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.

7th February 2013

From the Principal

We really have had a smooth start to the year. I hope you have all received the welcome back letter I sent home last week. The grades are settled and already focussing on their learning. Our preps have settled well and I warmly welcome them and the other new children across the school, along with their families. Everyone seems to have had a very relaxing holiday and there has been lots of talk and sharing of experiences amongst the children and the staff about their holidays.

I feel very confident that we will have another exciting and productive ‘learning’ year at Morang South.

A huge thank you to you all for how you have supported your children to make sure that they have sufficient “brain” food and water to ensure they can get through to second lunch without having to eat the snack food which doesn’t assist their learning.

The teachers are again allowing the children to eat fruit during the long sessions and the children are really enjoying this and responding well. This focus on eating and drinking to support our learning is a wonderful feature of our school.

Once again we have asked the Prep’s not to bring disposable packaging to school. This year we are asking our prep to threes to continue the habit of not bringing disposable packaging. There are a variety of containers on the market now which pack easily into lunch boxes to enable lunches to be package free. I’d like to congratulate the many other families who have voluntarily chosen to join us in this pursuit of a more environmentally friendly school. Thank you.

I have recently sent home a list of the staff and their roles and a school map. I have also added these as a PDF attachment to this newsletter for your information. I hope you will find these useful and retain them to assist you when you need to contact a staff member or find a room.

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.
Again this year Jenny Tollit will be our Office Manager Leanne Roberts remains our Business Manager, and Mary-Anne Pollock remains our First Aide Officer, but will continue to run our Language Support Program and work in our Program for Students with Disabilities. Deb Powell will also spend some time working in our office area and work in our English as an Additional Language program. We are always looking to offer staff opportunities for multi-skilling and to improve our efficiency and processes, so if you have some feedback or suggestions for us, please contact us.

Due to the continued success of our PREPIC program, we are running this transition to prep program in conjunction with EPIC once again. The program will remain in room 18. This is an exciting program and will support ten children with Special Needs to have an opportunity to have two years in Prep. Chris McCulloch and Nicole Turner are running this program until the end of term one. Sam Jones will be returning at the commencement of term 2.

On Monday February 11th we will be presenting our School Captains with their badges. Our student leaders are an important part of our school and we congratulate them all on their appointments. We are looking forward to coming weeks when we will appoint our Junior School Councillors, Student Voice team; office, library, flag, gate and yard duty monitors; ICT Leaders and the school reporter and photographer.

All schools constantly battle with the crowded curriculum. To enable us to manage this we will be implementing a new assembly schedule. This schedule for term 1 is included with the Newsletter for your convenience. This term is always a busy one filled with lots of opportunities for parents and children to meet with the staff and each other as we cement our relationships as a learning community. Please be sure to check the Important Dates list on the front page of the Newsletter to ensure you are aware of school activities.

Our information evenings are scheduled for the week beginning Monday February 18th. Please note the dates but understand it is dependent on the AEU and Government reaching agreement and the 38 hour week work bans being lifted. Later in the term we will be running our three way conferences. If the Government has come to agreement with the AEU. Our staff always put our students first and these bans are laying heavily on them. However, educators and school staff wish to have their voice heard.

PFA meetings also commence this term on February 20th.

School Council Elections and Meeting

At Morang South we have a really fantastic School Council. The first meeting for the year was held last week, when we approved the grade 5/6 camp application and reviewed the School council Standing orders.

As you will know from the letter sent home last week, I have called for 2013 School Council elections. Nominations close this Friday.

The Annual General Meeting will be on Wednesday February 27th at 7:40 p.m. in the staffroom. We hope lots of you will come along. This year there will be four parent vacancies for elected representatives on School Council.

If you would like to nominate for one of the routine vacancies or be coopted to the community vacancies for School Council, you can call at the office for a nomination form or if you wish to know more about the work of School Council, please contact me.

A Few other reminders

School Arrival Times

Please ensure that your children do not arrive at school preferably, before 8:45 and certainly not before 8:30 in the mornings. We have staff on duty from 8:45 until 9:00.

Riding Bikes and other “wheeled” items to School

We are very happy for children to ride their bikes and wheeled objects to school. However, they must wear a helmet and must not ride their bike in the school grounds before or after school. If they don’t adhere to these two requests they will be unable to bring their bike to school.

Student Dress Code

Please familiarise yourself and your child/children with the student dress code sent home with this Newsletter. It was updated after extensive community consultation. It is currently being reviewed.

Please remember when purchasing items they need to conform to the dress code.

If your child is not in uniform they need to bring a note of explanation.

While the grade six children are allowed to wear black trousers and shorts they need to be logo and stripe free and conform to the Dress code.

As we are a Sun Smart school, In Term 1 and until the end of April in term 2, it is compulsory for the children to wear a hat when in the playground. This includes during PE. Please ensure that your child has a school hat. It is a good idea for them to leave it in their bag overnight then they will have it at school each day.
By following the dress code families are demonstrating **respect** for our school and acknowledging their commitment to our learning community.

Please make sure all items of clothing are named with both first and last names. Any lost items will be returned if named and at the end of each week, any un-named clothing will go to our second-hand uniform shop.

**Booklists & Payments**

The ordering and distribution of booklist materials went smoothly again this year. Thanks to Leanne’s fine organisation and your cooperation and patience. BPAY and EFTPOS are working very well. Thank you for your great feedback.

We are constantly working on improving the system. I would like to thank all of the office staff but particularly Leanne Roberts, who worked so hard to ensure that everyone received their booklist materials in an efficient manner. Leanne’s organisation and lateral thinking improves the process every year.

At Morang South we provide the students with a comprehensive and varied curriculum. I am sure that you will understand that it is imperative that we receive the amounts we have set for our 2013 booklists.

These funds are vital for your child/children and us. Some members of the broader public are of the opinion that education is ‘free’. In an ideal world we would all like this to be so. However, we are living in a world where there are many competing needs for the tax dollars. The Government clearly states that ‘tuition’ (teaching) is free but families are expected to **pay for books, paper and the myriad of other consumables the children use in their programs at school**.

Thank you, to those of you who have already paid their booklist contributions or have seen Jenny or myself about a payment plan. We would appreciate it if those families who have not paid the requested amount at this stage would do so as soon as possible, particularly those with children in Prep where the children’s materials are purchased in bulk.

**Thank you for your support in this! We appreciate your cooperation and the respect you have for your child’s learning and our school programs.**

As most of you will know, we email our Newsletter. If you would like a hard copy of the Gorge News, there will be some available in the **foyer for collection** by you or your child.

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**  
**Week 02**

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![Image of students holding certificates]
This Tuesday the school Reporters Haylee and Maddy interviewed some of the prep parents about what they thought about their children coming to school. Lots of the preps are very excited as they told us.

Some of the things that the preps are looking forward to are learning to read, write, make new friends and some children were excited to be in the same school as their siblings and friends from kindergarten.

Here are some of the answers from the parents that we surveyed. They were worried about their child showing off and being silly in front of their friends. Some children had some embarrassing stories from the Tuesday morning such as, waking up early and not being able to put their uniform on properly.

Some parents are sad that the child is growing up so fast. Lots of parents are going home to relax and enjoy the peace and quiet while doing chores they can’t normally do when their child is home.

Most parents predict there child will be very tried tonight after school and some other parents think that their child will play electronic devices, and enjoy telling their parents what they did at school that day.

Lots of the preps are very excited about going to school every day, and try learn lots of new and exciting things.

Written and information collected by our School Reporters

Haylee and Maddy

Photos taken by School Photographer: Alanah.
This week grades 3-6 enjoyed their first ‘Arts’ session.

Grade 3/4 are beginning the year with a Visual Arts project. Grade 5/6 will be completing a project this term that involves the many dimensions of ‘The Arts’. This includes: Visual Arts and Performing Arts (Dance, Singing, Drama and later in the year recorder 😊).

I have asked the students to cover the black front cover of their Visual Arts Diary (VAD) with a patterned contact or a collage of photos, drawing or magazine pictures. **Then could you please cover it in clear contact and send it back to school before Tuesday 12th February.**

Thank you,

Sandi Young

(assistant Principal & Grades 3-6 Art Teacher)

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Hi, I’m Miss B, and I am very excited to be teaching The Arts (P-2) and Prep P.E this year. I graduated from university last year after having spent some time teaching English as an Additional Language in Asia and Europe where I discovered my passion for teaching.

**The Arts (P-2)**
This term, grade Prep-2 classes will begin exploring painting and collage along with Performing Arts (including music, dance and drama).

**Prep P.E.**
This week, grade preps had their first P.E session in the Paringa Gym complex where they are beginning to explore loco motor movements and running.

*Miss Julie Bosevska (The Arts P-2/Prep P.E Teacher)*
STUDENT DRESS CODE
(As amended by School Council 13th June 2007) (Currently under review)

RATIONALE:
Wearing the compulsory school uniform fosters pride in the school and unifies students from various social backgrounds into a more cohesive school community. It encourages children to identify with the school and helps to break down discrimination by removing peer pressure to conform to passing fashion trends.

Whilst on excursions, the uniform enables our children to be easily identified and helps them to project a positive image outside the school.

AIM:
To have all children at this school wearing the compulsory uniform everyday as described within this policy.

IMPLEMENTATION:
All children are to wear uniform at all times.

1: DESCRIPTION OF THE UNIFORM
Parents and children may choose from any of the options listed below.

JUMPERS: A maroon top with a white Morang South logo in either windcheater or bomber jacket styles. The Grade 6 jacket will be black with the children’s signatures inscribed on it. An explanation on how to order this will go home with the grade six booklist each year.

SHIRTS: A maroon polo shirt with white Morang South logo, or a white polo shirt with maroon Morang South logo. These are available with either long or short sleeves.

SHORTS: Maroon cotton knit elastic waist unisex short or a maroon drill short (mid thigh – knee length) for boys. Grade six children may wear a black short in the styles listed above. All shorts must be above knee length; no three quarter length shorts.

PANTS: Unisex maroon track pants. Maroon drill pants for boys and bootleg pants for girls are optional. Grade six children may wear black pants in the styles listed above.

EXTRA OPTIONS FOR GIRLS: Girls may also choose to wear our summer dress, maroon skirt or the winter tunic (tunic has detachable bodice and may be worn as a skirt only). Black skirt is optional for Grade six. Socks can be worn with dress, skirt or tunic. Maroon or black tights may be worn with the tunic/winter skirt if extra warmth is desired. No shorts or pants are to be visible below the hemline of the dress. All hair accessories should be selected to conform to the colour scheme as listed in this policy.

HATS: These are compulsory in terms one and four and are available in a legionnaire, broad-brimmed and bucket hat style. They are available from the school office as well as our uniform supplier. A maroon, white or black beanie (no logos) may be worn in winter.

SOCKS: Only plain maroon, black or white socks may be worn.
SHOES: Solid practical shoes are to be worn – no thongs or open toed sandals. We would encourage black school shoes or sport shoes which are predominately black or white.

JEWELLERY: For safety reasons earrings must be studs or sleepers only.

SCHOOL BAGS: A maroon back pack style bag with the school logo is recommended. These are available from the school office.

ART SMOCK: A waterproof art smock is available, the purchase of which is optional. However, children must be provided with some kind of protective clothing for art.

Items not bearing school logo are acceptable only when colour and style are identical to standard uniform.

A neat and tidy appearance is expected at all times.

2. **AVAILABILITY:**

New uniforms are available from our approved supplier. A second hand uniform shop, at the school, is run by Parents and Friends – check on the door for opening times.

**EXEMPTIONS**

Exemptions will be provided where…..

- An aspect of the uniform policy offends a religious belief held by the student and/or parents.
- An aspect of the uniform policy prevents the student from complying with a requirement of his/her ethnic or cultural background.
- An aspect of the uniform policy prevents students with disabilities from being able to attend school or participate in school activities on the same terms as other students.
- The student has a particular health condition that requires a variation to the uniform policy.

For a short time when children are new to the school.

4. **AMENDMENTS TO THE UNIFORM POLICY:**

Any amendment to this policy requires a formal motion of the School Council, and only after a process of due consultation.

5. **ENFORCEMENT OF THE UNIFORM POLICY:**

A note of explanation from the parents is required on each occasion the child is not in uniform. If a particular student is regularly out of uniform, the Principal (or delegate) will follow up the matter with the child’s parents with a view to enabling the child to conform to the policy.

6. **EVALUATION:**

All children will be in the uniform. Follow up processes will be consistently applied where required.
Parents & Friends

XMAS RAFFLE 2012

Our Annual Xmas Raffle was held on our Carols night last year, & congratulations to all our winners:

1st Prize: Joshua Hempel
2nd Prize: Josh Johnson
3rd Prize: Stephanie O
4th Prize: Antoniou Family
5th Prize: Aidan Black
6th Prize: Anthony Parisi
7th Prize: Akash
8th Prize: Bill Woods
9th Prize: Emma Casati
10th Prize: Ben Pearce
11th Prize: Stephanie O
12th Prize: Yuan Qian
13th Prize: Charlotte Bradstreet
14th Prize: Shields
15th Prize: Brad Campbell
16th Prize: Aidan Black
17th Prize: Erika Lees
18th Prize: Sanjay, Sharin & Shymal
19th Prize: Kim Egan
20th Prize: Ford Family
21st Prize: Jayden Borg

EASTER RAFFLE

If you would like to contribute to our Easter raffle, a donations box can be found in the foyer.

CLASSIFIEDS

Advertising prices (per month) are:

- Business card $12
- ¼ page $18, ½ page $24
- Full page $48

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

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.

Full Life PHARMACY MILL PARK
AND Amcal PHARMACY RIVERGUM
Remember to place your receipts in the Morang South Primary School box

AGM Meeting:
Wednesday 13th February, 7:30pm in the staffroom

All welcomed
Lost your Art Smock?

Is your child’s art smock from last year missing? There are many art smocks in the art room that were not collected last year.

This Friday I will put all of the art smocks that I have in the quadrangle.

Please come and look to see if you can find your missing art smock.

Thank you,

Sandi Young

School Council Policy

Due to the number of allergies children have and sometimes a ‘fear’ factor, School Council has a policy regarding dogs in the school ground.

DOGS ARE NOT TO BE BROUGHT INTO OUR SCHOOL GROUNDS.

Please respect this policy and keep your dog out of our school grounds.

If your child would like to bring a pet for show and tell, please make special arrangements with their classroom teacher.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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OSHC NEWS

Hello South Morang Community,

Welcome everyone to a fantastic fresh year in OSHC. We are all excited to make new friends in 2013.

We have new and exciting craft, cooking and games to play. Come in and have a look around and get to know our lovely staff.

- Reannan & Kristin

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... Bailey and Kaylah

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