PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Wow what a week and we have only just begun the school year.

The beginning of the school year can be very unsettling due to new staff, new students and new routines. However I would like to our congratulate MEPS students for doing their best to settle quickly into their new classes. In particular I would like to acknowledge many MEPS students, who’s leadership qualities are on display in supporting our new kindergarten students and modelling to all students respect and responsibility.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank the many parents/grandparents who have been spending extra time in their child’s classroom and also those who are keeping in regular contact with the school. MEPS certainly appreciates your support and we look forward to maintaining and building a strong working partnership with all our MEPS parents and their family.

Enjoy your weekend……

Muriel Kelly
Principal

BREAKFAST CLUB

MEPS breakfast club is up and running again for the 2013 school year. Students can access the breakfast room (Careunga Kitchen) from 8.15am to 8.50am.

CAFE

Mandy, MEPS canteen manager, is seeking volunteers for the following days and times:
- Monday: 8.30am to 11am
- Monday: 12.30pm to 2pm
- Tuesday: 12.30pm to 2pm
- Wednesday: 8.30am to 11.30am
- Wednesday: 12.30pm to 2pm
- Thursday: 12.30pm to 2pm
- Friday: 12.30pm to 2pm

If you are able to commit to one or more of the identified days and times then please contact Mandy or myself.

MEPS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Moree East Public School held their annual school swimming carnival on Monday the 18th of February 2013.

Students aged 8 and over were invited down to the pool for an action packed day of competition. All students should be commended on the way that they represented our school and the sportsmanship that they demonstrated on the day.

A big thank-you goes to all of the staff who attended the swimming carnival and made the day such a success.

Students will be awarded their ribbons at this Friday’s whole school assembly 12:30pm in the hall.

Age Champions of Swimming:

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Miss Kirstie McDonnell

DATES TO REMEMBER

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<td>Friday 22 February</td>
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We would like to acknowledge the Kamilaroi people who are the traditional custodians of this land. We would also like to pay respect to the Elders both past and present of the Kamilaroi Nation and extend that respect to other Aboriginals.
GIRL GUIDES

Girl Guides Moree is back for another fabulous year! Girl Guides is a non-formal educational program that is dynamic and flexible while offering values based training in life skills, decision making and leadership.

Our mission is to enable girls and young women to grow into confident, self respecting, responsible community members.

Guides in Moree is on Monday nights from 5.30 till 7pm for girls aged 5 to 17 at the Scout Hall on Gwydir Street

For further information contact Kellie Stewart on 0412221002

BREAKFAST CLUB - Has commenced and is held every day Monday to Friday 8am-8.50am in the Careunga kitchen. All children welcome.

SISTERS GROUP - This is 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.

PLAYGROUP - Our Tuesday playgroup is commencing on Tuesday 19th February and we will be back at the Salvation Army for 2013. We are all very excited about being back and the children will enjoy being in a space that is better for them and more freedom to play outside. Kelly and I are looking forward to seeing the old mums and many new ones.

WHAT
Playgroup (Guuma-li)

WHEN
Commencing 19th Feb. and every Tuesday till the end of term.

TIME
11.00am - 1.00pm

WHERE
Salvation Army, Anne Street, Moree
COST FREE

The Salvation Army will be providing transport, please call 0418480842 or 67523624 if you would like to be on the pick up list.

STUDENT CLASS AWARDS

TERM 1 - WEEK 4

Kinder—Ms McLennan: Isabelle Lysaght—Always paying attention to showing a positive attitude towards making friends

Year 1—Ms White: Nathaniel Sharpley—For working so hard

Year 1—Ms White: Emma Weatherall—For staying on task and producing beautiful bookwork

Year 2—Mr Churchill: Jacob Lysaght—Beautiful behaviour

Year 2—Mr Churchill: Hailee Hunt—Trying hard to finish her work

Year 3/4—Mrs French: Breanna Williams—Excellent work in spelling

Year 3/4—Mrs French: Alfie Duncan—Excellent work in reading

Year 5/6—Ms McDonnell: Tyson Green—Asking in depth questions to gain knowledge

Year 5/6—Ms McDonnell: Nikita Craigie—Finishing work quickly and quietly

BIRTHDAYS FOR FEBRUARY

Jason Eldridge 1/2/03
Breanna Williams 2/2/04
Thomas Eldridge 8/2/05
Georgia Smith 8/2/01
Bailey Smith 8/2/01
Jessica Pitt 10/2/07
Veronica Kelly 12/2/08
Rodney Sampson 13/2/03
Meya Taylor 16/2/03
Jalika Leslie 17/2/03
Dayannah Baker-Barlow 19/2/04
Jamelia Brown 21/2/07