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.

Important Dates

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22nd August 2013

From the Principal

Hello Everyone,

What a wonderful week we have had for Book Week. The children and staff have thoroughly enjoyed lots of literature together. The costumes and commitment of our children and staff were wonderful. Thank you to all of those parents who supported their children with their costumes. They all looked wonderful. Debbie Cullen did a fabulous job of coordinating the week. Thank you Deb and well done.

Our Science and Technology Fair was very successful last week. The entries by students from all levels were interesting varied. A lot of work had gone into them. Well done all of those students who contributed. Diana Gevaux also showcased our school wide Science program. It was a great opportunity for our families to see what is happening in science. In recent weeks we have had some snakes ‘visit’ and we now have stick insects in the room. Diana has set up a wonderful habitat for them and we are all very interested in them. A huge thank you to Karen Jeffery and Leanne Nicholls for coordinating the Fair and attending on the night. Thank you also to Diana for the Science display and for attending on the night. Congratulations and

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.
thank you to those families who attended.

Camp is **next week** on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. We will be conducting the grade 3/4 camp at the CYC camp on Phillip Island. We hope they all have a wonderful time and we look forward to hearing the ‘stories’ on their return. If the communication infrastructure and the technology allows we will post some photos directly from the camp onto our website during the camp. Please keep a look out but remember this will only occur when possible.

**When a screen is their world!** Giving your child internet access isn’t damaging, but having no limits may be, writes Linda McSweeny. Toddlers are navigating technology at a rapid pace, but left to their own devices, some of these tech-savvy kids could end up in a dark and possibly addicted head space by adolescence. Psychologists say parents must pay attention to their children's access to apps, online games and smartphones from a young age, to ensure they glean the benefits rather than the problems of our tech-heavy world.

The prolific nature of online gaming is such that psychiatrists in the US have listed Internet Gaming Disorder in their latest diagnostic manual, DSM-5, as a new condition warranting more research. They define it as a phenomenon where people become compulsively engrossed in online games, end up distressed and withdraw from other interests, education or jobs.

An Australian report on the impact of technology on young men's mental health and wellbeing, by the federally funded Young and Well Co-operative Research Centre, shows males aged 16 to 25 are upping their average time online to three hours each day from two hours four years ago. So when should parents become concerned? One Sydney psychologist says children often move through obsessive stages for two or three months without being addicted. But sometimes a love of playing can morph into a serious problem. More information can be found on this website: [http://m.brisbanetimes.com.au/lifestyle/when-a-screen-is-their-world-20130810-2rox6.html](http://m.brisbanetimes.com.au/lifestyle/when-a-screen-is-their-world-20130810-2rox6.html)

**2014 Grade Placement**

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. Please put your requests or concerns in writing and address the envelope marked confidential to Julie Jones.

As you know we are now taking enrolments for **2014 Prep**s. 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 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
Stars of the Week

Grades Prep – 6
Term 3 week 6

Home Group 1  Max & Mitchell
Home Group 2  Taylah

Home Group 3  Dylan & Emmasina
Home Group 4  Oakley-Georgia & HG 4

Home Group 7  Melwyn & Monique
Home Group 9  Ishka & Mackenzie

Home Group 11 Milly & Maddison
Home Group 13  Amy, Gurman & Chaise

Home Group 14 Chloe & Kelsea
Home Group 15  George & Aidan

Home Group 16 Julian & HG 16
Home Group 22  Lachie & HG22

Home Group 23 Kai & Cameron
Home Group 24  HG 24

P.E Gr 1-6 HG 4 & HG 14

Scientist of the Week
Emmerson
Who am I?

I come in all different colours. There are over 2,000 species. I don’t have a brain and my body has no blood.

I don’t have eyes. I have up to 12 arms.

By Alexis

Who am I?

I am a marine mammal. My body can be various shades of bluish-grey dorsally and somewhat lighter underneath.

I am blue and very big.

I live on the top level of the sea.

By Blake Anderson

I am a marine mammal.

I can be orange, yellow, maroon and other colors.

We live on the ocean floor.

We find most of our food mooching off the anemone.

I am a clown fish.

By Jamie

I am a Blue Whale

I live from 20-30 years.

It is the largest of the nine identified species.

I am fast and powerful.

I have an object part on my body.

By Ben D.
**Who am I?**

I am a killer whale!

From Lachlan

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Who am I?

I live for 6–10 years

I am 10 – 18cm long

My family is Pomacentridae

I am in the movie Finding Nemo

I can be called an anemonefish

I feed on small Zooplankton and Algae

My enemies are sharks, stingrays and other fish

I am orange and I have three white strips across me

I am native to warm waters of the Indian Ocean, the Great Barrier Reef, the Red Sea and the Pacific Ocean

By Ross H

I am a clownfish

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**Who am I?**

I am black and white

I am also known as an orca whale

I belong to the dolphin family

I live in all seas in the ocean

I feed on seals and different types of salmon

There are 50,000 of me

I am a killer in the arctic

I am a killer whale!

From Lachlan

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Who am I?

My size is up to 5 inches long

RANGE: Native to western Atlantic, including the Harbor of Mexico, introduced away

HABITAT: Coastal waters and creeks

DIET: Small planktonic crustaceans, fish eggs and creepy-crawlies

I have no teeth

I can come in different colours

By Lauren. A
Congratulations to all those students who participated in our Science and Technology Fair. The exhibits were amazing and enjoyed both by the other classes and families that came to visit during the evening. Well done to all the following students as well as all grade 5/6 students. Thanks also to Mrs Gevaux for setting up a fabulous SCIENCE display including the computer microscope with some live subjects such as worms and snails to look at. Keep up that investigating.

Karen Jeffery and Leanne Nicholls

Home group 1: Jonathan, Aliyah
Home group 2: Ryan, Tomy
Home group 3: Cooper
Home group 4: Matthew, Bree, Gracie-May, Tehara, Sara, Blake, Nika
Home group 13: Anastasia, Jamie
Home group 14: Joshua, Alexis, Jacqueline
Home group 16: Charlie, Liam, James, Georgia
Home group 18: Darcy
Home group 22: Mihail, Stephanie, Dev, Max
Home group 23: Kai, Amanat, Alysha, Logan, Ella, Jacinta
Home group 24: Shynal, Sanya, Tobey, Bella
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FAIR 2013
Victorian State School Spectacular 2013

We’d like to take this opportunity to say how proud we are of our 22 students and the effort that they have put in to being part of the Spectacular. We are sure that they enjoyed a positive, rewarding experience that they’ll never forget!

We'd also like to acknowledge the wonderful parents who have supported our students by volunteering to drive to and from our rehearsals. As a result, this program has only cost our families $11 - which paid for our T-Shirts.

THANK YOU!
On the 16th of August M.S.P.S had our Jump Rope for Heart Day. We had 10 activities to work through with our buddies there were some activities where we had to skip together, group skipping and single skipping as well as other fun activities like an egg and spoon race, sack race, hula hoops and a hula hoop game called circle the circle. We had 2 great sessions with lots of fun and we did it for a good cause. We also kept all our hearts healthy too.

Written by MSPS School Reporters
Photos by MSPS School Photographer
On Wednesday the 14th August, Craig Ondarchie, State Member for Northern Metropolitan - Legislative Council, Victorian Liberal Party was a special guest at MSPS as part of the 'Principal for a Day' program.

Mr Ondarchie took a tour around our school and loved our Paringa complex. He thought it was a great use of space and loved the way it was set out. He thought all our school programs such as Prepic, OSCH, our Specialist classes (Science, PE and The Arts) and our other learning programs are great.

Mr Ondarchie liked all our posters and helpful learning charts in our classrooms. He thought the interactive TV’s were a great way to learn. He watched the preps use the interactive board and came into one of the 5/6 grades and saw some of our mystery stories. He thought our classrooms were an effective learning space. He had a great time.

Mr Ondarchie spent a lot of time learning about our school when he met with our Principal and Assistant Principal, a variety of staff, and our student leaders. Mr Ondarchie was very impressed with our school!

Written by MSPS School Reporters
Photos by MSPS School Photographer
Grade 3/4  T-Ball GALA DAY

The Gala day was designed to familiarise students with T-Ball skills and rules, prepare grade 3/4 students for 5/6 inter-school sport while participating in a friendly round robin between 4 local schools. Each school also had the fantastic opportunity to attend a T-ball skills session run by members from the Northern District Softball Association (NDSA).

The Northern District Softball Association will be holding a COME AND TRY DAY Saturday 7th September, 2013. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

For more information- http://northerndistrict.softball
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.
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
FATHERS DAY STALL—TUESDAY 27TH AUGUST
Due to the Grade 3/4 camp, our Fathers Day Stall will be held on
Tuesday 27th August with a second chance shop on Friday 30th August
Our gifts range from 50 cents to $5.00

ELECTION DAY— Saturday 7th September
Now that Election Day has been announced we are seeking helpers for the Election Day BBQ.
If you are available to help set up, pack up, serve, cook or help organise please contact
Michelle Lewis—President of PFA
THANK YOU!!

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS
Entertainment books have arrived
Books cost $65.00 with $13.00 from every book going directly to our school

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 16 October, 7:30pm in the staffroom
All welcomed
### 3-WAY CONFERENCE DAY

STUDENTS ONLY ATTEND FOR THEIR 3-WAY CONFERENCE WHEN THEY ARE MARKED AS PRESENT ON THE ROLL.

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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.

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.
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.