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,

How lovely it is to see the beautiful sunshine. It is almost Spring!

The 3/4 campers arrived safe and sound yesterday before lunch and have had a great start. They have been fortunate to have such fine weather. Their trip to Puffing Billy tomorrow should be wonderful, given the predicted temperature of nineteen degrees. I am looking forward to my visit to the camp this afternoon.

Australia’s National Flower The Golden Wattle. Always a hopeful sign that spring is just around the corner.

Spring brings with it sunshine, Father’s Day, flowers, baby animals, festivals and fetes to name a few.

For us it also means time to don our hats again. From the 1st of September through to the 30th of April hats are compulsory for our students when they are outside. So please dig into those drawers, cupboards, bags and even bottom of the laundry basket to find those hats. Hats are available at the office if a new one is needed. There are three types; broad brimmed, bucket and legionnaires.

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.

Important Dates

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all costing $10. We have plenty in stock!

Spring is also the season for swooping magpies. There are usually some near our school and down behind the school in the park. Please read the information I have put into the Newsletter with regard to this. Take care.

Our boys T Ball team represented our school in the regional finals yesterday. They had a big day, playing three games. They had one win and two losses, ruling them out of the finals. I’d like to congratulate them for their achievements. Well done boys! As a 10, 11 or 12 year old it seems overly disappointing to lose some games, however strength of character and personal values are evident when you manage yourself well in the light of a disappointing loss. I’d also like to thank Sandi Young for the dedication and time she put into coaching the boys and Tina Corevski for the support she gave the team. Thank you ladies! Congratulations and thank you to all of those parents who attended the games and supported the boys.

I understand parking around the school is a contentious issue. Thank you to all those adults who understand that it is not the school’s responsibility to provide parking for families and indeed it is DEECD policy that drop off parking should not be provided on school property. Recently we have had two families park in front of our large garbage bins in the staff car park. This has prevented the Waste Disposal Company emptying our bins resulting in almost $150 worth of fines. This money would be better spent on equipment for our students.

Please adhere to the local parking laws.

Please do not park in the staff car parks.

The Father’s Day stall will be held in a fortnight on September 4th. The PFA are well organised and there will be a great range of gifts for the children to purchase. Please see the details on the PFA page.

In the wake of Victoria’s Chief Health Officer confirming three cases of measles at Essendon North Primary School, 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. A reminder that on Tuesday September 10th we will have our Student led conferences where Students attend only for their conference. Notes will go home next week explaining the process with instructions on how to book your appointment times online.

Monday November 3rd is a Pupil Free Day where teachers will be writing reports off site.

Triple P – Positive Parenting Program

A new parenting support program is now available free of charge to every parent of a child with a disability aged 2 to 12 years in Victoria. Stepping Stones Triple P is a specially tailored program for parents of children with special needs and is part of the Triple P – Positive Parenting Program, one of the world’s most effective parenting programs. Stepping Stones gives parents the skills to raise happy, confident children and build stronger family relationships. It also helps parents manage problem behaviour and developmental issues common in children with disabilities.
To find out more or to register for free group and individual parenting sessions go to www.triplep-steppingstones.net

We are in a position to offer this 10 session program at our school, commencing on Friday August 29th. It will operate during the latter part of term 3 and early term 4.

Di Ridley, a psychologist who is certified to run this program will be facilitator. Di has worked in our school before and I would highly recommend this program to you. Please contact me at school if you would like further information

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 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

Staying Safe Around Swooping Magpies

Information brought to you by Animals on the Move.  www.animalsonthemove.com.au

Male magpies, they are the ones with the white backs, will defend an area around their nests during breeding season. The area is usually within 100 metres of the nest if you are walking but can be 150m if you are riding a bike. Protective behaviour can start as early as July (when they start nesting) and go through to November (when the chicks are fledging).

A magpie’s defensive behaviour can be a swoop or a dive bomb and sometimes that can involve contact. Some attacks can leave a person with head or eye injuries, so swooping magpies should be taken seriously.

What can we do to stay safe during this time?

- When walking, wear a broad brimmed hat and sunglasses, sometimes putting eyes on the back of your hat can deter the magpie.
- If you are riding a bike, attach a flag to a pole on your bike, this may deter them, or get off and walk.
- If you can avoid the area and find another route home until the magpie babies have left the nest that would be better for both parties.
- Don’t fight back if a magpie swoops. Throwing sticks or stones at it can make it more aggressive. If you find a fledgling on the ground don’t pick it up, dad is probably watching from afar. If it is still there at night and you are concerned for its safety, pick it up and put it in a tree.

Not all male magpies swoop people, according to a Brisbane study only nine per cent do. The Plover is another swooping bird; they are most often seen in open grassy areas close to water. In breeding season both male and female will defend the nest.

Their swooping rarely results in contact but can be unsettling for children.
Home Group 1  Tyler & Pritika  Home Group 2  Kai & Angeleen
Home Group 3  Lachlan & Kassidy  Home Group 4  Oscar & Eric
Home Group 5  Ethan L & Lachlan P  Home Group 7  Ethan & Blake
Home Group 09  Bentley & Omar  Home Group 11  Elijah & Joel
Home Group 13  Tehara & Kendall  Home Group 14  Bella & Aljoud
Home Group 15  Abraham & Jarrod  Home Group 16  Josh & Amber P
Home Group 21  Jayden D & HG 21  Home Group 22  Dev & Zac
Home Group 23  Christina & Bailey  Home Group 24  Aidan S & Kylah
Science  Home Group 4  Scientist of Week  Milly
P.E. 1-6  Home Group 21  The Arts– GR 1-6  Home Group 21
Good mental health is vital for life. Children who are mentally healthy are better able to meet life’s challenges and have stronger relationships with the people around them. They are also better learners who are more likely to succeed at school. Good mental health in childhood provides a solid basis for managing changes as they grow. On the other hand, children who are exposed to multiple stressors – such as a family breakdown, poverty, abuse, racism, bulling, or the mental illness of a parent – are at a higher risk of developing emotional or behavioural problems that can continue into adulthood.

It’s not always possible to tell which children will develop difficulties, so it’s important to consider the wellbeing of all children. The good news is that KidsMatter Primary is all about growing healthy minds. KidsMatter is a mental health and wellbeing framework that helps schools focus on the development of all their students in partnership with families. It was developed by mental health and education experts and has already made a big difference to the lives of Australian children.

How does KidsMatter Primary work?

When schools take on KidsMatter Primary, they build on the work they are already doing to support students’ mental health and wellbeing. Firstly, they form an Action Team to represent the whole-school community and to coordinate and lead the implementation of the initiative. The Action Team reviews the schools’ current efforts across four focus areas (or ‘components’). They look for ways they can strengthen these efforts, and then take action using a step-by-step planning process. Every school is different, with different needs for their students and families. The KidsMatter Primary framework covers four components that have shown to be highly successful in supporting the mental health and wellbeing of children.

How can families help?

Families are the biggest influence on children’s mental health and play a very important role in KidsMatter. Children benefit when the important people in their lives work together and have a shared understanding of their development and their needs. KidsMatter Primary has developed a range of information sheets with parenting tips and strategies to help all Australian families support the wellbeing of their children. View them online at www.kidsmatter.edu.au If your child’s school is participating in KidsMatter Primary, there are many things you can do to help make it a success:

• Read the KidsMatter Primary information sheets to further your understanding about children’s mental health.

• Develop relationships with staff, so you can share knowledge and information about how they can support your child.

• Get involved in the Action Team.

• Ask staff how KidsMatter Primary is being implemented.

• Participate in school activities to build a sense of community.

• Respond to any school requests for ideas or information.

Successful schools start with healthy minds
On Wednesday 6th August, Home group 15 participated in our first Mystery Skype in the classroom. Mystery Skype is an educational game, invented by teachers, played by two classrooms on Skype. The aim of the game is to guess the location of the other classroom by asking each other questions. Classrooms from all over the world participate. Home group 15 worked together as team (we all had roles), and using our problem solving skills, world maps, atlas’ and google we were able to ask some great yes/no questions to work out where the other class was in the world. We guessed their school first. Their school name was Kennington Primary School, and they are located in Bendigo. They were a grade 6 class. We won! Ella and Tianna
Thursday August 7th, all of the students at MSPS participated in our “Jump Off Day”, to celebrate the completion of our Jump Rope For Heart program. Unfortunately the rain meant some last minute changes to the full program, and our sessions had to be shortened. However, all of the students were still able to move through a rotation of skipping-related activities with their Grade Buddies in Killara and Paringa. Students worked with their buddy with individual ropes, long-ropes, hoola hoops, skipping races, sack races and egg and spoon Races. The students had lots of fun, worked cooperatively and enjoyed sharing their skipping expertise with each other.

Sue Grad (1-6 PE)
As part of Term 3's Integrated Studies unit 'Surviving in Suburbia', the grade 1/2 students have been learning about Australian animals and their habitats. The students in HG24 have been busy designing their Australian animal habitat dioramas which will be made using recycled shoe boxes. They have been planning for the use of a variety of natural materials including leaves and outside matter. They are very excited to start the creating process in the coming weeks.
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. A huge congratulations to those grades who have an average attendance of more than 95%.

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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.

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 September the 2nd and Wednesday September the 3rd. Parents are invited to attend with their child on the evening of Tuesday September the 2nd between 6.45 and 8.00 pm. Student science and technology projects will be on display in Killara gym and Mrs Gevaux will also open the science room to visit during this time. Participating students in grades Prep to 4 are required to bring their entries to the gym at 8.45 on Tuesday September the 2nd and will take them home on Wednesday September the 3rd. Students in grades 5 and 6 will take their project to their classroom and take it across to Killara with their classroom teacher.

Leanne Nicholls (Technology Co-ordinator)
Karen Jeffery (Science Co-ordinator)
5 and 10 CENT-A-THON FUNDRAISER 2014

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 18th August 2014.

HOW IS YOUR GRADE GOING?

Well Done HG24! You have FILLED your jar.

Fathers’ Day Stall

Every child loves to buy surprises for their Dad, Grandpa, Step-dad or someone special.

Morang South Primary School will hold their annual Fathers Day Stall on Thursday 4th September.

There is a large range of gifts and they are excellent value for money.

All classes will visit the stall on Thursday 4th September 2014 with a ‘second chance’ visit on Friday 5th September 2014 (2:45pm-3:30pm)

Presents will range from $0.50 cents to $5.00.

There will also be some raffles for $1.00

Please remember to send along some money and a bag with your child.

The Fathers’ Day Stall is popular each year so spoil Dad, Grandpa, Step-dad or someone special with the great gifts we have made available.
All grades have been busy creating books for The Morang South Primary Book of the Year Awards.

We will be having a **Book Walk** on Monday August 25th at 2:30pm so the children can read some of the books made in other grades. Meet at your child’s classroom at 2:30pm if you would like to join us in visiting other grades to see their books!

Shortlisted authors and illustrators will be awarded certificates at assembly on Monday September 1st and then the overall winners will be announced!
FATHERS DAY STALL
To be held on Thursday 4th September
Further details to follow

FOOTY DAY
To be held on Tuesday 9th September
Further details to follow

5 CENTS/10 CENTS FUNDRAISER
Save those 5 & 10 cents & bring them to your classroom
to fill up your jar!
Small & fun rewards will be offered to those grades who reach a level 1st

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
17th September
7:30pm Staffroom
Morang South Primary School | 22nd August 2014

We are past half way!
The fun we have been having in OSHC cooking, discovering new things Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander culture. The children made a range of craft which is reprinted in our room for all to admire!

Next week we are exploring ‘The Land Before Time’ as an underlining theme as we reflect on our world we live in before we were created, we are going to enjoy cooking and lots of activities and craft chosen by the children. We will also be continuing with RESTAURANTS on Wednesdays in after school care, come in and see what all the fuss is about.

CSHC 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
Zoe S and Isabella C

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.

we make kids smile
www.campaustralia.com.au

Morang South Primary School

2015 Prep Parent Information Evening

Thursday 27th November, 2014 7.30pm – 9.00pm in the Open Learning Area

We do request Parents Only attend this session

Kindergarten to Prep Transition Dates
Tuesday 28th October 2014 2.30pm – 3.30pm
Monday 10th November 2014 2.30pm – 3.30pm
Wednesday 19th November 2014 2.30pm – 3.30pm
Friday 28th November 2014 2.30pm – 3.30pm

Family BBQ
Thursday 11th December 2014
5.00pm – 7.00pm

During this time you can meet your teacher for 2015. The prep classrooms, the gym and the library will be open.
Father’s Day Family Night

Thursday 4th September 6pm – 8pm

Join us for a great night of fun!

- Make a gift for dad
- D.I.Y. workshops
- Light refreshments
- Free gift wrapping

Plus more great activities in store including:

- Giant Bubble Workshop
- Storytelling Pantomime
- Jumping Castle
- Glitter Tattoos
- Popcorn

Bookings recommended. For more information or to book ask one of our team in-store or visit www.bunnings.com.au
Bunnings Warehouse is giving you the chance to win one of three prizes valued at $50.
All you have to do is colour in the Father’s Day scene and deliver it to your local Warehouse by 6pm on Sunday 7th September.
The winners of the colour-in competition will be drawn on Monday 8th September and the winners will be notified by mail or telephone.

Name: 
Age: 
Address: 
Suburb: 
Postcode: 
Telephone: 
Store: 

Conditions of Entry:
• Prizes: 3 prizes each of $50 worth of product or a $50 Bunnings gift card.
• Competition is open to children aged up to & including 12 years old.
• There is a limit of 1 entry per person.
• Entries must be received by 6pm, Sunday 7th September.
• The competition will be drawn by the store team at each Bunnings Warehouse, on Monday 8th September.
• The winners will be contacted by mail or telephone.
• The judges’ decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
• Bunnings Group employees, suppliers & their families are ineligible to enter.