PARENTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

We often say that education is a responsibility shared between home and school. Parents want their children to succeed in school, but a parent’s role in that success must not be underestimated. Support from parents is important in sustaining a student’s confidence and sense of achievement at school. You can’t just leave it all up to the teacher. Yes, it is their job, but your participation will benefit your child greatly. Some simple things you can do include putting aside time each day to work with your child by listening to them read or by helping with homework. Be positive and let them hear the good things you say about their learning and school. When it comes to matters of discipline at school be open minded and work with the school to resolve any problems. Do not always take what your child says for granted. Children need to face up to the consequences of their behaviour as part of the learning process. Support them by helping them to learn from their mistakes. Talk with their teachers to keep up with how things are going in the classroom. If you feel your child needs extra help then talk to the teacher about it. Sometimes you have to be tough. Make them go to school each day, encourage and support them to do their homework.

Tell Them From Me Survey: Moree Public School is again seeking the views of parents on the school processes and programs. We are asking parents to complete the Tell Them From Me survey.

Tell Them From Me is an online survey system that helps schools capture the views of students, teachers and parents. Students have previously answered the survey and staff will complete it later this term. The results from all three groups will be amalgamated to provide valuable feedback on what the school does well and some suggestions for what we might do even better. Parents who would like to complete the survey are invited to use the computers in the school library between 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm next Tuesday and Wednesday. It will also be open between 5:00pm and 6:00 pm next Monday just prior to the P&C meeting. If these times do not suit you or you would prefer to complete the survey at home please contact me and we can make alternate arrangements. The survey takes about 20 minutes to complete. It is confidential and individual parent responses cannot be identified. I encourage all parents to complete the survey.

Year 4 Excursion: Welcome back Year 4 who returned happy, safe and very tired last Friday evening from Coffs Harbour. From my talks with the children in the playground it is very clear that they had a fabulous time. Excursions like this one are not only a great learning experience but they also give the students memories they will keep with them for a very long time. It was delighted to speak with the bus driver who spoke very highly of the behaviour of our students throughout the trip. He said “It was a pleasure to be able to accompany such a wonderful group” and that “They were a credit to the school and to their parents.”

Special thanks to Mr Burgess (organiser), Miss Meadham, Miss Larken, Mr French and Mr Elbourne for accompanying the students.

Skoolbag App: Many parents have taken the opportunity to download the Moree Public School Skoolbag App for iPhones and Windows phones. The feedback we have received has been very positive with many parents indicating that the find the App very useful in letting them know what is happening in the school. 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 our 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.

Assemblies: Unfortunately I missed the assemblies last Friday but I am reliably informed that both classes were excellent hosts putting on delightful performances, our thanks go to 2H-29 & Mrs Harris as well as 6E-15 and Miss Everingham. Please join us for the assemblies this Friday with classes:

- KW-10 and Miss Williams at 10:30 am in the hall near the administration office; and
- 3M-21 & 3/4M-13 and Mrs McLane at 11:30 am in the new hall.
The P&C talent quest registration on Thursday of this week is for Years 4 and 5 students. Please give your form to Miss Carlin and come to the hall on Thursday at lunch time or after school (with your parent).

Mr Adrian King
Principal

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
  - 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

• 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.

Fluttering Amongst Butterflies, Touching Dolphins, Hiking the Rainforest and Being Real Troopers When the Bus Broke Down!

Who Are We? Last Wednesday the Year 4 students travelled to Coffs Harbour for the annual Year 4 Excursion. They enjoyed a number of fun-filled and educational activities. Some highlights included a visit to the Butterfly Sanctuary where the students took a stroll amongst hundreds of live Australian butterflies, a hands on experience with a giant python and hungry crocodile during the Reptile show, ten pin bowling, beach games, a Rocky Shores guided tour at Woolgoolga beach, tours and shows at Dolphin marine magic and a walk through the majestic sub-tropical Dorrigo Rainforest. A big thank you to Miss Meadham, Miss Larken, Mr French and Mr Elbourne for their assistance throughout the excursion.
SIDE STEPPING, PASSING & GOOD FUN!
A most enjoyable rugby league workshop for Year 2 students was hosted by NRL Junior Development officer, Mr Peter Stevens, last Friday. The students went through a few drills and skills before going onto the field for a game of touch with the emphasis on playing the ball, passing the ball correctly and spreading out across the field. To conclude the afternoon, Mr Stevens and the NRL generously presented each student with a football to take home.

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 | Mon   | Wed  | Thurs | Fri  | Assembles: 10.30 KW-10; 11.30 3M-21 & 34M-13
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1.35 Rugby League clinic – Yr 3
7 Mon 24 Book Week: Books light up our world
Tues 25 Character dress up day K-6
Wed 26 Thurs 27 NW athletics carnival – Tamworth
Fri 28 Assembles: 10.30 KH-11; 11.30 No primary assembly

Book Week: Books light up our world
Assemblies: 10.30 1M-5; 1.30 5BW-16
1.35 Rugby league clinic – Yr 4

COMMITTEE EVENTS
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.

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

Thank you Mr Stevens & the NRL
MOREE TENNIS CLUB

JOHN ASSEF JUNIOR TENNIS COMPETITION

Please see below for information regarding the upcoming Spring Comp and registration details:

Commencement Date: Friday, 21st August, 2015
Duration: 9 Weeks, finishing Friday, 6th November 2015 (excluding holidays)

Format:
- Teams tennis for established players (Silver & Gold Divisions)
- Non-competitive singles tennis for new players (Bronze)
- HotShots will also be available for beginners

Registration: Wednesday, 12th August, 2015 at the Clubhouse from 3:00pm or during business hours at Stephen Sparke Jewellers, Heber St, Moree until 5pm 14th August 2015.
NO LATE REGISTRATIONS OR FEES CAN BE ACCEPTED.
Grading for New Players: Wednesday, 12th August, 2015 at the Clubhouse from 3:00pm. If unable to attend grading on that day, please call numbers below to make alternative appointment ASAP.

Cost:
- $25 competition fee per child
- $30 club membership fee (if not already member for 2015)
**NEW** $140 family membership fee (2 adults plus children)

Further information:
Comp players: Kate 0427524679; Felicity 0448648600 or Melita 0427526124;
Hotshots: Deb 0438286496 or Bec 0427059166.

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Dates to remember!

- Heferen Shield – Monday, 17th August