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.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello Everyone,

Firstly, please accept our apologies for not distributing our Newsletter last week. Unfortunately, like many other organisations at this time of the year, illness took its toll.

In light of the recent publicity regarding strangers in the vicinity of some metropolitan schools, we have spoken about Stranger Awareness to the student body as a whole and each class teacher has worked with their grade. I would also encourage you as parents to also have a discussion with your children regarding this. The children need to be alert but not alarmed! The following are some handy tips found and shared by one of our parents:

It is important to stress that strangers look like you or me; just normal people they haven’t met yet. Most children think they look like those in movies. They need to understand that most strangers are decent people who would never harm them. But unfortunately those that would harm them can seem perfectly nice and friendly too. They shouldn’t rule out that someone they know could hurt them also.

The 3 Basic Rules:

1. NEVER ALONE
If your children are to go anywhere without adult supervision, be sure they have at least one buddy. Stress the importance of not being separated. They’re more likely to be targeted when alone. Inform them that should anything bad happen to them the other is to draw as much attention as

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.

Important Dates

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possible, or run and report ASAP.

2. NOT WITHIN ARMS REACH

If they are to speak to ANYONE, when not with their parents/guardians, be conscious of staying out of arm’s reach. If they’re approached take several steps back.

3. NEVER FOLLOW

No matter what is offered... never follow

If all else fails, teach them to leave a trail. Kick off a shoe, drop their bag, stay brave. Don’t give up.

EQUIP YOUR CHILDREN

- have them memorise your phone number & learn how to use different kinds of phones

- have them memorise your address

- have a family emergency code (verbal). If something does happen to you and you need someone else to pick up your child, this person must provide the code. Once it is used change it. The same code should not be used twice.

This is confronting for most families, but starting a conversation with your children is important. Self-defence is really about awareness.

Please share this information if it is of value to you because it may be helpful to someone else.

We have had a number of children compete in our local district sports in recent weeks. The Football and Netball teams have been acquitting themselves very well on Fridays. Not only have they played well but they have shown good sportsmanship and displayed our school values when playing here at school and at other schools. Congratulations and well done to the girls and boys involved in these teams.

Last week almost sixty children competed in the Bridge Inn District cross country. Everyone performed to the best of their ability and represented our school well. Great effort!

Congratulations to Alyssa Bannan (2nd), Charlotte Bradstreet (5th), Monique Chetcuti (9th), Jake Coates (6th), Cayden Failla (3rd), Kain Hall (2nd), Rose McLauchlan (4th) who will represent the Bridge Inn District at the Zone Cross Country today. We wish them well!

Our teachers are currently finalising the mid-year reports for our students. The reporting process is quite lengthy and follows a logical timeline. The writing of reports and the associated work consumes are large portion of the teaching staff's personal time on weekends and at night after school during term 2. Prior to beginning report writing teachers complete student assessments and compare evidence of learning and link this evidence to the Australian Victorian Essential Learning Standards (AusVELS). Evidence of learning consists of things that students say, make, write or do that communicate their understanding of concepts and mastery of skills.

Teachers used this evidence to make judgments about student achievement along a continuum and enter this information into our assessment and reporting program - QUICKVIC. As well as student learning being plotted on the continuum, comments are added to explain to parents what their children have achieved and areas for improvement or future learning. These will be complemented by suggestions of what the school and parents can do to improve learning. After a proof-reading process is completed, reports will be ready to print and then sent home at the end of term. As we are now reporting on AusVELS which aligns the report to grade levels, please read the explanation from Marg Eames included with the reports.

I know you will join with me to congratulate the teaching staff on their professionalism and thank them for the care, time and effort they put into the reports.

We are taking enrolments for 2014 Preps. Please inform family, friends and neighbours that if they have a pre-schooler who will be 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 Transition Program in Term 4. I am currently running tours on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9.30 am. Bookings can be made for these by calling the office.

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.

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 life long learning!

Julie Jones
Principal
Working with Children Check

In the interest of children safety and in order to streamline our processes for accommodating parents who wish to attend camps and excursions we would like to encourage all parents who volunteer to work in the school to obtain a Working With Children Check.

For this year we are requiring all PREP parents/carers volunteering to work in classrooms and attend excursions to obtain a volunteer working with children check. Next year we will require this for Prep and Grade 1 parents but hope that all parents willing to work in the school will support us by obtaining a WWC Check.

The Working With Children Check is a mandatory screening requirement for any Victorian who undertakes child-related work described in the Working with Children Act 2005. Under the Act, people who engage in paid or voluntary child-related work need a WWC Check.

The check involves

- criminal history records in all states and territories across your lifetime
- disciplinary findings of Victorian professional bodies such as the Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT) and the out of home care Suitability Panel
- relevant determinations by the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) under the Health Professions Registration Act 2005.

A rigorous assessment of relevant offences and disciplinary findings revealed by the criminal history check. For the assessment the department gathers information from a range of sources such as:

- court records including the children’s court
- other departments such as Human Services, health professionals employers and Corrections Victoria
- Any material provided by the applicant.

To apply:

1. Get an application form at an Australia Post outlet.
2. Fill out the application form using a black pen. Do not sign the form yet.
3. Take the form, 100 points of acceptable identification and a passport size photograph to an Australia Post outlet. A staff member will witness your signature.
4. Pay the application fee of $100.20 if you are applying for an Employee card. This fee is not refundable. Volunteer applications are free.
5. There is a cost of $16 for the photo. However you may be able to provide your own photo.
6. Keep the application receipt, which is an important document.
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Stars of the Week

Grades Prep – 6
Term 2 Week 8

Home Group 1: Blake & Yazan
Home Group 2: Oscar
Home Group 3: Jai & Alkadi
Home Group 4: Nicholas & Leah
Home Group 7: Emily
Home Group 9: Ty & Renee
Home Group 13: Brydee, Rose, Rose & Jamie
Home Group 14: Sienna & Joshua
Home Group 15: Owen
Home Group 16: Ryan & Georgia
Home Group 22: Shelby
Home Group 23: Amanat & Jonathan S
Home Group 24: Jarrod
Arts Award Prep—2
Home Group 4
P.E Prep
Home Group 1
P.E Gr 1-6
Home Group 9
The thing I have enjoyed most about school in HG4 this term has been.................

Going to Woolworths. I enjoyed Woolworths because we made a sandwich. I had grapes in mine. By Ashlyn

PE because we play really fun games. Performing Arts too because Ms B puts on high and low music and we go low if the music goes low and we go high when the music goes high. By Nika

Going to PE because we get to play Fruit Salad. By Bree

Performing Arts because we get to do dancing. PE too because we get to have some fun. By Phoebe

Going to science because we had free play. By Erin

Going to swimming and PE. I enjoy swimming because we do dives and we have fun. Also I enjoy doing work in the classroom. By Charlotte

Going to PE and Performing Arts. I enjoy PE because we play fun games and I learn a lot. I enjoy Performing Arts because I learn how to play music. By Ruby

Going on excursions because I always have fun. By Akash

Going to PE because we get to play Fruit Salad and going to Science because we get to write. By Acacia

Going to the Life Education van because we watched Harold go to Possum’s party. By Nicholas

Going to PE because we get to play fun games like ‘Kick Ball’. By Tyler
The thing I have enjoyed most about school in HG4 this term has been..............

PE because I enjoyed playing games. By Sara

Going to PE because we play Fruit Salad sometimes. By Lachlan

Going to PE because I like playing games. By Matthew

Going to PE because sometimes I stay in the game Fruit Salad. The other thing I enjoyed was swimming because I get to go in the deep end. By Gracie-May

Going to swimming because I enjoy jumping in the big pool. By Blake

Going to Science because we do some fun activities. By Tehara

Going to science because sometimes I can build Crazy Forts
By Daniel

Going to PE because we get to play fun games and going to Woolworths because we bought bread, bananas, oranges, apples and ham. By Takara

Going to PE because we play fun games. By Leah

Walking to Woolworths because we bought some food to make a sandwich. By Yuan

Going to Woolworths because I got to eat a sandwich. By Naomi

Maths because I’m good with numbers. By Jack

Going to science because we played with the blocks. By Oakley-Georgia
Melbourne Heart Soccer Clinics

On Monday May 27th and Thursday May 30th, the grades 3-6 participated in Soccer Clinics by Melbourne Heart Football Club. Josh and Louisa, the Game Development Officers of the club, led the clinics. The students learnt how to "juggle" the soccer ball with their feet/knees/head and play a mini game with a partner. At the end of the session, a whole group game of 4-corner soccer was played. The students all had a fantastic time working on their skills and learning more about the game. Sue Grad (PE)

Coles Sports For Schools Equipment

We recently received our equipment from the "Coles Sports For Schools Program" from 2012! Due to the fantastic number of vouchers that students collected last year, we were able to order a large quantity to Sports Equipment for our school. Some of the new items we were able to order were footballs, small bean bags, cricket trainer balls, stop-watches, frizbees, T-ball stands, cricket bats and stumps, witches hats, 2 hurdle kits, volleyball, hoops, playballs and wizzball whistles! These items make a terrific addition to our schools' sports equipment. The Coles Sports For Schools Program will be beginning again soon, so don't forget to collect the vouchers and bring them into school, so that we can order even more great equipment for our school. Sue Grad (PE)
Junior School Council are proud supporters of the 2013 Winter Warmer Appeal

On Tuesday 25th June students will be asked to participate in a Morang South Primary School Odd Sock Day to support the State Schools’ Relief Winter Warmer Appeal.

Winter is when children who are experiencing disadvantage and do not have adequate school uniform or shoes are most vulnerable. If you have ever walked around in wet shoes and socks for 7 hours you would know how these kids feel everyday for school.

State Schools’ Relief have been providing footwear and clothing to disadvantaged students since 1930. The simple and practical service:

- Provides warmth and comfort
- Improves school attendance rates
- Enables participation in school and community activities
- Alleviates financial burden for families
- Increases the self esteem of the students
- Avoids the stigma of "looking poor" or being different to their classmates

Each year State Schools’ Relief helps over 10,000 students. These students are from more than 40% of Victoria’s Primary, Secondary, Special Development and Language Government schools.

The program is solely run on donations; 100% of your donation will be put towards clothing and footwear for disadvantaged Victorian students.

All students are asked to bring a gold coin donation to the Winter Warmer, Morang South Primary School Odd Sock Day on Tuesday 25th June and participate by showing off their odd socks!

Parents can find out more about State Schools’ Relief and how they can help by going to www.ssr.net.au
Sponsorship Program

Thank you

Telstra Store Plenty Valley

Telstra Store Plenty Valley is pleased to invite MSPS to participate in the Affinity Program commencing on 8 May 2013. The program’s aim is to reward the school financially by providing MSPS with a bonus payment if MSPS parents sign up to certain Telstra contracted plans and bundles.

Telstra Store Plenty Valley will give MSPS a generous upfront sponsorship payment which we will use to begin work in revamping the gravel area where the relocatable classrooms 19 & 20 was. We have BIG PLANS for this area, more details coming soon...

The Telstra Store Plenty Valley Affinity Program will pay MSPS a Sponsorship Bonus for each contracted 24 month Mobile Service Plan or Internet and Home Phone Bundle Plan (NBN or Non NBN Bundle).

That is:

- $30 bonus payment per eligible NBN Bundle Sale
- $20 bonus payment per eligible Internet and Home phone Bundle Sale
- $20 bonus payment per eligible Mobility Service.

Eligibility for Bundles and bonus payments:

- Only new Bundles will attract a Bonus Payment. This includes those services where either the Fixed Service or Internet is new.
- An upgrade from a standard bundle to an NBN Bundle will attract a Bonus Payment.
- In relation to Mobiles, No Lock in Plans, Prepaid, Early Recontracts and Casual plans will not attract a bonus.
- If eligible, to redeem a sponsorship bonus payment for our school, the voucher below must be presented to the Telstra Store Plenty Valley. This offer is not available at other Telstra stores.
- ** Sponsorship bonus payments will be made directly to the school once the new plan or bundle has been activated.

If you are thinking about a new plan or bundle, we’d like to encourage you to take this voucher to the Telstra Store Plenty Valley and consider their products. You may be eligible to qualify for a sponsorship bonus for our school.

We are very excited to have Telstra Store Plenty Valley as a sponsor and a ‘Friend of MSPS’. This partnership could be a win/win for all of us.

Telstra Store Plenty Valley Affinity Program Voucher
Morang South Primary School

Date:
Customer Name:
Contact Number:
Products Sold: Mobile/Bundle/NBN Bundle
Bonus Payment:
Staff Name:

Telstra Store Plenty Valley: Shop 120, Westfield Plenty Valley (near Aldi) Phone: 94378650
After Hours Security

Staff and parents have noticed a couple of ‘hooded’ teenagers loitering after hours in the school grounds and community centre grounds during the past fortnight. We have had a small amount of graffiti and some damage has been done to a door at the community centre. This has been reported to the police. We would ask you to please keep a vigilant eye on the school and if you see these boys or anyone else doing any damage or acting suspiciously PLEASE CALL 000 IMMEDIATELY. We appreciate your support but for your own safety PLEASE DO NOT APPROACH THEM. Thank you.

The CATS Study: The Childhood to Adolescence Transition Study

The CATS study is returning to Morang South Primary School on Wednesday the 31st of July!

If your child is in grade 4 and participated in the CATS study last year, we will be back with our iPads and measuring stations this year to conduct the next annual session.

Watch our video which explains what CATS is all about:

http://www.mcri.edu.au/truthaboutcats

If you have any questions about the study please contact the study team on (03) 9345 6732 or email cats@mcri.edu.au

More information is on our website http://www.mcri.edu.au/cats

Thank you for participating in CATS!

George Patton (Project Director), Lisa Mundy (Project Manager) and the CATS team
**DISCO—“GLOW IN THE DARK”**

To be held on Friday 21st June. Cost is $6 per child

(unless you have 3 or more children from the same family at $5)

Money & forms to be returned by Wednesday 19th June

Prep-Grade 2 (5:00pm-6:30pm)

Grade 3-6 (7:30-9:00pm)

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**

Entertainment books have arrived

Books cost $65.00 with $13.00 from every book going directly to our school

**MID YEAR RAFFLE**

Further information to follow with tickets due back by Thursday 27th June

**CLASSIFIEDS**

Advertising prices (per month) are:

- Business card $15
- ¼ page $20, ½ page $30
- Full page $60

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

**SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP**

Situated in the Parents & Friends Room (opposite Room 22).

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 :)*

**BAKERS DELIGHT – RIVERGUM “Dough Raiser”**

Shop at Bakers Delight Rivergum Shopping Village,

mention Morang South Primary School and they will happily

donate a % of the total you spend back to the school

**Next Meeting:**

**Wednesday 19th June, 7:30pm in the staffroom**

All welcomed
OSHC NEWS

Hello South Morang Community,

Come and join us in OSHC, we have some great nights coming up, such as movie nights, sports and craft, also cooking.

Jump onto www.campaustralia.com.au and register now!

- Reannan, Kristin, Anita and Kerri

REMINDERS

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

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AWARDS... Josh A, Kiara, Kylah and Diesel

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Program hours

Before School Care
7:00 – 8:45

After School Care
3:30 – 6:00
DO NOT MISS OUT!

Our June edition of the MSPS Classifieds will be emailed with next week’s newsletter on Thursday. Please contact the school as soon as possible if you would like your business to be part of our June edition.

Friends of Morang South Primary School

2013 MSPS Classifieds are going DIGITAL!

The MSPS Classifieds are a Parents & Friends Association Fundraising initiative that will continue in 2013 with a few changes.

• The MSPS Classifieds will now be emailed* to everyone. That is approximately 300 families and friends of Morang South Primary School.

• The MSPS Classifieds will now be a feature of our school website: “Friends of Morang South PS”. http://www.morangsouthps.vic.edu.au/

• We will include a hyperlink on our very successful MSPS Facebook group to the MSPS Classifieds on our school website.

• All advertisements in the MSPS Classifieds will now will be in COLOUR.

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

• If you choose to advertise for 9 consecutive months GET 1 month for FREE.

We have also updated our prices per month. We have not done this for many years and believe the cost is still reasonable. The MSPS Classifieds aims to provide affordable local advertising.

Prices per Month
(as of 1st March 2013)

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*Hard copies will be available on request.
** Morang South Primary School, the School Council and Parents & Friends Association accept no responsibility for services or special offers advertised.
Mill Park Secondary College will conduct a second and final test for Grade 6 students who may be suitable for either the SEAL or Extension classes for 2014. The testing cost is $57 for the four ACER HAST tests; these will be conducted at the Middle Years Campus on a date still to be decided. To express your interest, please contact the school for a pack on 9407 9700 (Contact – Leesa Mereos).
South Morang Junior Basketball Club is currently taking registrations for new players for next season starting July 2013 in all age groups from U/8’s to U/19’s

For further information please call

Margaret Bate 9436 8252 or come to Registration Mill Park Basketball Stadium on June 1st Between 9am & 5pm