### 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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### 24th April 2013

Hello Everyone

**Welcome back** to term 2. I hope you all had an enjoyable break, particularly over Easter, which is often a relaxing family time in Australia. My daughter returned from living in Brisbane for almost twelve months during our holidays, so it was lovely to be able to spend some extra time with her. I am pleased to have her living back in Melbourne. I hope you enjoyed spending time with your children!

There are quite a number of important events happening in the coming weeks so please keep the list of dates from the Newsletter handy!

**ANZAC Day** commemorates the fallen at Gallipoli when Australian troops fought and many died. The ceremonies are national events and acts of collective identity and belonging. If we seek a living symbol of a nation united in dedication to an ideal, it is on ANZAC Day. We are reminded of the debt we owe to those who came before us. It is an act of thanksgiving by the present generation to the past – perhaps the only gift the living can give the dead. ANZAC Day ceremonies also tell us that there can be no identity without a sense of history. To be an Australian (or a New Zealander) whether by birth or adoption is to be part of a story, honoured in rituals, symbols and ceremonies of remembrance.

As you know we will commemorate ANZAC Day at an assembly this afternoon. As always the children have responded by bringing an amazing array of flowers. After they have been placed during our ceremony, they will be taken to Greensborough RSL and the local Aged Care facility.

### 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.
A reminder, that this coming **Friday, April 26th**, is a **pupil free day**. The teaching staff will be working with a consultant, Anna Bennett. Anna is an experienced presenter and her presentations and workshops will be based around North Western regions curiosity and Powerful Learning materials. We strive to continuously improve our capacity as teachers and we are looking forward to working with Anna.

This year the **Mother’s Day stall will be held on Wednesday May 1st**. This event is one of the highlights of our school year. The children love the opportunity to browse, reflect on their mothers’ likes and dislikes, and to make their final decision. It is early this year due to the **5/6 camp being in the week beginning May 6th**.

A reminder that **NAPLAN testing** will be carried out in **week 5** of this term, commencing **Tuesday May 14th** and concluding on **Thursday May 16th**. Our **grades 3 and 5 students** will be participating in the NAPLAN assessment.

The **National Assessment Program** is the measure through which governments, education authorities and schools can determine whether or not young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes. The National Assessment Program is run at the direction of the Ministerial Council for Education, Early Childhood Development and Youth Affairs (MCEECDYA). It includes:

- the National Assessment Program — Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)
- three-yearly NAP sample Assessments in Science Literacy, Civics and Citizenship, and Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Literacy, and International sample assessments.

Students are assessed in Year 3 to identify their achievement at the end of the early years of schooling and again in Year 5 to monitor their achievement before moving to secondary school.

Teachers use a range of assessments over time to build a picture of your child’s strengths and needs. The results of the NAPLAN tests will form a **small** component of the assessment tools, which teachers as professionals, use to tell how your child is progressing. They are one test on one day. The NAPLAN 2013 will assist teachers in a small way to identify students’ strengths and weaknesses in Literacy and Numeracy. By analysing results which show a pattern or which add to information from teacher judgements, teachers can adjust teaching strategies to provide appropriate support.

The student results from the NAPLAN testing will be due in schools in early term 3.

The aggregation of students’ results will provide the school with an overview of current achievements for groups of students and contributes to a more comprehensive understanding of their performance. The analysis of school-wide data assists school planning and can be used by the school to monitor Literacy and Numeracy improvement over time.

If you would like to discuss this further, please call or come in to see Sandi Young.

On Wednesday March 27th the School Council held our Annual General Meeting. The **Annual Report** was presented and approved. This is now available for viewing on our website.

This year **Education Week in schools**, is from Monday 20th to Friday 24th May 2013 with many exciting events, which are currently being organised. This year’s Education Week theme is “Stories from around the World.” Further information will be shared through letters sent home. A good education is one of the greatest gifts we can give our children. I hope parents, other family members and friends will join in the fun during this year’s Education Week!

**Walk Safely to School Day** will be held throughout Australia on Friday 24th May 2013. This annual, national event encourages all Primary School children to walk and commute safely to school. The community event seeks to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment and communicates the vital road safety messages. National Walk Safely to School Day will be sending a promotional pack to every primary school in Australia which includes stickers and posters and for the first time, a sophisticated Apple and Android App called ‘Walk Safely to School Day’.

There are a number of really good reasons why you should join us on Walk Safely to School day on **Friday May 24th AND every other day**.

**Health benefits**

According to the Australian Federal Government report, Healthy Weight 2008, more than a third of Australian children between the ages of seven to 11 are overweight or obese.

Children should spend no more than 2 hours of recreational time on TV/couch/PC a day.

Walking regularly can help kids steer clear of:

- heart disease
- type II diabetes
- accidents, fractures and injuries (through improved strength and coordination)
- some cancers (including colon cancer)
Safety

Experts agree, reducing the number of cars around school gates can help reduce the risk of injury to child pedestrians. By parking the car a few blocks away and safely walking the rest of the journey with a parent or carer, school areas become less congested with traffic and therefore safer for young children.

Quality time together

This may be a good opportunity to talk with your children; maybe the only real chance you get!

Speaking of walking, it is important that we work together to ensure the **safety of our students**. Please take the time to discuss the appropriate use of the crossing, the paths and parks around schools with your child.

Unfortunately some parents also need to be reminded about the **traffic conditions and safety** around schools. The car parks, south of the crossing in Riverside Drive are designated as **3 minute parking only**. We have received a number of **complaints** recently about parents leaving their cars in these parks and walking their children in to school. This takes much longer than three minutes. We have directed the parents complaining to contact the City of Whittlesea. By-Laws officers will be attending before and after school to enforce this law and issue fines.

**PLEASE DO THE RIGHT THING TO SET AN APPROPRIATE EXAMPLE TO YOUR CHILDREN BUT ALSO TO PREVENT YOURSELF FROM BEING FINED.**

As from Wednesday May 1st, **school hats do not need to be worn again until Monday September 2nd**, which is week 8 of term 3. During this time a **plain burgundy, black or white beanie (No Logos)** may be worn during **outside playtimes**.

All staff at our school take **duty of care** very seriously and ensure students are well supervised when in classrooms and in the school yard. During recesses when children are **out to play** there are **three teachers on yard duty** and numerous aides in the yard.

Parents are reminded that **teachers are on yard duty from 8.45am** 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.

I conducted our first **tour for prospective Prep families** this week. It was an absolute **delight** to show a group of new families around our wonderful school. The classrooms were bright and inviting and the children were focused on their learning. I believe the families were suitably pleased with what they saw and heard. It was passed on to me that at least one of the families shared how impressed they were on Facebook!

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 **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 1 Week 9**

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Home Group 01:
Baking ANZAC Biscuits with our buddies

On Monday the 22nd of April 2013 we made ANZAC Biscuits with our buddies. Our buddies helped us read the recipe and measure the ingredients. Whilst they were cooking in the oven we made a reef with red poppies on it to commemorate the ANZAC soldiers. We read a picture book called ANZAC Biscuits and got to eat one ANZAC Biscuit each, YUM!
If any student is missing an order from the last book club, could you please see Deb Powell. We have orders that have no name or home group details.

Monday 20th May 2013 until Friday 24th May 2013.

Monday 20th May throughout the day all children will be participating in an Asian Dance Workshop. (Details to follow)

Monday 20th May 7:00pm Family Asian Dance Night.
(Details to follow)
MOTHERS DAY STALL

To be held on Wednesday 1st May, with a 2nd chance visit on Friday 3rd May (2:45pm-3:15pm)

Presents range from 50c to $5.00

SPECIAL LUNCH DAY—HOT DOG DAY

To be held on Tuesday 28th May. Further information to follow

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 15th May, 7:30pm in the staffroom

All welcome
OSHC NEWS

Hello South Morang Community,

A big welcome to our new staff, Anita, Courtney and Kerri, who have settled in lovely with the program and children.

Term 2 is going to be filled with lots of fun things to do, including special weeks like Mother’s Day and making puppets

- Reannan, Kristin, Anita, Courtney and Kerri

REMINDES

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.

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AWARDS... Zachary C and Tehara

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Program hours

Before School Care
7.00 – 8.45

After School Care
3.30 – 6.00

www.campaustralia.com.au
MSPS Walking Group Registration

Date of Registration: ___/___/___

Co-Ordinator: _____________________________________________

Name: ___________________________________________________

Age: _______ OR DOB: ___/___/___

Phone number: (h)__________________ (m)____________________

Email: ____________________________________________________

What is your preference when you walk (Please tick)

   a: Love a chat while I walk
   b: I prefer a moderate walk
   c: I like to get the pace up

Would you like to be contacted about a free Wellness Evaluation:

   a: Yes please
   b: No thanks

I _______________________, understand that the co-ordinator of MSPS Walking Group is not a doctor or personal trainer. I take full responsibility for any injuries or illness that I may sustain whilst taking part in MSPS Walking Group

Signature: ____________________________  Date: ___/___/___

Weekly Gold coin donation goes to MSPS.
EDUCATION WEEK TOURS 2013

Join us for personalised tours of our Middle Years Campus and morning tea with the College Principal. Tours will be conducted from 9:15am - 10:00am on the 6th, 7th, 9th and 10th May 2013.

A Senior Campus tour will be held on the 8th May 2013.

Please sign up for a tour by contacting the general office on 9407 9700.

SEAL INFORMATION EVENING

A SEAL Information Evening will be held on Wednesday 24th April 2013 at 6:00pm in Middle Years Campus Library. Testing for both SEAL and Extension Program will occur on Friday 3rd May 2013. Application forms are available from the General Office. Please contact Leesa Mereos for more information.

Middle Year Campus
Moorhead Drive
Mill Park 3082
The Victorian School of Languages is a state-wide service of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, which has a proud record in teaching Languages Other than English since 1935.

Currently the Victorian School of Languages offers 46 languages in 42 locations throughout Victoria and 11 languages via Distance Education, catering for the needs of more than 15,000 students.

We are opening a new centre at Epping Secondary College in term two 2013 and are offering the following languages at all levels commencing Saturday, 11th February 2013

- Chinese
- Greek
- Hindi
- Sinhala

We are taking enrolments now. For further enquiries regarding enrolments ring 9464 0848 or to enrol on line log on to www.vsl.vic.edu.au and select enrol, select enrol now (Centre enrolments), select new enrolment for 2013 and follow the prompts.

Library News

A BIG THANKYOU TO THE POWELL FAMILY FOR THEIR RECENT DONATION OF BOOKS, WHICH WILL SOON BE ON OUR SHELVES FOR ALL TO ENJOY!
We have recently had a number of families that have advised the school that they have needed to treat a family member for head lice. MSPS would like to avoid using the council nurses at such an early stage in the year as we only have the opportunity to get the nurses to attend and check students hair once a year. I have attached information on treating and controlling head lice with this newsletter.
Treating and controlling head lice

While children are at school many families will have contact with head lice. The information contained here will help you treat and control head lice.

Catching head lice

Head lice have been around for many thousands of years. Anyone can get head lice.

Head lice are small, wingless, blood sucking insects. Their colour varies from whitish-brown to reddish-brown. Head lice only survive on humans. If isolated from the head they die very quickly (usually within 24 hours).

People get head lice from direct hair to hair contact with another person who has head lice. This can happen when people play, cuddle or work closely together.

Head lice do not have wings or jumping legs so they cannot fly or jump from head to head. They can only crawl.

Finding head lice

Many lice do not cause an itch, so you have to look carefully to find them.

Head lice are found on the hair itself and move to the scalp to feed. They have six legs which end in a claw and they rarely fall from the head. Louse eggs (also called nits) are laid within 1.5 cm of the scalp and are firmly attached to the hair. They resemble dandruff, but can’t be brushed off.

Lice can crawl and hide. The easiest and most effective way to find them is to follow these steps:

**Step 1** Comb any type of hair conditioner on to dry, brushed (detangled) hair. This stuns the lice and makes it difficult for them to grip the hair or crawl around.

**Step 2** Now comb sections of the hair with a fine tooth, head lice comb.

**Step 3** Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue.

**Step 4** Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs.

**Step 5** Repeat the combing for every part of the head at least four or five times.

If lice or eggs are found, the hair should be treated.

If the person has been treated recently and you only find empty hatched eggs, you may not have to treat, as the empty eggs could be from a previous episode.

Treating head lice

Treating head lice involves removing lice and eggs from the hair. There are two ways you can do this:

1. Buying and using a head lice lotion or shampoo, following the instructions on the product
2. Using the conditioner and comb method (described under ‘finding head lice’) every second day until there have been no live lice found for ten days.

If you choose to use a head lice product always read and follow the instructions provided with the product carefully. The following points may also be helpful:

- Head lice products must be applied to all parts of the hair and scalp.
- No treatment kills all of the eggs so treatment must involve two applications, seven days apart. The first treatment kills all lice, the second treatment kills the lice that may have hatched from eggs not killed by the first treatment.
- Cover the person’s eyes while the treatment is being applied. A towel is a good way to do this.
- If you are using a lotion, apply the product to dry hair.
- If you are using a shampoo, wet the hair, but use the least amount of water possible.
- Apply the treatment near the scalp, using an ordinary comb to cover the hair from root to tip. Repeat this several times until all the hair is covered.

There is no need to treat the whole family - unless they also have head lice.

Concentrate on the head - there is no need to clean the house or the classroom.

Only the pillowcase requires washing - either wash it in hot water (at least 60°C) or dry it using a clothes dryer on the hot or warm setting.
Testing resistance

Head lice products belong in one of the following categories depending on the active compound they contain:
- pyrethrins
- synthetic pyrethroids (permethrin, bioallethrin)
- organophosphates (malathion or malathion)
- herbal with or without natural (non-chemical) pyrethrins.

Insecticide resistance is common, so you should test if lice are dead. If they are, treat again in seven days using the same product. If the lice are not dead, the treatment has not worked and the lice may be resistant to the product and all products containing the same active compound. Wash off the product and treat as soon as possible using a product containing a different active compound. If the insecticide has worked, the lice will be dead within 20 minutes.

Any head lice product could cause a reaction and should be used with care by women who are pregnant or breastfeeding, children less than 12 months old and people with allergies, asthma or open wounds on the scalp. If you are unsure, please check with your pharmacist or doctor.

Head lice eggs

Head lice eggs are small (the size of a pinhead) and oval. A live egg will "pop" when squashed between fingernails. Dead eggs have crumpled sides and hatched eggs look like tiny boiled eggs with their tops cut off.

Regulations

According to the Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2009, children with head lice can be re-admitted to school or children's service centres after treatment has commenced.

The department recommends a child with head lice can be treated one evening and return to school or children's service centres the next day, even if there are some eggs present. There is no need to miss school or child care because of head lice.

Preventing head lice

Check your child's head regularly with comb and conditioner. There is no research to prove that chemical or herbal therapies can prevent head lice.

Further information

The following website offers further information: www.health.vic.gov.au/headlice

The life cycle of head lice

Pediculus humanus capitis

1. Egg is laid on hair shaft. Egg is called a "nail"
2. Louse emerges after six to seven days
3. First moult two days after hatching
4. Second moult five days after hatching
5. Third moult 10 days after hatching
6. Emerging from third moult as adult lice, the female and slightly smaller male begin to reproduce
7. Female lays first egg one or two days after mating
8. Female can lay approximately three to eight eggs per day for the next 16 days
9. Having lived 32 to 35 days the louse dies

The information in this pamphlet is based on the research conducted and written by Associate Professor Rick Speare and the team of researchers at, School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, James Cook University.

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