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.

Important Dates

18th September 2014

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello Everyone,

Thank you for another wonderful term. We receive great support from our community. I hope you are able to spend some family time with your children during the holidays. I will look forward to seeing you all back safe and sound on Monday October 6th.

We had a PFA meeting last night. When I was giving my report, we were all reflecting on what we have achieved this term and the variety of opportunities the children have had to participate in activities related to their interests.

Just last week we had:

Footy Day which is always fun and a great way of acknowledging part of Victoria’s heritage. I’d like to thank PFA for the work they put into the Footy day lunch. I’d also like to acknowledge the work Hayden put into organising the activities and the wonderful work the School Leaders did running the activities. Thank you everyone! We raised $477 with the coin line which is being put towards new sporting equipment.

Student led conferences which were most successful. Congratulations to all of those parents who attended. It is wonderful to see you supporting your children, celebrating their successes and working with them to set their goals for the rest of the year. Research clearly shows that children’s learning improves when

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 life long socially responsible learners equipped to thrive in and shape the future of our evolving global society.
parents are involved in their education. Attending the student led conferences demonstrates to your children that you value education. I know you will join with me in thanking and congratulating the teaching staff on the work they have done with the students on their learning and preparation for the conferences.

The Victorian State School Spectacular full day rehearsals on Thursday and Friday and the two performances on Saturday where twenty children from grade 4 to 6 performed. They had a marvellous time. They represented our school brilliantly. It was a pleasure to spend the day with them on Saturday. They lived by our values and used impeccable manners. They deserve to be congratulated. I’d like to thank Sandi for organising our participation, without which something like this would not be possible. It ran like clockwork and of course that is due to Sandi’s great organisational skills and attention to detail. Thank you also to Sandi for attending all day Saturday, a huge commitment and much appreciated. A huge thank you and congratulations to Mel Tollit for the large commitment she made to not only practices during the year but for spending Thursday, Friday and time Saturday at VSSS with our children. The kids knew their routines and what was expected of them and Mel was responsible for that. Well done Mel, they were a credit to you. Thank you to Deb Powell who spent the three days at Hisense Arena, supporting, marshalling and caring for our students. Again this experience for them would not be possible without such support. Thank you to Jess Barden for attending Friday to support the students. Jess and Deb also attended the 1pm performance and Mel the 6.30 performance on Saturday to show support for their performance. The kids were so excited when they came back after their performances to say they saw Deb, Miss Barden and Miss Tollit in the audience. Many parents and siblings also attended which was great for the students and our school. I’d also like to thank Cam and Michael for driving the bus to and from rehearsals both locally and to Hisense Arena. Thank you to the large number of parents who also assisted with driving both locally and to Hisense. My wonderful husband also stepped up when we needed someone to collect Mel and some children form Hisense on Friday evening!

Well done everyone!

We have also had a few sporting events during the last two weeks – Athletics, Hoop Time and Volleyball, where our children did well both as competitors and good sports. Read more later in the newsletter. Congratulations to them all.

Our Concert, ‘Making it Green’, is just around the corner, so there is a buzz of excitement in the air. As I’ve moved around the school recently I’ve witnessed some exciting rehearsals and heard some great singing and joyful laughter.

We have had a few families concerned about the restrictions on the number of tickets for the concert. As most of you will know our last concert was two years ago. Our projected numbers for the school for this year were in the mid three hundreds with about two hundred families, by both DEECD and our own calculations. One concert night, would easily cater for these numbers and we booked accordingly. Since then our numbers have unexpectedly grown to four-hundred and twenty with two hundred and ninety families – in some ways a positive for us as a school community building on our great reputation. Unfortunately this means that this year we have had to limit tickets to two per family. There may be another distribution but we cannot guarantee this. We always endeavour to cater for the variety of family types there are in society now – blended, step, separated etc. Regardless of predictions we will book two evenings for 2016 and cancel one if it is not required. Thank you to those of you who we have spoken to and heard from in the last couple of weeks for your understanding and willingness to be flexible. We know it is not easy!

Many schools are facing these difficulties with concerts and school functions. Some larger schools have booked larger venues which are closer to the city, and then been hurt financially when families choose not to attend because of the travel. Health and safety regulations prevent children sitting on the laps of adults. The venue contact has been adamant that this is not allowed. If you would like to discuss your situation with us, please contact me at school on 94041548.
We have mentioned our Plenty Valley Telstra sponsorship before. We are excited to announce that our Maths and Science Garden will be commenced during the holidays. Look out for the photos, plans and report later in the Newsletter. Sandi Young, Karen Jeffery and our Student Voice Team have worked well together to gather the sponsorship and ideas!!

Each year, some secondary schools offer scholarships to incoming year seven students. The students usually sit a test and/or attend an interview. Congratulations to Josh Ford who has been awarded a General Excellence Scholarship at Marymede Catholic College.

In 2014, Mental Health Week will run from Sunday 5th to Saturday 11th October. World Mental Health Day is marked every year on the same date: 10th of October.

Mental Health Week aims to activate, educate and engage Victorians about mental health through a week of interactive events across the state including an official launch, community festivals, art exhibitions, music, theatre and seminars.

From its beginnings in 1985, the week has grown to encompass hundreds of events and a multitude of individuals, community groups and service providers throughout the state.

Much of the effort of running Mental Health Week comes from dedicated volunteers committed to promoting mental wellbeing, furthering knowledge about mental health and eliminating the stigma surrounding mental illness.

It is our policy to ensure all children are placed in grades with children they both relate to and work well with. Our teachers are highly professional and spend an enormous amount of time thinking about and discussing this, in their endeavour to create balanced, harmonious grades. If you have any serious concerns regarding your child’s placement in relation to other class members, NOT in relation to teachers, please put those concerns in writing to me.

Please do not assume that because you have made a request before that you don’t need to do it again. Circumstances change, so we need you to do this every year if you have a concern.

They MUST be to us by the end of the first week of term 4 – FRIDAY 10th of October.

You are more than welcome to email me your concerns. jones.julie.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

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.

Please contact us and let us know if you will be leaving in 2015. Thank you.

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
EVERY DAY COUNTS @ MSPS

Fortnightly Student Attendance Report  29/08/2014-12/09/14

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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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.

In the wake of Victoria’s Chief Health Officer confirming at least four cases of measles in the northern region, it is timely for all schools to check their student immunisation status records.

Schools are required under the Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008 to request an immunisation certificate for each child prior to enrolment and keep this on record. Please ensure that you have met this legal liability.

In the event of a vaccine preventable disease outbreak, unimmunised children will be sent home until the risk of infection has passed.

All families, especially in the northern suburbs, should be aware of the signs and symptoms of measles.

Measles usually begins with common cold symptoms such as fever, sore throat, red eyes and a cough. A rash usually begins 3-7 days after the first symptoms, generally starting on the face and then spreading to the rest of the body.

Children can be immunised through their local GP, immunisation clinics, local councils, community child health nurses and some hospitals.
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Every face has a place @ MSPS

Everyone should have received their blank mask and we hope you are busy decorating them with what makes you unique. Remember they can be 2D or 3D, look like your face or be abstract.

What a great holiday project!
Can’t wait to see what everyone comes up with!

Guess the MSPS staff member

The previous newsletter staff member was... Mrs Anderson! She is the Prep team leader and is the teacher in HG02.

The following four clues have been provided by the next mystery staff member.
Can you work out who they are?

- I am vertically challenged
- I work in the office as well as with small groups of students
- I keep the peace at home and wear a Collingwood jumper for Footy Day
- My hair does not like wet weather

Do you know who it is?

All will be revealed next newsletter.
Children from our MSPS Student Voice have been revamping our school ‘Friendship tree.’
Student Voice asked the Prep students to draw a picture of them to hang on the friendship tree. We also have laminated the pictures so they won’t get ruined when it’s raining. Student Voice also painted the seats so they look brighter and brand new. Children might go to the friendship tree because they’re lonely and have no one to play with. Then someone will come and ask that person to play with them. Or you might just want to go and admire the pictures on the friendship tree. I think the friendship tree is a very good idea.
By Dizzy
(Member of 2014 Student Voice)
Over the past two years Morang South Primary has been planning something special. **We have now created a draft of what we want in our Maths Science Garden!** We visited Plenty Parklands and saw their Math Garden. It was astonishing! We loved their ideas. We had our ideas so we drew up our plan. At one of our meetings we met Michael, a past M.S.P.S student who is now a landscaper. We were so excited to meet him. We could finally start the real work.

We would like to thank Telstra Plenty Valley Store for donating money to be used for the garden and continuing to support us all the way.

By Elizabeth PARDALLIS (Student Voice)

**Watch this space...**

**MSPS Student Voice**
with Sebastian from Telstra Plenty Valley Store.
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. Sebastian from Telstra Plenty Valley Store (photo left) presented the award to the winner on Monday 15th September.

Congratulations to Ann from home group 11.

Ann is an honest student who can be relied upon to consistently live by the school values at Morang South Primary School. Ann can be trusted to be honest in all situations, including games outside with her friends and when performing her leadership roles in the Student Voice team and as an Office and Library Monitor.

Respect will be the October Value of the Month.

THANK YOU
Telstra Plenty Valley Store

On Monday 15th September the MSPS and Telstra Plenty Valley Store Attendance Awards were presented. Children who had 100% attendance in Term 3 were presented a small certificate. We are incredibly proud of the ten children who have achieved 100% attendance in Term 1, 2 and 3. Well done Cooper.W, Kade, Nathan.H, Jack.B, Ella.H, Jai, Anastasia, Tehara, Amilia and Ishka! Their names were put into a hat and one lucky student is drawn out.

Congratulations Kade from HG02.

Kade receives a voucher from our wonderful friends at Telstra Plenty Valley Store.
Congratulations to all of the students who competed in the Zone Athletics on Monday September 8th against other students from Lalor, Bridge Inn, Mitchell and Bundoora Districts. All of the students participated with enthusiasm and excellent sportsmanship. The following students were able to achieve outstanding results in their individual events and will compete in the Whittlesea Division event on Wednesday October 15th — Brayden F., Jonah P., Kyle B., Aidan B., Alyssa B., Flora R. and Taylah B. Well done—we are very proud of you all.

Ms. Grad (PE)
Are you returning to work?
Do you volunteer at your local sporting club?
Do you want to help on future school camps and/or excursions?

Have you thought about completing a First Aid training course?

Learn the what, when and how

Morang South Primary School is in a unique position to assist parents and carers in furthering their opportunities by offering a Level 2 First Aid training course on site.

Prices range from $140 - $160 depending on numbers.

6hr course with notes with which you can work through at your own pace.

(1 x 6hr session or 2 x 3hr session)

If you are interested, please contact Mary-Anne on 9404 1548 or email pollock.mary-anne.m@edumail.vic.gov.au with your day/night preference (not all requests can be guaranteed) and your contact details.

Classes may be offered in 2015.

May also include anaphylaxis training.

Do not miss out on this great opportunity to get skilled up!

*** If you have an idea for a different course you would like MSPS to facilitate ***

PLEASE LET USE KNOW! Email: pollock.mary-anne.m@edumail.vic.gov.au
Walk to school October 2014

Morang South Primary School is asking for your support to help promote WALK TO SCHOOL OCTOBER 2014.

VicHealth’s Walk to School encourages Victorian primary school students and their families to walk to and from school during October, building healthy habits for life.

Walking – like all physical activity – is great for children’s health and wellbeing. Through Walk to School, VicHealth encourages Victorian primary students to walk to and from school with their parents every school day in October.

By getting involved in Walk to School, our school can help students learn healthy habits, and achieve the 60 minutes of physical activity recommended for children each day. Walking to school can also help reduce traffic congestion, parking difficulties and the associated environmental impacts.

All participating schools will receive student certificates to celebrate their students’ achievements, and will be in the running for regional prizes provided by VicHealth. All students can enter VicHealth’s fun walking-themed competitions throughout October.

So let’s get involved!

Thank you for your support.

Morang South Primary School
Victorian State School’s Spectacular 2014!

Well, the Victorian State School Spectacular has sadly ended. We had so much fun- making new friends and interacting with people that we have never met before. That’s all part of the great experience. But mostly performing in front of seven thousand people and the fact this is being filmed by channel 7 and because this is the real thing, it’s not a small stage or a little tiny arena it’s the big thing: Hisense arena in the city. And the fact that there are performers on stage that sing out of this world and dancers and very cool props.

Benito

When we were back stage some kids were nervous but when we were up on stage and it was time to perform, we danced our hearts out and it wasn’t so nerve racking. It was a great experience we can’t wait to do it next year!

Bentley

On the 11th, 12th and 13th of September, 20 students from our school went to Hisense Arena to perform in the Victorian State School’s Spectacular (VSSS). Victorian State School’s Spectacular is a fabulous show with singers, dancers, acrobats, roller-skaters, puppets and more! We had been learning dances for six months, and we had a huge seven dances.

On the Thursday the 11th September, we arrived at Hisense Arena to get an idea of what everything will look like. On Friday the 12th, we did a full dress rehearsal with costumes and all. On Saturday the 13th, it was our two big performances!

The theme of the Victorian State School’s Spectacular was “Dare to Dream”. The songs we danced to included-Can you Feel it, Dreamer, Boogie Wonderland, Sweet dreams, Brave, Don’t Stop me Now and Applause. These were only what the Mass dancers performed! There were a lot more acts in between as well! The talent of the students in Victorian schools is AMAZING!

All of the students that participated in VSSS this year, would like to thank the following people. Deb Powell, Mrs Jones, Mrs Young , Ms Barden and of course, Ms Tollit for teaching us all of our dances! We would also like to thank all of the parents, MSPS staff and Mr Jones who drove us to our regional practices and performances. We couldn’t have done it without you!

Isabelle
We are requesting families to please donate as many 5c and 10c coins as possible and have your child give these coins to their classroom teacher.

Each classroom will have a jar with the different coloured levels marked clearly on the jar. Small and fun rewards will be offered to those grades who reach a level first. We will announce our progress at school assemblies and in our Gorge Newsletter.

**How many coins have you brought to school?**

*The grey fill in each jar below indicates how many coins have been brought to school, as of 4th September 2014.*

**Winners announced at the Week 1 Assembly, Term 4!**

**Beware of the Magpies.**

Swooping season is here. Make sure all your kids are prewarned.
Fathers Day Raffle

Congratulations to our winners

1st Prize – Troy Hg 5
2nd Prize – Jess Barden
3rd Prize – Jonathan Hg 14

5 CENTS/10 CENTS FUNDRAISER
Winners announced in the first newsletter of Term 4

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 $5
¼ page $10, ½ page $20, Full page $40

To advertise, contact the school on 9404 1548 for further details

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS
Books have arrived and are available from the office

@ $65, with $13 going directly to our school

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 15th October
7:30pm Staffroom
School Holidays are here!

What a wonderful we have all had together here in OSHC. All OSHC staff hope the children have safe and happy holidays and look forward to seeing all of you in term four.

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!

Don’t forget HAT SEASON IS HERE! Don’t forget to bring a hat to leave at OSHC for outside play in the afternoons. NO hat NO play!

Ticket in the Tub Winners
Congratuations
Nivi and Lachie D

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.
Messages from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development

**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.