MOREE EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL

CARE, INNOVATION, OPPORTUNITY, SUCCESS

Experienced and Dedicated Staff

MEPS' Busy Schedule
PCYC Flood Fundraising Disco – Thankyou to all the wonderful students who attended the disco last Friday night. The event was very successful and everyone appeared to enjoy themselves. The total amount raised hasn’t been finalised yet but at last count we had raised just over $500.00. I would also like to extend a huge thank you to the wonderful staff that gave up their Friday night to support the cause.

Opportunity Class Placement – Opportunity classes cater for highly achieving, academically gifted students. The Opportunity Class in Moree is situated at Moree Public School. If your child will be in Year 5 in 2013 and you think they would be eligible for the Opportunity Class you can complete either an online or paper application form. Online forms are available at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement and must be completed and submitted by 18th May 2012. If you do not have internet access, paper application forms can be collected from the school and they must also be completed and submitted to the school by the 18th of May.

Students seeking placement in the Opportunity Class will sit an Opportunity Class Placement Test on the 25th of July 2012.

If you require further information regarding the Opportunity Class please feel free to contact me on 67521733.

NAPLAN Testing – Next week, students in Years 3 and 5 will sit the National NAPLAN test. The testing will be spread over 3 days, beginning Tuesday 15th May and finishing Thursday 17th May. It is very important for all Year 3 and 5 students to attend on time these days as the testing will occur during the morning session.

Dorothea McKellar Poetry Workshop – On Tuesday, 8th May, the school hosted a Regional Poetry Workshop. A group of MEPS students from Years 3-6 combined with students from Bullarah and Pallamallawa to participate in a number of poetry based activities conducted by renowned Australian Poet, Mandy Tunica. It was so wonderful for our students to have access to such an experienced educator.

Book Fair – The school will be holding a Book Fair in the week beginning 21st of May. In conjunction with the Book Fair we will also be holding a ‘Pyjama Day’ with special reading activities for students and their families. More information regarding these activities will be sent home soon.

Cross Country Fun Run – Students were recently given the sponsorship forms for the Adidas Fun Run. Students have a choice of prizes based on how much money they raise and the school also receives a percentage of the money raised. The Fun Run will take place tomorrow as part of the annual Cross Country Carnival, beginning at 10.15am. Parents and family members are most welcome to come along and support the students during the race.

Until next time ...

Warm Regards

M McKern
The Sisters Group will be holding a Mother’s Day Stall on Friday 11th May 2012
In the Careunga Kitchen from 9.30am.

Show Mum how much you love her
Gifts between $1.00 and $8.00
All proceeds go towards MEPS.

Happy Mother’s Day for Sunday 8th May 2012.
Annabelle Simpson

Schools as Community Centres
Moree East Public School
0267523624
We’re collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn points for our school!

You’ve now got until 1 July 2012 to collect points.

When shopping at Woolworths make sure you collect the stickers for their Earn & Learn Campaign to give you the points needed to get fantastic learning resources for your school.

You’ve now got until the 1 July 2012 to bring in your Woolworths stickers to put on your sticker card at school.

So start collecting your stickers today!!
Sorry Day 2012

Location: Pius X Hall

Date: 25 May 2012

Time 10:30

Smoking ceremony
Flag raising
Guest Speakers
Rudd's Apology of 2008
Refreshments

Bring friends and family

All Welcome
Life Education Van
$4 each
Arriving Week 9
Please pay at the office or to your teacher

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

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”

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

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

Centrepay Available

Click on LIKE to follow our MEPS Facebook Page
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.

- **Its 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.
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
BLAKE HUNT 26/5/04
JALEELL BINGE 30/5/07
JAKIEL GILLON 30/5/04
**NAPLAN testing**
The annual National Assessment Program testing for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 takes place from 15-17 May. Students are tested nationally in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. For more information including FAQs, a parent brochure and past results, go to: [www.nap.edu.au/](http://www.nap.edu.au/).

**Stewart House Day (11 May)**
The Department of Education and Communities’ official charity, Stewart House, provides support for children who are in need of a break from their everyday life. Each year 1,800 public school children in need come to Stewart House from many parts of NSW and the ACT. During their stay, they are given optometric, dental and medical treatment as well as emotional support. This is balanced with health and educational programs and out of school activities to boost their self-esteem and to promote a healthier lifestyle. This year, 11 May is Stewart House Day. We encourage you to make a donation to Stewart House to help support the great work that this charity provides. [www.stewarthouse.org.au](http://www.stewarthouse.org.au)

**International Composting Awareness Week (7-12 May)**
This week draws awareness worldwide to the importance and value of restoring health to our soils and the natural environment.
Check with your local council for composting and worm farming workshops in your area – some offer free composting bins for completing a short course.
Get the children into the garden and grow some healthy organic vegetables for winter eating. Many vegetables can be grown in balcony gardens or by easy no-dig gardening.
So, go on, get your hands dirty and reap the benefits. For local information, go to: [www.compostweek.com.au/core/](http://www.compostweek.com.au/core/)

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### PARENT TIPS AND INFO

**CLASS 6-12 BRONZE AWARDS FOR WEEK 3**

- Adrian Smith
- Elizabeth Green
- Terique Smith
- Haylei Washington
- Luisa Faimilie
- Melissa Tighe
- Sam Ronan
- Raymond Heaton

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**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.
"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 Organisation

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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