Dear Parents / Guardians,

This is a courtesy letter to inform you, as discussed, that we will be opening up numerous online documents and websites for you to access at home.

We are very excited that we can now share the wonderful things your children are currently doing on their Samsung Tablets and in the classroom. Since the introduction of the Tablets into our learning community we have observed significant growth in student engagement and developed a strong sense that our teaching practices are more effectively catering to all learners.

You will have the opportunity to access our class ‘Kidblog’. We use Kidblog on a daily basis. It allows students to collaborate, communicate and reflect on their learning in a safe, controlled and monitored online space. Using Kidblog provides easy access to student learning (only their first name and initial is used on the site), which helps us to shape activities to the specific needs of students. Students also use this space to upload evidence of their learning goals and share with other students, teachers and now their parents, the exceptional work being done at Moriac Primary School. Currently parents are unable to comment on the Kidblog site, however this feature may be added at a further date.

Found on this Kidblog page are links (some modified) to various websites that we use on a daily basis, such as our Reading and Maths learning goals and activities, our Maths Facts Tracker, and our Weekly Timetable. You will also see all students’ goal reflections and samples (as you can currently observe in the classroom). You will not see other students’ assessments.

The Kidblog page will also be a place where teachers will communicate to parents and students regarding notes, homework (see below) and any other 3/4 ‘happenings’. However, this is not a two-way communication space. If you have any questions, concerns or notes, these should still be done via the diary or through communication with the teacher. The Kidblog is an information only space.

Homework in the 3/4 area will consist of you and your child negotiating activities that are specifically related to the current learning goals of your child. Any special homework activities will be found on the Kidblog (under a category).

Additionally, we would like you to be able to access your child’s personal Spelling folder. This is where students are tracking the frequently used words that they have identified they need to learn (based on self-testing). We believe it to be extremely beneficial for your child to consolidate the spelling of these frequently used words in order to improve their overall learning. We will need your email address if you would like your child’s Spelling folder to be shared with you.

Please provide your email address below and return to your classroom teacher as soon as possible. You will then be provided with a specific link to your child’s spelling folder and the Kidblog site. Please respond as soon as possible as we would like everyone to have access at the start of next term.

PARENT NAME/S: _______________________________________________________

EMAIL ADDRESS: ______________________________________________________

Parent signature: ______________________________________________________

Thursday 27th June, 2013