MOREE EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL
Newsletter
Term 1 Week 11
Friday 12 April 2013

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Today, Friday 12th April is the last day of Term 1 and children will now break for two weeks. Staff will be engaged in professional learning on Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th April. Therefore students will return on Wednesday 1st May. Please take care of yourself and one another.

Thank You and Farewell
As the first term ends, MEPS farewells dedicated staff members.

- Mrs Melinda Mikaere, who successfully gained a regional Instructional Leader position, for a period of 3 years, will be from Term 2 based in the Moree Education Office. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Mikaere, on behalf of all the staff and students of MEPS, for her dedication and commitment to the school and wish her well as she opens another chapter in her career.

- Mrs Betty Swan, who has, in Term 1, done such a fine job in supporting all classes through the library and kitchen program, will be returning to the Secondary College, Carol Avenue.

- Support staff, Kim Sampson, Jamie Sampson, James Smith and Marlene Sharply. These amazing people need to be acknowledged and congratulated for the high level of support and commitment to supporting all students transition into the school year. Thank you.

Anzac Day

Anzac Day is the solemn day of remembrance of those Australian and New Zealand Corps soldiers who fought and died at Gallipoli in 1915. It is also a day of remembrance for all soldiers who died fighting for their country.

Today, Moree East PS paused to pay tribute to and honour all service people and in particular to many of our local hero’s. It was such a beautiful ceremony. Following the ceremony our guests and parents stayed on for a special morning tea. Thank you to all of our Tyson Green and Brandon Barker our school leaders, special guests, elders of the community and parents. Your presence and participation added great value to the ceremony. However, a special thank you to the students at MEPS for the respect they paid to our Anzacs.

Finally a huge thank you to Mrs Cutmore for the coordination and leadership in this significant event. Mrs Cutmore is also coordinating the school’s participation in the town ceremony on Anzac Day on the 25th April. If your child would like to participate in the event then please assemble no later than 9.15am at the Rocket Park as the march will commence at 9.30am. Can you also please ensure that participating children are dressed in full school uniform. Parents and community are most welcome to join in.

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 your this critical information is current.

Muriel Kelly
A/Executive 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, yarn and have a good time.

PLAY GROUP (GUUMA-U) - 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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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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.

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  
School Performances Co-Ordinator

HEADLICE

The holidays will now give us all time to take extra care with our hair hygiene as head lice remains a concern at MEPS.

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.