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### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

7th March 2013

We do a great deal of work with the children on **healthy eating**. We ask the children to not eat any “junk” food at first lunch. This enables them to focus on their learning properly during the first four sessions of the day. If they bring **healthy snacks** most teachers allow them to eat them during their **learning time**. We would prefer them not to have any “junk” food at all during the day but if you insist on giving it to them, please remind them to only eat it for second lunch.

This approach is clearly based on research and good practice. I know every parent wants only the best for their child and what could be more important than them being able to **focus on their learning**. I would also like to remind you that we would like every child to have a **water bottle** available during class time to ensure that they keep well **hydrated** during the day to enable their **brain to function** to the best of its ability.

Next Thursday our 2013 student leaders will be attending the **Impact Student Leadership Conference** held at the Melbourne Convention Centre. It will be an informative, busy and challenging day. I know that each of our leaders will bring back something from the day which they will use at school and in their lives. It is wonderful to see our young people grow as a result of these opportunities.
Our 2013 School Council is now in place. Congratulations to our officer bearers

President: Brad Campbell
Vice President: Anthea Newton
Treasurer: Stephen Potter
Secretary: Sandi Young
Parent Members: Rodney Cornwall, Emma Dickens, Ronda Pearce, Trudi Richards
Staff Members: Josie Dell’Aquila, Diana Gevaux, Emilia Iaconis
Executive Officer: Julie Jones

The next meeting is on Wednesday March 27th in the staff room.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) where we take a look back at 2012 and present the Annual Report to the Community will be held at 7.30pm. All parents and carers are welcome to attend this meeting. Please let us know if you are interested in attending. If you are unable to attend the Annual Report will be on our website.

There is still one community position available to which School Council can co-opt a community member, so if you are interested in being co-opted to School Council, please see me as soon as you are able. School Council is our governing body and consequently we need to ensure that we have adequate parent representation. Please consider joining even if you only have a small interest. I would only be too happy to have a detailed discussion about what it involves.

OOPS! NB. Third term student led conference is Wednesday.

The following Pupil Free Days were approved along with two alterations to the school day for student led conferences:

Tuesday March 26th – Student led conferences (Students attend for conference only)

Friday April 26th (Pupil Free Day)
Thursday August 8th (Pupil Free Day)
Wednesday September 18th - Student led conferences (Students attend for conference only)
Monday November 4th (Pupil Free Day)

Please put these dates in your diaries.

As most of you will know, we email our Newsletter. If you would like a hard copy of the Gorge News, there will be a limited number 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
Working with Children Check

In the interest of children safety and in order to streamline our processes for accommodating parents who wish to attend camps and excursions we would like to encourage all parents who volunteer to work in the school to obtain a Working With Children Check.

For this year we are requiring all PREP parents/carers volunteering to work in classrooms and attend excursions to obtain a volunteer working with children check. Next year we will require this for Prep and Grade 1 parents but hope that all parents willing to work in the school will support us by obtaining a WWC Check.

The Working With Children Check is a mandatory screening requirement for any Victorian who undertakes child-related work described in the Working with Children Act 2005. Under the Act, people who engage in paid or voluntary child-related work need a WWC Check.

The check involves

Consideration of:

criminal history records in all states and territories across your lifetime

disciplinary findings of Victorian professional bodies such as the Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT) and the out of home care Suitability Panel

relevant determinations by the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) under the Health Professions Registration Act 2005.

A rigorous assessment of relevant offences and disciplinary findings revealed by the criminal history check. For the assessment the department gathers information from a range of sources such as:

- court records including the children’s court
- other departments such as Human Services, health professionals employers and Corrections Victoria
- Any material provided by the applicant.

To apply:

1. Get an application form at an Australia Post outlet.
2. Fill out the application form using a black pen. Do not sign the form yet.
3. Take the form, 100 points of acceptable identification and a passport size photograph to an Australia Post outlet. An Australian Post staff member will witness your signature.
4. Pay the application fee of $100.20 if you are applying for an Employee card. This fee is not refundable. Volunteer applications are free.
5. There is a cost of $16 for the photo. However you may be able to provide your own photo. Keep the application receipt, which is an important document.
JSC will be holding a fun raising day to support the LEUKAEMIA FOUNDATION - WORLDS GREATEST SHAVE Friday the 15th of March.

FUNKY HAIR FRIDAY

Congratulations!

2013 Junior School Council

Home Group  7  Levi M & Alyssa B  Home Group  9  Angus W & Isabelle R
HomeGroup  11  Alyssa V & Jack B  Home Group  13  Elizabeth P & Ross H
Home Group  14  Ross H & Taylah B  Home Group  15  Mia P & Ethan L
Home Group  16  Mia M & Liam P

2013 J.S.C Members
## Stars of the Week

**Grades Prep – 6**

**Week 05**

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Home Group 13 loves the hands-on approach to solving mathematical problems!

Problem solving involves lots of discussion and the manipulation of concrete materials.

Here they are in action.

Emilia Iaconis and Connie Constantinou
Three Way Conferences

Please read the information being sent home carefully and select a time that best suits you and your child.

These will be held on:
- **Tuesday March 26th**

Your preferences need to be returned by:
- **Tuesday March 19th**

You will be notified of your time on:
- **Friday March 22nd**

Thank you
Marg Eames
(report coordinator)

5/6 Camp Coonawarra

Reminder!
Keep those forms and money rolling in!

Thank you to those families who have returned all the necessary paper work.

Reminder we require a non-refundable deposit of $100 by Friday March 15th 2013.

Looking For Volunteer Host Families

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2013.

Our students from Italy, Belgium, Finland, France, Switzerland, The Netherlands and South America are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

Find out more!
Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. Take the next step and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.

Sylvia Kelly
Manager – Inbound Exchange Programs
Phone: 1300 884 733
Email: info@wep.org.au
Online: [http://www.wep.org.au](http://www.wep.org.au)
The Premier’s Active Families Challenge encourages students to participate in 30 minutes of physical activity for 30 days over 6 weeks. It’s fun, it’s free and a great way to be healthy and active! Establishing the importance of physical activity during childhood can help ensure lifelong participation which has benefits for health and wellbeing. When you register, you will receive activity tips, incentives and a variety of free passes. If you complete the challenge, you will receive a certificate and go in the draw to win further prizes. Our school also has a chance to win Sports Clinics and Equipment. Look for the posters around our school. You can register until **March 16th** by phoning **1300 463 684** or visiting [www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/challenge](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/challenge)

Sue Grad (Grade 1-6 PE)

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**Important Reminder!**

Thank you to all the families that have supplied email addresses to allow MSPS to email you the newsletter each fortnight. We now have approximately 96% of our families receiving the newsletter via email. Please remember that if you change your email address or have a problem with your computer could you please inform the school as soon as possible! We don't want you missing out on important information.
Scholastic book club – Due Thursday 14th March

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

If you wish to place an order please follow the procedure below – leaflets are given out on a Thursday (usually with the newsletter) & are due back the following Thursday. **This order is due back on Thursday March 14th** *Please pay attention to this date. The order is processed on the internet on the closing day – Thursday.*

Clearly fill in the forms on back of leaflet with child’s name, group & order total (if older children fill in forms could parents please check them, as we had a number of errors with our last order) enclose order & correct money in a clearly named envelope, making sure that any coins are secure. You may pay by cheque. Family orders may be placed in one envelope with one payment. Orders should be given to the classroom teacher. **NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

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**CREDIT CARDS!**

Please note the 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 no longer need to supply your actual credit card number to the school.

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**Problems?** See Deb Powell. There are plenty of spare leaflets if you child wants a leaflet not distributed in their class or if leaflets are lost.

**How long do orders take?** Orders will be completed on the internet on the Thursday evening when orders are due. Orders come from Sydney. Please don’t hesitate to contact Deb Powell if you have any queries at all.

Thank you for your past & future participation in Book Club.

Deb Powell
We are excited to announce that last Monday 25th February 2013

Morang South Primary School launched it’s very own Facebook Group!

This would not have been possible without the very successful ‘Mums at Morang South’ Facebook group that Michelle Lewis (2013 PFA President) has administered and parents (Mums and Dads) have used effectively over the past year. Michelle has done a wonderful job and we thank her for her initiative, time, efficiency and support. Michelle has offered (and we have eagerly accepted) to support our new Facebook group by joining Julie Jones and myself as the administrators of the new group. LuLu McTavish (an alias for Sandi Young) will no longer be required as Julie and I will utilise the profile ‘Morang South’ for our posts. ‘Mums at Morang South’ will close this weekend and we are hoping everyone will join our new group.

Our group is a closed Facebook group. This means you can search for it: ‘Morang South Primary School’ however only members of our group can read or add to the group’s posts. You do not need to add the Administrators as friends to be part of this page. To find us type: Morang South Primary School into your search bar on Facebook. It is not a page, it is a GROUP with the apple and ruler icon.

To ensure our new Facebook group runs effectively Julie Jones and I have developed a list of protocols we request members of our ‘Morang South Primary School’ group to follow.

Our MSPS Facebook Group Protocols:

Morang South Primary School is a committed and unified partnership of teachers, parents and children. After the successful trial of 'Mums at Morang South' group, we are pleased to be trialling our own Facebook group in 2013. We are committed to making this a successful, dynamic and interactive form of communication. This is strictly a school based group intended to communicate relevant factual school based information. We would like this group to support our parents and families with communication, questions and shared information about the goings on in our school. For example: excursions, events, canteen information etc… For this reason, only parents who have children at our school can be accepted or join this Facebook group. Children or students will not be part of this group.

This group is to SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY and at no stage will slander, defamation, personal and negative comments be tolerated. There is to be no business advertising/group posting or links for businesses. Members who block the administrator profiles: Morang South (Julie Jones and Sandi Young) or Michelle Lewis, will be removed from the group. The administrators of the Morang South Primary School's Facebook group will delete any inappropriate posts. Anyone found posting an inappropriate comment will be deleted from our group.

So let’s keep it positive, informative and encouraging. We ask you to live by our school values when using our Facebook group. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the school directly. Please come and talk to your child’s teacher or the Principal: Julie Jones or Assistant Principal: Sandi Young.

Morang South Primary School has permission to publish our photos and at this stage we request that you do not upload any photos to our Facebook page.

Thank you, I’m sure you all understand. We appreciate your support.

Sandi Young
Friends of Morang South Primary School

2013 MSPS Classifieds are going DIGITAL!

The MSPS Classifieds are a Parents & Friends Association Fundraising initiative that will continue in 2013 with a few changes.

• The MSPS Classifieds will now be emailed* to everyone. That is approximately 300 families and friends of Morang South Primary School.
• The MSPS Classifieds will now be a feature of our school website: “Friends of Morang South PS”. http://www.morangsouthps.vic.edu.au/
• We will include a hyperlink on our very successful MSPS Facebook group to the MSPS Classifieds on our school website.
• All advertisements in the MSPS Classifieds will now will be in COLOUR.
• Businesses or groups who already hire our facilities (eg. Paringa Complex) receive 10% off each advertisement.
• If you choose to advertise for 9 consecutive months GET 1 month for FREE.

We have also updated our prices per month. We have not done this for many years and believe the cost is still reasonable. The MSPS Classifieds aims to provide affordable local advertising.

Prices per Month
(as of 1st March 2013)

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*Hard copies will be available on request.
** Morang South Primary School, the School Council and Parents & Friends Association accept no responsibility for services or special offers advertised.
CADBURY CHOCOLATE DRIVE

One of our most popular fundraisers is back!!
Cost: $48 per box, with money expected back no later than Thursday 21st March
Due to this fundraiser, we have decide not to go ahead with the Easter Raffle
Thank you for your support

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

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 20th March, 7:30pm in the staffroom

All welcome
OSHC NEWS

Hello South Morang Community,

It’s still HAT time; please send a hat along with your child’s name on it, to be left at OSHC.

If you have not yet supplied your child’s immunisation forms please do so. We need this to meet the National Quality Framework standards.

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 at [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://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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Program hours

Before School Care
7:00 – 8:45

After School Care
3:30 – 6:00

www.campaustralia.com.au
Discover Bundoora Secondary College

We warmly invite you to attend our...

INFORMATION EVENING

Wednesday 27th March 2013
Activities held between 5pm – 7pm

EXPLORE the College between 5pm and 7pm
SEE presentations and displays from all subject areas
DISCOVER a wealth of resources and facilities
SHARE the Bundoora experience with our Principal, Teachers and student leaders

www.bundoorasc.vic.edu.au

Balmoral Avenue, Bundoora 3083
Telephone 9467 1511 Facsimile 9467 7370
Email bundoora.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au

Showcase Evening

Monday 18 March 2013

Principal’s addresses will be held at 5pm, 6pm and 7pm followed by a school tour.

Discover how you can Create your Future!

Extensive Curriculum from Year 7–12
SEAL (Select Entry Accelerated Learning) Program
Wide range of VCE, VET and VCAL subjects
Strong Pastoral Care Program
Excellent specialist classroom facilities
Safe learning environment
Extra Curricular activities

Middle Years Campus
Moorhead Drive, Mill Park Victoria 3082 Tel +613 9407 9700
www.millparksc.vic.edu.au
Outdoor Movie at Hawkstowe – Australiana

The Sapphires (PG)
Starring Jessica Mauboy

Set in 1968, four aboriginal girls from a remote mission are discovered by a talent scout convincing them to sing soul music and perform in the Vietnam War. Based on a true story.

Running Time: 94 min

Who: Seniors, their families and friends

When: Friday 22 March 2013

Time: 6pm – 10pm
Live entertainment, Le Page Homestead art exhibition
Film screening at sunset on a huge inflatable screen

Where: Hawkstowe Picnic Area, Plenty Gorge Park, Gordons Road, South Morang (Melway 183 H8). If travelling from Mill Park along Plenty Road turn right into Gordons Road and follow signage.

Cost: $5.50 per person (children under 12 free)
BYO: Blanket, chair, torch

Sausage sizzle, soft drinks, tea and coffee will be available for purchase.

Please note this is an outdoor event and will rely on fine weather to go ahead. To check if the event is to be cancelled phone 9407 5970 after 12 noon on Friday 22 March for a recorded message. If the weather is unsuitable, the event will be postponed to Friday 5 April.

Bookings essential: Contact City of Whittlesea Positive Ageing Team
9407 5913 or email leap@whittlesea.vic.gov.au

A Let Everyone Actively Participate (LEAP) event supported by Parks Victoria, Mill Park Garden Club, Plenty Valley Arts, Westfield Leisure Walkers, Whittlesea and Plenty Valley Tourism Association.