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 25th July

Hello Everyone,

It seems Education funding is a hot topic in many places at the moment. It was this time last year when the Gonski review was discussed and the related campaign to improve Education funding began.

Australia lags behind internationally in investment in public education

The latest ‘Education at a Glance’ OECD report of world education reveals a number of areas where Australia’s investment in education as well as institutionalised practices lag behind the rest of the world.

- Only two major countries in the world spend a smaller proportion of public funding on public schools than Australia.
- The proportion of public expenditure on government schools in Australia has dropped significantly over time.
- Australia’s public school class sizes remain large and teaching hours long by comparison with OECD nations.
- Australia’s teachers spend a higher number of weeks and hours teaching than the international average.
- Australia is ranked 33rd among the 36 OECD countries included in the analysis.
- Only 13 per cent of Australian three-year-olds are enrolled in early childhood education programs, compared with the OECD average of 67 per cent.

Read the Australian Education Union’s media release and the Age’s analysis of these alarming results.

Important Dates

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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.
Gonski could be great for our school

The Catholic education sector has signed up to the Federal Government's "Gonski" Better Schools funding plan, saying it will "deliver significant increases" in funding for every child in the Catholic system.

Almost two-thirds of the children in Australia will now benefit under the Better Schools plan, which will deliver extra funding and extra resources to government schools, Catholic schools and independent schools in most of the states in Australia.

The ACT, South Australia, Tasmania and the Coalition government in New South Wales are all on board.

Earlier this month the independent schools sector also agreed to take on the Gonski changes.

Western Australia, the Northern Territory, Queensland and Victoria have not yet signed up to the multi-billion-dollar scheme that was spearheaded by businessman David Gonski.

The opinions of parents are an important indicator of how well our school is meeting the needs of students. Our parent opinions are sought every year in late July – early August. A group of parents, who have been randomly selected by our administration software, are asked to respond to a brief questionnaire about our school.

This year a random sample of 60 families has been selected. If yours is one of these families, you will receive a package of materials next week. The survey needs to be returned by Monday August 5th.

We pride ourselves on valuing the partnership between teachers, parents and students at Morang South, highly. We like to hear about our successes and we always take seriously suggestions for improvement. If you have been chosen as one of the families asked to complete the survey we would ask for you to please give us just a little of your time to do so. We would really appreciate as many responses as possible in order for us to gather as much information as we can from our survey. The responses and comments remain anonymous. The sealed envelopes are sent to the Education Department where they are opened and the responses recorded. We receive the collated results.

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

with the slip completed. Thank you

The City of Whittlesea is currently asking for support to develop a Social Marketing campaign to ‘get families walking riding or jogging for better health.’ The City of Whittlesea is one of fourteen municipalities to have received funding from the State Government to support increase activity and reduce obesity. Last night a presentation was made to School Council by staff from Plenty Valley Health and the City of Whittlesea. We were then able to give feedback on a number of issues related to involving families in moderate activity and exercise. This was a valuable experience for us and we hope that our comments and suggestions assist the organisers in their effort to mount an effective campaign. Look out in our area for details!

Between the staff and children participated in the “Biggest Morning Tea” last term we raised $1000. We thank you all for your contributions. This money has been used to support a family suffering from the effects of cancer. It has been greatly appreciated and will ease the financial burden associated with this illness.

As the policy making body, School Council regularly reviews school policies. The Dress Code Policy has now been through an extensive consultation process including School Council, PFA, parent community, staff and student voice. The final draft is currently with our School Councillors and will be discussed and finalised at the next School Council meeting on Wednesday August 28th. It will then be distributed with the Newsletter.
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

Morang South Primary School participants of Victorian State School Spectacular dress rehearsal at Hisense Arena.
Grades Prep – 6
Term 2 week 10

Home Group 1: Jonathan
Home Group 2: Shreya
Home Group 3: Home Group 3
Home Group 4: Jack & Ashlyn
Home Group 7: Josh
Home Group 9: Renae, Josh & Stephanie
Home Group 11: Home Group 11
Home Group 13: Lauren & Ajay
Home Group 14: Eric
Home Group 15: Kyle
Home Group 16: Brian
Home Group 22: Emma
Home Group 23: Niveditha
Home Group 24: Eva
Arts Award Prep – 2: Home Group 1
Arts Award Gr 3-6: Home Group 07
P.E Prep: Home Group 2
P.E Gr 1-6: Home Group 16
### Stars of the Week

Grades Prep – 6  
Term 3 week 2

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Inter-School Chess Tournament

On the 26th of June, we sent ten of our chess club players to Lalor Primary to compete in a regional primary school tournament. It was possibly the closest tournament we've ever competed in, with only a few points separating the top five. We were hovering between second and third for the entire day and eventually finishing third after having second pulled out from beneath us in the last round. This tournament also marked the first tournament we got to play with our new member, Jonathon, whom recently moved here from New Zealand. Our entire team finished in the top 45 out of 80, which is impressive in itself, on top of this nine out of ten players won more than half of their games. We did, however, have a couple of extreme standout performances. Our new member, Jonathon, finished second, not losing a game and only drawing two out of seven, landing him six points out of a possible seven. Then there was Alyssa, the girl who nearly didn't come to the tournament and performed only second to Jonathon on the day. She received three different medals - the third place medal—our entire team got for coming third, the best girl and the most improved. Overall, the entire day was enjoyable and about as thrilling as it can get for a school chess tournament. We were extremely impressed by our players performance and behaviour and are looking forward to the next tournament at the end of this term at Mill Park Heights Primary.

Rhys Gevaux
During week 9 of last term we got to decorate biscuits. We used pink or green icing and got to stick lollies on top. Then we got to eat them, yum!
A DAY TO SPARKLE

Junior School Council will be holding a fundraising day on

**Wednesday the 31st of July**

to support the Children’s Cancer Centre at the Royal Children’s Hospital through the Tiana Reidy Foundation.

Students are asked to come dressed in:

**PINK, PURPLE and SPARKLY**

clothes in exchange for a gold coin donation.
Scholastic Book Club-Due Thursday 8th August

Today your children have received leaflets from Scholastic Book Club.

**If paying by credit card or cheque please read the information in the boxes below.**

If you wish to place an order please follow the procedure below – leaflets are given out on a **Thursday** (usually with the newsletter) and due back the **following Thursday**.

**This order is due back on Thursday 8th August.**

Clearly fill in the form on back of the leaflet with **child’s name and home group** and order total (if older children fill in forms could parents please check them, as we had a number of orders without names or home groups on the order) enclose order & correct money or cheque in a clearly named envelope making sure change is secure. Family orders may be placed in one envelope with one payment.

Orders need to go through class cashbooks.

**There are no late orders as the order is processed on the closing day**

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**CREDIT CARDS**

Please note that arrangements for the use of credit cards. For added security you need to ring Scholastic on the number provided on the form. You will be supplied with a receipt number that you need to fill in on your form. You do not need to supply your credit card number to the school.

**Problems?** See Deb Powell. There are plenty of spare leaflets if your child has misplaced the leaflet.

**How long do orders take?** Orders come from Sydney and are normally here with in two weeks. Please don’t hesitate to contact Deb Powell if you have any queries.

Thank you to all the families who are able to support Book Club and earn many free resources for the library.
SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY FAIR

Morang South Primary School will once again be conducting a Science/Technology Fair to celebrate “Science Week”. This will be held on Tuesday August 13th and Wednesday August 14th. Parents are invited to attend with their child on the evening of Tuesday August 13th between 7.00 and 8.00 pm. Participating students are required to bring their entries to the gym at 8.45am on Tuesday August 13th and will take them home on Wednesday August 14th.

Leanne Nicholls (Technology Co-ordinator)
Karen Jeffery (Science Co-ordinator)

Want to work in
HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE ? and around the kids ?
Government funded training and support into a Home and Community Care Traineeship

Starts 29th July 2013 in Heidelberg

Supported training for 6 weeks 3 days
(9.30am to 2.30pm)
Offering 4 units incl. First Aid Level 2
Employer visits/Interviews

Interested ? Contact Louise on

(03) 9450 4300

The Australian Apprenticeships Access Program is funded by the Australian Government.

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OSHC NEWS

Hello South Morang Community,

Welcome back to a frosty term 3. A BIG congratulations Kristin for becoming a registered teacher. We are so happy for you, but so sad to have lost you in OSHC!!

Don’t we have some SUPER exciting activities for you to join in with this term... Jump onto www.campaustralia.com.au and register no!

- Reannan, Diane and Courtney

REMININDERS

- 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... Matthew L and Emily

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Program hours

Before School Care
7:00 – 8:45
After School Care
3:30 – 6:00

www.campaustralia.com.au
The MSPS Classifieds are a Parents & Friends Association Fundraising initiative that will have a SPECIAL OFFER for the August Classifieds!

The Parents and Friends Association have been working very hard to collect advertisements for our 2013 monthly Classifieds. We have found this quite challenging! Many businesses tell us how they can advertise on Facebook for free. We have explained the exposure our Classifieds includes our families, friends, local schools, Facebook groups/pages and our school website. We have also explained that it's not just about advertising, it is about supporting our local primary school and contributing to the educational programs at Morang South PS.

As a result, to increase the number of advertisements, we are offering to the parents of our school, who own or work for a business, to advertise their business card in our August Classifieds for only $5... not $15. If each family was to participate we could raise over $1500.00 while supporting our families businesses!

Please complete and return to school

☑ YES I would like to support this Parents and Friends fundraising initiative and participate in the AUGUST Classifieds Business Card Special Offer!

I have enclosed my business card and $5 as payment for my business card to participate in the SPECIAL OFFER for the August Classifieds!

Student name: ___________________ Home Group: ________

Business name: ___________________ Contact Phone Number: ___________________

Parent's Signature: _____________________________ Date: ..... / ..... / .......
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.

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.
Asthma tips for Parents and Carers this Winter

Winter can be a hard time for people with asthma as could weather, coughs, colds and the flu can bring on more symptoms and attacks.

- The common cold is caused by a virus and it is important to try not to cough and sneeze near other people, and to wash hands properly to prevent passing on the infection. The flu is different to the common cold and can be a much more serious viral infection.
- People with asthma are recommended to have an annual influenza vaccination (the flu shot). Preventing the flu protects people with asthma, as those with asthma are often unwell for longer and have a much harder time recovering from the flu.
- Make sure your child’s asthma is well-controlled; this will help them to bounce back quicker from a cough or cold and will help prevent asthma attacks when they are unwell.
- Some medications and herbal remedies that we use for colds and flu can make asthma worse. Speak to your doctor or pharmacist about any concerns you may have.
- Antibiotics are not normally prescribed for the common cold, or influenza, as these medications will not help a cold get better. Effective medications may include paracetamol and decongestants; however seek advice from your doctor or pharmacist before purchasing them for your child.
- Suggested remedies for the flu and the common cold are: rest, staying hydrated by drinking plenty of water, staying away from cigarette smoke, using steam inhalation, gargling with salty water for a sore throat and seeking medical advice if concerned at any time.

For more information on the common cold, medications and references used in this article please see the Better Health Channel (State Government of Victoria) - [www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au) and the NPS website -[www.nps.org.au](http://www.nps.org.au).

Contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 ASTHMA (1800 278 462) or [www.asthma.org.au](http://www.asthma.org.au).

**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.