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,

We are now more than halfway through the term and our thoughts are already turning to Christmas and acknowledging the wonderful work done in our school by our volunteers. We hope all volunteers will be able to join us at our thank you morning tea between 11.00 and 11.40 am. Please put the date in your diaries!

Hoop Time basketball has been at the forefront this week. Our grade 3/4 mixed team represented our school in the Regional finals on Monday and they are now moving on to the State finals.

The grade 5/6 Hoop Time team arrived back at school from their Regional finals this afternoon and were thrilled with how they played and represented the area.

Congratulations to all of the children in these two teams not only for your sporting prowess but for the way you demonstrate our values when participating in out of school events. The teachers and parents are always proud to accompany you!

Children's social and emotional wellbeing, and mental health is currently a much discussed topic. A large number of Department of Education and Early Childhood Development resources are expended on student’s social and emotional wellbeing and mental health each year. If you have concerns about your child’s social or emotional wellbeing,
we have access to a variety of resources and can also recommend a number of external agencies. We also have both counselling and psychology support available at school.

Once again we are having our annual Carols and Picnic. These will take place on Monday December 16th. The picnic will commence at 6.30pm with carols to follow at 7pm. The classes have chosen their songs and I hear there may even be a recorder recital! We hope all families will join us. It is another opportunity for us to get together as a community. We hope you will put this date in your diaries and on your calendars.

Our grade compilation for 2013 is well under way, so if your child/children will not be returning in 2014 please let us know as soon as possible.

To foster and support smooth transitions between grades, our intra school transition as well as our pre-school to school transition programs will be running this term. These prepare our students for the next phase of their educational journey.

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

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**Essential Resources**

School Council has determined that the cost of the Essential Resources for 2014 will be $210.00 for grade prep and $200 for grades 1-6. The Netbook costs for grades 3 - 6 will be $190 with a discount to $175 if paid up front.

The Voluntary Grounds and Maintenance Contribution will remain at $20.

Government funding is made available to schools each year and School Council diligently and carefully monitors how these funds are allocated. The school is committed to providing our students with the best possible teaching staff, using the best and most updated resources available, within comfortable and secure grounds to achieve the best learning outcomes.

Payment is not required until the start of the 2014 year. Payments are able to be made by BPay from home or the office staff will accept payments at school on January 23rd and 24th between 9am and 1pm and between 2 pm and 4.30pm. This will ensure your child receives their stationery pack when school commences. A school stationery pack will only be distributed when payment has been made.

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**EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE**

The EMA continues to help families on lower incomes with financial assistance to cover the cost of educational expenses.

In 2014 the annual EMA payment for families with children in Years 1-6 will receive $150 and families with children in Prep (now called Foundation) will receive $200.
Stars of the Week

Grades Prep – 6
Term 4 week 6

Home Group 1  Chase & Sharon
Home Group 4  Takara & Yuan
Home Group 9  Alanah
Home Group 13 Lauren & Jayde
Home Group 15  Amber & Andrew
Home Group 23 Alysha & Joshua
P.E. 1-6  Home Group 23

Home Group 2  Home Group 2
Home Group 7  Stephanie & Eboni
Home Group 11 Omar & Prerna
Home Group 14 Michael
Home Group 16  Amber & Tianna
Home Group 24  Victoria

Home Group 9
Funny Rebus Poems
by Hg 15

What is a rebus?
A rebus is a text in which pictures take the place of words, as in:

![Rebus Image]

Hot & Cold
The ☀️ is hot.
The 🧸 is cold.

My favourite seasons are **SUMMER!** and **WINTER!**

I ❤️ summer

It’s so ☀️

My 🎀 come over to play

In the **sun** we stay all day

The ☀️ is bright with the flashing 🌆

The sun is very hot and the sweat falls of our 🤷‍♀️

by Emma and Anika
Winter!

is cold, we  in the  
The  has a special  
We stay inside and drink  
We put our  in our  
comes around once a  and it is a special!  

By Erin and Aidan

Drawing

By Lauren and Thainsha

do it in the  
While my  is at the bar  
When my mum  
draw while I’m  

by Scotta and Reecsha

Ice Cream Cake

It is not very easy  make.  

Is my favourite flavour, and I eat it with my best  

Ice cream  when it is  I will  the lot.  

By Amber, Nikki and Riley
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 Groups 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 Christian D, Emily S, Josh F, Angus W, Thomas C, Nathan F and Chelsea B. Josh D was awarded a badge for achieving results in the top 25% of all the participants. Special mention goes to Melwyn and Jess D for being our highest achievers. They also received a badge as well as a trophy.

We are very proud of you all

Diana Gevaux

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**Student Accident Insurance Arrangements**: The DEECD does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs, unless the injury is caused by the negligence (carelessness) of a Department or School Council employee or volunteer. Students Accident Insurance is available privately at low cost.
On Monday 11th November the 3/4 Hoop Time Team attended the Regional Finals and were very successful. Our team Aidan B, Kyle B, Georgia M, Lauren B, Ben P, Braden F and Amber P worked well together and now have the chance to attend the State School Final.

The DEECD have a policy of NO DROP OFF ZONES ON SCHOOL PROPERTIES. I have made this clear many, many times. The parks are clearly signed staff and visitors. Thank you to those families who live by our values and do not use the car parks as drop off zones.
Personal Goods Brought to School at Owner’s Risk: The DEECD does not hold insurance nor does it accept responsibility for private property brought to school by students, staff and visitors. Please do not bring any unnecessary or valuable items to school.
For sale Practically brand new Leap Frog Leap pad 2 with BNIB Charger and 2 games (Toy Story 3 & Pixar Pals) unwanted gift $200

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CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
Our popular Christmas Raffle will be drawn on Monday 16th December at “Carols on the Turf”
Christmas donations are greatly appreciated -
Our donations box is in the school foyer

WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DISCO/ DANCE PARTY
Friday 7th December
5pm-7pm
SANTA will be visiting MSPS
FURTHER DETAILS TO FOLLOW

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
Half way through November already?! 

How much fun have we been having in OSHC, the weather has been warming up and which means we get to go outside and enjoy the sun, playing different games and sports, also we get to wet our hands in water play!

Come and see what all the fuss is about at Morang South P.S OSHC. Spring is here so remember to bring a spare hat, because there will be lots more outside fun! This week we will explored ‘under the sea’ making sea creatures using different materials and building sea castles using boxes we collected. Come in and see our giant painting the OSHC artists created. Our special visitor Rocky the Rabbit will be coming in for a play before the term is over, keep your eyes and ears open to find out when.

Next week we are celebrating ‘Children’s week’ as an underlying theme as we reflect on how special and different we are from one another. We will be encouraging each other to share ideas for fun and exciting new things to do in OSHC.

Don’t forget to bring a spare hat in to OSHC with your name on it!

REMEMBER... NO HAT NO PLAY!

Once registered
You can make bookings and cancellations, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day.

Save on Care
Save 50% or more on Before and After School Care with the Child Care Rebate. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more call our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343

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