Hello Everyone,

A huge thank you to students, teachers and parent & carers for a great term!

This may not be your holiday destination but I hope you have a break and make some lasting memories with your family!

**Student-Led, Three-way Conferences**

Great .... Preparation

Learning

Turn out

Feedback

Thank you Everyone

**Easter Bonnet Parade**

**Friday morning, April 4th, at 9:10am**

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We love having parents & carers working in our school supporting our students and teachers

Congratulations
School Council Office Bearers
President: Trudi Richards
Vice President: Emma Dickens
Treasurer: Stephen Potter
Secretary: Sandi Young

100 % Telstra Plenty Valley MSPS Attendance Award
Congratulations
Cooper from HG 02
Received - iTunes Voucher from Plenty Valley Telstra Store

Our Absence data was misinterpreted on Monday.
Approximately 40 children were inadvertently left off the 100% attendance list. Their names will be read out on Friday and one will be drawn out to receive an iTunes voucher provided by the school.

Please remember that it is not appropriate for adults to approach children or other community members to address issues of concern regarding student behaviour. If you have concerns related to the behaviour of others, please discuss with your child’s classroom teacher or contact me! Thank you for your cooperation with this.

April is Autism Awareness Month hence my ‘blue’ theme for this Newsletter.

We will look forward to seeing you all happy and healthy next term!

Education Matters & Every Day Counts!
Keep up that life long learning!
Julie Jones
Principal

Hats need to be worn first two weeks of term 2.
Grades Prep – 6
Term 1 week 10

Home Group 1  Prabhan & Prabnoor  Home Group 2  Madison V & Muhammed
Home Group 3  Home Group 3  Home Group 4  Debra & William
Home Group 5  Kyle & Eric  Home Group 7  HG 7 Campers, Josh J & Alice
Home Group 09  Home Group 9 Campers  Home Group 11  HG 11 Campers, Alana & Kellie
Home Group 13  Nicole & Isabella  Home Group 14  Moosh & Yaraan
Home Group 15  Brian & Blake  Home Group 16  Harrison B & Stephanie
Home Group 21  Kelly & Takara  Home Group 22  Ella & Alysha
Home Group 23  Blake & Jaida  Home Group 24  Lucas & Tahlia
Science  Home Group 11  Scientist of Week  Jenine
Prep Sport Award  Kylah HG 02  P.E Prep  Home Group 2
P.E. 1-6  Home Group 9  GR 1-6 Sport Award  Milly
The Arts– Prep  Home Group 01  Prep Artist Week  Nicola HG 3
On Tuesday the 18th of March, grade 5/6 set off on a 4 day adventure to Lady Northcote Recreational Camp in Rowsley. The camp offered a range of activities including, the giant swing, yabbying, archery, flying fox, swimming, canoeing, initiatives, geocaching, hut building and many more. We all had an enjoyable experience.

By Home Group 11

Swimming fun

Hut building

Archery

Giant Swing

Giant swing was scary but fun!
-Caley
Students made an amazing effort to make their hair very wacky, some students put hair spray in their hair while others put a cone in their hair to make it stand up, everyone made an amazing effort and at the end of the day we raised $409.40. Amazing effort everyone!!

Thank you to everyone who helped raised money, it really means a lot.

Written by School Reporters, Grace W and Kara Y

Photograph: Ishka and Stephanie
On the 14th of March 2014 the 5/6 boys and girls soccer team went and played soccer, everyone had a great time. In the girls soccer team we had Emily S, Alana S, Bentley, Chloe R, Alice, Flora, Ashlee, Alyssa B, Elizabeth and Indiana. In the boys team we had Sam E, Jonah, Alex S, Aleks N, Markus, George, Aidan B, Sam L, Ethan M and Christian. Some of the highlights on the boys side was that Ethan M scored 3 goals in 1 game, Aleks N and Ethan M scored the most goals, and some girl’s highlights was that Alyssa B and Alana S scored the most goals, and everyone agreed that if they worked as a team they could win, and they did! Out of every game the girls and the boys won every game, we are very proud, go Morang South!

Written by school reporters Grace W an Kara Y

Photograph: Ishka and Stephanie
On the 27th of March 2014 the chess team had a chess tournament, the schools that were in the chess tournament were- Mill Park primary A, Dallas Brooks Primary A, Dallas Brooks Primary B, Mill Park Heights Primary A, Mill Park Heights Primary B, Mill Park Heights Primary C, Lalor Primary A, Morang South Primary A and Morang South Primary B. Everyone played very well and enthusiastically. Out of all the students who played Jonathan from Morang South Primary A came first, Zainab from Dallas Brooks Primary A came second and in third place was Daniel from Lalor Primary A. Everyone had a lot of fun playing and everyone did very well. In third place was Mill park Heights Primary A. In second was Dallas Brooks Primary A and in first place was Morang South Primary A.

We are very proud of our school and we think that everyone did a great job!

Well done Morang South!

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The Premier’s Active April 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 can join the MSPS team and track your activity. You will also 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 by visiting www.activeapril.vic.gov.au/schools and then join the team at Morang South—look for our team on the Active April website called MSPS.

Sue Grad (Grade 1-6 PE)

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our School Captains are conducting our ANZAC day ceremony on Thursday April 24th. We would like to encourage you and any other family members and friends to come along and join us in remembering the significance of this day.

We will be holding the ceremony in the Paringa gym at 2:45pm on Thursday April 24th. We are encouraging the students to bring along flowers to be made into a class floral tribute. There are opportunities in the service for other members of the community to place floral tributes at the front of the assembly, so we would be appreciative if you should choose to do this also. At the completion of the ceremony, and after everyone has left the assembly space, we encourage parents who are able, to collect the floral tributes, take them to local RSLs and place them at the cenotaphs as a mark of respect from our students.

Last year and in the years previous, the School Captains spoke with pride, confidence and respect as they delivered the service and the remainder of the students were moved by their presentation. We are confident that this year’s students will be equally as capable.

We look forward to seeing you at our service on Friday.

Thank you

Marg Eames
Dear Parents of Morang South

Congratulations to your students on the fantastic visual arts work that they have created in Term 1. You and your children should be very proud of their efforts and achievements.

At the beginning of the year the Arts team had scheduled the following timeline for the Arts program for students in grades Prep-6

Term 1 and 3- Visual Arts

Term 2 and 4- Performing Arts

However after careful observation and discussion the Arts team have decided to continue with Visual Arts in Term 2. The enthusiasm and creativity we have seen amongst students has been overwhelming and we feel that if we continue with the Visual Arts program, this continuity will assist in students’ creative development and growth.

In summary of the Arts program, **Terms 1 and 2 will have a focus on Visual Arts, while terms 3 and 4 will have a focus on Performing Arts**.

Thank you for your support. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to come and have a chat with us.

Jen Pearson and Kylie Troiani

The Arts Team

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**Primary School Teacher available for Tutoring**

I am a Primary School teacher with 10 years teaching experience and 3 years tutoring experience. If you think your child would benefit from some extra support, homework help, NAPLAN preparation, look no further!

I work on finding out where your child is at academically and then working towards the next progression in their learning.

I am experienced in teaching all primary school levels and am a fun and friendly teacher who will make learning exciting.

My rates are $25 for half an hour or $40 an hour, depending on your child’s needs.

It could be weekly or fortnightly lessons.

Give me a call to discuss or find out more.

Rachel Mercuri
0425 816 128
Children With Type 1 Diabetes - Are You Challenged by Your Child’s Diabetes?

Research into parenting children with type 1 diabetes.

The University of Queensland is conducting research into parenting children with type 1 diabetes. Parenting a child with diabetes presents many challenges (everything from the regular blood glucose monitoring and insulin intake, to more general parenting tasks). The aim of this study is to understand the factors that make the management of childhood diabetes particularly difficult, and to use this information to develop strategies that might assist parents in managing their child’s diabetes.

If you are a parent of a 2 to 10-year-old child with type 1 diabetes, we would love to hear from you!

By sharing your experiences (confidentially), you will be making a valuable contribution to the development of much-needed childhood diabetes management strategies for parents.

To complete the online survey, please log on to: https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/type1diabetes

For further information about the project or to request a survey to be posted to you, please email Aditi Lohan (aditi.lohan@uqconnect.edu.au) or call (07 3365 7689) at the Parenting and Family Support Centre in the School of Psychology at the University of Queensland, St Lucia QLD 4072 (Fax: 07 3365 6724).

Thank you for your time and participation.

Aditi Lohan, Alina Morawska, and Amy Mitchell

UQ Parenting and Family Support Centre
SCHOOL BANKING
Every Tuesday 9.00am in the After School Care room (OHSC)
Lots of cool rewards throughout the year along with certificates at different stages
New bankers always welcomed

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

Run by Jodie Potter and Kate Rigoni
Situated in the Parents & Friends Room 25
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 :)

On behalf of Parents & Friends:

Enjoy the holiday break, stay safe and see you all when school resumes Wednesday 23rd April

Next Meeting
Wednesday 21st May 2014
7:30pm Staffroom
New parents welcomed

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT
Tuesday 29th April
7:00 - 8:30pm at MSPS
For more information on Cyber(smart:) safety:
Easter is on its way!

This week in OSHC we looked at the ways Easter is celebrated around the world. We did a number of craft activities which included making cards, egg baskets and bunny ears. With the excitement of Easter, Reannon brought in her fluffy bunny Gypsy on Friday morning.

What a delight to still have this beautiful sunny weather! We have got to enjoy water play outside we got a little wet and did a little bit for our school environment and watered our gardens.

OSHC has a ZERO TOLERANCE to swearing or aggressive behaviour in any forms. Parents will be called to come and collect their children.

We would like to wish all our Morang South P.S OSHC children and families a lovely school break and we will see you on 23rd April.

Also don’t forget your hats for weeks 1 and 2!

Ticket in the Tub winners

Emily T, Tristan S, Charlotte and Filip

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.campaustralia.com.au/newparents

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.campaustralia.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.

Student Attendance

EVERY DAY COUNTS @ MSPS

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