PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Welcome back to Term 3. I trust that all families have had the opportunity to spend quality time together. This term consists of ten weeks and already we are already into week 2. 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 is included in this newsletter.

NEW STUDENTS
MEPS gives a big warm welcome to our new students Haley, Lilly and Peter. We are honoured and excited that you have joined our school.

MEPS STAFF
In addition to our new students MEPS also welcomes Ms Tahnee Milgate, who will supporting students learning in the Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 classes.

There has also been a few staff taking on different roles within the school and to assist you in knowing who is working within your child’s school and what their responsibility is, a staff list is included in this newsletter.

HEFFRON SHIELD
Forty-five of our talented athletes are off this Friday to compete in the Heffron Shield (athletics) at Coppa Creek. I wish all participating students the best in their event(s).

Muriel Kelly
Executive Principal

Wedding News ...

Congratulations to Kyl and Jess Churchill on their lovely wedding, which was held at the Bird Sanctuary at the Gold Coast on 6th July, 2013.

Baby News ...

It’s a girl!

It is with great pleasure to announce the arrival of Baby Scott!

Lisa Scott has given birth to a baby girl at Pindara Private Hospital on the Gold Coast this morning. Both mother and baby and doing well. Name and weight unknown as yet.

Baby Scott has made it into this world on a very special day as there is a new Prince Charming who also shares this day.
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
ATTENDANCE

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 access opportunities in life.

However, for your child 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.

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 contact details are current.

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:

- **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
HEALTHY EATING – HEALTHY BODIES – HEALTHY MINDS!!

Your child’s learning is influenced by many contributing factors and one that is critical, is food. A fulfilling and healthy start to the day along with a nourishing lunch helps children stay on task for longer.

To support children, for whatever reason it may be, who did not get an opportunity to eat breakfast before they get to school, breakfast is available in the school kitchen, Monday to Friday from 8.15 to 8.55. We also can provide an emergency lunch, if needed.

At MEPS we also like to enforce healthy eating so therefore fast food outlet meals are not allowed on school grounds, that is, MacDonalds and KFC. (Please save these treats for outside school hours).

If you would like to give your child a treat then take advantage of the school’s canteen which is open 5 days a week and open for breakfast, lunch and recess. Simply place an order, it is the easiest way!

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.
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• PUPIL FREE DAY 1 | April 30th  
• PUPIL FREE DAY 2  
• Playgroup | May 1st  
• Students Return for Term 2  
• Sister’s Group | May 2nd | May 3rd |
| 2    | May 6th  
Zone Touch Football | May 7th  
• Circus Workshop & Performance  
• Playgroup | May 8th  
• Netball Knockout  
• Student Leadership  
• Sister’s Group | May 9th  
Northern Netball Trials | May 10th  
MEPS Cross Country & Fun Run |
| 3    | May 13th  
PSSA Rugby League Knockout | May 14th  
• NAPLAN—Language Conventions & Writing  
• Playgroup | May 15th  
• NAPLAN—Reading  
• Sister’s Group  
• Mothers/Grandmothers Luncheon | May 16th  
• NAPLAN—Numeracy  
• K-24 Fairview Visit | May 17th  
• NAPLAN—Catch-up Tests  
• Nth West Touch Trials |
| 4    | May 20th  
North West Netball | May 21st  
• Playgroup | May 22nd  
• Sister’s Group  
• Kindergarten—Simultaneous Reading—Moree Library | May 23rd  
• MEPS Boy & Girls Soccer Knockout  
• Auditions: Indigenous Dance Ensemble—Tamworth  
• K-24 Fairview Visit | May 24th  
• Fantastic Fun  
• Friday |
| 5    | May 27th  
• Assembly—Sorry Day/Reconciliation  
• PSSA Rugby League, Round 2. | May 28th  
• Rugby 7’s—Tamworth  
• Playgroup | May 29th  
• Sister’s Group | May 30th  
• Zone Cross Country  
• K-24 Fairview Visit | May 31st  
• Yr 3/4 Assembly  
• Nth West Rugby Union |
| 6    | June 3rd  
• Playgroup | June 4th  
• Sister’s Group  
• Community Connection Meeting | June 5th  
• K-24 Fairview Visit | June 6th  
| June 7th  
• Yr 2 Assembly  
• Infants Cricket Clinic 9.15am-10.15am |
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Public Holiday—Queen’s Birthday | June 11th  
• Playgroup | June 12th  
• Sister’s Group | June 13th | June 14th  
• Regional  
• Yr 1 Assembly  
• Cross Country |
| 8    | June 17th  
School Reports Home | June 18th  
• Visiting Performance: ‘The Little Bad Wolf’  
• Playgroup | June 19th  
• Sister’s Group | June 20th | June 21st  
• MEPS Athletics Carnival  
• Kinder Assembly—Mrs McLennan |
| 9    | June 24th  
• NAIDOC Assembly | June 25th  
• Playgroup | June 26th  
• NAIDOC activities  
• Sister’s Group | June 27th  
PBL Launch | June 28th  
• Last Day Term 2  
• Kinder Assembly—Ms Batten |

**NAIDOC WEEK**

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