MOREE EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL

CARE, INNOVATION, OPPORTUNITY, SUCCESS
Experienced and Dedicated Staff

CROSS COUNTRY

Term 2 Week 4

Wednesday, 16th May, 2012
Mothers Day Stall – The Sisters Group ran a very successful Mothers Day Stall last Friday and I hope that all the mothers and grandmothers out there enjoyed a lovely day on Sunday. Thankyou to the Sisters Group for all their hard work with the running of the stall.

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 – Well done to all the Year 3 and 5 students this week as they sit the National NAPLAN test. Year 3 and 5 attendance rates have been very high the last two days and the students have worked persistently to do their best.

Stop Work Communication Meeting – Just a reminder that the NSW Teachers Federation has called upon its members to attend a communication meeting this Friday 18th May, between 9.00am – 11.00am, to discuss the Governments proposed changes to the Education System. Minimal supervision will be provided between 9.00 – 11.00am, with normal classes operating from 11.00am.

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.

Walk Safely To School Day – Walk Safely to School Day will be held Friday 18th May and promotes the vitally important message: Active Kids are Healthy Kids. The event encourages parents, carers and their children to build regular walking to and from school into their daily routine, because children need a minimum of 60 minutes exercise per day. Walk Safely to School day aims to: encourage parents and carers to walk to school with primary school children to reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour, ensure that children ten years and younger cross roads only when holding the hand of an adult and promote the health benefits of walking.

Until next time ...
Warm Regards

M. Mikaere
**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Term 2 - Week 3 Awards - Mr Churchill**

**WEEKLY MERIT AWARDS**
- Mika Tyson—Always being a good friend
- Brenda Duncan—Excellent work in her group
- Dereik Newman—Excellent participation in maths

**Term 2 - Week 4 Awards - Mr Churchill**

**WEEKLY MERIT AWARDS**
- Norman Roberts—Following instructions in the playground

**Term 1 - Week 3 Awards - Ms Edge**

**PRINCIPAL AWARD**
- Isayah Swan—Outstanding efforts in spelling

**WEEKLY MERIT AWARDS**
- Adrian Smith—Being a great leader during sport
- Luisa Faimalie—Being a helpful class member

**FUNDING FOR DISABILITY**
Every Student, Every School is a State Government initiative to provide better learning and support for the 90,000 students with disabilities, learning difficulties or behaviour support needs in our public schools throughout 2012/2013. Extra funding will help teachers and support staff to gain more skills to help these students reach their potential.

For more information, including a booklet to download, questions and answers, and a timeline, please go to: [www.det.nsw.edu.au/every-student-every-school](http://www.det.nsw.edu.au/every-student-every-school).

**CYCLING INFO**
Riding a pushbike is a great way to get from A to B and keep fit in the process. A new website dedicated to cycling – whether for fun, transport or performance – is available at: [www.bicycleinfo.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bicycleinfo.nsw.gov.au).

Here you will find info on cyclepaths around NSW, keeping your bike in top condition, upcoming workshops, sharing the road and much more.

**GETTING INVOLVED REAPS BENEFITS**
Did you know that the latest research shows the more involved parents are in their child’s education, the happier their children are and the better they do at school. Being involved can include taking more of an interest in what your child is doing at school, helping out at school if you can and being supportive. Read more about this at School A to Z: [www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/children-thrive-on-parental-involvement](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/children-thrive-on-parental-involvement).
Our school book fair will be held next week from **Monday 21\textsuperscript{st} May to Friday 25\textsuperscript{th} May.** All students will have the opportunity to view the fair and make purchases from the wide selection of books.

*Book Fair Family events:*

**Wednesday 23\textsuperscript{rd}**

**Snuggle Up and Read Simultaneous Story time!**

Parents, friends and family are welcome to take part in a simultaneous reading of ‘The Cranky Bear’, invited into our classrooms to share stories with the students and take part in activities. There will also be an opportunity to view the fair and make any purchases.

There will be a morning tea held for parents, family and friends at 11:00am

*This is a free dress day – children are encouraged to wear their pyjamas as part of the ‘Snuggle Up and Read’ event.*
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

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 Fare

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”

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:

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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
BLAKE HUNT 26/5/04
JALEELL BINGE 30/5/07
JAKIEL GILLON 30/5/04
"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 Confidence**

**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
Winter Word Search

BLIZZARD
COLD
DECEMBER
FLURRY
FROST
FROZEN
HOT CHOCOLATE
ICE SKATE
ICICLE
JANUARY
SHOVEL

SKIING
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