Copeton Dam Technology Camp

Last Wednesday Mr Churchill, Ms Edge, Mr McCormick and nine very excited students departed for Copeton Dam in Inverell on a two day technology camp. On Thursday, students and teachers participated in a morning of activities, familiarising themselves with different types of technology. After the demonstrations it was all up to the students to prepare, create and present their work on a water related issue to the other groups. The students (and the teachers) had a great time learning about the new types of technology and look forward to sharing their presentations with the school next week.

- Mr Churchill
Quote for the Week:
“The more you take responsibility for your past and present, the more you are able to create the future you seek.”
(Author Unknown)

The next meeting of the MEPS Community Connections Group will be Thursday the 5th of April at 11.00am. The meeting will be followed by a ‘Men’s Lunch’ at 12.00pm.

A reminder that school holidays begin on Friday 6th April. Students return on 24th of April for the start of Term 2.

**Easter Hat Parade** – On Thursday 5th April we will be holding our annual Easter Hat Parade. Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 have been learning some dances to perform on the day and they will be making Easter hats at school. Parents, family and friends are invited to attend the Easter Hat Parade at 2pm. We look forward to seeing you here.

**Easter Raffle:** We will begin selling tickets tomorrow in our Easter Raffle. The prizes will be baskets of Easter Eggs and tickets will cost 50c each or 3 for $1.00. The raffle will be drawn after our Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 5th of April.

**Visiting Show:** On Tuesday 3rd April we will be lucky enough to have a visiting show at the school titled ‘Let’s Stamp Out Bullying’. If you would like your child to attend please sign and return the permission note with $4.00 before Tuesday.

**You Can Do It Rewards Day:** Term One’s YCDI Rewards Day will be held on Wednesday 4th April. All the students who have achieved Bronze, Silver and Gold level this term will participate in a range of different activities as a reward for great behaviour. Students who are currently on Red level or have had a suspension in the last 5 weeks will not be eligible to attend.

**Homework Centre** – Don’t forget Homework Centre is now up and running three days a week. Times are as follows: Years 5/6 Tuesday 3.00 – 4.30; Years 3/4 Wednesday 3.00 – 4.00; Years K-2 Thursday 3.00 – 4.00. The Salvation Army bus is available to drop students home on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Some of the things the students will be studying at Homework Centre are literacy, numeracy, computer skills and research skills. It is a great opportunity for students to consolidate what they have already learnt during the term.

Until next time...
Warm Regards

M. Mekaere
The first meeting of the SRC was held on Tuesday 27th March 2012. In today’s meeting Adrian Smith and Kiara Smith were voted as Presidents. Shonnalea Smith has been voted as Secretary. The SRC is hoping to raise money to create painted hand – ball squares and are happy to accept any further ideas the school community may suggest.
Check Out Our New Bucket Hats!!

Available for purchase at the School Office for $10

- Enhances School Uniform
- Protects Children from Nasty Sun
Explosive Child

A FREE course for understanding and parenting easily frustrated, chronically inflexible children

Does your child:
+ Show extreme behaviour?
+ Have intense temper tantrums?
+ Refuse to do what they are asked?
+ Use verbal and physical aggression?

THURSDAY 29TH MARCH
1.00PM TO 4.00PM
&
FRIDAY 30TH MARCH
9.00AM TO 12.00NOON

Centacare Moree
48 Auburn Street
Moree

FREE (Bookings are essential)
(Light refreshments provided)

ENQUIRIES/BOOKINGS CONTACT
Rebecca or Kourtney
1800 372 826
Life Education NSW will be visiting our school

Thursday 21st June, Monday 25th June and Tuesday 26th June 2012

Here’s a brief outline of the range of programs in which the children will be participating:

- **Clued Up**
  Early Stage 1 (K) – Healthy lifestyle, personal safety, safety with medicines, body knowledge & self-assertion skills

- **Harold’s Surprise**
  Early Stage 1 (K) - Healthy food choices, importance of physical activity, safety

- **Harold’s Mystery Tour**
  Stage 1 (Yr 1) - Body workings, safe use and storage of medicines, peer pressure and coping strategies, safety, decision making

- **Harold’s Heroes**
  Stage 1 (Yr 2) - Environmental health issues, emergency procedures, individual needs for medicines and safe use and storage.

- **All Systems Go**
  Stages 1 & 2 (Yrs 2-3) Function of body systems, peer pressure, second hand smoking, safety with medicines.

- **Harold’s Diary**
  Stage 2 (Yr 3) - Friendship, resilience, expressing emotions, coping strategies, healthy food choices, active lifestyles

- **Mind Your Medicine**
  Stage 2 (Yr 4) - Safe and unsafe situations, medicines and consequence of misuse, peer influence and friendship, positive communication

- **The Burning Issue**
  Stage 3 (Yr 5) – Short and long term effects of smoking, effects of passive smoking, laws, peer influence, and refusal skills.

- **Think Twice**
  Stage 3 (Yr 6) - Consequences of alcohol use and misuse, stay safe situations and refusal skills, laws controlling purchase and use.

- **It’s Your Call**
  Stage 3 (Yrs 5 & 6) – Definition of legal drugs, decision making, emotions, peer pressure, risk taking, problem solving

The programs address many of the components and objectives within the NSW PDHPE curriculum.

Teachers of composite classes will choose the program which best suits the needs of their children.
School Performance Tours

Let's S.T.A.M.P. Out Bullying

Performing at
Moree East Public School
Tuesday, 3rd April, 2012 at 1.45pm
The Australian Voices is an internationally renowned and award winning choral group comprised of singers from all over Australia. A small ensemble from The Australian Voices are currently doing a regional tour of over 80 cities across Australia, and on the

13th of April will be performing in Moree!

Artistic Director, Gordon Hamilton, has selected some of the most beautiful works of the last 300 years including pieces by Bach, Mozart, Tchaikovsky, Grieg, Rachmaninov and more. The concert also includes Australian compositions by Steven Leek, Gordon Hamilton and didgeridoo player, William Barton.

**Concert time: 6:30pm 13th April**  
**Venue: All Saints Anglican Church**  
**Adults: $20**  
**Concessions: $15**  
**Students: $5**  
**Group of 10: $180**  
**Under school age free**

Come along an hour beforehand at 5:30pm to participate in a fun workshop experience with TAV.

Learn a piece and sing with the choir during the concert!

All ages and abilities welcome! Please help us spread the word.

To register for the workshop or book tickets just visit www.theaustralianvoices.com.

Click on LIKE to follow our MEPS Facebook Page
MOREE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Registration Days

Thursday 29\textsuperscript{th} March 3.30pm – 5pm
Saturday 31\textsuperscript{st} March 9am – 10am
(during Junior Cricket)
Thursday 5\textsuperscript{th} April 3.30pm -5pm
At Ron Harborne Oval

"COMING AND TRY HOCKEY" MORNING
28\textsuperscript{TH} APRIL 2012, 10am – 12 noon
Ron Harborne Oval
Skills, rules, umpiring presentation, and a sausage sizzle at the end of the session. All hockey players are welcome to come along. Final registrations will also be taken on the day.

2012 Fees:

- Seniors $120.00 (94 to Hockey NSW)
- Junior (9-17yrs) - playing in senior comp $80
- Junior (9-17yrs) - only junior comp $70 ($52.50 to Hockey NSW)
- Junior (U9) $45

First game of the season is 5\textsuperscript{th} May 2012

For further details phone Helen on 0427 522 827
Or Louise on 0428 524 367
2012 Moree Show
20th & 21st April

- Rodeo Friday night. Gates open 5pm.
- Tickets can be pre-purchased at New England Mutual in the week prior to the Show at a
discount. Adults $12/Child $6

- Woodchopping
- First Light Stilt Walkers
- Demolition Derby
- Eljay motorbike and BMX stands
- Animal farm
- Cattle, yard dog trials, pets, poultry, horse events including 6 bar comp
- Grand Parade
- Gringo the magician
- Fireworks
- U beat the show
- Australian Year of the Farmer travelling roadshow
- Dad vs Dave farmer’s challenge
- Site barrel race
- 2012 Showgirl announcement at official ceremony 3.30pm Saturday
- Pavilions
- Sideshow Alley
- Whipcracking

Showbooks available around town this week.
For further information contact the Secretary 0429 651270

Easter Saturday Family Race Day
Saturday 7th April 2012

Gates open at 11.30pm
5 Race program with First Race at 1.00pm
$10 Entry

Full on-course betting and Canteen
Easter Bunny will visit with Easter Eggs for everyone
Kids corner – with lots of activities
Courtesy Bus running from the course

Fashions on the Field for the whole family,
sponsored by Shoe Elegance, Assefa & Simply Stuck

Proudly sponsored by
Deluxe Café Gunthorpe Ogle, Houlahan Young & Co,
New Bo Wa Restaurant, Picone Bookmaking Brothers, Plunan Deakin,
Retravision Moree, Williams Stock and Property Sales

For further information contact: Moree Race Club on 02 6752 3848

The Moree Gallery invites you to view new works by
Catherine Stewart
Natural Instincts

OPENS
10.00 am
Friday 30th March 2012

Deluxe Café
Free in-town delivery
Monday-Friday
6am until 1pm
0418 487868
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MARCH

KIARA SMITH 1ST

JERMAINE SMITH 4TH

PETER DUNCAN 8TH
JACK ROBERTS 8TH

BRENDA DUNCAN 9TH

MALACHI GILLON 26TH
MY FAMILY: Mum, Dad, 4 brothers, 1 sister and myself
WHERE I GREW UP: New Zealand
WHAT CLASS I AM IN: Year 6-12

PERSONAL INTERESTS:
- FAVOURITE MOVIE: Happy Feet 2
- FAVOURITE SPORT: Netball
- FAVOURITE HOBBY: Cooking
- FAVOURITE PETS: Cat
- FAVOURITE FOOTBALL TEAM: All Blacks
WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO WHEN I LEAVE SCHOOL: Secretary in an Office

Please Join Us At
Careunga Kitchen
Moree East Public School
For a Men’s Luncheon
12.00 Noon—5th April, 2012
Say g’day on Neighbour Day
The 10\textsuperscript{th} annual Neighbour Day is being held this Sunday 25 March. The day recognises the importance of creating strong community connections and relationships. Celebrate by holding a street party, BBQ or just pop over to your neighbour’s house and say hello. For ideas check out: \url{www.neighbourday.org}

Earth Hour 2012
Add a bit of ambiance to your evening and help reduce carbon emissions for just one hour when you become part of the worldwide environmental event that is Earth Hour. This year it takes place on Saturday 31 March from 8.30-9.30pm. More info: \url{www.earthhour.org}

Daylight Saving Ending
Remember to put your clocks back an hour when daylight saving ends in NSW at 3am Sunday 1 April.

Apps for Learning
Young children love smartphones. Rather than just playing Angry Birds, why not download some educational apps that are fun too? You can find them at many different sites including:
\url{www.apps4kids.net/}
\url{www.smartappsforkids.com/}
\url{www.bestappsforkids.org/}
\url{www.abc.net.au/abcforkids/sites/playschool/about/apps/}
\url{www.inkids.com.au/}
\url{www.australianmuseum.net.au/BlogPost/Web-2U/How-to-Choose-iPhone-Apps-for-Kids}
Don’t forget to download the terrific free app available at School A to Z for smartphones and tablet devices at: \url{www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications}.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Week 9 Awards - Ms Edge**

✦ PRINCIPAL AWARD
Taylha Craigie-Duke—Excellence in helping to teach her peers

✦ WEEKLY MERIT AWARDS
Raymond Heaton—Always having a positive attitude
Adrian Smith—Outstanding presentation in literacy

**Week 9 Awards - Mr Churchill**

✦ PRINCIPAL AWARD
Jovi Newman—For always being a supportive class member

✦ WEEKLY MERIT AWARDS
Hailee Hunt—Fantastic effort in story writing
Edward Whitton—For good listening during art
"YOU CAN DO IT"

"You Can Do It" is the social skills program used at Moree East Public School. The program focuses on 5 Keys to success – **Organisation, Confidence, Persistence, Getting Along** and **Resilience**.

This week’s focus is **Persistence**

**Organisation**
Being organised means:
- Making sure I understand my teacher’s instructions before I begin work
- Keeping a neat desk and school bag
- Having all my school supplies ready
Planning when I’m going to do my homework so I have enough time

**Confidence**
Being Confident means:
- Trying something new
- Doing hard things without asking for help
- Sharing new ideas with my teacher
- Talking to someone new
- Standing up tall
Speaking with a clear voice

**Persistence**
Being Persistent means:
- Trying hard and not giving up
- Not letting others distract me from my work
- Checking that my work is correct
Finishing my class work and homework on time

**Getting Along**
Getting Along with others involves:
- Following classroom rules
- Solving conflict peacefully
- Listening and not interrupting when someone is speaking
- Working well with my classmates
Volunteering for jobs

**Resilience**
Being Resilient means:
- Staying calm
- Not losing my cool
- Not getting extremely worried, angry or down
- Calming down quickly
- Not fighting when upset
Bouncing back
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