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

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello Everyone,

This is the final week of Sandi’s work at Thomastown West. The Thomastown West community have certainly appreciated the work she has done with them and her considerable talents. She is to be congratulated on her professionalism and the great job she has done at Thomastown West. We are all very much looking forward to having Sandi back!

What a wonderful book week we had! Congratulations to Debbie Cullen for her organisation and enthusiasm. The children looked fantastic! A huge congratulations to our book award winners –

Authors: Jessie T HG 09; Ross H HG 07; Brian M HG 15; Declan M HG15; Sarah E HG 22; Anika W HG 23; Eden W HG 01

Illustrators: Lachlan P HG 05; Milly R HG 07; Kelsie B HG 07; Braden F HG 13; Maddison P HG 16; Elektra E HG 24; Jaime-Renae C HG 22; Ava C HG 02

Our Science Fair attracted a large number of outstanding entrants. The variety was wonderful. Congratulations to all who entered. A huge thank you to Karen Jeffery, Leanne Nicholls and Diana Gevaux for the work they put in to organising this and for attending on the night. It was terrific to also have the science room open for parents and siblings to meet 'Lizzy' our lizard and learn about what goes on in Science. Thank you to all of those families who joined us on the night, showing appreciation of the students work.

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.
Well done to our Athletics team who represented our school with fine style and enthusiasm. Thank you to Sue Grad for her great organisation and for putting in lunchtimes to train the team. Good luck to those students who are competing at the next level. You can read the report later in the Newsletter.

Our grade 3/4 students had a wonderful time at Arrabri camp. I thoroughly enjoyed the few hours I had to spend with the children, parents and staff at camp. The children’s behaviour was exemplary.

A huge thank you to the parents — Jodi, Sharyn, Shibrone, Belinda, Arthur and Michael along with pre-service teacher Breanna for attending and supporting our staff and children.

I would also like to thank our staff Josie Dell’Aquila, Emilia Iaconis, Jesse Barden and Lynette Cartisano for organising such a wonderful camp and giving up so much of their personal time to make it possible for our students to have this experience. Well done everyone.

Congratulations to the students who had their hats ready for Monday. Well done to the parents who supported them in this endeavour. We have had a number of students each day who have not been able to play because they haven’t had a hat. Let’s hope that everyone will have one tomorrow. Remember, hats are available at the office if a new one is needed. There are three types; broad brimmed, bucket and legionnaires all costing $10. We have plenty in stock!

Congratulations to the PFA for putting on another wonderful Father’s Day stall for our students. The variety was amazing and as always it was wonderful to see the excitement when gifts for Dad or another special person in their lives were purchased and shown.

Thank you to the parents and school leaders who assisted today.

A reminder that on Wednesday September 10th we are having our Student led conferences where Students attend only for their conference. Please be sure to make your bookings as the times are filling fast.

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 tomorrow, Friday 5th of September. 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.

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

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

Logan having fun at the Science & Technology Family Night
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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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.
Stars of the Week
Grades Prep – 6
Term 3 week 8

Home Group 1 Koby & Shehani
Home Group 2 Amy & Joel
Home Group 3 Blair & Josip
Home Group 4 Daffa & Max
Home Group 5 Alyssa & Emmerson
Home Group 7 Flora & Chloe
Home Group 09 Mia & Caitlyn
Home Group 11 Jake & Indiana
Home Group 13 HG 13 Campers
Home Group 14 HG 14 Campers
Home Group 15 HG 15 Campers
Home Group 16 HG 16 Campers
Grades 3/4 Non Campers
Home Group 21 Madison & Acacia
Home Group 22 Gracie-May & Mitchell
Home Group 23 Lachlan & HG 23
Home Group 24 Liam & Tayla
Science-Prep Home Group 4 Scientist of Week Toby
Home Group 4 The Arts– Prep

Photo of students holding certificates
Every face has a place

Every face has a place at MSPS we want to celebrate this. Each student will be given an “Every face has a place” template that we encourage families/carers to decorate at home. The face is a blank canvas that can be decorated in any way you choose fit. The templates will be given out one per student during week 9 to take home. Please return your personalised masks by the beginning of term 4, ready for our masking up assembly. The masks will be used to decorate the entrance of our school, so your creativity is needed. They can be 2D or 3D, collages, let your imagination run wild. We can’t wait to see what everyone comes up with.

Any questions feel free to come and ask Ms Laidlaw and Mrs Armet on behalf of the KidsMatter Action Team.

Guess the MSPS staff member

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

- I’m married with four children
- My favourite colour is pink
- One of my children is a teacher in a school close by
- I barrack for Carlton Football club

Do you know who it is? All will be revealed next newsletter.
There were bunk beds in the cabins. Harry B

We went for a night hike into the bush and sang songs around the camp fire. Shyleeah

We watched Zookeeper. Nicholas Some people had trouble sleeping!! Daniel

We loved Puffing Billy because we could stick our feet out the windows. Amber A

It was exciting!! Djamal

We could sleep with our friends in the cabins. Kai

Some people felt sick at the park after we had been travelling on the bus on a windy road. Ryan

We had 2 turns on the Flying fox. It was fun. Tom R

There was a giant swing and lots of people went to the top. Charlie

The people who didn’t go to camp made cabins with the tables and put cloth over them. We watched Rio. We could lie down on the floor with other people like we were in a real cabin.

We ate marshmallows on sticks. Harry G, Michael, Riley, Ash
On Thursday August 28th, a team of 65 Grade 3-6 students went to compete in the Bridge Inn District Athletics at Meadowglen Athletics Stadium. The sun was shining beautifully and we had a very successful day. The students all demonstrated our school values, and were fantastic at encouraging, supporting and cheering each other on during the various events. Many of the students were able to gain a 1st, 2nd or 3rd placing, however all students show good sportsmanship and performed to the very best of their ability against some tough competition from the other schools involved. Congratulations to the following students, who gained a 1st or 2nd place in their event/s, and will be competing again next Monday (Sept 8th) at the Division Competition: Kyle B., Alyssa B., Erin C., Jonah P., Aidan B., Chloe R., Flora R., Josh W., Blake A., Kobi C., Alana S., Brayden F., Jayde C., Liam C., Ross H., Eric H., James B., Jake C., Lachlan P., Taylah B., Jess D., Rose M. and Ann A - good luck everyone!!

Thanks to Mr. Wardrop and Ms. Constantinou for coming to assist and supporting us all on the day.

Ms. Grad
THANK-YOU TO THE FOLLOWING PARTICIPANTS


ALL STUDENTS OF HG’S 5, 7, 9 AND 11
An important cybersafety message

Our school has registered to take part in eSmart, a guiding framework for schools to manage cybersafety and wellbeing.

**eSmart will help teachers, students and the whole school community embrace the benefits of technology and reduce our exposure to cyberspace risks such as cyberbullying, identity theft and accessing or sending inappropriate images and content.**

Funded by the Victorian Government, eSmart is an initiative of The Alannah and Madeline Foundation, a national charity committed to protecting children from violence.

Our work towards achieving eSmart status will involve the whole school community—for example, we’ll be integrating cybersafety into our wellbeing policies, establishing clear procedures to deal with incidents, and delivering curriculum around the smart, safe and responsible use of technology.

We’ll regularly update you on our progress through this newsletter. More information is also available at [www.esmart.org.au](http://www.esmart.org.au)

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**PASSWORD TIPS FROM MSPS ICT LEADERS**

Never give your password out to someone

- If you give out your password, people can find out your personal things.
- If you give your password to someone you can get hacked.
- But you can give your password to your parents.
- Don’t give your password away to your friend or your best friend.

**MAKE YOUR PASSWORD AT LEAST 8 CHARACTERS LONG**

Example: instead of writing ‘My friend Sam is a very funny guy’ you would write ‘MfsIaVfg’.

**Use numbers and symbols in passwords!**

By using symbols and numbers in a password it makes it harder to get into!

Examples: 1@murfr1nd (I am your friend) or h@v3@n1c3d@y (have a nice day)
**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 4th September 2014.

**HOW IS YOUR GRADE GOING?**

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.
FOOTY DAY
To be held on Tuesday 9th September
Notes have been handed out with money due back Thursday 4th September

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
Northern District Softball Association
Morang Drive, Mill Park
Next to Mill Park Leisure Centre
Contact Cathy Ferraro on 0418-338-270
or Michael O’Brien on 0402-329-388

www.northerndistrictsoftball.org.au

JSC
On Tuesday we raised
$426.30
for State School Relief

Introducing the New PMI Stars Program

PMI Stars includes: performance opportunities, progress goals, prizes and regular parent updates

~ The PMI Stars Program consists of 100 Star Missions (goals) divided into various levels
~ PMI students will receive a free, new book outlining musical theory & PMI Star Missions
~ Prizes and parent letter sent home to each student upon reaching a new level
~ Books will be distributed to current keyboard students in the last two weeks of Term 3
~ Guitar students will receive a book in Term 4*

NEW STUDENTS CAN ENROL NOW FOR TERM 4
~ PMI offers affordable, small group keyboard & guitar* lessons, once a week on school grounds
~ Private lessons also available
~ Enrol on-line at www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au or pick up a form from the school office

* Note: guitar lessons are not currently offered in all schools; please contact PMI for expressions of interest
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.
Students that have missed out on buying from the Fathers Day stall have the opportunity to purchase on **Friday from 2.45pm-3.30pm** outside office.

Parents are also welcome.