PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Yaama,

At MEPS we strive to create a safe, caring and quality learning environment for your child. All children deserve the right to a quality education, to experience success and develop the skills and acquire the knowledge that will support them in accessing opportunities in life.

However, for your child is to take advantage of what school can offer attendance is critical. The Education Act (1990) requires parents to ensure that their children of compulsory school age attend school on each day that the school is open unless there is a good reason for them not attending. If students are absent parents are required by law to provide the school with an acceptable explanation within seven days of the absence.

Did you know that if a student misses as little as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed over a year of their education.

Please, help us to help your children. Please ensure they are at school every day. Regular school attendance will help your child to succeed in later life. It makes learning easier for your child and helps them build and maintain friendships with other children.

Your child deserves nothing but the best so let’s work together to make their dreams and aspirations a reality.

Happy Easter.

Muriel Kelly
Acting Principal

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

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-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 Amy will be providing transport, please call 0418480842 or 67523624.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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GIRLS AND BOYS SOCCER

On Friday 22nd March at 5am we started our long journey to Armidale to take on the best of what the Northern District offered. Representing our school for the boys was Brandon Barker and the girls consisted of Britney Brown, Georgia Smith, Delta Swan, Rehannah Haines and Kiara Smith.

The competition was very tough with both the girls and boys being closely scrutinized by the selectors looking for skill, tenacity and fitness. Both Brandon and our girls played three matches. The competition was so tight, the selectors had to arrange one last match for the girls to select their final team. Our own Kiara Smith made it on one of these teams, but unfortunately was not selected to proceed beyond that stage. Although all of our school representatives put in 100%, it was their sportsmanship that made the day so special.

Congratulations Brandon and girls for making it to Armidale. Hopefully next time we can go one better.

Special thanks to Mrs Smith for accompanying Mr Sifko on the trip and putting up with Justin Bieber and One Direction on the way home.

Mr Sifko
Attending Teacher

STUDENT CLASS AWARDS

TERM 1 - WEEK 8

Kinder—Ambrose Swan—Fantastic work in maths
Kinder—Tiffany Brown—Great counting in maths
Kinder—Dominic Binion—Quickly settling into school at MEPS
Kinder—Hermonie Hona—Wonderful efforts in creative arts

Year 1—Maureen Newman—For excellent participation in our Harmony Day work
Year 1—Dreyden Weatherall—For excellent participation in our Harmony Day work

Year 2—Nikylah Smith—For her efforts in her English work
Year 2—Jaleell Binge—Fantastic spelling

Year 3/4—Nirakai Knox—An improved effort in maths
Year 3/4—Alfie Duncan—Trying his best in all K.L.A.’s

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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.
NORTHERN RUGBY LEAGUE TRIALS

Last Monday 18th March, the zone trials for Rugby League were held at Moree Public School. MEPStook a team of 12 boys over who all played extremely well and of those 12 boys, 7 were selected. These 7 were Tray Smith and Tyson Green for the 12's and Mark Pegus, Daniel Smith, Dwayne Smith, Branden Barker and Kaedyn Smith for the 11's. Daniel Hunt was also recognised for his effort and was selected as a shadow.

This past Monday 25th March, the zone team attended the Northerm Rugby League trials in Armidale. The boys played incredibly well and showed fantastic skill and sportsmanship over the course of the whole day. As a result, Tray Smith was selected in the 12's and Mark Pegus, Daniel Smith and Dwayne Smith were selected for the 11's.

A huge congratulations to all the boys for their efforts on the day and a big thanks to those parents who were able to come along for support! The Northern team will now go on to Tamworth on the 8th April to compete against the Southern team for selection of the Northwest team.

Mr Churchill and Mr Sampson
Attending Teacher and Teacher’s Aide

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

Our focus this week is the core value of Excellence”. Excellence is being the best that you can and achieving your goals. Students will this week participate in activities that promote a better understanding of what excellence is and how we can show it in the classroom and around the school.

An example of excellence would be setting a positive example for others to follow.

PBL is a whole school initiative and community involvement in the process is a vital part in ensuring its success.

If you would like to be a part of the implementation of PBL, have any ideas or would just like more information on PBL at MEPS, please don’t hesitate to contact myself or the school.

Until next time,

Kyl Churchill
PBL Coordinator

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Harmony Day & Easter Bunny
FUTSAL - Every Wednesday from 4:00 pm  
Division 1, 11-16 yrs, Division 2, 6-10 yrs
Individual and team nominations.
Sign up at the PCYC
Division 1 get your mates together,
enter your own team

BREAKFAST PROGRAM - Monday, Wednesday &
Friday

ACTIVITY CENTRE - Days will change to Monday &
Wednesday

Contact PCYC for all enquiries

INTERESTED IN TENNIS LESSONS?
The Moree Tennis Club is investigating the possibility
of encouraging a new full time position for a
professional tennis coach to start in Moree and
surrounding districts. If you and/or your family are
interested in taking up tennis lessons, please send
an e-mail to moreetennisclub@hotmail.com
indicating names,
ages and contact details.
Closing date: 12th April 2013
Moree Hockey Association

“COME AND TRY HOCKEY MORNING”

For players of all ages and abilities, everyone is invited to come and try hockey. During the morning we will learn some skills, the rules of the game and for those in the ladies competition, an umpiring refresher.

WHERE: RON HARBORNE OVAL
WHEN: SATURDAY, 6TH APRIL 2013
WHEN: 10.00 am to 12.00 noon with sausage sizzle at the conclusion
WHAT TO BRING: HAT, WATER BOTTLE, SUNSCREEN
(STICKS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO BORROW ON THE DAY)

2013 Fees:

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First game of the season is Saturday 4th May 2013

REGISTRATIONS FOR THE 2013 SEASON LADIES AND JUNIOR COMPETITION WILL BE TAKEN ON THE DAY

Further registrations will be available:

Moree Markets, Sunday 7th April 2013 from 10am
Ron Harborne Oval, Thursday 11th April 2013 from 3.30pm – 5pm
For further details phone Helen on 0427 522 827
Or Louise on 0428 524 367, email lenlou@iinet.net.au
LET’S PLAY NETBALL

MOREE & DISTRICT NETBALL ASSOCIATION INC.

Registration Details:
16 March 2013 10am - 1pm - Moree Netball Courts
23 March 2013 10am - 1pm - Main Street
6 April 2013 10am - 1pm - Moree Netball Courts

Phone: 0427 539 240 - Alison
Email: moreenetball@hotmail.com
Facebook: Moree District Netball

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