MISSION

Mongan 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,

Here we are at the end of another term. What a wonderful term we have had, albeit busy.

The student-led, three-way conferences were a great success on Wednesday September 11th. These are a very important part of our communication and reporting process. I received many positive comments and the teachers received great feedback. Congratulations and thank you to all those parents who attended and celebrated their child’s achievements with them. Attending these conferences, taking the time to show interest in your children’s learning and supporting them in the conferences gives your child a clear message that you value education. Congratulations to our wonderful teaching staff for their professionalism and dedication.

Each year secondary schools offer scholarships to incoming year seven students. The students usually sit a test and/or attend an interview. Terry Twomey, the Principal of Whittlesea Secondary College will attend our assembly on October 14th to present a Music scholarship to Emily Mitchelson. Congratulations Emily. We will feature any future scholarship winners in coming newsletters.

I’d like to say a huge thank you, to our PFA for organising a great Election Day BBQ. They made a marvellous profit of $1830. Thank you also to all those families

Important Dates

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VISION

Our vision for Mongan 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.
who gave up some of their Saturday to support our PFA by working on the BBQ and making sure that there were plenty of helpers. Results like this show how working together as a team can achieve great things.

Last week our Chess club competed in the end of term Chess Tournament, at Mill Park Heights. They acquitted themselves well, both in the competition and with how they demonstrated our school values. **Congratulations to them all.** I’d also like to **thank Rhys and Diana Gevaux** for the wonderful support they give to the Chess club. Please read the Chess Club News later in the Newsletter.

We will soon be commencing work on **2014 Grade Placements.** It is our policy to ensure all children are placed in grades with **children they both relate to and work well with.** Our teachers are highly professional and spend an enormous amount of time thinking about and discussing grade placements. They work hard to create balanced, harmonious grades. If you have any **serious concerns** regarding your child’s placement in relation to other class members, **NOT** in relation to teachers, please put those concerns **in writing** and address the envelope marked *confidential* to Julie Jones.

**Please do not assume that because you have made a request before that you don’t need to do it again.** Circumstances change, so we need you to do this every year if you have a concern.

**Friday September 20th** is the last day for you to let us know any important information or concerns regarding your child’s grade placement in 2014.

As you know we are now 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 school tours **on Tuesday and Thursday** mornings at 9.30 am. Bookings can be made for these by calling the office.

**Please note that there will be no Canteen tomorrow, Friday September 20th.**

School will finish at 2.30.

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.

**Finally, thank you all for your support this term.** I hope you have an enjoyable time during the holidays with lots of family fun!

Keep up that life long learning!

Julie Jones
Principal

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Please note change of date for graduation filming.
It has been changed from **Thursday November 14th to Monday November 18th** due to basketball finals falling on same day.
Grades Prep – 6
Term 3 week 10

Home Group 1  Syed
Home Group 3  Gr 1 Extended Day Students
Home Group 9  Home Group 9
Home Group 14 Courtney & Kellie
Home Group 22 Peter & Taylum
Home Group 24 Victoria & Deakin
Scientist Week  Courtney B

Home Group 2  Aidan & Zoe
Home Group 4  Phoebe & HG 4
Home Group 11 Olivia & Cayden
Home Group 16 Caley & Alicia
Home Group 23 Tezai & Gr 1 Extended Day Students
Home Group 2  Science
Term Three—Biological Sciences

During term 3 the students have been exploring various aspects of Biological Science.Outlined on this page are the names of the units of work and the scientific understandings developed.

Prep—Staying Alive

Living things have basic needs, including food and water.

Years 1/2—Schoolyard Safari

Living things have a variety of external features. Living things live in different places where their needs are met.

Years 3/4—Plants in Action

Living things have life cycles. Living things, including plants and animals depend on each other and the environment to survive.

Year 5/6—Desert Survivors

Living things have structural features and adaptations that help them to survive in their environment.
Chess Club News—Term 3, 2013

Inter-School Chess Tournament

What another close tournament! Again our team put in a gallant effort only to miss out on a position in the state final by half a point. We are so proud of our chess team. They were focused, thinking and sporting players. Even though the children were disappointed to just miss out they felt positive about their achievements and now are even more determined to face the challenge by improving their skills and supporting each other in raising the standard of all our children’s chess playing skills. Congratulations to our team consisting of Jonathan H, Josh F, Ty, Peter T, Jess D, Heath, Alyssa B, James G, Ethan N and Benito. You’re Amazing.

Term 3 Chess Club

Each chess session comprises of a lesson and an in-house tournament match. The tournament runs for the term for each chess group. At the end of term medals and special awards are handed out. Gold medals were awarded to Jonathan H, James G and Chase D. Silver medals were awarded to Josh F, Ben P, and Jayde C. Bronze medals were awarded to Peter T, Ethan W, Braden F. I was honoured to be able to award an encouragement award to students who demonstrate a dedication to learning the skills of the game. These students were Ethan N, Elizabeth P and Jaqueline D. A most improved award was given to Alyssa B, Aidan B and Julian P. Last but not least chess players are asked to select a MVP (most valuable player) award. These awards were given to Ty T, Kelsea B and Georgia M. One group of players is awaiting their awards early next term.

Congratulations to all the children who are involved in our chess club.
On Tuesday the 17th September we had Footy Day, where we all came dressed up in our favourite footy team. We had a parade so everyone walked around the Paringa gym in teams when their team song came on. After that we had a coin line so everyone put coins in their teams line. Carlton won! It was the first time Collingwood hadn’t won for ages.

After recess the grade 3-6 students had footy activities with the Mernda football club and MSPS house captains. Thanks to the PFA, we all got to order a footy lunch which was a pie or sausage roll, drink and a packet of chips.

Over all everyone had a great day!
ELECTION DAY

On behalf of the PFA committee we would like to thank everyone that helped on the day, we are very grateful and made a profit of $1,830

THANK YOU!!

WALKATHON— Friday 18th October

Further details to follow

VISION PORTRAITS—Friday 25th October

Further details to follow

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Entertainment books have arrived

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

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 16th October, 7:30pm in the staffroom
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**Whittlesea City Little Athletics Centre**

**FUN, FAMILY, FITNESS - BE YOUR BEST!!!**

Whittlesea City Little Athletics Centre invites children from the age of 5 - 15 years of all abilities to register for the upcoming 2013 - 2014 season. Please bring proof of age.

Meadowglen International Athletics Stadium
McDonalds Rd, Epping

Come along and experience events such as: Sprints, Hurdles, High Jump, Long Jump, Triple Jump, Discus, Shot Put, Javelin, Long Distance runs and Race Walks

**Season Competition Commences Saturday 5th October**

Please come along to a club training session for a trial or to register

**EPPING**
Training Time - Thursday 5pm – 6pm

Secretary: Mandy Watt
Phone: 0411 013 609

**MEADOWGLEN - LALOR**
Training Time - Wednesday 6pm – 7pm

Secretary: Robert Elhage
Phone: 0428 603 603

**METRO**
Training Time - Thursday 6pm – 7pm

Secretary: Leeanne Venables
Phone: 93054095

**MILL PARK - SOUTH MORANG**
Training Time - Tuesday 5pm – 6pm

Secretary: Michael McBrien
Phone: 0417 011 240

**NORTHERN STARS**
Training Time - Wednesday 5pm – 6pm

Secretary: Alison Thomson
Phone: 0408 507 224

**THOMASTOWN TIGERS**
Training Time - Tuesday 6pm – 7pm

Registrar: Paula Brancolino
Phone: 0401 022 649

Whittlesea City Centre Contact - Andrea Kewish 0409 023 230

www.whittleseacitylac.org.au
It's NOT too late...
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 much 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
Morang South Primary School | 19th September 2013

How time flies when you're having fun!

Term 3 is over already and what fun we have had cooking, playing games inside and outside, doing lots of different crafts and many more exciting activities. If you are looking for more fun during the holidays jump on www.campaustralia.com.au and register for holiday club, there is clubs running at Mill Park P.S, Mt Ridley P.S and Plenty Valley Christian College plus many more locations.

Next term we have so many exciting, engaging and excellent activities planned! We will also be encouraging everyone to have a go at things, they didn't feel confident doing this term and exploring how they can help others to do the same.

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

REMEMBER... NO HAT NO PLAY!

Ticket in the tub winners:
Amanat and Braeden

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

Holiday Clubs
Don't forget about the Camp Australia Holiday Clubs these school holidays. Use the Holiday Club Finder on the website to find the nearest program: www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs

Healthy Snacks
Afternoon tea is served daily.
Menus are tailored to children's tastes, developmental and nutritional needs. Afternoon tea includes a selection of yummy sandwiches and fruit. Children may also engage in fun cooking activities.

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

we make kids smile
www.campaustralia.com.au
New Enrolments are currently being accepted for Term 4.

At only $11.90 per lesson, our keyboard program is great value!

To ensure a place in Term 4, please register as soon as possible – no later than Week 1, Term 4. For current students that wish to cancel, please do so before the start of Term 4. You can enroll electronically on our website – www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au – or call us directly (07) 3102 7357.

In addition to the enjoyment of music, numerous scientific studies have found a number of other ACADEMIC BENEFITS from participating in an instrumental music program – including in areas such as math and computers (University of California), English (University of Kansas study), developing fine motor skills (Harvard Medical School) and increases in overall IQ.

Wishing you all enjoyable school holidays and hoping to see you in Term 4!

Supervision Before School

Parents are reminded that teachers are on yard duty from 8.45 am and that students who arrive at school prior to this time are not supervised. Any child who arrives without an adult before 8:30 am MUST go straight to the office. Children arriving at school earlier than this will be placed in Out of School Hours Care and you will be charged accordingly.
Free Holiday Clinic

EVENT DETAILS

FIFA and FFA are hosting a Grassroots coaching course on Tuesday 1st of October – Friday 4th of October, between 4-6pm at the State Football Centre, 281 Darebin Road, Thornbury, Vic. As part of the day, a FREE School Holiday Clinic will be conducted by the coaches. We are looking for participants aged between 8–11 to come and take part in this fantastic opportunity.

Tuesday 1st October, 4-6pm: Ages 8 - 9 (only 20 spots available)
Wednesday 2nd October, 4-6pm: Ages 9 – 10 (only 20 spots available)
Thursday 3rd October, 4 – 6pm: Ages 10 – 11 (only 20 spots available)
Friday 4th October, session 1 - 10.15am – 12.15pm and Session 2 – 1.00pm – 2.15pm: Ages 8 – 11 (bring your own lunch) 200 spots available

ENTRY DETAILS

Entries Close September 20th 2013 or until places are filled. For entry forms and further information contact Alexa Allan, 9474 1849.