The magic number will be drawn this Friday at assembly.

This week’s Magic Question: What is the name of the loan that is in this week’s newsletter?

What a great start to the week! The official opening of MEPS Hall was celebrated.
QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Quote for the Week:

“Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that but the really great make you feel that you too can become great.”

(Mark Twain)

The next meeting of the MEPS Community Connections Group will be Tuesday the 28th of August at 10.30am.

Lucky number – The winner of last week’s lucky number draw was Number 1 and we are still waiting to hear who the lucky person is. The first batch of newsletters was delivered to Year 1 so it must be someone in that class!

Education Week – This week is Education Week. Education Week is an annual event celebrated by public schools across the state. It is a time for students, teachers and parents to celebrate teaching excellence and student achievement.

The theme for Education Week this year is NSW Public Schools – Creating the Future and at MEPS we are all working very hard to ensure a positive future for our students. Many former MEPS students have already excelled in their chosen field and a prime example of this is Cameron Hammond, who is currently competing at the London Olympics. Cameron has proven that with perseverance and hard work you can achieve your dreams and be anything you want to be.

During this week it is also important to recognise the hard work and dedication of our teachers and SASS staff. Many people think that teachers and support staff have it easy, working from 8.30 to 3.30 and getting 12 weeks of holidays a year but what they don’t realise is the amount of time outside school hours that staff dedicate to improving student learning by programming quality lessons, building on their own skills though professional development, coaching sporting teams or dance groups and organising and leading school excursions to name a few. As a parent I know how difficult it is to manage just two children and my staff and staff all over NSW come to school every day to manage and educate up to 30 or more children. For that they should be commended.

I am very proud to be part of the public education system and even more proud to say I work at Moree East Public School.

Following our assembly on Monday morning, parents and caregivers were invited to come along to their child’s classroom to get a first hand look at what they are being taught.

Official Opening of the MEPS Hall and Canteen – On Monday morning to kick off Education Week we officially opened the school hall and canteen. This project was funded by the Australian Federal Government under the Building the Education Revolution scheme. Special guests at the opening were Mr Eddie Pitt and Ms Gail Sampson from Moree Regional Office and My Lloyd Munro, Parent and Community Engagement Officer with the AECG. During the assembly the audience were treated to performances by the K-2 Sing-Along group and the Moree East Dance Group. Following the opening we had a special morning tea for parents and guest.

Until next time...
Warm Regards
Parent/Teacher Interviews – Notes went home on Monday for parents and caregivers to indicate what times they would prefer for their Parent/Teacher interview next Monday the 6th of August. I encourage all parents and caregivers to make an appointment, as it’s a great opportunity to discuss your child’s Semester One results and progress as well as any other issues you might find relevant. If you are unable to attend on the Monday afternoon, alternative arrangements can be made with your child’s teacher.

MEPS Community Connections Meeting – On Tuesday morning at 10.30am we held our monthly MEPS Community Connections Meeting. Some of the topics discussed were the Twilight Fete that we plan to hold on Friday 26th October and the development and design of an ‘Aboriginal Calm Garden’ at the front of the school. We would really love more members to join our group and be a part of some of the great initiatives at MEPS. Regular members of the group will receive a lovely maroon polo shirt to show that they are a proud member of the MEPS community. The meetings are very casual and friendly and we always enjoy a lovely morning tea.

Family Footy Fun Day – This Friday we will again be holding a Family Footy Fun Day where family and friends are invited to come along, enjoy a BBQ lunch then sit back and enjoy watching the kids have a game of footy. Students are invited to wear the colours of their favourite footy team for a gold coin donation. Money raised from the day will go towards our different school excursions. Please come along, we would love to see you!

Athletics Carnival – Our Athletics Carnival ran very smoothly last Friday, for which I would like to thank Ms Diane Edge, Ms Michelle Mead and Mr Warren Saunders, who worked very hard to ensure this. Congratulations to the winning house which was Gwydir on 553 points, 2nd place – Amaroo on 509 points, 3rd place – Mehi on 428 points and 4th place – Boolooroo on 398 points.

Age Champions and Runners-up are as follows:

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Until next time ...

Warm Regards

M. Mikaele
Hall Opening Presentation
Moree East Athletics Carnival

On Friday 27th July 2012, Moree East Public School held the annual Athletics Carnival. All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 participated in running and field events. Teachers and Staff were pleased to see many students who displayed outstanding sportsmanship and quality performances. A big thank you must go to the parent helpers, supporters and staff who helped to make this carnival enjoyable, and result as a huge success.

Diane Edge
Year 6 Teacher / Athletics Co-ordinator
Dear Parents,

We will be photographing your school on Wednesday 12th September 2012.

You will receive a Flyer/envelope for each of your students explaining the products available.

Please ensure that each student returns his/her own envelope even if payment is made in the eldest child’s envelope. Envelopes are not to be placed inside other envelopes

**Students are to bring envelopes on or preferably before Photo Day.**

We have an auto-mated system for payments by credit card. You can go online to [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) for easy to understand payment instructions. You will receive a receipt number which **MUST** be written on the order envelope in the space provided. You can also make payments by cash, cheque or money order.

Sibling Photos are also available for students at the school, please collect a “family order envelope” from your school & return it to the office.

Please don’t hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

We look forward to seeing all your smiling faces!

Your Team from Advanced Life Photography
NILS is operated by Baptist Community Services - NSW & ACT in partnership with the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) and

What is NILS?
NILS® is a No Interest Loans Scheme to help low income people buy essential household items by providing safe credit without any fees, charges or interest payments, when other financial assistance is unavailable.

Loans up to $1,200.00 can be applied for through an accredited community or welfare based organisation which is approved to offer the no interest loan to people living in particular postcodes or geographic areas. As the loan is repaid, the money is lent out again to other people.

What Can I use the loan for?
Significant household items include bedding, furniture, white goods, computer equipment, medical and dental costs, green slips and car repairs.

Am I eligible?
NILS is made available to:
- People on a low income
- People receiving income support from Centrelink
- People who hold a Centrelink Concession Card
- People who have lived in their current accommodation/residence for at least six months
- People who have a willingness and capacity to repay a loan

How do I apply for a loan?
Contact your local BCS NILS centre to have an information pack mailed to you. Once you have obtained the essential documents, contact your local BCS NLS centre to make an appointment for an interview. You will need to supply all of the required documents at the interview to have your local approved, as detailed in the information pack. Your loan application will be considered by the NILS Loan Committee following the assessment interview.

What are the loan repayments?
Repayment rates are between $30-$40 per fortnight based on the loan amount. Repayments can be made via direct deductions from an applicant’s Centrelink payment using the Centrepay system or by payroll deductions for low income earners. If you are in the process of applying for a NILS loan with another organisation or are currently paying off another loan, please let the interviewer know.

For more information about NILS or to speak with one of our friendly team, please contact your local BCS NILS centre:
Moree NILS
Level 1, 23 Frome Street, Moree 2400
(02) 6752 4920
The Moree Community Library will be participating in Children’s Book Week 2012 and will be hosting a series of activities from Monday the 20th of August to Thursday the 24th of August. Bring along friends and family to our events and have some fun. All are welcome to come.

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DENIED INNOCENCE

A free Presentation not to be missed!

What’s the Issue?
We live in a society that is fast paced, ever changing, highly sexualised and highly technological. Children today are growing up too fast and being denied their childhood innocence.

The Presentation...
- raises awareness about our modern culture and dangers it poses
- aims to support and empower parents, grandparents, carers and teachers
- includes practical suggestions
- offers opportunity for questions and discussion

When & Where:
Wednesday, 5th September, 2012
9:30 am - 11:00 am — Moree Anglican Church Hall, Boston St
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm — Moree Public School Hall, Albert St

Presenter:
Wendy Smith

For further information contact Sharon Kirk on 67521103
Presented on behalf of Moree Anglican Church and MU Australia.
We’re collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn points for our school!

The Woolworths Earn & Learn program concludes on the 12th of August 2012.

Just four weeks to go!

Get double the stickers.
From Wednesday the 18th - 24th July, you will get double the amount of stickers by just spending $10 or more and including at least one Kelloggs, Dairy Farmers, Be Natural, Pura or Berri product in your basket.

But that’s not all!

Because Woolworths is all about nurturing homegrown talent, we’re soon going to announce a special competition that could earn your school bonus stickers and a few other surprises. So watch this space. We can’t wait to help your school earn valuable learning resources, just by simply shopping at Woolworths.
Do you have a child starting High School in 2013? Still considering where to send them, or just want to know more about Moree Secondary College?

Moree Secondary College Parent Information Evening

Date: Wednesday 1st August 2012
Time: 6.00pm-7:00pm
Location: Moree Secondary College, Carol Avenue Library
For more information: Contact MSC on 67506500

Light refreshments will be served.
CSWP is an early intervention crime prevention program designed to break down barriers between the young people in Moree and Local Police Officers and health / Youth services. The crucial element to this program is having local Police Officers and health / youth service workers attending and training alongside the young people. Are you interested? It’s a free Cardio fitness program and the benefits are enormous not only to you but the community.

The program is conducted 3 mornings per week Wed, Thur Fri from 6am—8.30am. All young people are transported from their homes to the venue once there they participate in 1 hour of Boxing for Fitness on conclusion a hot breakfast is provided and everyone is encouraged to eat together. An essential part of the program is everyone must participate in the fitness component to have breakfast, after breakfast the participants then shower and will be transported to school. All equipment will be provided.

If you would like to come along and get fit and have fun please contact Andrew Ryan 0409922010
Clean slate Without Prejudice

Commencing Wednesday 6th June 2012.
Contact: Andrew Ryan: (02) 67523741

6 am-8.30 am
Wed, Thur,Fri
Includes-
Boxing for Fitness
Breakfast Provided
Shower Facilities
Transport to School

No Cost
All Equipment Provided
Must Participate in Fitness to have Breakfast
Register at PCYC if you require transport
Enrolment/Referral Form

General Information

Name: ____________________________
Address: __________________________

Phone: __________ Mobile: __________ Email: __________
DOB: __________ Age: __________
School: __________________________ Year level: __________
Do you require transport? Yes/No

School or Referring Organisation Details

School/Organisation: __________________________ Contact person: __________________________
Address: __________________________

Phone: __________ Mobile: __________ Email: __________

Emergency Contact Information

Name: __________________________
Relationship to participant: __________________________
Address: __________________________

Phone: __________ Mobile: __________

Name: __________________________
Relationship to participant: __________________________
Address: __________________________

Phone: __________ Mobile: __________

Parental/Guardian Consent

I __________________________, give my child __________________________ Permission to participate in the Clean Slate Without Prejudice program.

Parent/Guardian Signature: __________________________ Date: __________________________
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
Asthma Awareness
Does your child suffer from asthma? Asthma affects about 1 in 9 school-aged children. The Asthma Foundation has great information for parents of children who suffer from asthma. For more information on how you can support a child with asthma, go to http://www.asthmafoundation.org.au/.

Cycling Fun
Cycling is a fun and healthy activity for people of all ages. The NSW Government has set up the Bicycle information for NSW website. The site includes information of what to look for when choosing a bike, suggestions on great bicycle paths around NSW and safety tips. Go to: http://www.bicycleinfo.nsw.gov.au/index.html

Play at Powerhouse
The Powerhouse Museum’s Play at Powerhouse website has a range of fun and interactive activities and games for primary school children. Activities range from how to make your own musical instrument to easy science experiments. Kids can also choose to play a number of interactive games designed to develop fine motor skills and problem-solving. Go to: http://play.powerhousemuseum.com/
"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 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
Can you find all the words in the puzzle? Find and circle the words hidden in the puzzle above.
The words can go across, down, backwards or diagonal.

OLYMPICS
LONDON
SPORT
TORCH
MEDAL
GOLD
SILVER
BRONZE
SPRINT

DAWN
FRASER
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