking after younger children encourages caring and helping in older children and helps to reduce conflicts and bullying. These are some of the ways that children’s sense of belonging at school can be supported.

Guess the MSPS staff member

The following four clues have been provided by a mystery staff member. Can you work out who they are?

- I have 2 dogs and 2 cats
- I live in South Morang
- I have been teaching for over 25 years

Do you know who it is?

All will be revealed next newsletter.
Term 2
Parent Support EVENING Session
Parents of Foundation - Grade 6 children  ALL WELCOME

Write to Read

Would you like to find out more about...
phonograms - codes - spelling rules

GREAT NEWS: We would like to run a Write to Read (W2R) evening session early next term. At this stage we have not locked in a date.

We understand that some of you could not make it to the W2R afternoon sessions this week. We are sure you understand that we’ve all had a busy start to the year. 😊 With Parent Information nights, CAMP and Student Led Conferences, it wasn't fair to ask the teachers to stay back another evening. If we have an increased number of parents (eight names have been recorded from Facebook posts) we would like to go ahead with a W2R evening session.

If you would like to attend an evening session and to help us maximise attendance, could you please complete the Expression of Interest form below and email your reply to young.sandi.c@edumail.vic.gov.au  OR  print and complete the form below and return it to the Office.

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Yes  I would like to attend a W2R Parent Support Information session

Name: ____________________ Email: ______________________

Child(ren) __________________ hg ____      _____________________________ hg ___

Please indicate what night(s) would suit best (you can choose more than 1 option)

☐ Monday 7:00-8:00pm  ☐ Wednesday 7:00-8:00pm
☐ Tuesday 7:00-8:00pm  ☐ Thursday 7:00-8:00pm

Comment (Optional): ______________________________________________________
Just in time for the holidays!

MSPS PFA has **NEW** Fundraising Books for sale at the office.

**ONLY $20**

**fundee.**

Fundraising Booklet

*Available from Tuesday at the Office.

Welcome to Fundee

One of Australia's most rewarding fundraising products where a portion of your purchase price will go directly to this fundraising cause.

Little book, BIG VALUE

We invite you to enjoy over $800 worth of savings to some of Australia's best and biggest brands across hundreds of participating outlets.

Funde is full of 2 for 1 offers, saving you 50% on many of your favourite activities including Sport, Entertainment, Food & Beverages and Attractions.

How to use this booklet

Keep your Fundee booklet handy... with so many offers you'll never know when you might need one.

Each voucher can only be used once. Simply see the back of each voucher for instructions on how and where to redeem.

Most of all, have fun.

For assistance, please call our hotline on 1300 431 011.

Special thanks...

To our partners for their generosity, commitment and support.
As part of the Everyday Counts initiative, the DEECD 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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*Shaded Area Indicates Highest Grades*

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.

**THINK HELMET**

In order for children to ride their bike to school they must wear a helmet. This is a legal requirement in Victoria. Please care for your children and ensure they wear a helmet when they ride a bike at any time.
Some reminders for parents and students term 1:

- It is important to bring in your child Imunisation certificate so please if haven't done that make sure you do it.

- If your child is not attending or is attending OSHC this year please book in is important to organise staff and notify us on 0412 318 716, we greatly appreciate notification. A text message or phone call is fine.

- Reminder that OSHC has moved from our old room to the big gym (Paringa).

- Don't forget HAT SEASON IS HERE! Bring a hat to leave at OSHC for outside play in the afternoons.

  NO hat NO play!

Easter theme

Monday: Easter bunny origami, Easter greeting card, cooking challenge, soccer

Tuesday: Easter craft, Scooby, drama, outdoor active play

Wednesday: All about sport, kids choices, make your own footy flag

Thursday: Constructions, basketball cap, buddy bear drawing, outdoor play

Friday: Soccer, silent ball, board game, kids choice

Star of the Week is: Nathan for his friendly manner

Big thank to Kiara for her good help.

School holiday soon coming so browse in Camp Australia website to choose one of our Holiday Club services near you. Let children have pleasant time and lots of fun

HOW TO GET STARTED

Before using our programs register online for an account. This enables you to make bookings, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day. Registering is quick and easy. Visit www.campaustralia.com.au/newparents

Supervision before school

Parents are reminded that teachers are on yard duty from 8.45 am and that students who arrive at school prior to this time are not supervised. Any child who arrives without an adult before 8:30 am MUST go straight to the office. Children arriving at school earlier than this will be placed in Out of School Hours Care and you will be charged accordingly.
Have you thought about completing a First Aid training course?

Learn the what, when and how

Morang South Primary School is in a unique position to assist parents and carers in furthering their opportunities by offering a Level 2 First Aid training course on site.

Prices range from $140 - $160 depending on numbers.

6hr course with notes with which you can work through at your own pace.

(1 x 6hr session or 2 x 3hr session)

If you are interested, please contact Mary-Anne on 9404 1548 or email pollock.mary-anne.m@edumail.vic.gov.au with your day/night preference (not all requests can be guaranteed) and your contact details.

May also include anaphylaxis training.

*** If you have an idea for a different course you would like MSPS to facilitate ***

PLEASE LET US KNOW!

Email: pollock.mary-anne.m@edumail.vic.gov.au
EASTER RAFFLE
To be drawn on Friday 27th March—last day of school term at assembly
All donations are kindly welcomed. Please take donations to the office
Raffle tickets to follow shortly

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 Medium: $20 Large $35
(approximately A5) (approximately A4)

To advertise, contact the school on 9404 1548 for further details

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 :) 

NEXT MEETING
Wednesday 15th April

Parking and traffic around all schools at drop off and pick up time is often problematic. In recent weeks the City of Whittlesea By-Laws officers have been patrolling parking areas surrounding schools. The City of Whittlesea has been alerted to the fact that some people are parking for far longer than permitted in the parking section south of the crossing in Riverside Drive, which is designated a three minute drop off zone. Please consider others and park according to the law. Remember that you will be fined if you park illegally in this zone!
In our 21st year, Class Act Theatre proudly presents

CYBER BUSTERS

by Angélique Malcolm

This play explores Electronic Bullying including:
INTERNET + EMAILS + WEB SITES + SOCIAL NETWORKING
+ CHAT ROOMS + MOBILE PHONES + TEXT MESSAGES

CJ and Jess bump into each other at the park after school. They both agreed to meet someone at the exact same spot at the exact same time. What a pain they barely know each other except they share the same Maths class. They definitely run in different circles.

When they eventually start talking to each other, they discover each other’s dark secrets of cyber bullying and it is revealed, to their mutual surprise, that they have become involved in its perpetration.

Issues tackled:
- How to prevent Cyber bullying
- Friendship
- Self-Esteem

When: Term 2, Wed 15 April
Who: Grade 3/4 & Grade 5/6
This year, M5PS is able to cover the cost of this incursion

Watsonia Baseball Club

Under 13s,
15s, 17s and
Seniors of all levels.

Come and Try Day

Boys and girls ages 7 and up are invited to come and have a go at training and skills sessions

10am Every Sunday from the 15th March until the 11th of April.

Loyola Reserve Gleeson Drive Bundoora

Any enquiries please contact our Junior Coordinator:
Paul Hung: phung@inghamcs.com.au
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.

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**Sample image #1**

Emily Fielding
Born 21-10-74
I am 6 years old.

**Sample image #2**

vi from Chris Jones

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