1. PRINCIPAL

Personalised Learning Plans (PLPs): At MPS we are committed to providing opportunities for students to excel and achieve the highest possible learning outcomes in all areas of schooling. We believe that all parties – teachers, students and parents have a role to play. One strategy that we use to add clarity to this purpose is to create a personalised learning plan for each student. Today children will take home a proforma for parents to share information and aspirations for their child. I encourage all parents to sit with their child and complete the form – point form or brief sentences will be most adequate. Completed forms should be returned to your child’s teacher by this Friday. Should you prefer to discuss these goals, either by telephone or at a meeting please contact your teacher and a mutually convenient time will be arranged.

Regional Swimming Carnival: Congratulations to our representative swimmers on their brilliant effort at the regional swimming carnival last Tuesday. The students swam extremely well with some personal bests being set. Congratulations to Ben DiDonna, Chloe Elbourne and Gabrielle Elbourne on earning selection to swim in the PSSA state carnival at the Homebush Aquatic Centre. Thank you to the parents who accompanied the children and to Miss Carlin for managing the team.

Zone Trials: Sporting trials are an important part of the school curriculum. Students have the opportunity to work their way up through a process of school, district, regional, state and national selection. Last week we hosted the Under 11 and Open rugby league trials. Congratulations to the boys who were selected in the zone teams. I noted Mr van Velthuizen put the boys through some vigorous activities in the tryouts. Well done boys and thank you Mr van Velthuizen.

Selective High School: Best wishes to the Year 6 students sitting the selective high schools assessment this Thursday, in readiness for Year 7 in 2016.

Dance K-2: This week our infants students have commenced dance classes under renowned dance teacher Mrs Finlay in preparation for the traditional Easter hat parade. We have very talented students and I am confident they will learn the routines very quickly. The children have been all smiles during these first lessons. Well done students, keep working hard – we look forward to the display and thank you Mrs Finlay. An early reminder – please start thinking about creating a hat for the parade that will be held on Thursday, 2nd April for Kinder – Year 2 students.

Sport: Best wishes to the MPS cricket team, today playing Warialda PS in the PSSA competition. Likewise, best wishes to Abby Newton and Logan Thrift who are representing the Moree district at the north west PSSA trials on Friday, at Tamworth.

Assembly: I was delighted to see parents at the primary assembly last Friday. These are special occasions and the students greatly enjoy performing on stage. Congratulations to 5B-19 and Mr Brown on hosting an entertaining (and educational) assembly. The class item featured the cricket world cup with students informing the audience of the many terms we hear from cricket commentators. They clearly explained words such as: googly, yorker, flipper and many other unique cricket terminology. Well done boys and girls and thank you, Mr Brown. Please join us for this week’s assemblies with host classes:
- 2H-29 at 10:30 am in the hall adjacent to the school office; and
- 3M-21 and 3-6M-13 at 11:30 am in the new hall.

Mr Adrian King

2. P&C ASSOCIATION

- **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**: The next P&C meeting will be the AGM scheduled for Monday, 16th March at 5.45pm for welcome tea/coffee and a 6.00pm meeting start in the school library.
- **UNIFORM SHOP**: Trading hours for the uniform shop continue as 8.30-9.30am each Wednesday and Friday. Please do not contact our volunteers outside of these hours.
- **EASTER BASKET DONATIONS**: The Easter basket raffle will be held again this year with prizes presented at the infants hat parade. Donations of eggs, chocolates or other Easter goodies will be appreciated – please leave at the school office. Tickets will be out soon.  
  Thanks, Megan Miller and Trish Humphries (Fundraising co-ordinators)

Important Information ...

- **Thursday, 12th March** – Selective high school test for students who have previously nominated for Yr 7-2016
- **Friday, 13th March** – ICAS entry form due to Mr McDonald

MPS website: www.moree-ps.schools.nsw.edu.au/
3. ICAS
The 2015 ICAS competitions are an opportunity for all students to gain a measure of their own academic achievement. These challenging assessments can also be used to show individual progress in a range of skills and to recognise and reward achievement at all levels. An information note and entry form was provided to every primary student today. If you would like your child to participate in all or any of the competitions, please complete the entry form and return it with payment to the school office by Friday 13th March. A summary of the assessment dates and costs is also provided below: (NB dates may change from time to time due to circumstances beyond our control - if this happens, you will be informed).

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4. REGIONAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL - 2015
Last Tuesday 3rd March, 19 MPS students and their parents headed to Armidale to complete in the North West Swimming Carnival. The day turned out to be a very successful one where everyone did their best, represented the district and school with pride and many exceeded their personal best times. Congratulations to the following students: Darcy Brazel, Ben DiDonna, Tom Hatton, Lachlan Humphries, Brayden Macey, Ryan Macey, Mac Orr, Rhys Devney, Logan Thrift, Luke Devney, Amelya Brooks, Madelyn Penfold, Shelby Thompson-Graham, Gabrielle Elbourne, Emily DiDonna, Piper Phillis Chloe Brazel, Chloe Elbourne and Marni Ryan.

A special mention goes to Ben DiDonna (2nd in 8yrs 50m freestyle), Chloe Elbourne (2nd in 8yrs 50m freestyle) and Gabrielle Elbourne (1st in Junior Individual medley & Junior backstroke) who will now go on to represent the north west in Sydney on the 25th & 26th March of this term to compete in the NSW swimming championships. Well done Ben, Chloe & Gabrielle!

Miss Carlin

5. K-2 FRUIT BREAK - WOOLWORTHS
Continuing their generous support, Woolworth’s Fresh Food program is providing a box of fruit each Wednesday for the Kinder – Year 2 classes. Students have an opportunity to try a range of fruit and enjoying the health benefits of fruit.

Thank you Woolworths - we think fruit break is fantastic!
6. COMING EVENTS – Term 1

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.

Term 1

6
Mon 9
Visiting show – It’s a Mad World 12.00 K-2; 1.40 yrs 3-6

Tues 10
Winter sports Gala day trials

Wed 11
9.30 – 11.00 netball & boys soccer;
11.30 12.30 rugby union & girls soccer

Thurs 12
Selective High Schools (Yr 7 2016) test

Fri 13
Assembly: 10.30 ZH-29 (hall adjacent to office);
11.30 3M-21 & 3M-13 (new hall)

7
Mon 16
6.00pm P&C AGM; n/th rugby league trials U11 & open

Tues 17

Wed 18

Thurs 19

Fri 20
Assembly: 10.30 am KR-8 (hall adjacent to office)
11.30 6E-15

Young Leaders Conference – Brisbane; Assembly:

Term 2

1
Mon 20

Wed 22

Thurs 23

Fri 24

Mon 27

Term 2

2
Mon 20

Wed 22

Thurs 23

Fri 24

Mon 27

Wed 29

Thurs 30

Fri 31

No Assemblies; Cool at School open day

3
Mon 4

Wed 6

Thurs 7

Fri 8

Assemblies: 10.30 KR-9; 11.30 5/6B-17

Sat 9

Sun 10

Mon 11

Tues 12

Wed 13

Thurs 14

Fri 15

Assemblies: 10.30 1M-6; 11.30 3S-39

7. COMMUNITY EVENTS

Hockey News

Calling all prospective senior and junior hockey players! There will be two registration days on Saturday March 14th and 21st at Ron Harbourne Oval from 10 am – 12 noon. Junior hockey will be played on Thursday afternoons from 3.45 – 5.00pm. Hockey is a fun sport that develops hand/eye coordination, team skills and fitness. It is a sport for life. Experienced juniors are given the opportunity to move up into the senior competition for further development and fun. Thursday sessions will include training and game time so players of all abilities are welcome. If you have any questions, please call Helen on 0427 522827 or Carol on 0428 523044. We look forward to seeing you there.

MOREE JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB INC.

Registration Dates
Saturday 14th & 21st March 2015
Ron Harbourne Oval
10.00am - 12.00pm

Registration Fee $110.00 per person

Ages 5-16yrs - Proof of age for first time player

Shinpads & Shorts for sale on day of Rego.

More information contact Terry-Anne 67528152
Email tasharples@bigpond.com.au
website www.moreesport.com.au
or online www.myfootball.com.au

AGM - Saturday 23rd May 2015 10.00am at canteen

Regards
Terry-Anne Sharples

MOREE JUNIOR RUGBY UNION CLUB

Moree Junior Rugby Union Club will be holding its registration:

• Thursday 19th March 4.00pm-6.00pm

• Thursday 26th March 4.00pm-6.00pm - also first training & BBQ after training.

All new players to bring their birth certificate when registering.

Please also bring your mouth guard (compulsory) and a water bottle for training.

Registration will take place at the Moree Rugby Club House on Inverell Road. $70 per player, sibling discount applies.

We are hoping to have an under 14s side this year so please circulate to any parents that have children who may be interested.

The under 16s play on Saturdays in the senior Central North competition and they are also looking to put a side together.

If you have any questions please contact:
Secretary - Justin Barnes on 0429 693524 or
President - Stuart Gall on 0428 586 677.

EXCITING TIMES AT THE PCYC

We have changes in times for activities and new activities.

Karate 5 - 10yrs, 4pm – 5pm Indoor centre.

Karate 11yrs – open 5pm – 6pm games room PCYC.

We are calling for nominations for 13-15/16 years mixed netball every Tuesday at 4 pm.

Calling for nominations for Junior Futsal 5-10 division.
11-15 years division.

New laser Tag Invitations for laser tag parties.

Each invitation gives child attending laser tag party free membership. Free trial at four activities.

Laser tag 6.30pm Freaky Friday, March 13th March
Breakfast Program 10 - 17 years starts Friday 13th March pancakes, bacon and eggs.

Parents are welcome to volunteer and start the day in the best possible way.

Please contact club for details.

Kind regards, Andrew Ryan
T 02 6752 3741 | F 02 6752 8045 | M 0409 922 010 | Boston Street, Moree NSW 2400