Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of our Education Week celebrations, you are warmly invited to attend a special Literacy Afternoon or Evening with Morang South Primary School’s very own Mel Tollit and Vanesa Trpcevski.

Mel and Vanesa are experienced teachers with a strong passion for all things Literacy! They are trained in the Write to Read program after completing the intensive course facilitated by Australia’s leading expert on the program, and they now (as indicated at the information nights earlier this year) can share their knowledge with you!

Write to Read is a new program that is now being successfully implemented Prep-6 at Morang South Primary. A significant part of the program is the understanding that:

- the English language is a ‘coded’ language,
- words are made up of sounds (phonograms) which are represented by written symbols (codes).

There are seventy basic written codes in the English language and there are rules which help us to read or write words correctly. For children to be able to read words accurately he/she must be able to:

- read and write the seventy codes,
- recognise them in words,
- blend the sounds they represent,
- apply rules when necessary.

Throughout each of the sessions, Mel and Vanesa will go through the phonogram codes, help you to learn to pronounce each one correctly and in a fun way, help you to help your child!

After analysing 126 survey responses from our MSPS families, we have decided to now offer two separate sessions, 2:30pm to 3:30pm and 7:00pm to 8:00pm. Parents who wish to attend the first session in Home group 18 from 2:30pm to 3:30pm, will be able to leave their toddlers or preschoolers in the accompanying room (Killara), where they will be able to enjoy some special activities with our fully trained Teacher Aides.

We hope to see you at either of the sessions on Wednesday 21st May- no need to RSVP. We know that this opportunity will be a valuable one for all parents, and an amazing way in which you can learn about:

- how and what we teach in the classroom,
- how you can help your child at home,
- how you can both experience success with codes and phonograms.

Kind regards,
Diana Gevaux and Melinda Bell