1. PRINCIPAL

Cool at School Open Day: While the rain forced some changes to our Cool at School day program it certainly didn’t spoil the event. Children had a fantastic time at the mini-fete with netball toss, face painting, balloons, knock ’em down, lucky dips and many other activities. Cool at School has been an important part of the MPS curriculum for some time now. It provides children with skills to display a positive and co-operative attitude to learning and strive for exemplary behaviour, both at school and throughout their lives to come. My thanks go to all the parents who attended the day – your presence made the day even more rewarding for our students and staff. Congratulations and thanks go to the Cool at School team for organising the day. Funds raised on the day will go towards purchasing new equipment for lunchtime activities that are organised by the mediator team to be enjoyed by all students throughout the year.

NAPLAN: Students in Years 3 and 5 will sit the NAPLAN assessment next week and it is vital for children arrive to school on time. Tuesday’s test will include language conventions and writing, Wednesday will be reading and Thursday will be numeracy. Parents or carers of students who sit for the NAPLAN tests will receive a written report of their child’s achievement in September.

Cross Country/Fun Run: The school cross country/fun run will be held on Friday. Students in Years 3-6 will run at 9:30 and students in Years K-2 will start at 1:45 pm. Parents are welcome to come along and watch.

P&C Mothers Day Stall: Mothers Day is fast approaching and this Thursday will see our energetic P&C present the annual Mothers Day stall. Students will be able to purchase quality, beautifully wrapped gifts for $2, $5 or $10. Having the opportunity to shop independently and selecting a small gift for mum makes each child feel special - please support the stall.

Assembly: Congratulations to 2M-33 and Miss March on hosting a delightful assembly last Thursday. Building on their class work learning about animals, students recited an animal alphabet poem! Please join us for the assemblies this week. Our host classes are:
- KR-9 and Miss Rigby at 10:30 am in the hall adjacent to the office
- 5/6B-17 and Mrs Black at 11:30 am in the new hall.

Rugby League: Congratulations to our rugby league team on a convincing win over Moree East Public School last Tuesday. The boys displayed great teamwork and enthusiasm in scoring six tries. Well done, boys and thank you Mr van Velthuizen for coaching.

Uniform: The cooler weather is drawing nearer and there seems to be an increasing number of students wearing multi-coloured jumpers rather than a school jumper. Parents are able to purchase school jumpers for their children from the uniform should one be required. As always, families experiencing financial difficulties are able to make a confidential application (to the principal) for assistance. The uniform shop is open from 8:30 to 9:30 am each Wednesday and Friday.

Important Information ... MPS website: www.moree-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/

- Thursday, 7th May – MPS vs Wee Waa PS rugby league PSSA knockout commencing 1:30pm
- Saturday, 9th May – Moree on a Plate - P&C jumping castle – helpers welcome.

Mr Adrian King
2. P&C ASSOCIATION

- **MEETING:** The next general monthly meeting will be held on Monday, 18th May at 6.00pm in the school library. All welcome.

- **MOTHERS DAY STALL:** This exciting event will be happening on Thursday morning but does require some extra helpers, particularly with serving. Classes will be brought to the stall from 9.00am and usually complete by 10.00am approximately. A second opportunity will be provided first thing on Friday (for those who may have missed the previous day or are wanting to purchase a second gift). Please come along and enjoy helping the little ones make their special purchase.

  Megan Miller and Trish Humphries (Fundraising co-ordinators)

- **Moree on a Plate:** The P&C seeks helpers for the jumping castle at *Moree on a Plate* on Saturday 9th May - one hour time slots are requested. Please feel free to bring a friend! Whilst many at last night's meeting committed their time to assist, there is usually a particularly busy period over the lunch. Please come along and enjoy the festivities and help our P&C for perhaps an hour. This help is very much appreciated.

- **PIE Drive:** Planning is underway for a pie drive with delivery scheduled for 10/11th June. Further details and order forms will go home next week.

- **Uniform Shop:** The boys long sleeve shirts order must be returned by Wednesday, 6th May. The shop continues to be opened by volunteer co-ordinator and assistant each Wednesday and Friday morning between 8.30 and 9.30am.

3. **COOL AT SCHOOL**

   **Your Actions**

   Your Responsibility

4. MULTICULTURAL PERSPECTIVE PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

This competition for NSW public school students is now into its 20th year and MPS has been involved almost since the inception. Our school competition will be held on Thursday, 11th June with four students selected to represent at the regional finals at Inverell on Wednesday, 17th June. The contestants present both a prepared speech and an impromptu speech. The topic for the prepared speech is selected by the contestant (listed below) and must have multicultural content whilst the impromptu speech is chosen by the adjudicator on the day and will be on a general, non-multicultural theme.

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**Years 3&4 Topics**

- What is an Australian?
- Multiculturalism at school
- Bullying and racism
- Harmony Day
- Every family has a story

**Years 3&4 Topics**

- Respect
- Growing up together
- My identity
- Refugees
- Multiculturalism online

**Multicultural Perspective Public Speaking Entry**

Please return to Mrs Hosegood by Friday, 29th May 2015

Name: __________________________  Class: ______

Prepared speech topic: __________________________

5. SPORT REPORT

**CROSS COUNTRY K-6:** Our annual Fun Run will be held this Friday, 8th May at 9:30 for Primary students and 1:40 for Infants. Students are reminded to wear their sport uniforms and proper running shoes. Parents are welcome to attend. Any parents who are able to assist in the recording of competitor results are asked to contact me as soon as possible.

Mr McDonald
RUGBY LEAGUE: Last Tuesday, the Moree Public School rugby league team played their first round fixture against Moree East Public School. The boys started the game very well showing some skilful attack and determined defence. The boys grew with confidence throughout the game and some impressive combinations developed. The final result was 24 - 0 with the MPS boys advancing to the next round. Congratulations to all players from our school and Moree East. We will now await our next opponent who will be either Narrabri or Wee Waa. (Try scorers: Jade Girard 3, Roydell Murray 2, Jovan Raveneau)

TENNIS: Congratulations to Abby Newton and Logan Thrift for playing in the north west tennis team at Sydney during last week. The team played well with all members enjoying the experience of playing tennis at this elite PSSA level. Abby’s highlight of the tournament was playing doubles with each of her four team mates, winning four doubles and one single. Logan is thrilled to report that he also played doubles and a couple of singles winning six of his ten games. Well done!

6. CELTIC FESTIVAL
Congratulations to our highland dancers, Rachel Makim, Alexandra Marchand, Millicent and Harriet Beattie and Marnie Shelton (MSC) who combined with the Glen Innes dancers to perform as the Glenmore Highland Dancers at the Celtic Festival over the weekend. The festival is an annual event that celebrates our Celtic heritage with a magical display of dancing, music, pipe bands and Viking re-enactments, amongst the famous Standing Stones at Glen Innes.
7. COMMUNITY EVENTS

Hockey News
Good news .............
It’s not too late to register for hockey! Juniors will start on Thursday, April 30th at 3.45pm at Ron Harborne Oval and the senior competition will start on Saturday May 2nd. Everyone is welcome – you don’t have to be an experienced player. Ladies, if you haven’t played for a while, or have never played but always wanted to - we will put you in a team. You will find that hockey is the most enjoyable game you’ll ever play. It’s a fun, fast and social way to learn great skills and keep fit. Junior sticks can be provided but you will need a mouthguard and shin pads. If you would like more information please call Matt on 0447 422827 or Carol on 0428 523044 or just turn up on Thursday and Saturday and enjoy yourself.

Homelessness Awareness Week
August 3rd to 9th

How would you feel home was no longer safe due to Family Violence? Would you run away? Where would you go? A friends place, a family members place or would you sleep in the park? What would you eat? Would you have access to clean water? Who would help you?

Moree Area Homelessness Service (MAHS) is open to the community to help if any of these questions needs an answer. We help, not only, the people who are in a state of homelessness but those at risk of becoming homeless. Under the Moree Area Homelessness Service we have three agencies (Byamee Proclaimed Place, Ngala Moree Women’s Refuge and Moree Family Support Services) working together to help the Moree community find safe and secure accommodation and support them while they reclaim back their lives.

During Homelessness Awareness Week MAHS is walking 393kms to bring awareness about rural homelessness. With this event we are organising a Sleep Out so Moree residents can experience firsthand what it would be like to sleep in the park. We invite you to join us on the 31st July at the Byamee Proclaimed Place office from 6pm to 6am to camp out underneath the stars.

If you are interested in joining us please feel free to contact us on 6752 1550 for further details.
Cool at School Open Day

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Congratulations student mediators!