PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Last Thursday the Years K, 1 and 2 students celebrated Easter with a hat parade and dancing. The creativity and talent on display was amazing. The children beamed from ear to ear as they paraded their Easter hats with such pride and then danced their way into our hearts. Thank you Years K, 1 and 2 for such a wonderful afternoon of entertainment.

I would like to say a big thank you to the Years K, 1 and 2 teachers and support staff for the organisation of the event and also to the parents and community members who came to support the children. I know your presence puts a big smile on their little faces.

Aboriginal Education

Yesterday, Wednesday 4 April, the first Aboriginal Education meeting was held and an interim committee was formed. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st May at 10am in the MEPS Community room. A breakfast BBQ will be provided at 9.30. I strongly encourage all parents of Aboriginal children attending MEPS to attend as the role of the Aboriginal Education Action Team is to advise and support the school in the implementation of the Aboriginal Education and Training Policy and the Aboriginal Education and Torres Strait Islander Education Action Plan as well as the Connected Communities strategy.

The last day of Term 1 is next Friday 12 April and will resume for all students on Wednesday 1st May. This break is made up of a two week holiday and two staff development days.

Contact details

Communication between the school and parents is critical. Regular communication allows MEPS staff and parents to stay connected so together we can support your child’s learning and wellbeing. However, for this to happen the school needs to have your current contact details. Information you need to provide must include your telephone number as well as an alternate name and telephone number in case the school is having difficulty contacting you.

Information should also include the identification of any medical or special needs specific to your child. Please make contact with the school and check that this critical information is current.

Anzac Ceremony

Anzac Day is the 25th April and this year will fall in the school holidays. In recognition our Anzacs, MEPS will be holding their Anzac assembly next Friday 12th April. The ceremony will commence at 10am. MEPS would be honoured if you can join us.

End of Term Activities

Following the Anzac ceremony all MEPS students will be participating in end of Term activities. Years K, 1 and 2 will participate in dance and movie afternoon whilst the Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 will have the opportunity to have some fun at the Moree Artesian Pools.

Muriel Kelly
Acting Principal

BREAKFAST CLUB - Breakfast is served in the Careunga Kitchen, Monday to Friday, from 8.15am to 8.50am.

SISTERS GROUP - A women’s group held every Wednesday 11.00am - 3.00pm in the Careunga Kitchen. The SISTERS have been supporting MEPS for 10 years and would welcome any new mums, nans or aunts. We cook, sew, make jewellery, yam and have a good time.

PLAY GROUP (GUUMA-LI) - Play Group is held every Tuesday till the end of term, from 11.00am to 1.00pm, at the Salvation Army, Anne Street, Moree. COST FREE. The Salvation Army will be providing transport, please call 0418480842 or 67523624.
SCHOOL PERFORMANCES FOR 2013

The school has organised four (4) school performances to come to our school this year. Each School performance will cost $5.00 per student, a total of $20.00 altogether.

Dates and names for the school performances are as follows:

- **THE LITTLE BAD WOLF** — TUESDAY, 18TH JUNE, 2013
- **BUDDIES2** — THURSDAY, 29TH AUGUST, 2013
- **READ YOU CAN ORANG-UTAN** — TUESDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER, 2013
- **LET THE MUSIC MOVE YOU** — TUESDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER, 2013

These performances come highly recommended by other Primary Schools from around Australia. The performances link to units of works in Personal Development, Human Society and Its Environment, Drama, Reading and Music being taught in our school curriculum.

Parents and Caregivers may pay the amount of $20.00 in full OR pay small amounts when possible OR use the Centrepay facilities available (Please see the ladies in the front office for information and application form for Centrepay).

A refund will be made if your child pays and does not attend the performance on that particular date. Reminders about the school performances will appear in our weekly newsletters and notices will go home closer to the due dates.

If you would like your child to attend these school performances, please fill in the form provided and return to your child’s teacher.

Barbara Cutmore       Mrs Muriel Kelly
School Performances Co-Ordinator   Acting Principal

HEADLICE

The problem with Head Lice in children’s hair has come to our notice again.

Unfortunately, school is a very obvious place for the problem to spread, but we do the best we can to prevent it.

When students have the Head Lice problem you are required to treat your child’s hair.

Below is a natural recipe to help with this problem. Your support in this matter will be very much appreciated.

**NATURAL RECIPE FOR CONTROL OF HEAD LICE**

15mls of Tea Tree Oil mixed with your normal shampoo. Wash hair with mixture and leave on for 10 minutes. Repeat after 10 days.

Barbara Cutmore       Mrs Muriel Kelly
School Performances Co-Ordinator   Acting Principal

CIRCUS ARTIST IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM—SUPERKID

The school will be participating in the Circus Artist in Residence Program which is being held on **Tuesday 7th May 2013 at our school.**

SuperKid is a high quality in-school circus performance focused on empowerment and confidence building in primary aged students. The show explores six ingredients of ‘awesomeness’ or in other words, how to be awesome. These six ingredients are a sense of self, resilience, positivity, having a dream, taking a risk and working with others.

The show is presented by Kyle Raftery and April Dawson from Two Up Circus. They have performed all over Australia and internationally, aboard cruise ships, at major festivals, for corporate clients and at many schools and children’s events.

Kyle and April will conduct two workshops at our school which involves 60 students—30 at each workshop. Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will be selected to participate. Permission notes for students participating will be sent home when these students are identified. The school will cover the cost of the workshops for these students.

Following the workshops, there will be a performance by Kyle and April and the students who attended the workshops.

The Performance will be held in the afternoon, on the same day as the workshop—Tuesday, 7th May, 2013. The cost for students who didn’t participate in the workshops and for all parents and community members who would like to see this performance will be $2.00.

A refund will be made if your child pays and does not attend the Performance on that particular date. Reminders about the Circus Workshops/Performance and other visiting School Performances will appear in our Weekly Newsletters and notices will go home closer to the due dates.

Barbara Cutmore       Mrs Muriel Kelly
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POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

Our fourth (4th) core value of PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) is “Pride”.

We encourage students at Moree East Public School to have pride not only in their school but also in themselves and their culture.

This week students have focused on “Pride” and how we can show it within our school.

Wearing our school uniform and keeping our school clean are two great examples of showing “Pride” at Moree East Public School.

Until next time,
Kyl Churchill
PBL Coordinator