CARE, INNOVATION, OPPORTUNITY, SUCCESS
Experienced and Dedicated Staff

The magic number will be drawn this Friday at assembly.
When will NAPLAN results be handed out?

Mrs Cutmore with students from MEPS Years 1 and 2 enjoying the “Walk With Me” experience. The photo was taken at the Rocket Park in the gazebo.
Quote for the Week:
“Only by giving are you able to receive more than you already have.”

(Jim Rohn)

Lucky number – The winner of last weeks lucky number draw was Number 23.

Grandparents Day – National Grandparents Day was Sunday 9th of September so we celebrated on Tuesday 11th September with open classrooms between 9.30 – 10.30am, a special assembly and a beautiful morning tea organized by our teaching interns Miss Hayley Reid and Miss Kate Frizell. It was lovely to meet some of our grandparents and I thank them for taking the time to visit our school.

Working Bee: Last Saturday we held another working bee. This time we finished dismantling the vegie gardens, cleaned out the chicken coop and Mr Patrick’s yard, painted handball courts, tidied up the front garden along the path and cleaned off the concrete in the infants COLA. I was extremely excited again to have a number of our students turn up to help out. A huge thank you to Shaquil Smith, Graham Smith, Tray Smith, Richard Chatfield, Dereik Newman and Latrel Newman. I would also like to thank the wonderful staff along with their friends and family who gave up their Saturday to be here. All of the hard workers were rewarded with a barbecue lunch.

Teaching Interns: This term we have been lucky enough to have had two teaching interns at our school – Miss Kate Frizell and Miss Hayley Reid. As part of their internship the girls have been working on an Aboriginal Education project and the completed project was presented at our special assembly on Tuesday. Miss Frizell compiled a book of the Year 2 student’s Family Trees. Miss Reid choreographed and taught a dance to the primary students that promoted reconciliation and constructed a booklet outlining the dance process that includes a DVD recording of the dance. A copy of both books are available in the school library for viewing. I congratulate both girls on a great effort. They have been an asset to our school this term and it will be sad to see them go at the end of next week.

Excursions: The final preparations are being made for the K-2 and Year 5/6 excursions this week. The K-2 students will travel to Inverell on Friday and visit Pioneer Village to get a taste of how the colonials lived many, many years ago. The Year 5/6 students will be heading off to Canberra bright and early on Monday morning to get a taste of life in our National Capital. During their stay they will visit Parliament House, The Canberra War Memorial, Telstra Tower, Questacon and the snow fields, to name a few. Their itinerary is jam packed with so many fun learning experiences that I wish I could go too. I hope all of the students have a wonderful time on their respective excursions.

NAPLAN Results – The 2012 NAPLAN results for students in Years 3 and 5 arrived this week and will be given out on Monday 17th of September so if you have a child in either of these grades please check their bags when they get home next week for their results.

Until next time ...
Warm Regards

M. McKaee
Walk With Me

PICS ...
PRINCIPAL AWARD
Maureen Newman—For her dedication to her learning

WEEKLY MERIT AWARDS
Malakye Smith—For consistent effort in classroom activities
Norman Roberts—For excellent work in reading groups

Click on LIKE to follow our MEPS Facebook Page
with Ventriloquist, Ron Schravemade & "Will"
A different program every day

**WHEN**  
Mon 24th to Fri 28th September, 2012  
9am-12 noon.

**WHERE**  
Moree Anglican Church Hall,  
Albert St  
Moree

Open to school aged children only (years 1-7)  
Morning tea provided  
Admission Free!!!!!!!  
Parents are responsible for children's transport

For further information contact 02 6752 1284  
"Adventure Zone" is an activity of the Moree Anglican Church
Research findings about homework

😊 Students who regularly complete homework achieve higher academic outcomes than those who don’t.

😊 Effective schools for ‘at-risk’ students are characterised by regular assignment and monitoring of homework.

😊 Homework is the most significant link between school and home in the upper primary and secondary years.

😊 Homework tasks or activities can be designed in such a way that they encourage and reinforce parental support and involvement.

😊 Students themselves are one of the major barriers to effective homework practices.

😊 Most of the problems associated with homework are the result of misunderstandings and lack of communication.
**Holiday activities**

Stuck for school holiday ideas? The Go Play website lists hundreds of activities throughout NSW. Explore museums, observe space, discover castles and convicts, or give your child the opportunity to develop a new skill. There is a range of options on offer – from photography to skating. Go to:


**Beating exam blues**

The mere thought of an exam can make kids nervous. Help create the right study conditions for your child in the lead up to exams and know the warning signs if it’s all getting too much. Go to:


**Healthy habits**

While we can’t entirely shield our children from illness there are ways we can help them boost their immune systems and become more health conscious. Listen to these tips from Dr Martine Walker, a city GP who specialises in family health and has two primary school-aged children of her own. Go to:


**Maths matters**

A new and entertaining game will help sharpen your child’s maths skills and recall. The Maths Monkey’s Quest features questions on topics ranging from addition and subtraction to ratios and percentages. The app is available for Apple iPhones and iPads, and Android phones and tablets. Go to:

“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
Australia Day Word Search Puzzle

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.

AUSTRALIA
BEACH
KOALA
DIGEREDOO
ABORIGINE
DREAMTIME
COOK
KANGAROO

WOMBAT
PLATYPUS
KOOKABURRA
ECHIDNA
OUTBACK
BARBEQUE
FIREWORKS
CRICKET
## Term 3 Calendar 2012

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