**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,
I have just returned from my two weeks long service leave and it has been lovely this morning to walk around talking to lots of students and parents and being welcomed back so warmly. We have a wonderful community.

Sandi has led the school with professionalism and compassion in my absence. Thank you, Sandi for a job well done. Thank you also to all of the staff, students and parents who gave Sandi such great support.

It is my turn now to manage the school for the next four weeks without Sandi, who has the opportunity to support another school in our network. Sandi will be at Thomastown West P.S for the next four weeks, some of which will be as Acting Principal. The Whittlesea’s Principal Network is a very supportive and collegiate network and this is an opportunity to support one of our network schools but also give Sandi further experience as an Acting Principal.

Today the students have participated in the Jump Rope for Heart program. It is always satisfying to see the way the children join in and support this worthy cause. Lots of skipping is happening at playtimes!

**Important Dates**

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**7th August 2014**

**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.
As I mentioned in the last newsletter, Em Rasit is doing a great job managing our canteen. We had little response from the last request and Em’s requests on our Facebook for help. Em and I have discussed discontinuing over the counter sales this morning. I will be taking this to School Council next month. It is something that we would be reluctant to do but we are being left with little choice unless we get some volunteers.

Please remember the canteen is a service that supports our families.

What a successful day we had on National Tree Day 2014, Friday 25th July. Thank you to everyone involved. The children had a marvellous day and our school looks much better for it. The Whittlesea Leader Newspaper covered the event and there is a great photo in this week’s newspaper, which we have reprinted in our newsletter.

Footsteps Dance sessions come to an end next week. Thank you once again to our community for supporting this program so well. It has been terrific to be able to offer such a modern dance program to all students and I am sure it will also make a significant contribution to our concert. This week we had a teacher visiting from another school and they were most impressed with our students and their enthusiastic participation. Well done everyone!

Thank you to those families who received the parent opinion survey and have taken the time to complete and return it. Please remember that the surveys need to be returned by Monday August 11th. We value your opinions and appreciate the time and effort involved.

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 program at our school, commencing on Friday August 22nd from 9.30 until 12.00. 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 . 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
On the 25th of July it was National tree day, on this day students planted trees around the school.

Some students brought their own shovels and gloves to school and they got to dig their own hole so they could plant their tree in that hole.

The other student’s holes were already dug out for them.

Everyone had a lot fun!

Written by school reporters Grace W and Kara Y
### Grades Prep – 6
### Term 3 week 4

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![Image of students holding certificates](image-url)
The MSPS KidsMatter Action Team met for a meeting in the last week of Term 2. Together we brainstormed some ideas of how KidsMatter will be relevant to our School Community.

KidsMatter is an Australian mental health and wellbeing initiative set in primary schools.

KidsMatter can also help bridge ‘the gap’ between home and school. MSPS aims to effectively communicate with parents and carers about the activities, the curriculum, events and the myriad of other things that your child does at school. When parents and carers can make the time to involve themselves in their child’s learning positive effects are realised. Research shows that children who have good mental health strategies are better able to meet life’s challenges. They are curious learners and can maintain good, strong relationships.

“Good mental health underpins everything in our lives: it has an impact on our physical health, our immunity and allows us to form positive relationships, get through challenges and generally enjoy life.” (from Melbourne’s Child July 2014 issue.)

Good mental health in childhood lays the foundations for the future, and it is never too early (or too late) for families, parents and carers to start supporting the mental health and wellbeing of children. Parents and carers can find more information about supporting children’s mental health at http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families

Families, parents and carers are the biggest influence on a child’s mental (and physical) health and families can play a very important role in KidsMatter. KidsMatter brings together all the most important people in a child’s life. Our action team is made up of teachers and parents who aim to support MSPS students reaching their full potential.

Good mental health and wellbeing is a part of our everyday lives.
With many thanks to Telstra Plenty Valley Store, two members of the MSPS KidsMatter Action Team attending the Royal Australian Ballet triple bill performance of Swan Lake Act III, Paquita and Rimbombo.

Emma and Jacqueline reported it was an evening they shall never forget and the “after party was a wonderful experience and treat. We had an opportunity to meet many of the dancers and chat with them.”
‘100 Internet Safety Tips for Kids’ is written by Nathan Lane and contains a wealth of good advice and resources to parents.

We encourage all parents to use the link below in your Internet browser to download and read! There will be many Internet safety tips that will promote valuable conversations between parent and child.


Did you see the article about MSPS in the Whittlesea Leader Newspaper?

Students dig deep
The team in HG 7 have been doing some amazing work on our Picture Books. Check out some of our story openers – which one is your favourite?

**Ross Hatzis:**
Page 1
Henry the dog is all alone, sitting near a pond away from home. He watches the frogs jump up and have fun and sees the fish swimming as fast as he can run.
Page 2
As Henry stands up he sees something strange, “What could that be?” says a thought from his brain. Maybe a mouse or even a chicken, or possibly even his sister “Mittens”?

**Aidan Black:**
Malvin and Malcom were twin brothers that were always breaking things. Yes they had an angry Dad, but the only reason he was like that was that his boys were always misbehaving...

**Ann Anil:**
Page 1
“Happy Birthday Baby bear” chorused Mummy and Daddy bear. It was Baby Bear’s second birthday. Baby Bear lived in a rocky cave on a rocky green mountain.
Page 2
Mummy bear and Daddy bear gave Baby bear a knitted Brown teddy bear and building blocks for his birthday. Those were Baby bear’s first toys and the teddy bear quickly became his favourite.

**Milly Reynolds:**
Paolo liked to paint, sing, play and dance, but the thing he wanted to do more than all these things, he never got the chance. What did he want the most, you ask? He wanted to visit the sunlit coast, to play in the sand and be in the sun to bask.

But later on in the week, it was announced there would be an excursion to the seaside, and the children let out an excited shriek. It seems like Paolo’s dream was coming true, we all know that, me and you.

**Ben Paterson:**
It was a bright sunny morning in Octogonaland when Crant, the chimpottomus, and Lumpy, the 1 eyed monkey, were in the street talking when the Mayor called out to Crant, “Crant, quickly come!”

**Renae Pisani:**
While the animals in the jungle play, Ernie just sits on a rock all day.
He sobs and he cries,
As they all play in disguise,
But something had changed his mood...
On Friday the 25\textsuperscript{th} of July the 3/4 Basketballers went to the Mill Park Basketball Stadium to compete in the Hooptime Basketball tournament. We took 25 students in 3 teams to the tournament with the help of 4 Grade 6 students who coached the teams. They were very successful, the Marlins finished the day with 2 wins, 2 draws and a loss, the Mavericks finished with 4 wins and a draw and the Mustangs were undefeated and won the Grand Final which means they will advance to the District Competition in Term 4.

We would like to thank Mrs Dell’Aquila for coming with us on the day and Mr Wardrop for running the try-outs and organising the coaches. We would also like to thank everyone for coming and supporting the students at the tournament. We couldn’t have played without the help of Kasey, Jacqui, Martine and Lucinda, our scorers.

By Chelsea B and Jessica D’I
Book week 2014

Connect to Reading

Morang South Primary will be celebrating Children’s Book Week across Week 5 and Week 6 of this term, August 14th—18th.

The children are being read the books which have been shortlisted by The Children’s Book Council of Australia during their library sessions this term. Many have already nominated their favourites!

We look forward to hearing the winners announced on Friday August 15th!

As a school we will celebrate the magic and importance of books with activities during this week.

As well as activities during library sessions, in the classroom and with our buddy grades during Book Week we also have the following whole school events planned.

**Thursday August 14th** Multi Age Literature Day where children will work in multi age groups for the day and have lots of fun with activities based on MSPS teacher’s favourite picture books. The children have been placed in small groups chosen by their own grade teacher for the day.

**Friday August 15th** Book Week Parade where all children Prep to Grade 6 are asked to come dressed as one of their favourite book characters or a character that fits this year’s theme of Connect to Reading. If you have a copy of the book, it would be good for your child to bring it for the day. A fun parade will be held in Paringa Gym at 9.20! Please help your children to support this event by planning ahead to come up with an easy way to create a character. We do not expect parents to buy costumes and we request no superhero costumes for the day. We are trying to encourage and celebrate a love of Books!

We would love to have parents and younger siblings join us in costume for the parade.

**Monday August 18th** Tony Bones theatre company will be presenting a performance of *Windy Farm* by Doug MacLeod, one of this year’s shortlisted books for all grades in the school. Performances will begin promptly at 9.10. am.

We will also be running the Morang South Primary Book of the Year Competition which was so successful last year. All children are busy writing and making books in their classrooms. They are due by the end of week 6 and overall winners in the categories of winning author and winning illustrator will be announced at the assembly in Week 8 of this term—Monday September 1st.

Debbie Cullen
On the 30th Of July the grade 5/6’s had a Commonwealth Games Day. On this day the school Captains and school house captains ran some activities, just like the Commonwealth Games. Some activities included, Long Jump, Gymnastics, Tunnel Ball, Egg and Spoon races and more. It was great fun and everyone behaved well. We would like to thank the teachers and the grade 5/6 leaders for organising the day.

Written by school reporters Grace. W and Kara. Y
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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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
Wednesday 20th August
7:30pm Staffroom
OSHCC FUN & REMINDERS!

Over the past fortnight the kids have been up to heaps of fun! They have been building towers and cubbies, using a range of recycled boxes and objects from our room. We've also cooked up a storm making Mexican Salsa Biscuits, played poison ball, jail break and even had a skipping competition! And don't forget our visit from the local Police Officers!

REMINDERS

- All bookings need to be done on your Parent Portal or by calling CA 1300 105 343
- Make sure you call us (0412 318 716) and the school (0404 1548) to notify that your children are attending OSHC after school.
- Communication is the number one key to the insight of your child's time in OSHC.
- We LOVE feedback!

Ticket in the Tub winners

Thomas R and Declan

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

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.