1. PRINCIPAL

Moree Public School students are provided with many opportunities to participate in a large range of sporting and extra curricular activities. These activities are an important part of school life, building confidence and connecting children to school and to learning. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff for their work above and beyond the call of duty that makes these events happen. Whether it is coaching a school team, taking a zone team, organising lunchtime activities or after school creative arts activities, MPS staff give freely of their time and knowledge to support the children. Our staff also organise the majority of the zone / district sporting trials to include children from across the Moree district.

Calendar: Every week seems to be busier that the last. With so much happening it is easy to overlook things. The last page of this newsletter provides parents with information about coming events. For those on the go early, Ando will keep you up to date on what is happening when he reads the school news on 2VM each morning at about 7:10 am. We thank 2VM and Ando for their continued support and urge everyone to tune in!

Homework Centre: Moree Public School has supported Miyay Birray Youth Services with the establishment of a homework centre for children in Years 3-6. The centre will operate on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. There has been a very positive response to the program with well over 30 children registering for the centre. Some children are only now returning applications to attend the centre and it has become necessary to create a waiting list. Any notes handed in from this point will be given to Miyay Birray staff who will contact parents directly.

Parent Information Afternoons: In response to the 2014 evaluation and planning process some parents identified a desire to meet their child’s teacher earlier in the year rather than waiting for parent teacher evening. Parents are invited to the information afternoons listed below:

- Year 1 & 2 Tuesday 24th March at 5:15pm in the infants hall
- Year 3 to 6 on Wednesday 25th March at 5:15 pm in the new hall.

For each session there will be afternoon tea on arrival, a brief introduction in the hall followed by visits to classrooms. Sessions will run for 45 minutes and will be for general discussion rather than a time to discuss individual situations. Parents are most welcome to contact the school office to make an appointment to see their child’s teachers at another time. Students have been participating in lots of fun learning experiences so I do encourage parents to come along and meet the teachers.

NB Due to a prior commitment, Miss Howard (1H-4) will conduct a meeting for her parents on Monday, 23rd March at 5.00pm.

Kindergarten Information Session: It was delightful to see so many parents at the kindergarten afternoon last Tuesday. Following a brief introduction including a slide show of the children’s first days at school, parents spent time in kindergarten classrooms talking with their child’s teacher. I’m sure parents found the session very informative and a good opportunity to touch base with their child’s class teacher. Thank you to all who were able to attend and also to Miss Williams, Miss Ryan, Miss Rigby and Miss Hancock for making themselves available for the evening.

Visiting Show – It’s a Mad World: On Tuesday the whole school was treated to a performance, it’s a Mad World. Students enjoyed a high quality, high energy performance with a fantastic exhibition of juggling and balancing. One highlight I particularly noted involved balancing a ball on a golf club with another golf club on top and all placed carefully on his chin. These performances had children laughing loudly at times, staring in amazement at other times and later I suspect inspired to try a little juggling.

Being Late to School: Unfortunately there has been an increase in the number of children arriving late to school. Parents are asked to ensure their child arrives by 8.55am each day. Arriving late to school means missing out on valuable learning time, disrupting the learning of other children when they enter the class and does not engender good habits.

P&C AGM: The P&C Annual General Meeting was held last night and I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to each and every member of our P&C for their tireless work giving many years of generous service. They have made a fantastic contribution.
to the wellbeing of students and staff in our school. In particular I mention outgoing president, Mrs Amy Quinlan and secretary Mrs Marg Shelton. Congratulations and welcome to the new executive for 2015 as listed below. I thank you for volunteering your time, efforts and energies to support the students of MPS and look forward to another productive year working together for the benefit of all MPS students and their families.

Assemblies: Congratulations to 2H-29 and Mrs Harris on hosting a fantastic assembly on Friday. Their performance of the Bondi Boogie delighted the audience. Likewise, congratulations also to 3M-21 and Mrs McLane on their performance of the Emperors New Clothes at the primary assembly. During the performance they took every opportunity to relate the script to the colours they are learning about in art. On Friday, KR-8 and Miss Ryan will host the infants assembly at 10:30 am in the hall near the office followed by Miss Everingham and 6E-15 hosting the primary assembly at 11:30 am in the new hall. Parents are welcome to come along.

Sport: Last week we hosted the PSSA zone trials in netball, rugby and boys and girls soccer. Each trial was competitive as students tried their best to earn a place in the zone team. Well done to all the boys and girls who were selected in the zone teams and good luck at the next level. Congratulations to the boy’s cricket team on winning their match against Warralda Public School last Wednesday. They now move into the next round against Burren Junction Public School tomorrow. Well done boys and thanks to coach, Mr Cooper. A huge congratulations is extended to Abby Newton and Logan Thrift for making it into the regional tennis team to play in the north west team at Sydney early next term. A fantastic effort! Our thanks go to Miss Withers for accompanying the students for the trial in Tamworth.

Mr Adrian King

2. P&c Association

• Meeting: The AGM was held last night with a wonderful attendance. Thank you to all who came along and kindly offered to assist with future P&C projects. These will be regularly outlined in the newsletter. Appreciation was extended to outgoing president, Mrs Amy Quinlan and secretary, Mrs Marg Shelton. The 2015 executive members are:
  - President: Mrs Teresa Boughton
  - Vice Presidents: Mrs Tammy Elbourne & Mrs Kelly James
  - Secretary: Mrs Lenice Muggleton
  - Treasurer: Ms Jaymie McDonald
  - Fundraising Co-ordinators: Ms Megan Miller & Mrs Trish Humphries
  - Uniform Shop: Mrs Heidi Brooks
  - District & State Delegate: Mrs Amy Quinlan
  - Gardening Officers: Mrs Jenny Devney & Mrs Emma Cooper

• P&C meeting will be held on Monday, 27th April at 6.00pm in the school library. Please come along – all welcome.

• More on a Plate: The P&C would like to again support this community event by running a children’s activity. Therefore, helpers to assist with the jumping castle at More on a Plate on Saturday 9th May, for hour time slots are being requested. Please feel free to bring a friend! Anyone interested please leave details with the school office and the co-ordinators will contact you.

• Uniform Shop: Trading hours for the uniform shop continue as 8.30-9.30am each Wednesday and Friday.

• 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 are attached and are due back to the office by Wednesday, 1st April. Thanks, Megan Miller and Trish Humphries (Fundraising co-ordinators)

3. Sport Report

Tennis: Last Friday, Abby Newton and Logan Thrift competed in the north west tennis trials at Tamworth. Both students set high targets and were determined not to give up. There are only five boys and girls able to gain selection into the north west team and I am pleased to report that both Abby and Logan were successful. Abby was selected as number two player and Logan as number five player, with a close tiebreaker win. Congratulations on a wonderful achievement. I wish Abby and Logan all the best when they travel to Rockdale, 27th - 30th April, to represent north west region at the state PSSA championship.

Miss Withers

Rugby League: Yesterday, a squad of students travelled to Armidale for the northern division of the PSSA trials. Congratulations to all participants: Roydell Murray, Jovan Raveneau, Thomas Marchant, Izc Smith, Joshua Ricketts, Jade Girard, Will Barton, Kaylub Taunt, Locie Humphries, David Stewart, Shelby Thompson Graham and Noah Humphries. It is pleasing to note that all students tried their best and represented MPS with pride with three students – Jade, Shelby and Roydell now moving to the regional trials next Monday. Well done.
CRICKET: Last Tuesday the MPS cricket team played Warialda at Ron Harborne Oval coming away with a win that puts them into the next round against Burren Junction PS, tomorrow. Moree batted first scoring 3/158 runs – Mac Orr 1, Colby Kilpatrick 17, Riley Bettington 22, Rhys Devney 31 not out, Nathaniel Yeatman 8 not out. Excellent bowling from MPS saw Warialda bowled out for 74. Riley Bettington 3 for 2 off 2, Jack Van Vegchel 2 for 5 off 4, Harry Hardman 1 for 12 off 2, Tom Watts 2 for 10 off 2, Mac Orr 1 for 6 off 2, Nathaniel Yeatman 1 for 1 off 1. Congratulations to both teams for the manner in which they represented their schools. Best wishes for the next round.

Mr Cooper

4. 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
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Mon 16
6.00pm P&C AGM; n’thn rugby league trials U11 & open
Tues 17
Assemblies: 10.30 am KR-8 (hall adjacent to office)
Wed 18
NW cricket trials
Thurs 19
Assembly; 11.30 6E-15
Fri 20
Young Leaders Conference – Brisbane

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Mon 23
Assemblies: 10.30 1M-5; 11.20 4M-23
Tues 24
NW boys & girls soccer trials
Wed 25
NW boys & girls hockey trials
Thurs 26
Easter hat parade for K-2; Last day of Term 1
Fri 27
Good Friday

Term 2
1
Mon 20 April
Staff resume school
Tues 21
Kinder – Yr 6 students resume school
Wed 22
Northern cricket trials
Thurs 23
NPS - ANZAC Service
Fri 24
Assemblies: 10.30 2M-33

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Mon 27
6.00pm P&C meeting - library
Tues 28
Wed 29
Thurs 30
Assembly; 10.30 2M-33
Fri 1 May
No Assemblies; Cool at School open day

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Mon 4
NW cricket trials
Tues 5
Wed 6
Thurs 7
Fri 8
Assemblies: 10.30 KR-9; 11.30 5/6B-17
Sat 9
Moree on a Plate – P&C helpers requested for jumping castle
Sun 10
Mothers Day

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Mon 11
Tues 12
NAPLAN – Yr 3 & 5
Wed 13
NAPLAN
Thurs 14
NAPLAN
Fri 15
Assemblies: 10.30 1M-6; 11.30 3S-39

5. COMMUNITY EVENTS
Hockey News
Calling all prospective senior and junior hockey players! There will be two more registration days at Ron Harborne Oval on Thursday 19th March from 4 – 5pm and Saturday 21st March 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 Date (final)
21st March 2015
Ron Harborne 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 586 077.

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 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
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MJRL CLUB
Contact President Mark Ricketts 0429 164 607 or
Vice President Jason Humphries 0429 994 071
email mjrlclub@gmail.com

Age groups are; Minis 5-7, under 8’s
Under 10’s, under 12’s, under 14’s
Under 16’s and league tag for 9-12 and 13-16 girls.
Cost is $60 for minis, $70 under 8’s and $80 for 10’s and up.
TRAINING TUESDAY AND THURSDAY 5:00PM-6:00PM

Moree Junior Rugby League will hold registrations on
Thursdays 5:15pm-6:00pm at Boughton Oval.
Competition Begins 21st March 2015
All new registrations require a copy of birth certificate

THE GREATEST GAME OF ALL

Dates to remember!
- Thursday, 2nd April – K-2 Easter hat parade and dancing display
- P&C Meeting - Monday, 27th April 2015 commencing 6.00pm at the MPS library