This Term we started Indigenous Education lessons in the infants classes. Mr Saunders and Miss Draper deliver 2 lessons each week to the students around Aboriginal culture. In Year 1 we have been looking at Albert Namatjira as our Indigenous artist for art day and we discovered that he used a lot of water colour in his artworks. Mr Saunders did an art lesson with the students using water coloured paints on boomerangs and they turned out great!
Quote for the Week:
“If you change the way you look at things the things you look at change.”
(Dr Wayne Dyer)

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 weeks lucky number draw was Number 39.

Mini Olympics – Despite the strong winds on Friday afternoon that blew away our Olympic Torch and some of our country banners, our mini-olympics was a great success. The winning country was and all of the students had a great time battling for gold in their events. A big thankyou to Mr Churchill and Miss Brand for their organization of the day.

Aboriginal Art Day – For the first half of this term each class has been studying an Aboriginal artist and learning about the different techniques they use to create their art works. This Friday 24th of August the students will put their learning to good use and produce their own Aboriginal artworks. The art workshops will begin at 11.30 am and continue until the end of the day. We would really love to have any family or community members that are interested in art to join us on the day and share their expertise.

Working Bee: This Saturday we are holding a working bee to dismantle the old vegie gardens and work on tidying up the gardens around the school. We would really love to see families, students and community members come along and join us. There will be a barbecue lunch provided for all helpers. Things will get underway at 11.30am and even if you can only spare half an hour we would still love to see you.

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.

Until next time ...
Warm Regards

M McKee
**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Week 4 Awards - Mr Churchill**

✨ **PRINCIPAL AWARD**
Brenda Duncan—for always using her 5 keys to success

✨ **WEEKLY MERIT AWARDS**
Mika Tyson—for excellent handwriting in her workbooks
Lachlan Haines—for fantastic participation during PDHPE

**Week 4 Awards - Ms Edge**

✨ **PRINCIPAL AWARD**
Dyrell Hippi—for his Olympic Powerpoint Presentation

✨ **WEEKLY MERIT AWARDS**
Brent Brown—for an excellent effort in Art
Izayah Swan—for always trying hard in Literacy Tasks

**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.
The Amazing London Olympic Games 2012
By Dyrell Hippi

Olympic Event - Basketball

- The Olympic Games are held every 4 years.
- London is the host city for the 2012 Olympic Games.
- The Men’s Australian Basketball Team are playing the USA in the semi-final.
- Australia were in the lead by 10 points, when the DREAM TEAM of the USA came back and won the game with a spectacular three point throw.

Basketball at the Summer Olympics has been a sport for men consistently since 1936.
- The United States is by far the most successful country in Olympic Basketball.
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Olympic Event - Basketball

- The United States men's teams won 14 of 17 tournaments they participated in; including seven successive titles from 1936 to 1968.

The End ...
EVENTS AT THE PCYC
MOREE

BLUE LIGHT DISCO
Friday 31 August
5 – 11 yrs – 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
12 – 17 yrs – 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Cost $4.00
Lucky door prizes and canteen available

ALSO

FREESTYLE at PCYC
12 – 17 yrs only
FREE – every Friday night during school term
Includes – meal, movies, discos, games and much more
6:30 pm – 9:30 pm

On Wednesday, 5th September, 2012 Brainstorm Productions will be presenting ‘The Protectors’, a show about protecting yourself from bullying and strengthening self esteem.

This is an exciting and entertaining way to help children learn different strategies to deal with bullying issues and to take brave, assertive actions when it comes to making hard choices at school and online.

The message is clear—Don’t be a bully or a victim and stand up for what is right and fair.

Brainstorm Productions has won the NSW Performing Arts Frater Award—”Best Feedback from Schools” category for 10 consecutive years.
Moree School of Dance presents...

Alice in Wonderland

26th August 2012

At The Town Hall, Moree

2 Performances: 12.30pm and 3.00pm

Adults $12  Children $5

Tickets available at the Moree Gallery
and from the Moree School of Dance

No photos allowed to be taken during the performance.
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!
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 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
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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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.
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
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
**Find a Movie**
Watching movies together can be a great family activity. Check out these movie recommendations and reviews, and find films suitable for your child’s age and maturity level - from latest releases to classics.
Go to: [http://raisingchildren.net.au/movie_reviews/movies_landing_page.html](http://raisingchildren.net.au/movie_reviews/movies_landing_page.html)

**Animal Welfare**
Is your child fascinated by all creatures great and small or interested in animal welfare? The World of Animal Welfare website features fun interactive games, fact sheets as well as information about the RSPCA. The site is split into sections according to age: 8 and under and 9-13. Go to: [http://www.woaw.org.au/](http://www.woaw.org.au/)

**Perfect Punctuation**
Want to help your child with their punctuation? Help them remember when to use a semicolon and when to use an apostrophe with a downloadable help sheet from the School A to Z website. The site also has a range of help sheets on English terms and usage.
"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 Persistence

**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
Aboriginal Words to Know

Try to find all 20 words on this board.

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**Term 3 Calendar 2012**

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