LET’S MEET & GREET …

As mentioned in our first newsletter, student numbers were to be submitted last Wednesday for the Department of Education staffing unit to confirm or adjust the staffing allocation for 2016. It is with pleasure that I introduce the teaching and support staff and trust that over the next few weeks you will be able to catch up with your child’s teacher for a more personal introduction.

**Kindergarten**:
- KH-8 Ms Hancock
- KR-9 Miss Ryan
- KL-10 Mrs Lamey
- KD-11 Miss Druitt
- KM-29 Miss McNamara

**Year 1**:
- 1H-3 Miss Howard
- 1M-4 Mrs McCudden
- 1W-5 Miss Williams
- 1J-6 Miss Jeffree

**Year 2**:
- 2G-1 Mrs Gulliver & Mrs Gillingham
- 2R-7 Miss Reid
- 2M-30 Miss Miller
- 2R-33 Miss Rigby

**Year 3**:
- 3C-21 Miss Cook
- 3M-38 Miss March
- 3M-39 Mrs McLane
- 3/4B-24 Mr Burgess

**Year 4**:
- 4L-22 Miss Larken
- 4K-23 Mrs Kelleher
- 4B-24 Mr Burgess

**Year 5**:
- 5E-17 Miss Everingham
- 5W-19 Miss White
- 5/6M-16 Miss Burey & Mrs McDonald
- 5/6M-14 Mr McDonald

**Year 6**:
- 6B-15 Mr Brown
- 5/6BM-16 Miss Burey & Mrs McDonald
- 1W-18 Miss White
- 5/6BM-14 Mr McDonald

**Support Unit**
- PW-27 Miss Williams
- IG-25 Mrs Gill
- 3/6M-13 Ms Michael
- Early Intervention Mrs Dawson
- SLSOs Mrs Cicchelli
- Miss Hutchin
- Mrs Eggins
- Mrs Hickey

**Learning Support Teachers, ESL, IST-Vision; Reading Recovery & RFF**
- Mrs Kaukiainen
- Mrs Marchand
- Mrs Jensen
- Mrs Boyce
- Miss Pickerin
- Mrs Ross
- Mrs Fitzgerald
- Miss Sullivan

**Relief teachers**
- Miss Boydell
- Mrs van Velthuizen

**Library**
- Miss Beattie
- Mr Cattonach

**Counsellor**
- Mrs Gunthorpe

**AEOs**
- Ms Roberts
- Mr French

**Speech Program / SLSOs**
- Mrs Pritchard
- Miss Ireland
- Miss Kaukiainen
- Mrs Perkins
- Mrs Nash

**QuickSmart / SLSO**
- Mrs Smith
- Mrs Warrener
- Mrs Hunt

**MultiLit / SLSO**
- Miss Neeves
- Miss Wright
- Mrs Ravenneau

**Relief SLSO**
- Ms Juke
- Ms Singleton
- Miss Macey

**Administration**
- Mrs Pilon
- Mrs Nelson
- Mrs Penfold
- Mrs Chapman

**General Assistant**
- Mr Kite

**Assistant Principals**
- Mr Cooper (Years 5/6 & Instructional Leader)
- Mrs Ireland (Special Education)
- Mrs Kaukiainen (Learning Assistance)
- Mr McDonald (Special Programs)
- Mr Burgess (Years 3/4)
- Miss Williams (Years 1/2)
- Mrs Lamey (Kindergarten)

**Deputy Principals**
- Mrs Hosgood (Administration)
- Miss Carlin (Curriculum & Instructional Leader Yrs 5/6)

**Principal**
- Mr King

**Sharing Our News**

SHARING OUR NEWS comes through many options – fortnightly newsletters taken home with the eldest child of each family; the daily School News segment with Ando on 2VM at 7.10am each morning; the electronic sign at the front of school; Skoolbag App (see attached guide if this is a new download for your phone); P&C meetings; and MPS website ([www.moree-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.moree-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)). However, a brief note to your teacher, a telephone call to the school office to arrange a meeting at a mutually convenient time are most welcome. A response will be forthcoming from the relevant member of staff as soon as practicable. Communication between school and home is very important and a vital link in supporting your child’s education and we thank you for using the above channels.

**Serving**

Serving up a few aces and playing some long rallies were the order of the day at last week’s district PSSA tennis trials hosted by MPS. Students from Mungindi, Gravesend, North Star and Yetman joined our representatives, Elyne Tighe, Khyesha Munro, Nekkiah Murray, Shamari Briggs, Logan Thrift, Tom Hatton, Archie Matthews and Tom Watts for a wonderful round robin tournament organised by Miss Reid and Mrs Kaukiainen. The generous support of MPS parents with the lavish morning tea and lunch for players and their supporters, the supply of tennis balls and assisting with umpiring duties made for a lovely day. Congratulations to all players – your sportsmanship was noted. The Logan and Elyne were selected for the district team and Tom as reserve. The north west trials will be held at Tamworth on Friday, 4th March.

**Soccer, Rugby League and Cricket**

Soccer, rugby league and cricket school trials are currently being held during lunch times. The details are announced at both morning and lunch time assemblies and every effort is made to include as many students as possible. These trials are part of the selection process for our school teams that contest the PSSA knockout competition and also for representation at the district trials. District trials will be coming up – see school calendar.
SHARING, RESPECT, CO-OPERATION, ASSERTIVENESS AND POSITIVITY! Yes, speak to any employer, colleague, family member or friend and I am sure they will concur that these personal attributes are vital to their organisation, family and daily life. The Cool at School program is up and running! This is the basis of the MPS personal development program, explicitly teaching social skills and ways in which to solve problems in the classroom and playground. Each Monday, students will be involved in discussions, role-play activities and games based upon the focus slogan. The slogan will be published in our newsletter and we invite parents to join with us in teaching and reinforcing the concepts. The K-6 program is guided by the Cool at School committee and supported by the student mediators, Miss Larken and Miss Burey.

Mrs Lindy Hosegood

2. P&C ASSOCIATION

• MEETING - AGM: The AGM will be held on Monday, 14th March commencing at 6.00pm in the school library.

• UNIFORM SHOP: The uniform shop is kindly opened by volunteer co-ordinators, Mrs Debbie Hardman and Mrs Heidi Brooks each Wednesday and Friday morning between 8.30 and 9.30am. The WINTER uniform ordering form need to be in by 26th February to ensure the company can supply by second term. Thanks for your help.

• CANTEEN: A 2016 menu is attached to this week’s newsletter. Parents are advised that the ordering procedure continues as per 2016, either online or by dropping the order at the canteen upon arrival at school.

It is MILKSHAKE DAY tomorrow (Wednesday) - $2.

3. COOL AT SCHOOL

Social Skills focus for this week is:

Positive thinking is a BIG plus

4. HEALTH AWARENESS

Preventative measures greatly assist in minimising the spread of numerous childhood health concerns that may arise from time to time. Children are encouraged to wash their hands frequently at school and soap is provided in each of the bathrooms. Head lice is a common issue in all schools. Please be vigilant with regular checking, treat if required and notify the school office.

Further advice with all of these matters can be obtained through your family doctor, pharmacist and/or the fact sheets on the NSW Ministry Health website. These small measures will greatly assist in keeping all children and staff happy and healthy.

5. 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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Who is helping the youth of our community?

Moree Hockey Association

Moree Hockey Association will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Monday 29th February 2016 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 Matt 0447422827 Carol 0428523044

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

Commencement Date: Friday, 11th March, 2016

Duration: 9 Weeks, finishing Friday, 27th May 2016 (excluding holidays)

Format: Teams tennis for established players (Silver & Gold Divisions)

Hot-Shots Leagues singles tennis for new players (this division was previously called Bronze Group but has been renamed Hotshots Leagues in line with the Tennis Australia program for developing players of that level). For the information of returning players, it will continue to be run on Friday afternoons in the same format as Bronze Group in previous years.

NOTE: HotShots for beginners is to continue but is no longer being run in conjunction with Comp and Hotshots Leagues, it will be on Wednesday nights and parents should contact Margie Buckley Tel: 0407521450 or Jamie Honour Tel: 0429835653 for further information and nomination

Registration:
Wednesday 24th February, 2016 and Wednesday 2nd March 2016 at the Clubhouse from 3:30pm-4:30pm or during business hours at Stephen Sparkes Jewellers, Heber St, Moree until 5pm on 4th March 2016. NO LATE REGISTRATIONS OR FEES CAN BE ACCEPTED.

Grading for New Players only:
Wednesday 24th February, 2016 from 3:30pm at the courts but will take place on Wednesday 2nd March if necessary.

If unable to attend grading on 24th February please call ASAP to make an alternative appointment for 2nd March or another time.

Cost: $25 competition nomination fee per child
$35 club membership fee (for 2016 calendar year)
$145 family membership fee (2 adults plus children for 2016 calendar year)

Further information Comp players: Kate 0427524679, Felicity 0448648600, Melita 0427526124

KH-8 children are working hard ......