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.

29th November 2012

From the Principal

Hello Everyone,

Our intra school transition program commenced today. The children and staff had a wonderful time talking about what to expect next year, getting to know each other and completing some activities to assist with their transition.

Our pre-school to school transition, in school program, finishes tomorrow. The 2013 preps will have had three enjoyable sessions, getting to know our school and what to expect next year. The pre-school to school transition program continues with a parent information evening tonight and the prep family barbecue next Thursday evening.

Many of you will have seen or heard about the Australian Education Union bans in the media. The AEU has imposed a range of bans that have been targeted at the Department in the first instance and at Coalition politicians visiting schools. The union has escalated the bans. In escalating the bans they have chosen to highlight the enormous number of hours teachers spend outside the 38 hour week in preparing reports. Teachers, according to the AEU, work at least an additional thirty to seventy hours preparing the reports. Our reports are incredibly detailed and some of our staff have recorded their hours at approximately one hundred per semester. This work is carried out outside the 38 hour week, unpaid, and does not include the many, many hours of, reading, researching, professional learning, planning and preparing for classes teachers also do outside the 38 hour week. I have had people suggest to me that teachers have a large number of holidays. The one hundred and fifty to two hundred hours a year spent on reports equates to about four or five weeks which almost cancels out the Christmas holidays! Teachers also work during holidays setting up their rooms,

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 lifelong, socially responsible learners.
planning, meeting and researching among other things.

The staff here at MSPS, are extremely dedicated to the students they teach and passionate about education. Consequently, they agonized over the decision about whether to join this ban or not. The AEU members have decided to join the ban, so the end of year reports for students in AEU members’ grades will contain information regarding student achievement levels and attendance data but no comments.

I have been asked by our very supportive School Council to give you information about who to contact if you would like to express your concerns. These can be directed to your local State Coalition and Opposition Members of Parliament by telephoning, writing or emailing them. The Coalition member for the Legislative Council Northern Metropolitan seat is Craig Ondarchie - (Electorate Office - 464 High Street, Northcote 3070; Phone (03) 9482 2799; craig.ondarchie@parliament.vic.gov.au) and the opposition local member of the Legislative Assembly for Mill Park is Ms Lily D’Ambrosio (Electorate Office - 6 May Road, Lalor 3075; Phone (03) 9465 9033; lily.d’ambrosio@parliament.vic.gov.au)

We regret any inconvenience or disappointment the action is causing you.

On behalf of all our school staff, I would like to thank parents, students and community members for their support during this testing time.

Each year we like to show our appreciation and recognise the time and effort our parent volunteers put into the school and the myriad of ways in which they support us throughout the year. This year we are holding a morning tea on Tuesday, 18th December 2011 at 11 am, to express our thanks to these wonderful parent helpers. If you have assisted in the school in any way during the year, we hope you will join us for morning tea.

Just as technology is constantly changing, so are its uses. Children, even in Primary School, sometimes begin to use the new technologies in inappropriate ways without realising the consequences. The DEECD has released the following extract for parents - ‘Sexting’ means sending sexually explicit photos or videos electronically (e.g. by mobile phone, app, chat, social networking or email). With modern technology this can be done instantly, but it can have serious and lasting consequences. For people under 18, sexting is illegal. It is a criminal offence to take, possess, or transmit a naked image of a person under the age of 18 years. It doesn’t matter if your child took their own photo and willingly sent or published it. You cannot ‘give someone permission’ to break the law. Penalties for these offences are very serious and can result in your child being placed on the sex offender’s register.

It is important that you regularly talk to your child about their experiences with communications technology. Make sure that you continually reinforce that your child should come to you if they have any problems, if they see something that they know is wrong or anything that upsets them.

If you require further support, please speak to me or Sandi Young.

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
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**Scientist of Week**: Thomas C
Stars of the Week
Grades Prep – 6
Week 8

Home Group 1  Alysha & Erin  Home Group 2  Bree & Logan
Home Group 3  Victoria & Cooper  Home Group 7  Cassandra, Deacon & Marnie
Home Group 9  Caitlin, Cayden & Kirk  Home Group 11  Maddison & Anthony
Home Group 13  Sam & Jacinta  Home Group 15  Milly & Rose
Home Group 16  Home Group 16  Home Group 19  Kaniesha & Joshua
Home Group 20  Georgia & Blake  Home Group 21  Cynthia & Joel
Home Group 22  Lachlan & Shayden  Home Group 23  Home Group 23
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**Mathematical Olympiads**

The Mathematical Olympiads is an Australasian Problem Solving Competition. Each month over five months the children solve five challenging problems. Results are submitted at the end of each month. At the end of the program the students are awarded an overall score and a percentage mark in comparison to the many other students who entered the program.

Our grade 5/6 Maths Extension Group participated in the Mathematical Olympiads this year with great success. In preparation for this competition each month they practised a range of problems investigating many problem solving strategies. Congratulations to all of our participating students including Tahlia T, Angus W and Luc K. Sarah E, Kassandra M, Natasha V and Josh D were awarded a badge for achieving results in the top 25% of all the participants. Special mention goes to Kiyan for being our highest achiever and being in the top 10% of all the participants. He also received a badge as well as a trophy.

We are very proud of you all

Diana Gevaux
As part of our topic “Same But Different – How my Body Works” HG 21 has worked on their fantastic Milestones projects in the first part of term 4. We found out interesting information by talking to our mums and dads and we had fun finding out about when we were babies. We found out when we learnt to take our first steps, what our first words were, when we first learnt to read and write and when we learnt to do a handstand or forward roll.

**MILESTONES PROJECTS**

After we completed our Milestones projects we put together a question box and dressed up in the clothes that showed what we would like to be in the future. Our mums, dads and grandparents came to see our presentation. They really enjoyed coming to see us and all the hard work we had done. Our buddies loved our presentations too.
JSC NEWS

JSC would like to thank everyone for their support on
MOvember Fundraising Day.

Well done everyone—we raised $378.30

CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

Junior School Council is holding an out of school uniform day (Christmas theme and colours) to support the Christmas Hamper Appeal. This will be held on FRIDAY THE 7TH OF DECEMBER. The Christmas Hamper Appeal supports those families who are less fortunate than us especially during the Christmas season. On this day it will be a Christmas theme and you can wear Christmas colours. We hope all children from Morang South Primary School will be able to support this special cause. Please bring a canned food item, such as a can of fruit or vegetables, tuna, soup, spaghetti, baked beans or non-perishable items such as biscuits or pasta.

THANK YOU,

J.S.C
To everyone who visited our Book Fair well done, on helping add to the resources for our library and raising money for our school.

A huge Thank you to Michelle Lewis, Sherryn Lindsey & Emma Dickens our PFA members who helped out once again.

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XMAS RAFFLE
Our Annual Xmas Raffle will be held on our Carols nights this year -
Monday 17th December
All raffle tickets have been sent out — money and ticket butts to be returned by
Wednesday 12th December
Great prizes, including mystery prizes to be given away
Our Xmas donations box can be found in the foyer :)
OSHC NEWS

Hello South Morang Community,

With the new National Quality Framework we require to have your child's immunization forms on file, if you haven't already provided this to us please do.

Spring is here, which means its SunSmart time and you need to bring a hat with your name on it to OSHC. This is to keep us safe in the sun :)

- Reannan, Kristin, Charleigh & Vincenza

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

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 9

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AWARDS... Erin L and Ethan

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Program hours

Before School Care
7:00 – 8:45

After School Care
3:30 – 6:00

www.campaustralia.com.au
South Morang Junior Basketball Club

Registration Day for players for next season starting February 2013 in all age groups from U/8’s to U/19’s will be November 19th 2012.

For further information please call Margaret Bate 9436 8252

Murdoch Childrens Research Institute at the Royal Children’s Hospital is running a randomised clinical trial of an online weight management program designed for overweight adolescents aged 12 to 17.

Staying Fit is an Internet-based program designed to encourage overweight adolescents to make healthy food choices and increase physical activity. The Staying Fit program has been used successfully in the United States and we have modified it to make it suitable for young people in Australia. Participants are randomised to the Staying Fit program or the Usual Care program. For those in the Staying Fit group, personalised support for each individual is delivered after considering each adolescent’s BMI, along with weight and shape concerns. This support includes weekly personalised contact, the use of a pedometer and access to a walking program. Staying Fit contains interactive quizzes, logs and a discussion board. The program takes approximately 1 hour per week for around 12 weeks. The Usual Care group will receive a paper format program with Adolescent focussed information about physical activity and healthy eating.

The participants are asked to complete online questionnaires and have their height, weight, blood pressure and waist circumference measured by a researcher at baseline, 3, 6 and 12 months follow-ups. Measurements are taken in the participant’s home or at the Royal Children’s Hospital. Parents are also invited to complete questionnaires and are sent regular newsletters on how they can support their teenager. The results will demonstrate the feasibility and effectiveness of using the personalised, targeted Staying Fit program for addressing weight-related behaviours during adolescence. Recruitment has commenced and we are looking for overweight young people aged between 12 and 17.

If you would like to know more, contact the Staying Fit Project Coordinator, Karly Cini on (03) 9345 6954 or email: stayingfit@mcri.edu.au

The ethical aspects of this research project have been approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee of The Royal Children’s Hospital, Parkville. This project will be carried out according to the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2007) produced by the National Health and Medical Research Council of Australia.

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