PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Welcome back to Term 2. I trust that all families have had the opportunity to spend quality time together. This term consists of nine weeks and already we are at the end of Week 1. Once again this term will be jammed packed not only with quality learning and fun but also various extra curricula activities that students will have the opportunity to participate in. To ensure that you are well informed so you and your child does not miss out a calendar will be distributed on Monday.

Welcome

I would like to give a warm welcome to our new students. Donny, Kiama, Adam, Maleka-Lee. Also a big welcome back Michelle. In addition to our new students MEPS also has a new staff member, Ms. Rebecca Stavrou, who will teaching all classes throughout the school week as she heads up the library as well as teaching the Creative and Performing Arts.

Thank you and farewell

As MEPS welcomes new students and staff we also are saying a huge thank you and farewell to Ms Michelle Mead. Ms Mead has been a valuable teacher at MEPS for the last 2 years. I am sure Ms Mead will be missed by all in particular the Kindergarten children. MEPS wishes Ms Mead well as she takes up a position at Warialda PS.

NAPLAN

In Week 3 (Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 May) all Year 3 and Year 5 student will partake in the annual National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). I cannot stress how important it is that students engage in NAPLAN as it assesses the literacy and numeracy learning of students that will enable for targeted teaching and learning programs for individual students. More detailed information has been sent home with all Year 3 and 5 students.

Circus

Just a friendly reminder that the Circus Artist in Residence Program will be happening next Tuesday 7 May. Selected students will be participating in workshop during the morning session and after lunch will put on a performance, at 2.10pm. Students, parents are welcome attend at cost of $2.00.

Finally I would like to express on behalf of the MEPS staff our deepest condolences to the families who have are grieving for the loss of a loved one. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Muriel Kelly
A/Executive Principal

SISTERS GROUP

MOTHER’S DAY STALL

SISTERS Group are holding their Mother’s Day Stall

On Friday 10th May in the Careunga Kitchen starting at 9.30am

All proceeds go towards MEPS.

Gifts priced from 50c - $5.00.

All donations greatly appreciated.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday
8.30am-3.00pm

SCHOOL HOURS

Monday-Friday
9.00am-3.00pm

UNIFORM SHOP

Monday-Friday
8.30am-3.00pm

• Eftpos available
• Centrepay available

Anzac Ceremony

Pics:

Please Note: Changes to Bell Times On Page 2
Please note the adjusted bell times and session breaks.

MOREE EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL

BELL TIMES

8.40  MORNING PLAYGROUND
      (indicates that teacher supervision commences)

8.57  3 minute warning
      (students to stop playing and eating, use toilets if necessary and then line up)

9.00  MORNING LEARNING SESSION

11.00 LUNCH (Students remain in class and eat their lunch)
11.10  First half lunch (play)
11.30  Second half lunch (indicates that the library is open)

11.47 3 minute warning
      (students to stop playing and eating, use toilets if necessary, and then line up)

11.50 MIDDAY LEARNING SESSION

1.50  RECESS

2.07  3 minute warning
      (students to stop playing and eating, use toilets if necessary, and then line up)

2.10  AFTERNOON LEARNING SESSION

3.00  END SCHOOL DAY
Norta Norta Tutor

Casual 20 hrs. per week

Moree East Public School is seeking Expressions of Interest for the positions of casual Norta Norta Tutor.

The successful applicants will need to be able to:

- Provide support to targeted Aboriginal students to improve their literacy and/or numeracy achievements
- Assist students to develop skills and understandings that enable them to independently participate in class activities
- Follow set teaching programs and ensure that the tuition provided is aligned with the student’s Personalised Learning Plan
- Maintain a structured timetable in negotiation with teachers to ensure all eligible students receive tutor support
- Keep records to communicate observations and information about each student to the class teacher
- Assist teachers as requested to communicate and provide feedback to parents, caregivers and community members
- Attend where possible, professional learning activities to develop effective strategies in providing tutorial support to Aboriginal students.

The position involves tutoring Aboriginal students during school hours for 20 hrs. per week, 4 hours per day for Terms 2 and 3, 2013 with the possibility of extension for Term 4 2013.

The employment of tutors must be in accordance with NSW Department of Education and Communities policies and procedures. The Department’s risk management procedures, child protection measures and the Working with Children Check are essential for the safety and welfare of students. The Department’s policies and procedures are available on the Department’s Internet and Intranet websites.

Please lodge your Expression of Interest by 4pm Thursday 9th May, 2013, marked confidential to Muriel Kelly, A/Executive Principal.

A role description and application package can be obtained by contacting Melanie Hammond or Sally Harborne, at Moree East Public School on 67 521733.

Priority employment - Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people have priority for employment as tutors for the Norta Norta Program

Closing date: 4pm Thursday 9th May 2013.
COUNCILLOR CORNER

Are needing someone to talk to, worried about your school work, feeling upset or in trouble? Are you worried about your friendships or is your family having troubles of their own? If this is you, or someone you know, maybe as School Counsellor, I can help you.

As School Counsellor at MEPS, I have special training in counselling and guidance for a range of issues and situations. But, I would only work with you after your parents or carers sign a permission note. I can support individual students by listening to them and helping them find ways to solve problems. I can advise teachers with ideas to better understand their students. I can listen to parents when times are tough or when they are concerned about their child.

What students and their families tell the School Counsellor is confidential. If I need to tell your parents or teachers something, I will talk to you first. Sometimes it may involve getting advice from professionals outside the school. As a Registered Psychologist, I may ask you to do some tests or activities to better understand the problems you’re having. At all times, I will talk to you about what might be the best way forward for you.

If you or your parents would like to speak with me, an appointment time can be arranged by phoning the school or simply letting me know yourself.

Ruth Jenkins
District Guidance Officer

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 Army will be providing transport, please call 0418480842 or 67523624.

HEADLICE

The holidays will now give us all time to take extra care with our hair hygiene as headlice 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.
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
School Performances Co-Ordinator

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
School Performances Co-Ordinator