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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28 November 2013

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello Everyone,

At MSPS we have an extensive and effective transition program for all grade levels, which enables our children to be well prepared for the next year.

As you know our pre-school to school transition process is well under way. The 2014 preps will have already had three enjoyable sessions, getting to know our school and what to expect next year, with one more to come. The pre-school to school transition program continues with a parent information evening tonight and the prep family barbecue next Thursday evening.

The intra-school process commenced on Tuesday. The children and staff had a wonderful time talking about what to expect next year, getting to know each other and completing some activities to assist with their transition.

The grade 5 students spent yesterday working with Rachel Young and Marg Eames developing their leadership skills and preparing for the 2014 leadership process.

The grade 6 students spent yesterday preparing for Secondary School, moving from class to class and getting to know different teachers.

The process to appoint our 2014 student leaders has commenced. This is a most enjoyable and exciting process albeit rigorous. It is wonderful to see our grade 5 students step up to the mark and put into practice all they have learned about themselves, our values, leadership and responsibility during their education and life journey so far. The teaching staff, Sandi and myself look forward to hearing the speeches of those students who nominate for leadership positions and then having the pleasure of interviewing the shortlisted applicants.

In recent weeks the teaching staff have been working long hours to write the end of year reports for our students.

Sandi and I are looking forward to

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.
This is a valuable part of our curriculum development. The Voluntary Grounds and Maintenance Contribution will remain at $20 per family. School Council encourages all families to pay this as it makes a significant contribution to the maintenance and development of our grounds. And I am sure you will agree that Leanne Roberts does an amazing job of overseeing the development and maintenance of our lovely grounds. Visitors always comment on how wonderful they look. The DEECD allocate us approximately $5000 for grounds and this doesn’t even cover our mowing.

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 2pm 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.

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.

EMA FORMS

Application forms for 2014 EMA will be sent home with the booklist in the near future.

Applications must be returned to the office by the 28th February 2014.

Just a reminder you need to fill out a new application form at the start of each year

Planning week commences on Tuesday December 10th and finishes on Monday December 16th. During this week the teachers work together in teams for the day to commence planning for the following term. The classes are taken by Specialist and Casual relief teachers for the day. This is a valuable part of our curriculum development.

Thank you to Deb Powell and the PFA for running a successful Book Fair during the past week. We appreciate the community’s support and hope you were all able to find a little something for those Christmas stockings!

The DEECD has 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.

I received the following information from a concerned parent during the week and a similar report about another incident from another parent. I am most concerned for our children.

“I was behind a parent who pulled into the 3 minute drop-off. Got out of her car, locked a younger child in the front seat of the car unrestrained and walked the older child to the school gate where she stood for at least 5 minutes talking to the older child. I know it’s hard to get all the kids out and she was within ear and eye shot of her car but I still think there is no excuse. I did take down the number plate. I didn’t approach the parent. I didn’t know honestly whether to call the police and give the number plate to them or the council to take a closer surveillance of the 3 minute drop-off.”

In order to prevent harm to children, I would encourage a parent who sees such dangerous and illegal behavior to contact both the police and the Whittlesea Council!

I have also been alerted to the fact that the Council By-Laws officers have been in the area recently and are booking people whose cars are illegally parked. They are being particularly diligent at the Community Centre behind the school. PLEASE READ THE SIGNS AROUND PARKING AREAS CAREFULLY.

Thank you to those parents who set the right example for our students and obey the parking laws. They can be inconvenient at times but I hope you’d all agree it’s much better to be safe than sorry!

A huge thank you to Masters for kindly helping us out with a donation of paint for the grade 5/6 billy carts. I have already seen some of the colourful results and they are a sight to behold. We are all looking forward to Billy Cart day on Friday December 13th.

Each year we like to show our appreciation and recognise the time and effort our parent volunteers put into the school and the myriad of ways in which they support us throughout the year. This year we are holding a morning tea on Tuesday, 10th December 2013 at 11 am, to express our thanks to these wonderful parent helpers.
If you have assisted in the school in any way during the year, we hope you will join us for morning tea.

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

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

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Government is committed to ensuring that all schools are as ready as possible for dealing with emergencies including natural disasters. The safety of children and staff is paramount.

Every school has an Emergency Management Plan that outlines responsibilities, procedures and actions in the event of an emergency.

Parents are advised to ensure that their contact details, including mobile phone number, are always up-to-date.

Schools have curriculum resources to assist in preparing students for the threat of emergencies and how to cope in these situations.

Emergency management is a dynamic process that can be described as:

- the process of planning to prevent the impacts of an emergency;
- preparing for the broadest ranges of emergencies;
- being able to respond safely, quickly and effectively; and
- being prepared and capable of recovering from the emergency.

An emergency is considered an event (actual or imminent) which endangers or destroys life, property or the environment, and which requires a significant and coordinated response. It is any event which has an impact on your ability to care for or educate children under your supervision.

Prevention & Preparedness

Planning for an incident is crucial. It will help those involved to better handle it and ensure that decisions that are made have been considered previously with possible outcomes already known. There are many stages of planning and preparation that are vitally important. Some of these include:

- establishing a planning team (coordinator and key staff);
- analysing the teams capabilities;
- determining possible risks and hazards; and
- communicating the plan to emergency services, parents and the local community.

Emergency Management at Morang South Primary School

MSPS has an Emergency Management Coordinator who meets regularly with key staff to review and discuss school processes, evacuations and policies in emergency situations.

The Emergency plan has been approved by School Council and submitted to the DEECD.

Our designated evacuation spaces are:

- external - basketball courts
- internal - western building rooms 7 – 16; Art room and Open Learning Area
- lock down - classrooms
- off site - the Commercial Hotel Car Park (practice involves preparing to leave our site and marshalling at the front of the school)

We have practiced these evacuations throughout the year, with a high level of success and precision. Great work from all the staff and the students involved.

Thanks to Leanne Nicholls for her management and work with the key staff and her commitment to ensuring all processes are completed with the highest level of care and consideration.
Home Group 1: Home Group 1
Home Group 3: Ailin & Kylah
Home Group 7: Jessica & Josh
Home Group 11: Shaun
Home Group 14: Chelsea
Home Group 15: Nicole D, Aidan M & Emma
Home Group 22: Declan & Jennifer
Home Group 24: Jarrod & Logan
P.E. 1-6: Home Group 11

Home Group 2: Taj & Zachary
Home Group 4: Naomi & Phoebe
Home Group 9: Mark & Andrew
Home Group 13: Luke & Kobi
Home Group 15: Aidan B, Mia, Bronte & Emmerson
Home Group 16: Thomas & Liam
Home Group 23: Ella & Logan
Science: Home Groups 1, 2 & 3
Mini beast discoveries by HG22

A ladybug has two layers of wings. By Ava

A black widow spider has venom 15 times more dangerous than a rattlesnake. By Declan

All caterpillars hatch from tiny eggs. By Ethan

White Tail spiders are poisonous. By Yaraan

Butterflies can be poisonous. By Shelby

A butterfly’s wings tickle you if you hold them. By Jenny

White Tail spiders are poisonous. By Taylum

Butterflies have 3 parts to their body. By Madison

A ladybird has 6 legs. By Misha

A spider can have 6 or 8 eyes. By Stephanie

Spiders have 8 legs. By Lucas

Worms like to dig in dirt. By Diesel

All caterpillars have tiny breathing holes. By Peter

A spider has 2 body parts. By Emma

Some spiders have a stinger on their back. By Karan

Some people have died because of spider bites. By Max

Most butterflies live for about 6 weeks. By Ryan

A butterfly has 6 legs. By Kendall

My favourite mini beast is a ladybird. Did you know that ladybirds have spare wings behind the red shell? By Renee

Insects don’t have red blood. They have colourless blood. By Dev

Bombardier beetles spray a stinging liquid. By Mihail

Some butterflies look like they have four eyes on their wings. By Lachie
HG22 made a Wordle on mini beasts. Every student in the grade supplied a word that they associate with mini beasts. Perhaps you could ask your child if they know how to use the Wordle program.
BOOK FAIR NEWS

Thank you to everyone who visited the book fair we appreciate your support to help to raise money & donations for our school library.

A huge thank you to our wonderful Parents & Friends volunteers who helped with running the book fair.

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CHRISTMAS HAMPER DRIVE

4TH OF DECEMBER, 2013

OUT OF SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY

in exchange for non-perishable items or toiletries.

Some suggestions include:

Canned fruit, canned vegies, canned soup, noodles, baked beans, flour, sugar, pasta, pasta sauce, tomato sauce, cereal, rice, beans, toilet paper, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo & conditioner, soap.

The items donated will provide local disadvantaged families with the much needed support and assistance over this often difficult period.

On behalf of the Whittlesea Emergency Relief Network
(Whittlesea Community Connections, Northside Community Care, Plenty Valley Church, Plenty Valley Adventist Church, Uniting Church Plenty Valley, Kildonan Unitingcare, Plenty Valley Salvation Army, Epping Centerlink)

Thanks for your support

Junior School Council
A message from your local Telstra Plenty Valley Store...

The school holidays can provide children more time to spend online, possibly unsupervised, while adults are busy going about their daily tasks. The Internet can be a dangerous place for the unwary, particularly children. A person’s ‘digital footprint’ can be as easy to follow as their real footprints. Many parents worry about how to protect their children from Internet harm or unwelcome contact. This may include harassment, bullying (known as ‘cyberbullying’), stalking or grooming (making friends with the purpose of having inappropriate contact at a later stage). It is important to explain the dangers of careless Internet use to your child and keep an active eye on their Internet use. Teach your child to protect themselves online.

Keep the family safe with Parental Controls and Telstra Safe Social™ to help protect your kids on social networks. Bank and shop safely by keeping your personal and financial information secure with BigPond Safecentral™ and Web Threat Protection™.

Telstra Safe Social™ helps you guide your kids online and alerts you when:

- they add new friends, especially those 'out of their network' or potentially inappropriate for their age
- the photos or videos they are watching on YouTube, Google+, Instagram or Facebook might be unsuitable
- the conversation on their account turns nasty (which can indicate cyber bullying)
- words being used in your child’s feed indicate something of concern might happen

BigPond Security with cloud based Parental Controls gives you peace of mind when your family is online.

Call 9437 8650 or visit us at Westfield Plenty Valley to find out more about keeping your children and family safe online these holidays.

Have a safe and merry Christmas from your local Telstra Plenty Valley Team.
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

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.
CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Our popular Christmas Raffle will be drawn on Monday 16th December at “Carols on the Turf”

Tickets for the Christmas Raffle will be on sale on the night of Carols on the Turf as well

Christmas donations are greatly appreciated -

Our donations box is in the school foyer

WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DISCO/ DANCE PARTY

Friday 6th 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
Our term fun so far

The team at After School Care have had such a great time so far this term, playing different games, making new craft, learning to cook and many more fun things. We have even got to welcome new faces to OSHC, it’s never too late to join in with the excitement. Jump onto www.campaaustralia.com.au and register today!

We LOVE donating and also receiving donations. Thank you Tristen S for the lovely books you gave us to read.

IMPORTANT reminder to OSHC families: the 20th December is the last day of school for 2013 and we DO NOT run an After School Care program on this day. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Next week we are celebrating ‘Summer’ as an underlying theme. We reflect on how special and different our Australian summer is to other countries, and all the fun we can have while being safe in the sun. 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!

Ticket in the Tub Winners:

Tristen S, Ann,
Lachlan H and Ella

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.campaaustralia.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.campaaustralia.com.au/newparents

We make kids smile
www.campaaustralia.com.au
SCOUTS, BIG XMAS TREE SALE

Masters South Morang car park (McDonalds Rd)

Every Saturday from 10-3pm from 30 November until 21 December

Prebook your tree with Greg on 0437888244

MUSIC OPEN LESSON DAY

Morang South Primary School
in association with Primary Music Institute
cordially invites you to attend a special event - our Music Open Lesson Day.

All parents and relatives, especially those of our present instrumental music students, are invited to come and see the students take part in a group keyboard music lesson on Thursday 5 December.

The Primary Music Institute teacher will demonstrate different aspects covered during the typical music lesson. This provides a great opportunity for parents to gain a better understanding of the program and to interact with the teacher.

Lessons will be held at the usual times unless an unexpected event occurs at school on the day.

Parents are advised to check with the school or Primary Music Institute (admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.au) if in doubt of the lesson time of their child.

So come and join in the fun!