The magic number will be drawn this Friday at assembly.

What date is the Blue Light Disco on?
Quote for the Week:

“I had no shoes and complained, until I met a man with no feet.”

(Indian Proverb)

Lucky number – The winner of last weeks lucky number draw was Number 35.

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. Last Friday 24th of August the students put their learning to good use and produced their own Aboriginal artworks. The Year 6 students designed and completed mosaic pavers which will be part of the Aboriginal Garden we are currently designing and they then painted Aboriginal designs onto tiles which will be used to decorate the school. Years 3/4/5 also painted Aboriginal designs on tiles then completed a decoupage plate. Students in years K/1/2 rotated through three different workshops – painting designs on clapsticks, paint blowing on Australian animal templates and plate decoupage that included their photo. The kids had a really great day and some fabulous pieces of Aboriginal artwork were created.

Working Bee: Last Saturday we held a working bee to dismantle the old vegie gardens and work on tidying up the gardens around the school. I was extremely excited to have a number of our students turn up to help out. A huge thank you to Jack Roberts, Tyson Green, Jordan McKenzie, Shonnalea Smith, Michelle Brown, Dayannah Baker-Barlow and Melika Smith. I would also like to thank the wonderful staff who gave up their Saturday to be here. All of the hard workers were rewarded with a barbecue lunch. We will be holding a second working bee on the 8th of September to complete the vegetable gardens. I hope that we will get even more helpers this time.

The Protectors: On Wednesday the 5th of September our school is fortunate enough to be hosting a performance by award winning ‘Brainstorm Productions’. This production is fully funded by Moree Family Support and is free of charge to the students. The show is called ‘The Protectors’ and includes information about cyber bullying, digital citizenship, exclusion, friendship, social skills, resilience and empathy.

Excursions: Years 3 and 4 are currently enjoying time at Lake Ainsworth and Mrs Mead assures me that they are having a really great time. Years 5 and 6 head off to Canberra in a couple of weeks and K-2 students will visit Pioneer Village in Inverell on the 14th of September. Please ensure all permission notes and money are returned by the closing date so that your child is able to attend.

Until next time ...

Warm Regards

M. McKeeve
• Tray Smith from 4/5-10 won a prize dressed as Michael Jackson
• Miss Batten won a prize for best dressed teacher
• Shaquil Smith from K-23 won a prize dressed as a pirate

• “Best Dressed Class” was Mr Churchill’s Class 1-24

BEST DRESSED PRIMARY STUDENT

BEST DRESSED TEACHER

BEST DRESSED INFANTS STUDENT
PRINCIPAL AWARD
Tyrese Fernando—For a much improved effort in all classroom activities

WEEKLY MERIT AWARDS
Hailee Hunt - Always willing to volunteer a helping hand
Dereik Newman - for an excellent effort dressing up for our Book Week Parade

PRINCIPAL AWARD
Shonnalea Smith—For showing an excellent attitude towards completing tasks

WEEKLY MERIT AWARDS
Adrian Smith—For his efforts in spelling tasks
Haylei Washington—For having pride in her work

YOU CAN DO IT - SILVER AWARDS
21/8 - Jakeob Lysaght
22/8 - Mika Tyson

YOU CAN DO IT - BRONZE AWARDS
1/8 - Jakeob Lysaght
9/8 - Hailee Hunt
18/8 - Jinaya Taylor
23/8 - Shaquil Smith
3/8 - Dereik Newman, Mika Tyson
13/8 - Brenda Duncan
20/8 - Maureen Newman
24/8 - Malakye Smith
Research findings about homework

 domic Students who regularly complete homework achieve higher academic outcomes than those who don't. 

 domic Effective schools for 'at-risk' students are characterised by regular assignment and monitoring of homework. 

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

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

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

 domic Most of the problems associated with homework are the result of misunderstandings and lack of communication.
EVENTS AT THE PCYC MORE

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.
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](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
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.
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
Fun with friends and family
Want to encourage your child to try something new outside of school? Try the range of options provided by NSW Sport and Recreation – from camps and sailing to a variety of disability sport activities. Go to: What’s on around NSW – Sport and recreation

Spelling it out at home
The School A to Z website’s popular mobile Spelling Bee game can now be played on your home computer. The game is designed for both junior and senior primary school students, and features words from the Macquarie Dictionary. Parents might be tempted to test their skill on the harder levels. Go to: Spelling Bee

Coming to grips with measurement
It may come as no surprise to learn that a child’s early awareness of mass and volume is often based on watching their parents. Seeing mum or dad measure and pour ingredients for a recipe or weigh items at the fruit shop will often become part of their play. Find out what you can do at home to help your child measure mass and volume. Go to: Helping your child measure mass and volume
"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 **Getting Along**

**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
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