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.

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.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello Everyone,

We are now more than halfway through the term and our thoughts are already turning to Christmas and acknowledging the wonderful work done in our school by our volunteers. We hope all volunteers will be able to join us at our thank you morning tea on Thursday December 11th between 11.00 and 11.30 am. Please put the date in your diaries!

Once again we are having our annual Carols and Picnic. These will take place on Monday December 15th. The picnic will commence at 6.30pm with Carols to follow at 7pm. The classes have chosen their songs! We hope all families will join us. It is another opportunity for us to get together as a community. Please put this date in your diaries and on your calendars.

Speaking of dates, the rest of the term is packed with opportunities to be involved with your child and our school. Please be sure to check out our date section and add those you are interested in to your diary. Remember this section is also on our website and we will add it to our Facebook group.

Our grade 5/6 Hoop Time basketball mixed team represented our school in the regional finals today. They were thrilled with how they played and represented the area. Congratulations to everyone in this team not only for your sporting prowess but for the way you demonstrate our values when participating...
in out of school events. The teachers and parents are always proud to accompany you!

**Children’s’ social and emotional wellbeing, and mental health** is currently a much discussed topic. A large number of Department of Education and Early Childhood Development resources are expended on student’s social and emotional wellbeing and mental health each year. If you have **concerns** about your child’s social or emotional wellbeing, we have access to a variety of resources and can also recommend a number of external agencies. We also have **both counselling and psychology** support available at school.

To foster and support smooth transitions between grades, as well as our **pre-school to school transition** our **intra school transition** programs are already running this term. These prepare our students for the next phase of their **educational journey**. Our 2015 Preps spent an hour with us on Tuesday last week and Monday this week. They had a great time and we will be welcoming them back again on **Wednesday the 19th of November and Friday the 28th**. Here are some of them looking fantastic in their “I am going Morang South Primary School Next Year” T-Shirts.

Next Tuesday our grade 6 students are participating in program to prepare them for Secondary School. They follow a Secondary type timetable. On November 27th the grades 1 to 5 students start a series of four sessions where they learn about their 2015 grade level.

As there will be **no EMA in 2015** some parents may wish to avail themselves of our **second hand uniform** service. If you would like to purchase items ready for 2015 please note that it is open on Thursday morning from 9 – 9.30 am. It is situated in the single portable at the south end of the school near the path leading from Doreen Rogan Way.

**State Schools’ Relief has launched clk2sell** – a smartphone solution to buy and sell second hand school uniforms. This easy to use app aims to help make it simple for you to buy and sell school uniforms. For more information about this resource go to [www.clk2sell.com](http://www.clk2sell.com) or email info@clk2sell.com

**Look out for our Junior School Council drive to cooperate as a community towards a common goal in December. Hear all about it in the next newsletter.**

At this time of year many families ask about the term dates for the next year. They are as follows.

**2015 TERM DATES**
- Term 1: 28 January - 27 March
  - Grade 1 – 6 Students commence on Thursday January 28th;
  - Preps commence on Wednesday February 4th at 9.15am
- Term 2: 13 April - 26 June
- Term 3: 13 July - 18 September
- Term 4: 5 October - 18 December

Our grade **compilation for 2015** is well under way, so if your child/children will **not be returning** in 2015 please let us know as soon as possible.

Our Newsletter arrives via email.

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, Teachers Make a Difference & Every Day Counts!**

Keep up that lifelong learning!

Julie Jones

Principal
The Morang Sth PS Preps were chosen to perform at Westfield Plenty Valley’s launch of the Kmart Wishing Tree. Many of our school community members came down and watched the preps perform. They were superstars! *photos will be uploaded to our school website.
Every Face Has Its Place at Morang South

Have you seen the masks around the school? Take a walk through the office area with your family to have a look!
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We had Angela from Hands on Science come and visit us on Tuesday 28th October. We explored and tested a number of experiments which helped us to understand how various materials can be used to create other materials such as plastic. We learnt about materials that are sustainable and why others are not. Turning a liquid into a solid to create a bouncy ball was a highlight!
It was a cold, stormy, rainy early morning at South Morang railway station as we met to travel all the way to Cheltenham for the Chess State Final.

We battled train delays, congested railway stations and changed lines but we arrived with time to spare. Jonathan H, Josh F, Alyssa B, Peter T and Shayden D were given a participation pin as they arrived. Thirty-three teams and 200 players participated. Nine games to play and a long day ahead. Our team played well, were focused and enjoyed the challenge of playing students from all over Victoria. All our students won games from 2.5 wins to 6 wins out of 9. Special recognition goes to Jonathan for being placed in the top 10% by the end of the day. The Morang South team placed 22nd overall.

A mighty achievement. We are proud of you.

Special thanks to Rhys for not only your coaching but for the recesses and the lunch times you open room 19 for any enthusiastic players to come and enjoy a game and share your knowledge.
EVERY DAY COUNTS @ MSPS

Student Attendance Report - 24/10/14—10/11/14

As part of the Everyday Counts initiative, the DEECD is reporting attendance in percentages.

Some children have 100% attendance. The percentages in the following table indicate the average attendance for each grade during the fortnight.

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Grades 1/2

| Home Group 21 | 90%            | Home Group 5   | 90%            |
| Home Group 22 | 92%            | Home Group 7   | 81%            |
| Home Group 23 | 91%            | Home Group 9   | 88%            |
| Home Group 24 | 90%            | Home Group 11  | 87%            |

Shaded Area Indicates Highest Grades

Remember that every day counts and arriving at school on time, every day, can improve student learning! Please make sure you send a note if your child is going to be absent from school or on their return to school after an absence.

South Morang Preschool Riverside has vacancies for 2015 in the 4 year old group.

The kinder will run a rotation model with groups attending for 3 sessions of 5 hours. Session times will be 8.30 till 1.30pm each day. Parents are able to choose the three days that they prefer, subject to availability.

Please call Lyn Jenkins for more information on 9436-6398

Walk to school October 2014

Thankyou Morang South Primary School for getting involved in Walk to School October. It's been a fantastic month of fun walking activity!

Our whole school total number of walks for October was 6394. Melbourne City FC will be delivering a full day clinic for the school in each region that achieves the highest participation in Walk to School this year.
**ELECTION BBQ**
Saturday 29th November
Volunteers are needed, so please let Michelle Lewis know if you are able to help out

**WALKATHON**
Friday 21st November
Notes have been handed out with forms and money due back Wednesday 19th November
Each student who raises money will go into the draw to win movie tickets for a family of 4

**END OF YEAR DISCO**
Saturday 5th December. Details to follow

**Christmas RAFFLE**
Further details to follow
Donations are kindly welcomed. Please forward them to the office

**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
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 19th November
7:30pm Staffroom
Thank you to all the fantastic families who donated items to sell at our stall. We could not have done it without you. Thank you to the Mums who volunteered their time to assist with setting up and selling on the day, you were all wonderful. And thank you to those families who came along on the day to support our School. Your contributions are very much appreciated.. PFA