Hello Everyone,

We had a wonderful week celebrating Education Week last week. The week began in fine style with the World of Maths student workshops. The family Maths night and the two Write 2 Read sessions for parents were a huge success and well attended. I thoroughly enjoyed them all, myself. It is wonderful to see parents getting involved in our school and their children’s education.

I’d like to thank Diana Gevaux and Melinda Bell for organising the week and attending the Family Maths on Tuesday evening and to Mel Tollit and Vanesa Trcevski for organising and presenting the Write 2 Read sessions. I’d also like to thank the staff who supported Mel and Vanesa on Tuesday evening – Kaye McLaren, Chantelle Armet and Sandi Young. I’d also like to thank the staff who ran lunch time activities. Thank you also to all those special family and friends who visited our classrooms and participated in the variety of activities on offer during the week. The children and staff have thoroughly enjoyed your interest and enthusiasm.

To all of the staff, students and parents thank you for participating so enthusiastically.

Visit our school website to see the fabulous photos!

At Morang South we consistently work with the children on improving their learning, being persistent and doing their best in all that they do. Recently Jessica D’Intinosante won the Calisthenics Solo, State Title for her age division. I know Jess has worked incredibly hard to achieve this title. Hard work and persistence certainly do pay off. What an amazing achievement! Congratulations Jess from everyone in the Morang South School community.

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.

Education Matters & Every Day Counts!

Keep up that lifelong learning!

Julie Jones

“If you go to bed late, you won’t feel great!”

As the weather becomes colder we are more likely to have children who become sick at school. Please ensure your child is well enough to cope with the demands of a classroom if they have already been unwell in the morning or over the weekend. We have sent some sick children home over the last fortnight and in a number of cases they have come to school being unwell. The staff can only offer basic first aid. If your child is running a fever, coughing persistently and/or obviously unwell they really need a warm bed and rest. Please do not send sick children to school as it is your responsibility to make provision for their care. If we ring you to collect your child it is important that you come straight away or make arrangements for your child to be collected.

Foundation (Prep) enrolment 2015
As you know, we are now taking enrolments for our 2015 Foundation (Prep) classes. Please inform family, friends and neighbours that if they have a child 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 Foundation (Prep) Orientation Program in Term 4.

Our Newsletter arrives via
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.

We are requiring all prep, grade 1 and 2 parents/carers volunteering to work in classrooms to have a Working with Children Check. All parents who attend excursions need to obtain a volunteer working with children check. Next year we will require this for all prep, grade 1, grade 2 and grade 3 parents who wish to work in classrooms 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.

You need to apply online at https://online.justice.vic.gov.au/wwccu/onlineapplication.doj
Ways to add more fruit to lunches and snacks

Encourage children to eat fruit (and fruit products) regularly. Pack inviting fruit (and/or fruit products) in every lunchbox and have more within easy reach after school. Listen to your child's comments and check the following:

- Is fruit ripe enough (and sweet enough)?
- Is fruit small and easily managed?
- Is it packed so it won't leak, drip or brown?
- Are you sure it won't be messy to eat?
- Will kids need a paper napkin or wet wipe?
- Have kids tried it at home first?
- Is it different from yesterday's fruit?

Fruit To Go!

- Apples, small whole, or cubed in orange juice
- Apricots, dried or fresh
- Bananas, small fresh or dried
- Dates, plain or stuffed with cheese or cheese spread (page 18)
- Dried fruit mixtures
- Feijoa halves, with teaspoon
- Fresh cherries
- Grapes, seedless, fresh or frozen
- Kiwifruit halves, ripe, with teaspoon
- Mandarins

Other Ways with Fruit

- Melon cubes
- Nectarines, whole or cubed in orange juice
- Orange segments
- Passionfruit, halved, with teaspoon
- Pineapple cubes
- Plums
- Prunes, plain or flavoured
- Raisins, small packets
- Strawberries, whole or halved, lightly sugared
- Tamarillos, ripe, in halves or as fruit leather
- Fruit in cakes and muffins (page 38-45)
- Fruit juice
- Fruit rollups
- Fruit sage or tapioca
- Fruit set in jelly
- Fruit to dip* with little forks/toothpicks
- Fruit yoghurt
- Mini fruit kebabs: grape, pineapple, cheese on toothpicks
- Pots of fruit (foil topped)
- Smoothies (pureed fruit and yoghurt)

* DIPS FOR FRESH FRUIT: Fruity yoghurt, vanilla or chocolate custards, dairy foods, cottage cheese, fruit purees, mayonnaise.
Introducing KidsMatter Primary

Do kids matter? Of course! They matter to families, to schools and to the community! These are the groups that KidsMatter Primary wants to bring together to improve children’s mental health.

Good mental health is vital for learning and life. Children who are mentally healthy are better able to meet life’s challenges. They also learn better and have stronger relationships with teachers, family members and peers.

KidsMatter Primary is a national mental health initiative that has been trialled nationally in over 100 schools since it began in late 2006. KidsMatter Primary has been developed in collaboration with the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing, beyondblue: the national depression initiative, the Australian Psychological Society, and Principals Australia (formerly the Australian Principals Association’s Professional Development Council). The trial was also supported by Australian Rotary Health (formerly the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund).

Morang South Primary School has begun our participation in a national initiative KidsMatter. MSPS has formed a parents & teachers ACTION TEAM to facilitate the implementation of KidsMatter next year. Our action team includes: Em Rasit and Emma Dickens as the parent representatives; Sandi Young, Chantelle Armet, Kristy-Lee Laidlaw and Lynette Cartisano are representing MSPS staff.

For more information on KidsMatter or if you’d like to watch an information video please visit the KidsMatter website: http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary

Successful schools start with healthy minds

What is mental health?

Mental health has been defined as a young child’s ability to ‘experience, regulate and express emotions; form close and secure interpersonal relationships; and explore the environment and learn all in the context of family, community and cultural expectations for young children. Infant mental health is synonymous with healthy social and emotional development’ (Zero to Three, 2002).
HG05 OPEN DAY!

On Monday, May the 19th the 5/6 Parents, special friends, Grandparents and siblings came to join us in our classrooms. We did some aboriginal painting on a boomerang, using traditional symbols, and wrote a story about the painting of what it meant. All of the students enjoyed having our parents and special friends over for a session and we hope they did too.

In class we have been developing dreamtime stories. Dreamtime stories are how Indigenous Australians passed their stories down to their children. They explain how thing came to be or gave warnings of danger.

These are a couple of examples:

**HOW THE WALLABY GOT ITS TAIL**

One day a wallaby was looking for a water whole and then she noticed a man looking at him licking his lips! The wallaby was confused. She didn’t know what to do! The man was just looking at the wallaby.

Wallaby wanted to run but she had just started to drink and this was the best tasting water! The wallaby was scared and wanted to run! Her feet wouldn’t let her run! The wallaby was too thirsty! Wallaby had to run, but she’s not fast. Two legs is not enough to run with a baby in her pouch! She was going to be the man’s dinner if she didn’t run soon!

The man threw his spear at the wallaby and then, as the spear came closer and closer, the spirit who takes care of the animals used its magic to make the spear not hurt the wallaby.

When the spear hit the wallaby, the man ran over and then realised the spear would stay where it hit her! The wallaby was able to use the spear as a tail to bounce faster and get away. Since then the wallabies have always had tails.

**THAT’S HOW THE WALLABY GOT ITS TAIL!!**

By Imogen

**How The Echidna Got Its’ Spikes!**

In the rainy, damp forest there was an echidna, who was as soft as a baby’s bottom. Until some European children came onto the Aboriginals land, everything was peaceful. When they came onto their land, the Aboriginal children got very angry, the Aboriginal children had to earn their spears, by practicing something. They finally earned their spears and when they did, they got even angrier.

When the European children came into the Aboriginal children’s campsite. They were furious! So they got all their spears and threw them at the European children but instead of hitting them they hit the poor echidna. By the time they were done throwing their spears, the echidna had about 100 spears coming out of the echidna, and that’s how the echidna got its spikes.

By Kara
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**Prep Sport Award**
Alex HG 1

**P.E. 1-6**
Home Group 21

**The Arts– Prep**
Home Group 3

**Scientist of the Week**
Alyssa
The Value of the Month for May was CARING

Students at MSPS demonstrate their communal responsibility when they nominate other students who are living by our school values during play time. Each month, all of the nominated children are put into a hat and one lucky student is drawn out. The winner receives a voucher from Telstra Plenty Valley Store. Congratulations to Taylah from home group 11. Taylah has been caring and helping many students in the play ground.

Cooperation will be the June Value of the Month.

THANK YOU
Telstra Plenty Valley Store

MSPS and The Commonwealth Bank
Congratulate the following students for receiving this week's School Banking Awards


On Monday the 19th of May 2014 Education Week started.

On the Monday the 5/6’s had their parents and special friends visit. They decorated paper boomerangs with Aboriginal art symbols.

On the Tuesday the 3/4’s enjoyed a visit from their special friends and they did lots of different things.

On Thursday the grade 1/2’s had their grandparents and special friends visit for some fun activities. Firstly they completed a survey about their special friend’s school life, and then they made a flying straw.

On Friday the Preps had their open day. They played old fashioned outdoor games with their Grandparents or special friends.

All up Education Week was really enjoyable and we hope everyone had fun!

Written by School Reporters Grace. W and Kara. Y
Friday 23rd of May was Walk Safely to school day. Well done to the 152 students who walked safely to school that day!

Junior School Council representatives have surveyed students from Prep to Grade 6 with regards to our next State School Relief Fundraising Day. We will be running a Pyjama Day on Tuesday 24th June (week 10). Everyone is encouraged to wear appropriate pyjamas and bring a gold coin donation. School shoes/runners MUST be worn on the day.

Looking forward to a great day!

JSC

Mrs Iaconis and Miss Barden
PRIMARY MUSIC INSTITUTE

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 of our present instrumental music students are invited to come and see
the students take part in a group keyboard music lesson on
Thursday 12 June.

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 Primary Music Institute
(admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.au) if in doubt of the lesson time of their child. On arrival
please “sign-in” at the school front office and the school team can direct you to the lesson room.

So come and join in the fun!

Tiana’s Night of Sparkle

The Tiana Reidy Foundation raises money thru a Ladies only night for the Children’s Cancer Centre at the Royal Children’s hospital in
honour of Tiana Reidy, who sadly lost her battle with Neuroblastoma a rare form of Cancer on the 25th February, 2009. To date the
Foundation has raised over $103,800 which has been proudly donated to the Children’s Cancer centre in Tiana’s honour.

So Ladies please get together with a group of friends and come and join us for the 2014 "Night of Sparkle" for another fun filled night of
dancing and entertainment in support of this truly worthy cause and hopefully this year we will be able to raise even more.

It’s off to "The Ballroom" this year

Date: Saturday 9th August 2014
Venue: The Manor on High
Address: 519 High St Epping VIC 3076
Time: 6.30pm until 12.30am
Cost: $100.00 per head (table of 7 - 12)
Meal: 3 courses
Dress: After Five (with a touch of sparkle)
Drinks: Wine, Sparkling, Beer & Soft Drinks ( Spirits at Bar Prices)

Should you wish to attend this wonderful event either alone or with a group of friends please contact Julie Jones at MSPS or Paul on 0419
368 500 or visit the website at www.tianareidyfoundation.com
SCHOOL BANKING
Every Tuesday 9.00am in the ‘Out of Hours School Care’ room (OHSC)
Lots of cool rewards throughout the year along with certificates at different stages
New bankers always welcomed

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS
Books have arrived and are available from the office
@ $65, with $13 going directly to our school

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

5 CENTS/10 CENTS FUNDRAISER
Save those 5 & 10 cents & bring them to your classroom
to fill up your jar!!

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

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

Next Meeting
Wednesday 18th June 2014
7:30pm Staffroom
New parents welcome!
Morang South Primary School | 29th May 2014

Namaste Morang South P.S.I!
The fun we have been having in OSHC cooking, discovering new things about Indian and Aboriginal culture. The children made a range of craft which is displayed in our room for all to admire! On Friday the children had so much fun playing with Jemima, who is Reannan’s kitten!

This week we are exploring ‘winter’ as an underlying theme as we reflect on this beautiful season, we are going to enjoy cooking and lots of activities and craft chosen by the children. We will also be continuing with RESTAURANTS on Tuesdays after school care, come in and see what all the fuss is about.

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

Holidays are only FOUR weeks away! If you are thinking of holiday club Camp Australia has just what you need! Go on www.campaustralia.com.au and follow the links to discover the fun and exciting things happening in the holidays.

Ticket in the Tub winners
Tehila and Tyson

Student Attendance
EVERY DAY COUNTS @ MSPS

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