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,

Well, here we are at the end of another term; half way through the year. I hope you are able to take some time to enjoy the company of your children during the holidays. I will look forward to seeing you all back happy and healthy on July 14th.

Tomorrow, Friday 27th June is the final day of Term 2. Lunch eating time will be at 1.40 pm and children will be dismissed at 2.30pm. Parents are asked to please make necessary arrangements to collect their children on time. Thank you.

I hope you enjoy reading your children’s reports which highlight what they have achieved during the semester. Please take the time to celebrate their achievements and have a discussion with them about what they can do to continue to improve. Please be sure to complete the parent comment section. The children love to share this back at school.

During term 3 we have had the good fortune to be able to offer a dance program to all students run by the Footsteps Dance Company.

The company has given us a great deal.

VISON

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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Physical Education and Arts domains provide students with knowledge, skills and behaviours to enable them to develop and maintain their physical, mental, social and emotional health. They focus on the importance of a healthy lifestyle and physical activity in the lives of individuals and groups in our society. We are also required to assess students in these domains.

Most children have parts of the curriculum they love and sometimes those they are not so keen on. This reflects life. We occasionally need to do some things we are not keen on! I hope you will support us and your children’s learning by ensuring that they participate in these five dance workshops just as I know you would expect your children to participate in Mathematics or English opportunities.

If you are experiencing difficulty making the payment for the workshops or any other incursion or excursion, please see me or give me a call so we can work something out, together.

Congratulations to Jen Pearson and Sandi Young for their successful submission and promotion of our effort to win the Leaders Local Grant of $1000. We are looking forward to a new set of Ukuleles to use in our Arts Program. A huge thank you to our community for getting behind us and voting!

What a week of strange and extreme weather. On Tuesday, we put arrangements in place to ensure that the children had playtime but were not outside in the wild weather.

The strong, blustery winds resulted in some serious damage around our school. We lost some large tree branches, half a tree and our back gate has been damaged and cut off by a fallen tree on the path from the community centre.

Leanne reported the fallen tree to the Council on Tuesday almost immediately after it happened. We have checked with the Council today and they had a record of our report but have had more than four hundred calls reporting damage in the Shire, which is to be expected. They will endeavour to move the removal of the tree up the list. We are sure you will be able to use this gate again when school returns after the holidays.

Our most serious damage occurred to the Killara gym where 6 window panels fell from the southern windows onto the top the storeroom. The panels are designed to fall outwards and the glass had a protective film on it so no glass fell into the gym.

Fortunately no-one was injured in any of these incidents.

Kylie Troiani was in the gym with the children from HG02. She removed them from the scene calmly and efficiently, supported by our aides Jodi and Natasha from Prepic. The children were then settled back into their classroom by Mandy and they showed great resilience in managing the rest of the school day as normal. Thank you Kylie, Jodi and Natasha.

(Well as normal as Pyjama Day can be! ) 😎

Leanne Roberts spent a large part of the day contacting the appropriate authorities and making our school as safe as possible, given the weather. It is comforting to know we have someone as efficient and as focused on our safety as Leanne is. Thank you Leanne!

Congratulations to all of the students who have participated in the football and chess teams during the last week. They have represented our school well, when winning and losing. Look out for the reports in the Newsletter!

Tomorrow, Friday, we will be having a short assembly to draw the PFA mid-year raffle and present our Telstra Plenty Valley attendance awards. The assembly will commence at 9.10 and will be followed by the Prep Fairy tale parade and ball.

Curiosity is an important trait of a good learner and thinker. I don’t think you can find an intellectual giant who is not a curious person. Thomas Edison, Leonardo da Vinci, Marie Curie, Albert Einstein, they were all curious people. But why is curiosity so important?

It makes your mind active instead of passive

Curious people always ask questions and search for answers in their minds. Their minds are always active. Since the mind is like a muscle which becomes stronger through continual exercise, the mental exercise caused by curiosity makes your mind stronger.

It makes your mind observant of new ideas

When you are curious about something, your mind expects and anticipates new ideas related to it. When the ideas come they will soon be recognised.
Without curiosity, the ideas may pass right in front of you and yet you miss them because your mind is not prepared to recognise them.

**It opens up new worlds and possibilities**

By being curious you will be able to see new worlds and possibilities which are normally not visible. They are hidden behind the surface of normal life, and it takes a curious mind to look beneath the surface and discover these new worlds and possibilities.

**It brings excitement into your life**

The life of curious people is far from boring. It’s neither dull nor routine. There are always new things that attract their attention; there are always new ‘toys’ to play with. Instead of being bored, curious people have an adventurous life. Knowing the importance of curiosity, here are some tips to develop it:

1. **Keep an open mind**

Be open to learn, unlearn, and relearn. Some things you know and believe might be wrong, and you should be prepared to accept this possibility and change your mind.

2. **Don’t take things as granted**

Don’t just accept the world as it is without trying to dig deeper, to understand better. Never take things as granted. Try to dig deeper beneath the surface of what is around you.

3. **Ask questions relentlessly**

A sure way to dig deeper beneath the surface is asking questions: What is that? Why is it made that way? When was it made? Who invented it? Where does it come from? How does it work? What, why, when, who, where, and how are the best friends of curious people.

4. **Don’t label something as boring**

Whenever you label something as boring, you close one more door of possibilities. Curious people are unlikely to call something boring. Instead, they always see it as a door to an exciting new world. Even if they don’t yet have time to explore it, they will leave the door open to be visited another time.

5. **See learning as something fun**

If you see learning as a burden, there’s no way you will want to dig deeper into anything. That will just make the burden heavier. But if you think of learning as something fun, you will naturally want to dig deeper. So look at life through the glasses of fun and excitement and enjoy the learning process.

6. **Read diverse kinds of reading**

Don’t spend too much time on just one world; take a look at other worlds. It will introduce you to the possibilities and excitement of the other worlds which may spark your interest to explore them further. One easy way to do this is through reading diverse kinds of reading. We are our children’s role models. We need to encourage them to ask questions, to have a go at solving problems, to support their ideas and strategies with finding out answers, and most of all, to believe in their ability to do so. In the words of Albert Einstein, ‘Intellectual growth should commence at birth and cease only at death’.

The stormy weather also brings more parking challenges. I know that many parents who are frustrated by those who do not follow the parking signs and take risks with their children’s safety, have contacted the Whittlesea Council to express their concern. The Council will have by-laws officers patrolling the local streets. First and foremost, please consider your child’s safety when driving and parking around the school but also consider others and the possibility of you receiving a fine if you do not follow the regulations.

**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

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
Home Group 1  Tyler & Dominic
Home Group 3  Emily & Ryan
Home Group 5  Mia & Jordyn
Home Group 09  Stephanie & Grace
Home Group 13  Anastasia & Shelby
Home Group 21  Tyler & Emily
Home Group 23  Joshua & Oakley
Home Group 5
Science
Good Sport Award  Blair HG 3
P.E. 1-6
Home Group 15
Home Group 1
The Arts– Prep
The Arts– GR 1-6  Home Group 13

Home Group 2  Jacob & HG 2
Home Group 4  Adela & Shreya
Home Group 7  Renae & Kelsea
Home Group 11  Josh & Jacque
Home Group 15  Alexandar & HG 15
Home Group 22  Madeleine & Peter
Home Group 24  Madelyn & Lachlan
Scientist of Week  Patrick HG 23
P.E Prep
GR 1-6 Sport Award  Cooper HG 24
Prep Artist Week  Charlotte HG 3
Home Group 1  Todd & Alyssa
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Home Group 5  Alyssa B & Alyssa V
Home Group 09  Bentley
Home Group 14  Chloe
Home Group 16  Home Group 16
Home Group 22  Ryan & Lucas
Home Group 24  Aliyah
Science  Home Group 21

Home Group 2  Kylah & Noah
Home Group 4  Syed & Amelia
Home Group 7  Lachlan & Ann
Home Group 13  Ruby & Jayde
Home Group 15  Jack & Kaniesha
Home Group 21  Aaron & Chelsea
Home Group 23  Antonio

Scientist of Week  Kyle
Being fair towards and accepting of other people’s beliefs, differences and opinions.

This means: Finding ways of allowing for and celebrating differences.
The KidsMatter Action team met on Wednesday morning to discuss and plan the next step in the KidsMatter journey.

The teachers at MSPS met on Wednesday afternoon, as part of our regular professional learning, to brainstorm how KidsMatter will be used in addition to already established initiatives and events.

A Positive school community is the first KidsMatter Primary component area for learning, planning and action. In a positive school community, every face has a place, every voice is valued and everyone has something to contribute.
In term 2, we have been using our netbooks in many different ways to help us with our learning. We have been using our Class Wikispaces in maths and in our reading groups. We have also been sending emails to each other and we are sending people links to some really cool websites, like Storybots, Arcademicskillbuilders, Dreamtime Stories and other websites.

Here is a list of some of the ways we have used our netbooks this term:

- To graph our Smartie maths results using Excel
- To do research for our project on Early Explorers
- We have used PowerPoint for our digital portfolio and for our passion projects
- We have used Kahootz to recreate our early explorers journey
- We have used Visio for our Two Stars and a Wish
- We have used Photo story to sequence the book called The Little Wooden Horse
- We have used AutoCollage to create a cover for The Little Wooden Horse Photo story
- We have used interesting websites and learning sites
- We have used Mathletics and Studyladder for English and Maths
- We have used a digital camera to take photos of our work and upload them ourselves to our own netbooks
- We have used a digital camera to film other students presenting their projects and uploading the film on our own netbooks
- We have used our webcam to take photos of ourselves and use them for projects
- We have used Survey Monkey to answer questions about our personal learning

FROM SIENNA AND CHLOE
On the 24th of June, Junior School Council held a Pyjama Day, in which all students could wear their pyjamas to school. Everyone was encouraged to bring a gold coin donation to help raise money for The State School Relief Fund.

Mrs Iaconis and Ms Barden would like to thank all the staff and students who participated in Pyjama Day. We have raised $335.00
HOME GROUP 3 LOOKING GREAT ON PYJAMA DAY

HOME GROUP 18 ENJOYING STORY TIME WITH THEIR BUDDIES
This term the Grade 5/6 Football team has competed against other schools within the Bridge Inn District. Games have been played either at the opposing school for away fixtures, or at the Mill Park Lakes for home matches.

The team has formed a real bond and are a close knit bunch, working hard for each other at training and throughout a match. They have been a fantastic group to coach, as the level of enthusiasm and determination to succeed have driven a high standard of behaviour on and off the field. There have certainly been some individual stand out performances, however it has been the whole group approach that have lead this team to success. They have been captained superbly by Jonah Potter and in his absence Alex Stevanoski and Marcus Jovcevski.

The team are Bridge Inn champions, having qualified top seed being unbeaten in the round robin, and then going on to defeat Marymede at their home ground in the final 18 -8 on a very windy and challenging day.

The next stage is regionals which will be played at Epping Reserve (High St Epping) on July 18th, where we will be up against the Lalor District champions.

A special thanks to all of the parents who have given up their time to come and support, take photos and provide the Grand Final banner. The team and I wouldn’t have been able to do this without you and we would love to see you on the sidelines again on the 18th.

Hayden Wardrop
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?**

**HOW IS YOUR GRADE GOING?**

*The grey fill in each jar below indicates how many coins have been brought to school, as of 12th June 2014.*

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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.

**Student Accident Insurance Arrangements:** The DEECD does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs, unless the injury is caused by the negligence (carelessness) of a Department or school council employee or volunteer. Students Accident Insurance is available privately at low cost.
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

MID-YEAR RAFFLE
To be drawn on the last day of term. Great prizes to be won

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

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 16th July
7:30pm Staffroom
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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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.

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**Primary Music Institute**

**KEYBOARD LESSONS**

Significant academic research shows that instrumental music lessons can improve your child’s school results — including for reading, maths, coordination and confidence.

- Only $11.90 per child per small group lesson.
- Lessons are held on school campus — typically during the school day.
- Our small group lessons provide a fun and affordable opportunity to learn music.
- We also offer private lessons.
- Thirty minutes per week of practice at home is all that is required to see improvement.

New enrolments are currently being accepted for Term 3. Please enrol now before we prepare timetables during the school holidays. For current students that wish to cancel, please do so two weeks before the start of Term 3.

Enrol directly on our website: [www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au](http://www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au) or collect an enrolment form from your school Administration office.

Reminder for existing students: re-enrolment from one term to the next (including from one year to the next) is automatic so you do not need to send in a new enrolment form each term.
The end of term 2 is here!

Term two has come to an end! Thank you to all the children at Morang South OSHC for helping make OSHC lots of fun!

In term 3 we have all new and exciting themes and activities for you to join in. We will also be having a visit from an important member of our community.

Holidays are here! 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
Reece and Ella J

Using recycled materials to make castles and other awesome craft

Getting their groove on to music

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.

COUGARS BASKETBALL CLUB
www.cougarsbasketball.com.au
PO Box 451 South Morang 3752

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PLAYING BASKETBALL?

Come and have some fun and at the same time learn the skills of playing Basketball.

Cougars Basketball Club fields teams in the Mill Park & Diamond Valley Junior Domestic competition. Teams available:

* Boys Teams- Un 8, Un 10, Un 12, Un 14, Un 16, Un 18
* Girls Teams- Un 8, Un 10, Un 12, Un 14, Un 16, Un 18
* New Season Commences July 2014

Cougars’ strong coaching structure is administered by understanding staff comprising of past players, championship and state coaches whose expertise will ensure that the children learn the skills of the game in a “fun” environment.

It does not matter if you have not played before, we have teams of varying levels and we pride ourselves on player development.

*So Come And Join Us!

For further information visit our website - www.cougarsbasketball.com.au - or contact our Recruitment Officer on 0413/556 200.