OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

Education Week is a time to celebrate the dedication and commitment of students, staff and parents to creating a positive learning environment for all. Each year we present awards in each of these categories recognising outstanding contribution to the school and public education. This year the recipients were presented with awards at the primary assembly.

Year 6 student, Natalija Stanoevivc received the award for Outstanding Student Achievement through her diligence and commitment to school and learning. The award for Outstanding by a member of the school staff was presented to Mrs Dianna Ireland. Mrs Ireland has displayed tireless dedication to Moree Public School as the leader of the school special education unit. Mrs Lynnette Churchland was presented with the award for Outstanding contribution to a school by a parent or community member. Most people know Mrs Churchland either through her distinguished career teaching in Moree or through her tireless community work – a true friend to many! She retired from teaching several years ago but continues to generously give her time each week to supporting children’s reading at MPS.

We congratulate the awardees and thank them for their contribution to our school.

Needing information? We are delighted to announce that MPS is now trialling the Skoolbag App for iPhones and Windows phones. Skoolbag is a school to parent communication tool that works on your mobile phone. The tool will allow us to let you know about school news, newsletters, events calendar, cancellations, school notices, school information, parent sick note forms, school documents and much more.

If you would like to download the App you can do so by:

• For iPhone and iPad, search Moree Public School in the App store and install.
• For Windows Phone and Windows Store, search for Skoolbag install the app, and then find your school. Please note it must be a Windows 8.1 device

Unfortunately the App is not yet available for phones using the Android operating system.

The P&C talent quest attracted an enthusiastic group of K-2 children with entries for Mrs James and Mrs Muggleton last Thursday and many also enjoyed a little rehearsal time. On Thursday of this week, Years 3 and 6 are invited to bring along their entry form and perform a sample of their item, followed by Years 3 and 5 on Thursday, 13th August. However, it is not too late for any infants student who may have missed last Thursday. Please give your form to Mrs Hosegood and come to the hall on Thursday at lunch time or after school (with your parent).

Skip, hop, twist and turn! These are just a few of the actions that have featured at the Jump Rope for Heart day - once again proving to be a great success. The students enjoyed themselves while raising funds for a very worthy cause. This is our 15th consecutive year of participating in Jump Rope, a tremendous achievement that reflects the willingness of our staff and students to support charitable causes. Our thanks and congratulations go to Miss Larken and her team for the wonderful job coordinating the program and to the SRC members who gave their time to assist. Parents are reminded that any money raised should be returned this week.

Important Information ...

- P&C talent quest – please see attached entry form for Yrs 3 & 6 entrants to complete and submit on Thursday at lunch time or after school
- Book Week Character Dress up Day – Tuesday, 24th August

High energy! Our Kindergarten assembly hosts KR-9 demonstrated some fantastic skills with three songs and dances as part of the KR-9 talent show. At the primary assembly our host class, 4M-23 reminded us of the need to have an active healthy lifestyle. They entertained the audience with a highly energetic fitness routine known as Zumba. Well done, girls and boys and thank you to Miss Rigby and Miss Meadham for this excellent entertainment. Please join us for the assemblies this Friday with classes:
• 2H-29 and Ms Harris at 10:30 am in the hall near the administration office; and
• 6E-15 and Miss Everingham at 11:30 am in the new hall.

Kindergarten enrolments 2016: Parents and community members are reminded that Moree Public School is currently accepting Kindergarten enrolments for 2016. If you have a child who turns five before 31 July 2016 you may complete and enrolment form and return it to the front office. It is important to complete these forms early as the staffing process for 2016 is about to commence.

Book Fair appreciation! The three day fair proved to be a great experience at the library with children enjoying the opportunity to browse, select and purchase a new book. Along with the recent visiting shows that featured the 2016 CBCA short listed books, MPS has had an inspiring lead up to Book Week. Please remember the character dress up day on Tuesday, 25th August – more fun, more opportunity to engage with favourite characters and the world of make believe. Thank you Mrs Beattie, Mr Cattanach and library staff for helping to make quality literature come to life at MPS.

Learn by doing, seeing, experiencing! A school excursion is an important opportunity for children and we endeavour to make the trips as affordable and accessible as possible. We are again fortunate to have had some funding to reduce the cost a little for each of the primary trips and again I would like to thank the accompanying teachers in advance for kindly giving their time, making alternate arrangements for their own families and accepting the responsibilities associated with excursions, to ensure MPS children can enjoy a wonderful and unique learning opportunity. Best wishes for the coming trips:
Wednesday 5th August – Year 4 to Coffs Harbour (two nights)
Monday 10th August – Year 6 to Canberra (four nights)
Tuesday, 1st September – Year 5 to Sydney (three nights)
Thursday, 17th September – Lake Keepit Sport & Rec (one night).
Another happy, healthy addition to our playground, courtesy of Taits Toyota and some enthusiastic Year 2 students – Georgia, Sophie, Andrew and Zac.

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**YEAR 6 EXCURSION – CANBERRA**

Students from our school will soon be undertaking an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $30 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

Students should be busily locating and packing all of the items they need to make the trip successful – particularly some warm clothes. A last minute reminder note will be given to students on Thursday. Final payments are now due, so please make arrangements no later than Thursday.

**P&C ASSOCIATION**

- **MEETING:** The next general monthly meeting will be held on Monday, 17th August. All welcome.

  - **Fete & Student Talent Quest:** Friday, 16th October. We are doing our first shout out for Co-Ordinators for the following stalls, which will run from 4pm to 6pm:
    - Show Bags
    - Cake Decorating Competition and Auction
    - Cake Stalls
    - Second Hand Book Stall
    - Soccer Shoot Out

  - **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. Any queries, please see Mrs Trish Humphries or Ms Megan Miller.

  - **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 art work in class and photographs are also an option. Orders are due back to school on Friday, 28 August.

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**Lucky Digs**

- **Funky Hair**

  If you would like to co-ordinate this stall or would like more information, please give Jill Stewart a call on 0428-663014 or email: jill@ssearthmoving.com.au

  Details about the talent quest are attached.

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**HEAD LICE**

As with all schools and community groups, children's hair requires constant checking and treatment when necessary. Eggs can be very difficult to see and they do attach firmly to the strands of hair, requiring careful removal using a fine tooth comb. Treatment to remove eggs and lice, along with preventative sprays are available at the local pharmacies. It is also recommended that long hair be pinned back and or held in pigtails, plaits etc. Please be aware that we have been notified by parents of several cases of head lice – please help control the head lice, by checking your child's hair every evening and treating regularly.
COMMUNITY EVENTS

1st Moree Scout Group
If you are interested or wanted to know more, Moree Scout Group has restarted for Semester 2. 1st Moree Scouts currently run the following age groups:-

Joeys – 6 to 8 years
Cubs – 8 to 11 years
Scouts – 11 to 15 years
Venturers – 14 ½ to Adult

Meetings are held on Tuesday nights at the Scout Hall on Gwydir Street, Moree with Joeys running from 6 to 7pm and all other groups running from 6.30 to 8pm.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Jill Stewart on 0428-663014 or Kylie Kerr on 0427709188

COMING EVENTS – Term 3

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 3

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Mon 3 August
Tues 4 ICAS Maths
Wed 5 Year 4 Excursion – Coffs Harbour
Thurs 6
Fri 7 Assemblies: 10.30 2H-29; 11.25 6E-15
1.35 Rugby League clinic – Yr 2

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Mon 10 Y16 excursion - Canberra
Tues 11
Wed 12
Thurs 13
Fri 14 Assemblies: 10.30 K20-10; 11.30 3M-21 & 3/4M-13
1.35 Rugby League clinic – Yr 3

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Mon 17
Tues 18
Wed 19
Thurs 20
Fri 21 Assemblies: 10.30 1A-6; 1.30 SBK-16
1.35 Rugby league clinic – Yr 4

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Mon 24 Book Week: Books light up our world
Tues 25 Character dress up day K-6
Wed 26
Thurs 27
Fri 28 NW athletics carnival – Tamworth
Assemblies: 10.30 KH-11; 11.30 No primary assembly

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Mon 31
Tues 1 Sept Sydney Excursion – Yr 5
Wed 2
Thurs 3
Fri 4 Assemblies: 10.30 2M-39; 11.30 3R-38

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Mon 7
Tues 8
Wed 9
Thurs 10
Fri 11 Assemblies: 10.30 KR-6; 11.30 BK-18 & 3-6M-13

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Mon 14
Tues 15
Wed 16
Thurs 17 Lake Keepit excursion – Yr 3
Fri 18 Assembly: 10.30 1A-6

Last day of Term 3

MPS is appreciative of your Woolworths EARN & LEARN doockets – a box is located at the school office.

PCYC

Moree PCYC is running our Safer Driver Program on Monday 28th September & Tuesday 29th (second week school holidays). This program is designed for Learner drivers who have completed 50 hours of supervised driving and hold a NSW Driver’s License. The course cost is $140 which covers the 3 hour theory component and 2 hour practical in car training. Upon completion the Learner Driver receives a 20 hour credit in their log book. If you wish to book a place in the course please contact the Moree PCYC on 02 67523741, email aryan@pcycnsw.org.au or ckennedy@pcycnsw.org.au. A minimum of 8 is needed for the course to run and a maximum 12. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

Dates to remember!

• Heferen Shield – Monday, 17th August
• P&C meeting – Monday, 17th August; 2016 Calendar orders due Fri 28th August; Fathers Day stall – Thurs 3rd & Fri 4th September.