**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.

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### Important Dates

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**1st May 2014**

Hello Everyone,

We are already at the end of week 2 of term 2. Even with so many public holidays it has been an action packed fortnight!

*Last week we had.........*

**A Curriculum Day** – great success with staff further developing their knowledge of English, Maths, ICT and developing a learning mindset in children.

**An ANZAC Service** – Well attended. Moving service; well presented by our school captains – Jack B; Jessie T; Jess D and Ty T; thank you to the School Captains and Marg Eames. Lots of wonderful feedback from our community– thank you. Great work everyone!

*This week we have packed in .......*

Cyber safety – On Tuesday ACMA (Australian Communications and Media Authority) presenter Lesley worked with grade 3 - 6 students, staff and parents. We received much valuable information and there were so many new things to learn;

Congratulations to those parents who attended the information evening – it certainly was worthwhile. All of us who attended would strongly encourage you to ensure your children are cyber safe by finding out as much as you can and keeping up to date with the latest information. Cyber Smart Website:


The 1/2 children had a Cyber safety lesson courtesy of Telstra Plenty Valley and our marvellous AP, Sandi Young. You can read about it and see the pictures later in the Newsletter.

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**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.
Market Day – Grade 5/6 learning about supply and demand. Fantastic items available all made by the students. Lots of spending by parents, teachers, friends and relatives; Wonderful donations made to Charity.


School Athletics Carnival – Well organised; Huge thanks to Sue Grad; Lots of fun; some wonderful physical feats! Look out for the photos on our website and the report in the next Newsletter.

Swimming – 1/2 and 3/4 grades commence swimming Friday.

Attitudes to school survey – grade 5/6 work in small groups to complete this over the next six school days.

The Attitudes to School Survey assists schools to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and their experience of school. The survey is conducted annually with our Year 5 and Year 6 students and provides us with valuable data on students' views of their wellbeing, school in general, and teaching and learning to support school improvement.

Next Week we are looking forward to ...

Cross Country – Monday

Victorian State School’s Spectacular – Once again we are participating. Our first rehearsal is on Monday!

Mother’s Day Stall – This is always an exciting time for the children as they choose and purchase their gifts for their Mums and special female carers, relatives or friends!

School Website down …...

We know many of you utilise our website. Of course, it is not only a great way to catch up what is happening in the school but also to find out about the school and our policies. Unfortunately, our Website provider has been having technical problems this week so our school website has not been available.

We trust it will be up and running ASAP.

Foundation (Prep) Enrolment for 2015

We are now taking enrolments for our 2015 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) Transition Program in Term 4.

Education Week

Morang South Primary School will celebrate Education Week from Monday 19th - Friday 23rd May 2014 with many exciting events, including:

- Open classrooms
- Maths night
- Write to Read workshop
- Book Fair

Education week activities are now covered by our requisites and activities payments made by families for their children at the beginning of the year.

However, we have been fortunate enough to be offered an opportunity for our grades 3 to 6 students to attend the Little Big Shots International Film Festival for Kids. A search is done the world over for the latest and greatest children's shorts, animation, documentaries and – amazingly – child-produced films. Little Big Shots is a film festival about kids, by kids, for kids. It aims to be an inspiring and fun-filled festival, comprising of the best Australian and international children's features, shorts, animations, documentaries and films made by children. The film festival is free so we only have to pay for the buses, which will be $6 per child.

Our Newsletter arrives via

If you would like a hard copy of the Gorge News, there are a limited number available in the office for you or your child to collect.

Education Matters & Every Day Counts

Keep up that Lifelong Learning!

Julie Jones
Principal
Home Group 01 -

Meet our pets

Hairy Harry & Hairy Harriett

We made Hairy Harries in our room. We made them using a stocking, soil and grass seeds. They are called Hairy Harry and Hairy Harriett.

We gave them hair cuts this week because their hair has grown long.

By Home Group 01
Initiatives were fun and challenging. I liked ‘Go Go Stop’

- Elijah

“Canoeing was fun! We did balance games and we had a race.”

The pasta was delicious!

- Jess D

5/6 Camp 2014
Three reasons to say THANK YOU to Telstra Plenty Valley Store

EVERY DAY COUNTS

Term 1 Attendance Award

Telstra Plenty Valley Store is rewarding MSPS students with 100% attendance. Each term, all of the children with 100% attendance are put into a hat and one lucky student is drawn out. The winner receives a voucher from Telstra Plenty Valley Store.

Congratulations Cooper from HG02!

Value of the Month

RESPECT

Students can now nominate other students who are living by our school values during play time. Each month, all of the nominated children are put into a hat and one lucky student is drawn out. The winner receives a voucher from Telstra Plenty Valley Store.

Congratulations to our School Captain, Jack who has been demonstrating respect when playing football.

Grade 1/2 Internet Safety session

As you know, grades 3-6 children participated in Cyber Safety sessions with ACMA on Tuesday 29th April.

Telstra Plenty Valley Store organised a special Cyber Safety session for our grade 1/2 children which utilised the Cyber Smart website:

http://www.cybersmart.gov.au

Visit Telstra Plenty Valley Store for more information regarding their ONLINE SECURITY products. Or visit our MSPS CLASSIFIEDS for more details.

STAY SAFE WITH TELSTRA ONLINE SECURITY
Established in 2009, NIRODAH specialises in providing high quality school counselling services as well as tailored programs that proactively address bullying in schools and the broader community.

Our mission is to empower young people with the knowledge and confidence to work through issues in their own lives as well as the skills and language required to actively contribute to the lowering of violence in our community.

The NIRODAH team recognise the impact that trauma has upon young people and our highly experienced counselling staff work to educate students in the strategies and skills they can adopt to positively address the impact of the trauma upon their lives. NIRODAH provides a free and easily accessible service to the community by utilising the Medicare Mental Health Rebate System (bulk billing) to place psychologists/social workers into schools.

**Teeka Dour** works at MSPS weekly. She is a very experienced psychologist an associate member of the Australia Psychology Society. She has extensive experience providing counselling services to a broad client group including children, adults and those with special needs.

**There are great benefits to having**

**Teeka from NIRODAH at our school:**

- Safe environment for students to access psychological services.
- Little disruption to school attendance as the sessions are timetabled within the school day.
- Access to qualified and experienced psychologists.
- MSPS can offer the service to parents whose mental health is often fundamental in the health of the student and their capacity to learn.
- Behavioural and emotional issues within the school are targeted with professional guidance.
- NIRODAH is committed to providing communication with the referring doctor, client and/or guardian and school staff.
- No travel and time issues for parents who work full time.

😊 If you would like to find out more, please speak to Julie Jones or Sandi Young.
On 24th of April 2014 there was an Anzac ceremony. Everyone participated and many brought flowers for the flower tribute. We all sang along to the Anzac song, listened to the last post and then sang along to the national anthem. We listened to our 2014 school captains talk about the war and the Anzacs and then two people from each grade took their grades’ flower tributes to the front of the gym. It was a great ceremony, well done everybody!

Lest We Forget.
On the 4th of May 2014, the whole school participated in the Easter bonnet parade, there were all different types of hats, lots of colourful hats and some big and some small. Everyone put a lot of effort into making their Easter bonnets, well done everyone!

After everyone showed off their hats we had an Easter raffle and Stephanie A, won an Easter basket well done Stephanie!

By Grace W and Kara Y
Hi there kids! Hi there kids! Hi there kids! Hi there kids!

We're making an amazing new gallery in Paringa to showcase some of the fabulous artwork you are creating in class. In order to best show off your work we're looking for some frames 11" x 14" or larger that we can spruce up to look like new again!

DO YOU HAVE ANY OLD FRAMES AT YOUR HOUSE THAT YOU COULD DONATE TO THE GALLERY?

Collections will begin on Monday 5th, Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th May, (next week) in your classrooms and then on Wednesday at lunchtime, two student monitors can bring them over to Ms Pearson in the Paringa complex. We can’t wait to get this project up and running! Your help would be greatly appreciated.

IMPORTANT: NO GLASS, PLEASE!!
Mother’s Day Stall

Every child loves to buy surprises for their Mum, Grandma, Step-mum or someone special. Morang South Primary School will hold their annual Mother’s Day Stall on Thursday 8th May.

All classes will visit the stall on Thursday 8th May 2014 with a ‘second chance’ visit on Friday 9th May 2014 (2:45pm-3:30pm).

Presents will range from $0.50 cents to $5.00. Please remember to send along some money and a bag with your child.

The Mother’s Day Stall is popular each year so spoil Mum, Grandma, Step-mum or someone special with the lovely gifts we have made available.
If you wish to place an order please follow the procedure below– leaflets are given out on a
Thursday and due back the following Thursday.

This order is due back on Thursday 15th May.

Clearly fill in the form on back of the leaflet with child’s name and home group and order total if
older children fill in forms could parents please check them, as we had a number of orders without
names or home groups on the order enclose order & correct money or cheque in a clearly named
envelope making sure change is secure. Family orders may be placed in one envelope with one
payment.

Orders need to go through class cashbooks.

There are no late orders as the order is processed on the closing day

CREDIT CARDS

Please note that arrangements for the use of credit cards. For added security you need to ring
Scholastic on the number provided on the form. You will be supplied with a receipt number that you
need to fill in on your form. You do not need to supply your credit card number to the school.

Problems? See Deb Powell. There are plenty of spare leaflets if your child has misplaced the leaflet.

How long do orders take? Orders come from Sydney and are normally here with in two weeks. Please
don’t hesitate to contact Deb Powell if you have any queries.

Thank you to all the families who are able to support Book Club and earn many free resources for the
library.
Welcome back to Term 2!
The team at After School Care had a great first week and a half, catching up on holiday stories from the kids, seeing some familiar faces and meeting some new kids. We would like to welcome a new staff member to the OSHC crew, Tara.

To get the ball rolling in the first full week we did some old favourites as chosen by the kids. This included silent ball, paintings of what we want to be when we grow up, library time, cooking and a big hit was restaurants on Tuesday afternoon.

This week we are exploring ‘Mother’s Day’ as an underlying theme as we reflect on how we can spoil our mums for all the lovely caring things they do for us and how we celebrate it with different cultures.

OSHCA has a ZERO TOLERANCE to swearing or aggressive behaviour in any forms. Parents will be called to come and collect their children.

**Ticket in the Tub winners**
Luke J and Isabella T

**Cooking ANZAC biscuits in OSHC**

**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

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**Student Attendance**

**EVERY DAY COUNTS @ MSPS**

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Morang South PS invites you to

Please come to our Book Fair

READING OASIS
A COOL PLACE TO DISCOVER HOT BOOKS!

- Scholastic Book Fairs
- All purchases benefit our school!

Date 20th - 21st May
Time 8.30 - 9.00 am
Place Room 25
3.30 - 4.00 pm

Scholastic Book Fairs

Keep saving to win a family underwater adventure holiday.

Plus make friends with the dolphins at Sea World.
The Dolphins have found a hidden treasure in the Lost City of Savings. For your chance to win a share of exciting prizes, simply make three or more deposits at school during Term 2 and you'll automatically be entered into the competition.

- Major prize:
  - First night accommodation at the Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast
  - VIP passes for two adults and three kids to Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World, and Warner Bros. 4D Experience
  - A Dolphin Family Aqua Adventure, and
  - A $1,000 travel gift card to get you there.

- Minor prizes:
  - 160 ToyRico Gift Card to the value of $250 each to spend on your favourite toys.
  - Plus, there will be a separate draw of $1,000 cash for one school in each state territory.

To find out more, visit commbank.com.au/deepseasavers

Primary Music Institute

KEYBOARD LESSONS

Significant academic research shows that instrumental music lessons can improve your child’s school results – including for reading, maths, coordination and confidence.

- Lessons are held on school campus – typically during the school day.
- Our small group lessons provide a fun and affordable opportunity to learn music.
- Only $11.99 per child per small group lesson.
- We also offer private lessons.
- Thirty minutes per week of practice at home is all that is required to see improvement.

New enrolments are currently being accepted for Term 2. Please be quick as we will finalise timetables shortly ahead of week 3 lessons.

Enrol directly on our website: www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au OR collect an enrolment form from your school Administration office.

Note: due to the popularity of the program we cannot guarantee there is an available space for your child. However, we will do our best to accommodate your child and if no space is available we will put your child on a waiting list and notify you of this after week 3 timetables are finalised.

Reminder for existing students: re-enrolment from one term to the next (including from one year to the next) is automatic so you do not need to send in a new enrolment form each term.

Australia Air League

DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A MEMBER??


COME AND JOIN US

A SQUADRON IS BEING FORMED AT THE SALVATION ARMY COMMUNITY CENTRE
Cnr FRED HOLLOWS WAY AND MORANG DRIVE MILL PARK (Melways 182 K12)
LEADERS AND MEMBERS TO FORM A PARENT SUPPORT TEAM ARE NEEDED

MEETS THURSDAY 7.00 – 9.00pm
During School Terms
Contact Jim Humphrey 9736 2130
Bunnings Warehouse is giving you the chance to win one of three prizes valued at $50. All you have to do is colour in the Mother’s Day scene and deliver it to your local Warehouse by 6pm on Sunday 11th May. The winners of the colour-in competition will be drawn on Monday 12th May and the winners will be notified by mail or telephone.

Conditions of Entry:
- Prizes: 3 prizes each of $50 worth of product or a $50 Bunnings gift card.
- Competition is open to children aged up to 12 years old.
- There is a limit of 1 entry per person.
- Entries must be received by 6pm, Sunday 11th May.
- The competition will be drawn by the store team at each Bunnings Warehouse, on Monday 12th May.
- The winners will be contacted by mail or telephone.
- The judge’s decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- Bunnings Group employees, suppliers & their families are ineligible to enter.

Name: ____________________________
Age: ____________________________
Address: _________________________
Suburb: __________________________
Postal code: _____________________
Telephone: _______________________
Store: ___________________________

Bunnings Warehouse