The magic number will be drawn this Friday at assembly. What date does the Woolworths Competition finish?

The Teddy Bear Picnic proved to be a
Quote of the Week:
“Failure is the opportunity to begin again more intelligently.”

(Henry Ford)

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

Heferen Shield – I was extremely proud to get a phone call from the organizers of last Fridays Heferen Shield Zone Athletics Carnival telling me how wonderful my students were and that they were a credit to our school. They also wanted to let me know how helpful my staff, Ms Diane Edge, Mrs Maureen Binge and Ms Paula Duncan, were. What a wonderful way to end the week, well done to all the students that attended and the wonderful staff who worked so hard.

Mini Olympics – To celebrate the magnificent sportsmen and women who represented their countries at the Olympics over the last two weeks MEPS will be holding their own Mini-Olympics this Friday, 17th of August. The opening ceremony will be held in the hall at 12.30pm and the games will begin at 1.50pm. Parents, family and friends are warmly invited to come along and join in the fun.

Big River Dreaming – On Thursday I have the pleasure of taking 20 of our gold and silver students to Bingara to watch the musical ‘Big River Dreaming’, which is being performed by students from Bingara Central School. This excursion is to reward those students who work hard every day and display outstanding behaviour. I am really looking forward to it!

School Excursions: Notes have gone home with students outlining the Year 5/6 excursion to Canberra and the Year 3/4 excursion to Lake Ainsworth. Both excursions are jam packed with exciting educational experiences for the students so I strongly encourage parents/caregivers to get their deposits in quickly. For greater convenience and less financial burden, excursion payments can be made in fortnightly instalments of $25 or more using Centre-Pay. Centre-Pay forms are available at the front office.

2013 Kindergarten Enrolments: Enrolments are now being taken for students who will be starting Kindergarten in 2013. If your child is turning 5 before the 31st of July 2013 you can complete an enrolment form and return it to the front office any time before the end of the year. Moree East offers a quality education in a caring environment and I strongly encourage you to choose us as the school for your child.
On Friday 10th August 2012, 21 students from Moree East Public School travelled to Boughton Oval to successfully participate in the Heferen Shield Athletics Carnival.

All students, staff, parents and friends enjoyed watching the MEPS competitors as they continuously performed personal best times and often displayed great sportsmanship towards their opponents.

A big thankyou must go to Maureen Binge and Paula Duncan for their excellent time keeping skills! An injured Tray Smith wins the determined effort award as he competed in the 800 metre running race even though he was suffering from a knee injury! He displayed the true spirit of putting your team first. All MEPS students were happy for the extra team points Tray.

All relay teams ran their best resulting in possible qualifying for the next competitive level to be held in Tamworth. I will notify all qualifiers as soon as the final results are in. The Tamworth Carnival is on the 31st August 2012.

Ms Edge, Athletics Co-ordinator
We are all champions after competing in netball and rugby
PRINCIPAL AWARD
Raymond Heaton—Outstanding efforts in sporting events

WEEKLY MERIT AWARDS
Izayah Swan—Being a helpful class member
Terique Smith—For always having a positive attitude

SPECIAL EVENTS

3/4 EXCURSION
This is just a reminder that the 3/4 excursion is under 3 weeks away. Notes and money are now due to the front office. Students should now be getting excited about some time away near the beach participating in loads of activities.

If you have any enquiries please contact Miss McDonnell at school on 02 67521733.
Run Around the World Challenge

Moree East Public School will be participating in the Run Around the World challenge as part of National Health & Physical Education Day (H&PE Day) celebrations.

We’re pleased to invite you to join us on WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 5, 2012 as we cheer on your children for taking part in this exciting event! The event will be held on school grounds and all are welcome to attend.

Come and help us make history as we set a new Australian record for the largest number of students running on the same day! The world’s circumference spans approximately 40,000km and the goal for H&PE Day is to run a ‘lap of the world’ together as a nation. To achieve this, we need 40,000 students across the country to walk, wheelchair, jog or run at least 1km each.

The focus of the day is to get outside, active and having fun as a school community, therefore we encourage YOU as parents and friends to also bring along your running shoes!

The Run Around the World challenge is a healthy, fun and active way to ensure we send the right message to our students about getting active, having fun and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. The main focus of this event is participation. Family support is most appreciated as we encourage all students to get involved… we would love to see you there!
Ph: (02) 6881 6422
Fax: (02) 6881 6433

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

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

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.
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.
Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 Excursion

PIOtER VILLAGE at INVEtELL
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
Maths Monkey’s Quest
The award-winning parent resource School A to Z has released a new maths game app. Maths Monkey’s Quest is a fun and interactive game designed to help sharpen your child’s maths skills. The game—suitable for students in Years 3-8—features maths questions on topics ranging from addition and subtraction to ratios and percentages. Go to: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/maths-monkey-s-quest

Join your local sporting club
A new Australia-wide campaign has been launched to encourage people to join their local sporting club. Play for life ... join a sporting club urges all of us to get physically active and enjoy the benefits of good health. To find a sporting club in your local area go to: http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/gatewaytosport/

Sound advice on sleep
Did you know it’s recommended that school-aged children get 10-11 hours sleep each night? For tips on how to make sure your child gets a good night’s sleep go to: http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/school_age_sleep_nutshell.html
"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
Teddy Bears Picnic
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#### EDUCATION WEEK
- **Week 4 August**
  - Parent/Teacher Interviews
- **Week 5 August**
  - MEPS Mini Olympics
- **Week 6 August**
  - MEPS Community Connections Meeting 10.30am
- **Week 7 August**
  - MEPS Community Connections—10.30am
- **Week 8 August/ September**
  - MEPS Mini Olympics

#### BOOK WEEK
- **Week 9 September**
  - School Photos
- **Week 10 September**
  - Years K-2 Excursion to Pioneer Village