ANNOUNCEMENT

Exciting News for MPS as we have received notification of the Resource Allocation Model (RAM) funding for next year. An allocation of $1,157,960 will support the achievement of our strategic priorities:

- engagement through quality teaching
- Inclusive curriculum and
- student and staff wellbeing

The funding will support higher student learning outcomes as we deliver a range of broad learning programs including those specifically targeted to students needing additional assistance. Major initiatives include:

- Instructional leadership
- Curriculum development and implementation
- Teacher professional learning
- ongoing delivery of school learning assistance programs for those students who need additional support

High praise from Member for Northern Tablelands, Mr Adam Marshall was forthcoming during his visit last Friday. Mr Marshall was able to attend the primary assembly and was greatly impressed by the 4B-24 Goosebumps inspired stage play along with the Year 5 boy nominees, who presented a speech of introduction for the election of 2016 student leaders. Mr Marshall gave words of encouragement to the speakers and explained how he too, had given a speech when a young lad in primary school. It was a delight to show Mr Marshall around Moree Public School as the students are always friendly and welcoming and the grounds are looking quite spectacular. Congratulations to Mr Kite and the MPS gardening committee.

Recording an important moment in time with big smiles adorning the faces of students occurred with the school photographs last week. Our students looked fantastic in their full summer uniforms and there was a lot of attention to detail making sure hair was neat, buttons done up and faces ready. We are sure that the end result is going to be fabulous class photographs and know that parents and children will look at them in the years to come and have many fond memories of our school.

I was delighted to hear extremely positive feedback about our students and our school during the two days. Advanced Photographers left with a very positive impression of our school.

Leading by example was a common theme at the primary assembly last Friday with the boys who have nominated for student leader positions speaking about why they should be chosen as a leader. The nominees highly impressed the large audience by the manner in which they delivered speeches and most importantly, the content. The boys came up with some fabulous ideas that certainly gave the other students something to think about prior to voting. The staff at MPS has always been impressed with the quality of our student leaders as positive role models for their fellow students and the outstanding job representing our school. We have no doubt that our next group of leaders will continue a long tradition and do a fabulous job. Congratulations to all the boys who spoke – as Mr Marshall commented, it is not easy to speak to a large audience. We look forward to the girl nominees speak at the primary assembly this Friday.

Wow! Congratulations to the fete/talent quest committee on the organisation of a wonderful evening of activities. It was fabulous to see so many parents and community members come along to support the school. While the ultimate goal of the activity was to raise funds for the school such an event does so much in building upon the positive relationship between the students, staff, parents and community.

Important Information ...

- Congratulations to the latest members of the 100 Home Reading Club
  Savannah French KR-9, Isabelle Kelly 1H-4, Beatrix Warburton KR-8, Sophie Bettington KR-8, Jack Rogers KR-8,
  Ashley Odero 2M-33, Nathan Hogan KH-11 and Harriet Beattie 2C-7
The range of items in the talent quest was tremendous - singing, dancing, poetry recital and instrumental performances provided us with great entertainment. Our congratulations go to the students who received prizes and also those who demonstrated the courage and enthusiasm to get up and have a go. They were all winners on the night.

Particular thanks go to Mrs Jill Stewart and Mrs Kelly James for their great work in leading the activities. We also thank the many parents, service clubs and MPS staff who assisted with the stalls on the night. Your assistance was greatly appreciated. Many thanks also to the Moree people and businesses that made donations to the fete. Please see the attached list in recognition of their generosity and our reciprocal support by patronising these local businesses whenever possible, will also be appreciated.

Lean on Me by lead singer, Josh and back-up vocals Natalija & Kyallb

Dancing and singing for the Lions Club convention proved to be a wonderful opportunity for the two primary dance groups and Studio Time. Whilst it was a little hectic fitting the rehearsal and performance on the same evening as the fete and talent quest, it is amazing what can be achieved with a committed team of students (many were in the talent quest), staff and parents. Congratulations to the performers and their co-ordinators, Mrs Ross, Miss March and Mr McDonald.

Kindergarten Family Orientation Morning Our Kindergarten Orientation Morning will be held on Tuesday 3rd November commencing at 10:00 am. All families who have a child enrolling in Kindergarten 2015 are encouraged to attend. The morning will begin in the hall near the administration office with a brief welcome, introductions and a Kindergarten performance. Parents will then be taken on a guided tour of MPS. The morning will culminate with a parent staff morning tea at 11:00am.

Application for Year 7 selective high school placement in 2017 (Year 5 children in 2015) is now open. Parents are advised that application must be made online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement. Applications close on Monday 16 November 2015. Please note that late applications will not be accepted.

An information booklet is available from the school office.

NSW Health has asked schools to provide information about whooping cough to parents and carers of children attending NSW schools. There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

Children with these symptoms should see a doctor. If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.

Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up
to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.

SunSmart
The weather is warming up very quickly so I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone about being SunSmart at all times.

Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world. About two in three people who grow up here will develop some form of skin cancer before the age of 70, and more than 1600 Australians die from melanoma each year — the most dangerous form of skin cancer.

Our school is already very conscious of the need to protect children from the harsh effects of the sun. Parents are reminded that children who do not wear a hat must play under the cola. A reminder that the uniform shop has new style bucket hats available to protect your child from the sun.

P&C ASSOCIATION
• MEETING: The next general monthly meeting will be held on Monday, 16th November. All welcome to our final 2015 meeting.

P&C
• Pie and Cake Drive: Please find attached information sheet and ordering form for the very popular pie and slice drive. Orders are due back to school by Friday, 27 November 2015 with the delivery date and pick-up times TBC in a future newsletter and Skoolbag app.

• UNIFORM SHOP: The shop opens each Wednesday and Friday morning between 8.30 and 9.30am. Due to additional work commitments, a new co-ordinator is currently being sought. If you are interested, please contact, P&C President, Mrs Teresa Boughton or Mrs Heidi Brooks — who has kindly offered to assist and guide a new co-ordinator.

HURSTSTONE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL
The only selective, co-educational boarding high school in Sydney.

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On-line applications have now opened and can be accessed at: www.schsplace.com.au or forms can be obtained from the school office.

Applications close on the 16th November 2015

For any further information visit the website www.hurststone.com.au

Or ring the school office on 02-9829 9222
### TALENT QUEST ROUND-UP

**Best Musical Instrument performance** - Fraser Westley  
**Best Solo Boy Act** - Ryan Macey  
**Best Solo Girl Act** - Gabbie Elbourne  
**Best Group Act** - Johnte Boughton, James Fitzgerald and Jack McCudden  
**Best Dressed Boy:** Noah Humphries and Shelby Thompson  
**Best Dressed Girl:** Charlotte Clissold and Brydie Custance

**Kinder Winner:** Beatrix Warburton

- **Year 1-2:** 1st Kyla Belle Roberts; 2nd Sophie Rogers; 3rd Lucy Monie  
- **Year 3-4:** 1st Millicent Beattie; 2nd Vye Singleton; 3rd Michelle Dunlop, Hannah Bailey, Macey Phillis & Sarskia Clark  
- **Year 5-6:** 1st Piper Phillips; 2nd Joshua Quinlan with back-up singers Kaylib Taunton and Natalija Stancejovic; 3rd Kaylib Taunton

### COMING EVENTS

#### Term 4

**Please check each week for possible variations or listen to local radio 2VM for the daily Harvey Norman Superstore School News segment a little after 7.00am.**

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- **Mon 26** Yr 6 students to UNE (Armidale) 2 dys  
- **Tues 27** Assemblies: 10:35 H-4; 11:30 5/6M-14  
- **Thurs 29**  
- **Fri 30** (2016 Student leader girl nominees speak)

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- **Mon 2 New**  
- **Tues 3** 10:00 Kinder 2016 Family Orientation morning  
- **Wed 4**  
- **Thurs 5** CAIERS Festival Tamworth  
- **Fri 6** Assemblies: 10:30 K9-10; 11:30 9H-39

**6**  
- **Mon 9** Yr 2 Learn to swim program (10 days)  
- **Tues 10**  
- **Wed 11**  
- **Thurs 12** Assemblies: 10:30 2R-30; 11:30 3H-17

**7**  
- **Mon 16**  
- **Tues 17** Gwydir & Kiah Pre-schools visit  
- **Wed 18** Moree Pre & Good Start visit  
- **Thurs 19** Grace Lutheran Pre-school visit  
- **Fri 20** Aussie Kids & Kiah visit  
- **Assemblies:** 10:30 K9-11; 11:30 4L-22

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- **Mon 23**  
- **Tues 24** Gwydir & Kiah Pre-schools visit  
- **Wed 25** Moree Pre & Good Start visit  
- **Thurs 26** Grace Lutheran Pre-school visit  
- **Fri 27** Aussie Kids & Kiah visit  
- **Assembly:** 10:30 1J-3

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- **Mon 30**  
- **Tues 1 December**  
- **Wed 2**  
- **Thurs 3** Presentation Night  
- **Fri 5**

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- **Mon 7** Semester 2 reports to parents  
- **Tues 8** Yr 6 Farewell and Yrs 3-6 disco  
- **Wed 9** K2 Disco  
- **Thurs 10**  
- **Fri 11**

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- **Mon 14**  
- **Tues 15** Class parties  
- **Wed 16** Final day for students  
- **Thurs 17** School Development Day – staff  
- **Fri 18** School Development Day – staff

### Dates to remember!

- MPS Newsletter published fortnightly – next edition Tuesday, 10 November (Wk 6)  
- Friday, 27 November - Pie / slice orders due to office
Thank you for supporting
the 2015 Moree Public
School Fete
And Talent Quest!!

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• Dippers Home
  Timber & Hardware
• Kelly & Jeremy
  James
• Oliver & Amity
  Smith
• Jason & Natalie
  Pearce
• Coles Moree
• Super Cheap Auto
• Boughton Family
• Berger’s Ice & Coolrooms
• Hill Family
• Tourism Moree
• Mick & Alice
  Colbran
• Liah Ann Ulrica
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• Readings Meats
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• Staff of MPS