WHO DID YOU SEE YESTERDAY?

Cleopatra, Oliver Twist, Snow White, Where's Wally and many other friends enjoyed their visit to MPS yesterday! The range of characters in our Book Week character dress up day seems to grow each year. Once again super heroes were very popular with spiderman, superman and many other avengers arriving to protect us from (imaginary) villains. Perhaps, my favourite would have to be chaps from the Dr Seuss books. What a fabulous way to bring reading to life.

Classroom doors have been decorated by students and their teacher to illustrate a favourite author / book. The doors are quite spectacular with displays of students work and some very bright colours. Congratulations to classes for embracing the door challenge with such enthusiasm. Mrs Hosegood and I will have an extremely difficult task judging the competition on Wednesday with the awards announced on Friday.

Students have also had the opportunity to participate in a colouring competition and a guessing competition. We thank MPS librarian, Mrs Beattie and staff for bringing 2016 Book Week to life with these engaging activities.

A snapshot, a guide, an analysis... NAPLAN results for 2015 have been released. There has been some excellent performance by our students and these results reflect a strong commitment to school and to learning. This year results showed significant improvement in writing. Growth in learning between Year 3 and 5 was very good in reading, spelling and numeracy. Information gained from NAPLAN will be used to support the development of teaching programs for next year.

Year 3 and 5 students who sat the NAPLAN assessments have taken home their report last Monday. If you did not receive your child’s report please contact the school. Should parents wish to discuss the results, please contact the school office to arrange a mutually convenient time for an interview.

Travelling far and wide - our sporting teams will be clocking up the kilometres as they travel across the north west for events. Today, the girls touch team travel to Coonamble to challenge Coonamble Public School in the next round of the PSSA knockout competition and on Friday our athletic squad will travel to Tamworth for the regional carnival.

We wish our teams the best of luck. We know they will give their very best and will represent Moree Public School with pride. A special word of appreciation is extended to Miss Meadham (touch) and Miss Withers and Miss Carlin (athletics). Enjoyable and rewarding opportunities with early starts and late evening returns are assured.

Sunday, 6th September will be made rather special for our girls and boys (not to mention their dads) as they have an opportunity to do some independent shopping at the P&C Fathers Day stall. There will be a range of gifts available for purchase ($2, $5, $10) and each class will be taken to the stall during the morning session of next Thursday and Friday mornings. Thank you in advance to Mrs Humphries and Ms Miller for coordinating the gifts and to all the mums who will again generously assist on the stall.

Please note that Year 5 students attending the Sydney excursion will have the opportunity to buy something from the stall on Monday, 31st August.
Seeing, doing and travelling with friends will most certainly engage students in valuable and unique learning experiences. We will be waving Year 5 students and teachers off to Sydney early on Tuesday morning. With visits to Sydney Tower, Taronga Zoo and the Art gallery I’m sure everyone will have a great time and bring home many special memories. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our teachers and parent helpers.

Assemblies Congratulations to 1M-5 and Miss McPherson for hosting a delightful assembly last week. The students demonstrated some of the great work they are doing in class by making up sentences using word families. They certainly delighted the audience with some very clever rhymes. At the primary assembly 5BW-16 with Miss Burey and Miss White, reminded us all that it is OK to be different through a wonderful performance of The Rainbow People. Dressed in costume the students performed with enthusiasm and style.

Please join KH-11 and Miss Hancock this Friday for our Kindergarten assembly at 10:30 am in the hall near the administration office. There is no primary assembly this week.

Tell Them From Me Survey (reminder): I thank the parents who have taken the opportunity to complete the Tell Them from Me on-line survey. If you haven’t had time to do the survey you still can. You simply need to collect a survey username and password from the school office and then go to the website. The survey results will provide valuable feedback on what the school does well and some suggestions for what we might do even better. The survey is confidential and individual parent responses cannot be identified. I encourage all parents to complete the survey.

Congratulations Gabrielle Elbourne who yesterday represented the New England region at the Multicultural Perspective Public Speaking competition at Coffs Harbour. It is fabulous to hear that Gabrielle again spoke eloquently, with confidence and is eager to continue with her public speaking. She is to be commended for her prior preparation, seizing opportunities to present her speech at a primary assembly, to a secondary group and most impressively at a recent Lions Club meeting. Well done!

P&C ASSOCIATION

• MEETING: The next general monthly meeting will be held on Monday, 21st September. All welcome.

• 2016 CALENDARS, GIFT CARDS, PILLOW CASES: Can you imagine the joy felt by family members when they receive a gift that has been personalised with your child’s art work? Please take a moment to check the options available on the attached brochure? Children will be completing an artwork in class and photographs are also an option. Orders are due on Friday, 28 August.

• FETE & STUDENT TALENT QUEST:

The 2015 Moree Public School fete is on the 16th October and is fast approaching. We will be seeking donations of the following things, in the week or weeks leading up to the fete:-

- Potted plants
- Homemade cakes, biscuits, jams, pickles and fresh produce
- Secondhand books & magazines — sorry, this is NOT a white elephant stall
- Items suitable for lucky dips
- Hair products such as new bands, clips, Coloured hair spray and similar

If you have an idea for a stall or would like to co-ordinate or organise something, please feel free to give me a call on 0428-663014 or jill@ssearthmoving.com.au

Thanks, Jill Stewart

P&C Talent Quest Rehearsal Schedule during lunch times:

K-2 Friday 28th August
Yr 3/4 Friday, 4th September
Yr 5 Friday, 11th September
Yr 6 Friday, 18th September

Mr McDonald is kindly available to assist entrants with their rehearsal but children must bring along their own backing track or dance music, preferably on a CD disc. The school will not be sourcing music for any of the performances.

Thanks, Mrs Kelly James (Talent Quest Co-ordinator)

• UNIFORM SHOP: The shop continues to be opened by volunteer co-ordinator and assistant each Wednesday and Friday morning between 8.30 and 9.30am.

• FATHERS DAY STALL: This special event is coming up in readiness for fathers Day on Sunday, 6th September. A stall will be held on Thurs 3rd and Friday 4th September (a mini stall for Year 5 only will be held on the Monday prior to their excursion). Helpers will be very much appreciated, as with donations of small gifts. Please leave these at the school office.

Mr Adrian King - Principal
SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS – CLASS & TEAMS
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COMING EVENTS
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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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MPS is appreciative of your Woolworths EARN & LEARN docketts – boxes are located at Woolworths & on the infants steps.
BOOK WEEK PRIZES & COSTUMES

Dates to remember!

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• Fathers Day stall – Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th September (Yr 5 only on Monday, 31st August)