MOREE EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL

CARE, INNOVATION, OPPORTUNITY, SUCCESS
Experienced and Dedicated Staff
ANZAC Day – Thankyou to the wonderful students who gave up their morning to march with the school in the annual ANZAC March. The students all looked wonderful in their school uniforms and I was very proud to march alongside them.

Homework Centre – Due to the low number of students attending the weekly Homework Centre, we have made the decision to change Homework Centre to one afternoon a week. It is now held on Wednesday afternoons for any children K-6, from 3pm until 4.30pm. We are still able to get all children home on the Salvation Army bus when Homework Centre concludes.

Sport – Congratulations to Darryl Sharpley for his selection in the North West Rugby League team. He will travel to Sydney for the State trials next term. Earlier this week, we had Touch trials and a number if our students were selected for the Regional Trials to be held for the boys on 18th May in Armidale and for the girls on the 18th May in Tamworth. Congratulations to Mark Pegus, Adrian Smith, Izayah Swan, Branden Barker, Terique Smith, Delta Swan, Shonnalea Smith, Jordan McKenzie and shadow Melissa Tighe on their selection.

AEDI – Australian Early Development Index. The Australian Government is collecting data to measure how young children are developing in different communities. It measures five developmental domains: Physical Health and Wellbeing; Social Competence; Emotional Maturity; Language and Cognitive Skills; Communication Skills and General Knowledge. Our Kindergarten parents have been asked to allow their child to participate in the program, which involves the teacher completing a checklist of their knowledge and observations of each child.
On Monday, 2\textsuperscript{nd} April, I had the opportunity to take 12 students from Moree East Public School down to the MAX centre in Moree. The students participated in music, dance and drama workshops provided through the Country Areas Program. Many of the students had the opportunity to perform in front of the other students, where they demonstrated high levels of confidence and teamwork. The students were commended on their behaviour and participation in the workshops.

- Miss McDonnell
MEPS Sports Tops Have Arrived!!

Anyone either enquiring or waiting on Sports Tops please phone the office 67521733 or call into the office to purchase yours today.
We apologise for the long wait for them to arrive but it was out of our control.

Check Out Our New Bucket Hats!!

Available for purchase at the School Office for $10

✔ Enhances School Uniform
✔ Protects Children from Nasty Sun
Life Education Van

$4 each
Arriving Week 9
Please pay at the office or to your teacher

Friday 4th May 6-9pm—PCYC
$4.00 Entry Fee

* Canteen Available
* All Money raised will be donated to the Flood Appeal

Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 Excursion
PIONEER VILLAGE at INVERELL
Friday, 14th September, 2012

Costing includes:
- Entry Fee to Pioneer Village
- Damper and Drink (Recess)
- Sausage Sizzle (Lunch)
- Bus Far

Cost: $20-$30 (TBA)
Students can bring own recess and lunch to reduce cost if necessary

Centrepay Available

We encourage all students to participate in the excursions as this is part of our HSIE units: “Meeting Needs”, “Family Past and Present”, “Celebrations” and our Science and Technology units: “Sense of Direction”, “Getting About” and “A Place in Time”
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:

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<td>Stage 3 (Yrs 5 &amp; 6) – Definition of legal drugs, decision making, emotions, peer pressure, risk taking, problem solving</td>
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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.
EDWARD WHITTON 2/5/05
GRAHAM SMITH 4/5/05
TARYLL GILLON 7/5/01
TYREKE GILLON 8/5/02
SHAQUIL SMITH 8/5/06
TERRENCE GILLON 10/5/01
BRADLEY HAMILTON 11/5/07
LYNDA WASHINGTON 15/5/02
AMELIA DUNCAN 21/5/07
JALEELL BINGE 30/5/07
BLAKE HUNT 26/5/04
JAKIEL GILLON 30/5/04
SPECIAL EVENTS

Term 1 - Week 10 Awards - Ms Edge

❖ PRINCIPAL AWARD
Terique Smith—Excellence in attitude towards all school tasks

❖ WEEKLY MERIT AWARDS
William Fernando—Outstanding effort in literacy tasks
Elizabeth Green—Excellence in spelling tasks

Term 1 - Week 10 Awards - Mr Churchill

❖ WEEKLY MERIT AWARDS
Brenda Duncan—Outstanding effort in all classroom activities
Tyrese Fernando—Outstanding participation in Easter concert practice
Norman Roberts—Trying hard in class activities

Term 2 - Week 1 Awards - Ms Edge

❖ PRINCIPAL AWARD
Jordan McKenzie—For her outstanding ANZAC Day speech

❖ WEEKLY MERIT AWARDS
Elizabeth Green—Being an outstanding messenger
Terique Smith—Outstanding research skills

Term 2 - Week 1 Awards - Mr Churchill

❖ PRINCIPAL AWARD
Hailee Hunt—For being organised during literacy sessions

❖ WEEKLY MERIT AWARDS
Jakeob Lysaght—For remembering all our classroom rules
Jovi Newman—For showing confident during Jolly Phonics singing
**Tax Rebate for School Items**
The Education Tax Refund provides up to 50 per cent back on a range of children's education expenses. In the 2011-12 tax year, you could claim up to $409 for primary students and $818 for secondary students. The Education Tax Refund now includes school-approved uniforms, purchased from 1 July 2011, so items of clothing including hats, footwear and sports uniforms approved by a school as its uniform may be claimed from 1 July 2012. Keep your receipts for school uniforms and other education-related purchases so you can claim them at tax time. You will need them to calculate your refund and you may need to show them as proof of purchase. The website [www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au](http://www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au) will help you decide if you are eligible and explains what you can claim and how to claim.

**Privacy Awareness Week**
**27 April-5 May 2012**
Privacy Awareness Week is a chance to remind your children to protect their personal details and information, especially online. Australians lead the world when it comes to average monthly social media use and we share many details of our lives online. As a parent, you can help your child behave in safe and smart ways to minimise the risks of their online activity. To ensure that your kids are protected from cyberbullying, unwanted attention or privacy breaches, you can:
- remind them not to share their usernames and passwords with anyone
- go through the privacy settings of social networking sites with them to make sure they are only sharing their personal information with their friends
- talk to them about the danger of identity theft and the permanence of online sharing.

For more information on how to educate your children about protecting their privacy online and how to avoid being a victim of identity theft or even how to stop junk mail, go to: [http://www.privacyawarenessweek.org/youth.html](http://www.privacyawarenessweek.org/youth.html)

**World Asthma Day**
World Asthma Day is on 3 May. If you or someone in your family is one of the 10 per cent of people in Australia with asthma, you can find lots of resources to understand and manage this condition at: [www.asthmafoundation.org.au](http://www.asthmafoundation.org.au)
If your child suffers asthma, we recommend the school be given an up to date asthma management plan available from your child’s GP or specialist. If they require an inhaler, please ensure there is one in their bag at all times.
"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 Resilience

**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
## Term 2 Calendar 2012

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<td>3&lt;br&gt;• Captains Cup Years 3 &amp; 4&lt;br&gt;• Fundraising Disco at PCYC&lt;br&gt;• Miss McDonnell’s Class 4/5 Assembly</td>
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<td>9&lt;br&gt;• AECG Carol Avenue 11.00am</td>
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