1. PRINCIPAL

Term 1 Progress: I continue to be impressed by the presentation and manner in which our students have started the year. In classrooms across the school, children are busy learning through explicit teaching activities – in the playground they are active, playing together and enjoying these social interactions.

New MPS sign: Parents will soon notice a new sign at the front of the school. We believe that the electronic messaging associated with the sign will help keep our school community more informed about coming events and sharing our many stories of celebration.

McKechnie Shield: Congratulations to all of our swimming representatives who have completed a wonderful team effort in retaining the McKechnie Shield at the carnival last Friday. Moree Public School was the highest point scoring team by a narrow margin with students enjoying the spirited competition. Thank you to all parents who attended the carnival in support of the children and most particularly thank you to those parents who were kindly available to assist on the day. Certainly at this level of swimming it is evident that children have been training regularly and pursuing stroke correction during the summer season to achieve such brilliant results and PBs. The Moree Junior Swimming Club provides a wonderful opportunity to improve and strengthen their swimming. May I also congratulate Miss Carlin, Mr Burgess for their pre-event organisation, Miss Everingham and Miss Burey for their hard work to ensure a successful carnival and Mr McDonald for assisting with the new central entry system for the regional carnival.

Sporting Competitions: When it comes to sport there is no shortage of children willing to try out for various school and zone sporting teams. As always, MPS has entered a number of the PSSA knockout competitions to be played throughout the year. When children are required to play we provide parents with as much notice as possible. Sometimes however, the notice provided may be short. In knockout competitions we do not always have control over this as the opposing school may be organising the match, there may be delays in playing the previous round or other unforeseen circumstance may prevail. We all do our best to coordinate the PSSA rounds to avoid impact upon academic responsibilities and the family budget. Your understanding and support in returning permission notes as soon as possible will be greatly appreciated, as with all offers to provide transport. Please be assured we do understand that it can often be difficult to have time off work and family commitments for every occasion and as such we endeavour to assist with transport arrangements.

Wanting to meet with your child’s teacher? Your child’s teacher is happy to talk to you about your child however often are busy and cannot always stop what they are doing (teaching, supervision duties) to give you their full attention. For this reason, we ask all parents to make an appointment with the teacher to speak about progress, concerns or problems that may arise and ideas for support. On Friday, children will be taking home a brochure introducing the teachers and outlining specific grade procedures. We trust this will assist in daily preparation for school.

Freedom Ride Re-Creation: Last Friday, a group of Year 6 students and staff represented Moree Public School at this important community event. Congratulations to these students – your presentation and participation were exemplary. During the next few weeks it is anticipated that some of the senior classes will take the opportunity to visit the Moree Plains Gallery to view the photographic exhibition relating to the 1965 Freedom Ride.

Kinder boys enjoying a recess break


- Wednesday 25th February - PSSA zone tennis trials co-ordinated by Miss Withers
- Tuesday, 9th March - regional swimming carnival at Armidale
Tennis: Best wishes to our tennis players who are trying out for the zone team on Wednesday under the guidance of Miss Withers at the Endeavour Lane courts.

Classes: As mentioned last week, the K-6 that are listed below will remain until the end of the year.

**Kinder:** KR-8 Miss Ryan, KR-9 Miss Rigby, KW-10 Miss Williams, KH-11 Miss Hancock.

**Year 1:** 1M-5 Miss McPherson, 1J-3 Miss Jeffree, 1H4 Mrs Howard and 1M-6 Mrs McCudden.

**Year 2:** 2C-7 Miss Cook, 2H-29 Mrs Harris, 2R-30 Miss Reid, 2M-33 Miss March.

**Year 3:** 3M-21 Mrs McLane, 3R-38 Mrs Ross and 3S-39 Mrs Summerton.

**Year 4:** 4L-22 Miss Larken, 4M-23 Miss Meadham and 4B-24 Mr Burgess.

**Year 5:** 5BW-16 Miss Burey & Miss White, 5B-19 Mr Brown, 5/6M-14 Mr McDonald and 5/6B-17 Mrs Black.

**Year 6:** 6E-15 Miss Everingham and 6K-18 Mrs Kelleher.

**Special Education:** Early Intervention Mrs Hauser, 3-6M-13 Mrs Michael, IPC-25 Mrs Gill and PT-27 Mrs Twartz.

**RFF/Support programs:** Mrs Marchand, Miss White, Mrs Jensen, Mrs McDonald, Mrs Gillingham, Miss Sauer, Miss Sullivan, Mrs Fitzgerald Mrs van Velthuizen and Mrs Lamey.

**Computer Studies:** Miss Withers.

**Librarians:** Mrs Beattie & Mr Cattanach

**SLSO:** Mrs Cicchelli, Ms Hutchen, Mr Tighe; Miss Wright, Mr Smith, Mr Sampson, Miss Jukes (Kinder).

**Integration Support:** Mrs Perkins and Miss Ireland.

**MultiLit Program:** Miss Neves, Ms Singleton, Ms Raveneau

**QuickSmart:** Mrs Woods, Mrs Smith, Mrs Warren, Mrs Hunt.

**Speech Program:** Ms Scotton (Hunter NE Health), Mrs Botfield and Mrs Pritchard.

**Office Administration:** Mrs Pilon, Mrs Nelson, Mrs Penfold and Mrs Chapman.

**Aboriginal Education Officers:** Ms Roberts and Mr French.

**Cleaning Service:** ISS Mrs Blewitt, Mrs Roberts, Ms Doolan.

**Canteen:** Mrs Rae, Mrs Tobys, Mrs Harper, Mrs Lobsey.

**General Assistant:** Mr Kite

**Counsellor:** Mrs Gunthorpe, Mrs Pepper

**Assistant Principals:** Miss Williams (Kindergarten Supervisor), Mrs Lamey (Yr 1 Supervisor), Mr Cooper (Year 2 Supervisor/Instructional Leader), Mrs Ireland (Special Education), Mr Burgess (Yrs 3/4 Supervisor), Mr van Velthuizen (Years 5/6 Supervisor/Instructional Leader) and Mr McDonald (Special Programs), Mrs Kaukiainen (LA).

**Deputy Principals:** Mrs Hosegood (Administration and Welfare), Miss Carlin (Teaching and Learning).

**Principal:** Mr King

**Road Safety:** It is with a degree of optimism that I make comment about the care and adherence to the road signage currently being demonstrated by families dropping of their children each morning. I sincerely trust that all families will continue to be safety conscious throughout the year. Complacency and believing that a quick drop off in the bus zone are not worth the risk. Even for those who may be running late, I am sure you will agree that a few moments to park to ensure your child’s safe entry to school is essential.

Mr Adrian King

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**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. This courtesy will be appreciated.

The winter ordering form (attached to a previous newsletter) does need to be returned by 26th March to ensure the company can supply by second term. Thanks for your help.

**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.

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Kinder girls enjoying a break from the classroom
4. McKECHNIE SWIMMING CARNIVAL - 2015
The Moree district swimming carnival was held last Friday 20th February at the Moree Artesian Aquatic Complex. Students had a fantastic day of competition and represented Moree Public School admirably. Well done to all students who participated enthusiastically and did their best. We once again owe a huge thank you to our parent helpers who made the smooth running of the day possible. Thank you also to the student leaders who were able to assist us on the day, they worked hard and helped to make the day a success – Abby Newton, Fraser Westley, Lincoln McNair, Natalia Stanovevic, David Stewart, Evie Smith. Among many achievements for the day, the MPS team was awarded with the highest point score and again have the McKechnie Shield on display in the office area for 2015! Well done team: Chloe Elbourne, Emily Di Donna, Luke Devney, Rhys Devney, Chloe Brazel, Shelby Thompson-Graham, Darcy Brazel, Mac Orr, Ryan Macey, Gabrielle Elbourne, Lachlan Humphries, Roydell Murray, Madelyn Penfold, Harriet Beattie, Marni Ryan, Georgia Cleisold, Piper Phillips, Logan Thrift, Ben DiDonna, Sunny Henderson, Natalija Stanovevic, Amelia Brooks, Tom Hatton, Kaylib Taunton and Brayden Macey.

MPS had 6 students come away with trophies! Congratulations for your hard work and achievements:

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We have a large team of students selected to participate in the Regional Swimming Carnival in Armidale on Tuesday 3rd March. Notes went home yesterday and need to be returned to Miss Carlin no later than this Friday 27th February.

5. COMMUNITY EVENTS

MOREE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
Moree Hockey Association will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Monday, 2nd March 2015 at 6:00pm at the Moree Golf Club. All interested players are welcome to attend. Parents of junior players are urged to attend the meeting. For any enquiries please contact Helen 0427522827 Carol 0428523044

MOREE JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB INC.
Registration Dates Saturday 7th, 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.weebly.com.au or online www.myfootball.com.au

Terry-Anne Sharples
MOREE TENNIS CLUB INC
JOHN ASSEF JUNIOR TENNIS COMPETITION AND HOTSHOTS PROGRAM - AUTUMN 2015

Commencement Date: Friday, 6th March, 2015 for 9 Weeks, finishing Friday, 15th May 2015
Format: Teams tennis for established players
Non-competitive singles tennis for new players
HotShots for beginners
Registration: Thursday, 26th February, 2015 at the Clubhouse from 3:00pm or during business hours at Stephen Sparke Jewellers, Heber St, Moree until 5pm 27th February
NO LATE REGISTRATIONS OR FEES CAN BE ACCEPTED
Grading for New players - Thursday, 26th February, 2015 at the courts.
If unable to attend grading on that day, please call to make alternative appointment ASAP.
Players only (not Hotshots): Cost - $25 competition fee per child; $30 club membership fee
**NEW** $140 family membership fee (2 adults plus children)

Further information ……
Comp players: Kate 0427524679 or Felicity 0448648600
Hotshots players: Deb 0438286496 or Bec 0427059166.

Kindergarten, 2015 continued…..

More snaps next week ……..

Dates to remember!
• P&C Annual General Meeting - Monday, 16th March 2015 commencing 6.00pm at the MPS library - tea/coffee at 5.45pm
• Visiting show, It’s a Mad World – Tuesday 10th March 11.30am K-2 & 1.40pm Yrs 3-6