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

The magic number will be drawn this Friday at assembly.

This week’s Magic Question: What date is our school photos from Advancedlife Photography being taken?

- What a fabulous day the Footy Fun Day proved to be. Miss McDonnell and Ms Mead were definitely having loads of fun playing with all the kids!!
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 weeks lucky number draw was Number 3.

Parent/Teacher Interviews – We held our annual Parent/Teacher interviews on Monday afternoon. If you were unable to attend on that day but would still like an interview please ring the school or send in your note with an alternative date and time.

Family Footy Fun Day – Last Friday we held our Family Footy Fun Day. Students and their families enjoyed some delicious sausage sandwiches before taking to the footy field to test out their footy skills. A big thank you to Adam McGrady for his help with refereeing.

Teddy Bears Picnic – This morning we enjoyed a lovely Teddy Bears Picnic morning tea with our preschoolers, their parents and our Kindergarten students. It was lovely to meet so many parents. Parents were given a take home pack that included a book donated by the Schools as Community Centres and some games for parents to play with their children at home. We will be holding another morning tea and information session for parents early next term.

Whooping Cough – Just to let you know, whooping cough has been in the school recently. Medical staff have advised parents to take their children to the doctor immediately if they get a persistent cough, particularly if your child hasn’t been immunized.

Until next time ...
Warm Regards

M McKeeve
On Monday, 7th August 2012, the MEPS Boys Touch Football side travelled to Gularganbone to compete in the 2nd Round of the PSSA Knockout Competition.

The seven MEPS boys played with enthusiasm, teamwork and displayed great sportsmanship against a well drilled Gularganbone side. The game was a lot closer than the 13-4 result. Well done boys! Pictured is Adrian Smith, Terique Smith, Raymond Heaton, Mark Pegus, Branden Barker, Izayah Swan, Tyson Green.

On the way back from Gularganbone, MEPS students enjoyed visiting the “White Gumtree Lookout” and it’s spectacular scenery. We also visited the Observatory near Coonabarabran and students were amazed at the size of the telescope and the on-site facilities.
on wednesdays we have homework centre. We have been learning about the Olympics.

By Rouhai.
The dog is running after the cat.

The cat was drinking milk.

By Shaquil Smith
This term in Year One we are learning about transport. One mode of transport we are familiar with in Moree is the bus service.
PRINCIPAL AWARD
Dereik Newman—For supporting his peers when needed with their work

WEEKLY MERIT AWARDS
Shaquil Smith—Excellent listening in class
Temira Sampson—Excellent handwriting in class

PRINCIPAL AWARD
Elizabeth Green—Outstanding efforts creating writing tasks

WEEKLY MERIT AWARDS
Jordan McKenzie—Outstanding efforts in spelling
Luisa Faimalie—Excellence in fitness 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.
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
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

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” 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
Word Scramble – The Solar System

Can you unscramble the planets below to reveal their order by distance from the sun?

NSU = SUN
CRUMRYE = 
ENSVU = 
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- **CAP Chef Program**
- **Warialda Maths Race**
- **MEPS Community Connections Meeting**
- **Parent/Teacher Interviews**
- **Preschoolers Teddy Bears Picnic**
- **Sisters Group 11am-3pm**
- **MEPS Mini Olympics**
- **MEPS Community Connections Meeting**
- **School Photos**
- **Grandparents Day**
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