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

Hello Everyone,

Sandi and I attended the Whittlesea Principal’s Conference on Monday and Tuesday of this week where we interacted with our local colleagues, and listened to a number of thought provoking experts. We heard Professor Stephen Dinham, Researcher at Melbourne University, talk about the importance of Student Learning and Teacher Relationships. Teachers who talk regularly with their students about their learning added more value to student learning than those who did not. Jeanette Nagorcka our new Regional Director spoke briefly about the ‘Towards a Learning Community in Victoria’ documentation. On Tuesday Educator and DEECD Schools Advisor Wayne Craig discussed Australia’s performance in comparison with other OECD Countries and talked about the application of emerging literature and cutting edge state, national and international educational research. Also, on Tuesday Presenters Amanda Dressing and Karen Green discussed Curriculum Designing in both Primary and Secondary schools.

As of tomorrow we will be four weeks into term 3. What a packed term it has been already. What marvelous educational opportunities our students have had already this term. Students in our school, at different levels, have participated in

- State School’s Spectacular
- Hoop Time
- Viewing a performance of Jesus Christ Superstar by Mill Park Secondary
- Jump Rope for Heart
- T Ball Gala Day
- Zumba
- A Rock Pool Discovery Incursion
- The Ned Show – anti-bullying show
- An ICT project with RMIT and schools in Nepal.

Important Dates

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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 lifelong socially responsible learners equipped to thrive in and shape the future of our evolving global society.
For our students to participate in these offerings a great deal of out of hours and behind the scenes work needs to be done by teachers, aides, parents and the students alike. Thank you everyone involved in the above activities for your hard work and support. Please see photos and reports on our website. (http://www.morangsouthps.vic.edu.au/)

Victorian State School's Spectacular has been run over two terms and it culminated in two days of rehearsals on Thursday July 25th and Friday July 26th and two performances on Saturday July 27th. I’d like to take this opportunity to say how proud I am of our school – teachers, parents and students. Sandi Young and Deb Powell spent the three days with the girls supporting them and encouraging them while Mel Tollit and I spent two days each assisting as well. Mel also spent many lunchtimes assisting the girls at practice. Thank you - Sandi, Mel and Deb. There were many parents who assisted by volunteering to drive, sew and support our students. Thank you to you all – you are wonderful. The students were amazing! They were three very long days but they led by example – supporting each other, smiling, cooperating and performing brilliantly. What a credit you are to our school. Congratulations and well done girls! (See more on our website!)

Today the teaching staff worked with a renowned Curriculum Consultant – Anna Bennett to refine the development of our units of work. Teachers are always learning and looking for ways to improve. Congratulations everyone on your great work today!

This term we have welcomed two new teaching staff members. Mr. Hayden Wardrop is teaching in home group 11 while Rachel Young is on long service leave travelling around Australia with her family. Hayden is an experienced teacher from New Zealand who has taught in a variety of countries. Ms Kristin Bulley has taken over home group 04 as Cheryl Thompson has taken leave for the rest of the year. Kristin is not new to our school as she has worked in our Students with Disabilities Program but is a newly qualified teacher. We are fortunate to have them both on staff and welcome them warmly.

This year a random sample of 60 families was selected to complete the parent opinion survey. The families have received their packages and fifty percent have returned them. 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. The responses and comments remain anonymous. The sealed envelopes are sent to the Education Department where they are opened and the responses recorded. We look forward to receiving and celebrating the collated results.

Thank you to all those families who returned their completed surveys.

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 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 school 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
Book week 2013

Read Across the Universe

Morang South Primary will be celebrating Children’s Book Week in Week 6 of this term: August 19th—23rd.

The children are being read the books which have been shortlisted by The Children’s Book Council of Australia during their library sessions this term. Many have already nominated their favourites!

We look forward to hearing the winners announced on Friday August 23rd!

As a school we will celebrate the magic and importance of books with activities during this week.

The theme this year is **Read Across the Universe**!

As well as activities during library sessions, in the classroom and with our buddy grades during Book Week we also have the following whole school events planned.

**Tuesday August 20th.** *Multi Age Literature Day* where children will work in multi age groups for the day and have lots of fun with activities based on MSPS teacher’s favourite picture books. The children have been placed in small groups chosen by their own grade teacher for the day.

**Wednesday August 21st.** *Book Week Parade* where all children Prep to Grade 6 are asked to come dressed as one of their favourite book characters or a character that fits this year’s theme of READ ACROSS THE UNIVERSE. If you have a copy of the book, it would be good for your child to bring it for the day. A **fun parade** will be held in Paringa Gym at 9.20! Please help your children to support this event by planning ahead to come up with an easy way to create a character. We do not expect parents to buy costumes and we request **no superhero costumes for the day**. We are trying to encourage and celebrate a love of Books! We would love to have parents present for the parade.

We will also be judging the *Morang South Primary Book of the Year Competition* where children will be able to submit their own writing under different categories. We hope to announce the winners at the end of Book Week.

**Debbie Cullen**
It was so sunny outside I just wanted to jump in the pool it was so hot! I had to get ready for basketball training I had to put on my basketball gear I put on my red and white reversible singlet and my Nike shorts on and my Asics.

We went to pick up my friend Shaylee and I looked in my bag and I realized I had my pencil an icy pole stick and a teddy bear.

We drove to training and I got my teddy bear out of my bag and it magically comes to life and takes my basketball and starts dribbling "WOW TEDDY YOU GOT HANDLES!!" SCREAMED SHAYLEE.

Teddy goes up and dunks it like Michael Jordan. But why would he be able to come alive?!!

Later on when basketball training finished it went back to normal and everything was all happy.  

**Kara**

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Mystery in a Bag

Short story writing

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Wake up" yelled my mum from the kitchen, "We have to go to the shops!!"

"Fine" I yelled back going to grab my jacket when I saw a small cuddly brown teddy on the floor next to it. I looked around and picked it up. "I wonder who could have left me this" I thought to myself.

We went to the shops and mum bought me some pencils and a paper clip.

"Here, you said you needed some pencils and clips for your homework" she said to me handing me some pencils and paper clips.

We went on with the rest of our shopping and when we got home I put the pencils and paperclip on my desk and then it was gone, the teddy suddenly came alive and stole the paperclip and ran.

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It was a quiet and still night. Mr Dinly came home all tired and ready to just fall asleep on the floor. He went to go see if his son, Cameron was sleeping as he slowly opened the door he saw Cameron was not in bed he searched high and low but Cameron was not there. Suddenly he saw Cameron's favourite teddy bear Mr Snuggles lying on the floor.

As morning shone Mr Dinly got ready for work and found a note lying on the bedside table that said MEET ME TOMORROW AT LA PORCHETTA AT 6:00PM SHARP AND BRING $100,000 TO ME AND TELL NO ONE AND BRING NO ONE OR YOU WILL NEVER SEE YOUR SON AGAIN!

From that moment on Mr Dinly was scared and he did exactly what the note had said and at 6pm at La Porchetta. He waited and waited but the person never showed up. He decided to order dinner and as his dinner came there was a note that said "I HAVE YOUR SON PLACE THE MONEY IN FRONT OF THE MENS RESTROOM AND YOU WILL FIND YOUR SON INSIDE THE THIRD TOILET".............. Emily N
“Another day to solve crimes” Detective Jess explains to the government about how she solves crimes. Just as Detective Jess was about to say good bye to the government another call came in. Detective Jess quickly said good bye to the government and answered the call.

“Meet me at central park at midnight” whispered the voice. Time flew by and by the time it was midnight Detective Jess had her whole crew hiding all around central park. She had her gun ready, she had her hand cuffs ready and most importantly she was ready.

It was midnight and Detective Jess had back up everywhere. The person on the phone came out from behind the statue that was in the middle of central park with a hoody on. Detective Jess tried to take the hoody off the person but the person was too quick for her.

The person grabbed Detective Jess's hand. “Don't touch” whispered the voice. The person's voice sounded different. It was not deep but it was not light.

All of her back up surrounded the person with the hoody. Detective Jess hand cuffed the person and pulled the hoody back. In shock she found out that it was the government. Detective Jess searched the government and found a pencil, teddy bear and a paper clip. The government got sent to jail for 20 years for torturing Detective Jess.

Once, on a cold rainy night a thief broke into a vault full of diamonds and gold. The best thing was that the gold was in humongous blocks! The thief's name was Bob the Teddy bear and he was infamous for all that he did.

Until one fateful night the cops followed him to his house where they captured him and took him for questioning at the Police station, where the cops asked him how he breaks into anything he wants, even a vault. He lied and said “when I break into homes I use a metal paper clip and I guess it works for the vault.”

Generally, Bob used a pencil on a vault and an axe on a home, usually he just takes all valuables and if he can't take it he breaks it into thousands of pieces.

“My name tag, where did it go I had it like 20 minutes ago when I was at the ice cream shop!”

10 minutes later, Frank the bear set off to look for the name tag, he earned it by being committed to his job. Frank went up to the man at the ice cream shop and asked if he had seen a name tag with Frank on it anywhere? He responded "No I'm sorry!"

Frank was quite concerned about his name tag he needed to redeem his commitment for his work, and suddenly Frank had an idea of where it could be—at the supermarket! Frank arrived and asked everyone but still there was no sign of his commitment badge!

Frank went back to the factory and searched from top to bottom and he asked his boss if he had seen it anywhere? “What!” Frank's boss yelled, "you have to find it in 1 hour or you're fired!" "Ok" responded Frank.

Suddenly he remembered where it was, it was on his desk, so Frank was hap-

Mystery in a Bag
Short Stories

BRRRING, BRRRING, BRRING the bell had gone for all the students to go home. Jimmy rushed to the teacher with a nervous look on his face. “Jimmy why have you got such a puzzled look”? Asked Jimmy's teacher Ms Frockle.

“Um, Miss I didn't want to ask you this but during class my teddy bear, my favourite pencil and my lucky paper clip have all gone missing” whispered Jimmy nervously.

The next day Jimmy came to school and his teacher got everyone on the floor and said that someone told me some of their items have gone missing. The person did not want me to say their name in front of the class. They had lost one teddy bear, one pencil and a paper clip. They may not seem special to you but they're special to them.

I would like the person to come forward now or none of you will go out to recess! Everyone moaned and started to accuse everyone. It was 5 minutes to lunch and no one had come clean. Finally Cameron Den said that he had done it.

Cameron said, sorry to Jimmy and confessed that he was tired of Jimmy playing with them more than him.

Jimmy accepted his apology and they became best friends. Josh R
Telstra Interview with Ryan

On Wednesday a part of Telstra gave HG 07 an opportunity to have a face to face chat with a 19 year old man Ryan.

His goal is to fly around the world as a solo pilot and try his best to make it into the Guinness Book of Records. He is very confident of his achievement and so far he has made it to the U.S.A. During class HG 07 prepared questions to ask Ryan. He was very surprised with the amount of questions they had prepared. He told us what it is like to fly a plane and how he got his licence for his flight.

By Haylee School Reporter
The other day the 5/6 students witnessed an intruder come into the room. They had to observe what he/she was wearing.

Most Children were very frightened from this Intruder entering their room. Some kids tried to stay way from the intruder and that intruder came in because of the unit they are studying ‘Forensic Frenzy’. After that they had to draw a sketch or drawing of that person and what they saw he/she wearing.

By Haylee School Reporter
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)

Heart Foundation
Jump Rope for Heart
Our school is participating in the Jump Rope for Heart program. You can help your child support valuable research into heart disease by registering them online. It’s easy, safe and secure.
www.heartfoundation.org.au/sites/jumpropeforheart
Send emails to family and friends asking for sponsorship.
Hi Kids! How are your skipping tricks going?
Can you do double-unders and criss-cross yet?
Jump Off Day is on Friday August 16th, so keep practising.
Sue Grad (P.E.)
FATHERS DAY STALL
Due to the Grade 3/4 camp, our Fathers Day Stall will be held on
Tuesday 27th August with a second chance shop on Friday 28th August
Further details to follow

ELECTION DAY — Saturday 7th September
Now that Election Day has been announced we are seeking helpers for the Election Day BBQ.
If you are available to help set up, pack up, serve, cook or help organise please contact
Michelle Lewis—President of PFA
THANK YOU!!

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS
Entertainment books have arrived
Books cost $65.00 with $13.00 from every book going directly to our school

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 :)
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!**

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**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: ..... / ..... / .......

Please complete and return to school
OSHC NEWS

Hello South Morang Community,

Just a reminder to OSHC families, only people on your child’s enrolment form can collect them for the service. If you need someone who isn’t on the form please send with your child a signed letter of permission dated with the persons full name and contact details.

- Reannan, Diane and Courtney

REMINDERS

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... Charlotte, Corey, Dakota and Elijah

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

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**IT’S NOT OK TO BE AWAY**

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**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.

**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.
The 10th Annual Wattle Festival is on 25th August this year. And again we will be holding a Talent/Costume quest with big prize money. Please see website for all details.


Application forms for Best of Fest are available on the website http://www.wattlefestival.org.au/GetInvolved.aspx or from the Bendigo Bank in Hurstbridge.

All performing arts are welcome, with $200 prize for best talent and $100 for best costume/hat - - all courtesy of Bendigo Bank.

The event is held in Wattle Court which is located opposite the Hurstbridge railway station between The Wattle Cafe and Oku Den where the River Red Gum tree is decorated with yellow pompoms again this year - - you cannot miss the location.

We look forward to lots of entries again this year. And do come to watch our local talented performers. (If you have received this, you are local) And Miss Wattle will be our wonderful Master of Ceremonies this year also.

For further enquiries please call Janice on 0419 001 319. We look forward to seeing you at this wonderful Festival.

25 August from 10 am to 4 pm. And don't forget to check our website for the Steam Train specials.