PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

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MEPS welcomes to the school executive team, Mrs Michelle Gallop and Mrs Kate Brennan.

Mrs Gallop will be taking on the role of Deputy Principal and Mrs Brennan is relieving in the Assistant Principal position for the remainder of the 2013 school year.

The knowledge and experience that both ladies bring to the roles will be truly beneficial to all students, staff and community. In saying that, I acknowledge and thank Miss McLennan for her committed support in an executive role in Term 3.

Furthermore, as new staff arrive, sadly it comes to end for others. I would like to say a HUGH THANK YOU to Megen Towney and James Smith for their tireless and committed work as tutors. I know that I can speak on behalf of all the children in particular the teachers when I say we are going to miss their caring nature and support.

Finally, congratulations to the girls and boys touch football team who displayed great sportsmanship and amazing skills during round 2 of the PSSA Knockout against Warialda on Monday. The girls were very gracious in defeat and the boys victorious. All players are to be congratulated and should hold their heads high as win, lose or draw it’s all about fun, and they did exactly that! I am so proud of all the children.

Additionally, thank you to the many parents who came to support the teams and also to Mr Fred Knox for the amazing job he performed in the coaching role for the boys team.

Until next week take care of yourself and each other.

Muriel Kelly
Executive Principal
Week 5 Assembly Hosted by 2-21 and Miss Stavrou.

Week 5’s assembly was a shared event, hosted by Year 2 and Miss Stavrou and entertained by Year 1 with a dance to “You don’t know you’re beautiful”.

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Green Valley Farm Excursion

Keep an eye on your child’s school bag for our permission note for our upcoming excursion.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraising so far. The fruit cups were a fantastic success.

Quality Teaching and Learning

This week K-2 have continued their wonderful work in reading groups with Year 1 students enjoying reading and spelling with Lego in small groups to a teacher.

K-24 had fun learning about items mixing together with Practicum teacher, Miss Cuthbert. In these photos they have dropped food dye into milk and then held a cotton tip covered in detergent in it to see it mix.

Lost Property

With warmer days and jumpers coming off it is important to make sure your child has their name on their clothing. Please remark clothing to avoid losing items. If your child is missing clothing please see the front office for access to lost property.

😊 Enjoy your week and don’t forget to share your smile, Miss McLennan, Miss Batten, Miss White and Miss Stavrou.
Year 2 Healthy Eating

Year 2 have been learning about Carnivale in literacy and HSIE. Carnivale is celebrated during Lent. As part of our celebrations we sacrificed junk food for the whole school day.

We spent the day in the kitchen, combining our literacy and numeracy to read a very complicated recipe for King Cakes, which address the traditional Carnivale treats.

Year 2 also got to prepare their own lunches, making ham, cheese and tomato wholemeal sandwiches to eat. They got to eat fruit, rice cakes, muesli bars and lots of other healthy snacks and at the end of the day were rewarded with their own cakes to eat.

Congratulations year 2 on a great Carnivale day.
PBL Awards
Respect – Dekquitah Taylor
Motivation – Malika Smith
Excellence – Dayannah Baker Barlow
Pride – Kalara Duncan
Safety – Ayush Kumar

PBL Class of the Week: 4/5-10

Year 5/6 Excursion to the Gold Coast
As the end of the term approaches, payment for our excursion to the Gold Coast is essential. There are many fantastic activities planned for our week away. Please ensure that you have made arrangements with the front office to use Centrepay or are making weekly payments to the front office.

Year 6 Shirts
A shirt is a great way for your child to remember their time at MEPS. The cost of the shirt is $32 each and will be in a sky blue colour with a design chosen by the Year 6 students. If you need any more information or another note, please don’t hesitate to contact Miss McDonnell at school.

Mr Kennewell visiting 5/6-10
Mr Aaron Kennewell will be visiting 5/6-10 for 3 weeks from the University of New England. He is currently studying to become a teacher. Please if you see him in the classroom or the playground - Don’t be afraid to say hello.

Year 6 Transition to High School
Our MEPS Year 6 students have been attending transition Classes up at Moree Secondary College Carol Avenue Campus. Students have been engaging in cooking and science classes. A big congratulations to ALL students, who were commended on their behaviour throughout the lessons.
**Assistant Principal - Welcome**

I would like to introduce myself and let you know that I am filling the role that Miss Scott has had for the past couple of years. I really enjoy working in this role and look forward to meeting all parents and carers over the remainder of the term as we continue planning and implementing strategies that provide the best opportunities for your children.

Mrs Kate Brennan  
Assistant Principal

**Parent Meetings - Personalised Learning Plans**

Over the remainder of the term we will be contacting you to organise meetings to develop student Personalised Learning Plans (PLP’s). These plans will involve parents/carers, the student, the classroom teacher and myself. In developing these plans we set annual goals and strategies that are tailored specifically to your child. These plans and goals are then used to guide teaching and learning and we will regularly communicate progress to you. The most effective strategy in improving outcomes for students is to work as a team with parents/carers and the student and we appreciate your support as we meet to develop these plans this term.

**Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)**

I would like to congratulate the majority of our students for their commitment to our core PBL Values of: Respect, Motivation, Excellence, Pride & Safety. Our school is really focusing on making our school a positive, respectful and safe place to be. Each week at our assemblies students are rewarded based on our PBL core values, and each class is becoming quite competitive to win our PBL class of the week trophy and class reward.

**Parent Volunteers - Literacy & Numeracy**

I would like to thank all the parents/carers and volunteers that have been coming in to support reading and literacy groups in our classrooms. If you are interested in volunteering, please give me a call and I can talk to you about what programs we offer our students and when you may be available to come in. All parents/carers and volunteers are provided with specific training and ongoing professional learning opportunities so that we can ensure that we are providing consistent strategies and support for all our students.

**Appointments**

My door is always open to talk to you about the progress of your child. There are times, however, when I may not be able to spend the time with you that you may need as I have other duties in the school that I need to attend to. If you would like to see me, it is appreciated if you can ring to make an appointment time and I can then ensure that I have time set aside where we can talk uninterrupted. If you can please be punctual for your appointment time and if you can’t make it for any reasons, please phone the school so we can reschedule. If you just need to talk on the phone and you need to leave a message I endeavour to phone you back on the same day.
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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  
- Community Connection Meeting | June 6th  
- K-24 Fairview Visit | June 7th  
- Yr 2 Assembly  
- Infants Cricket Clinic  
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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  
• Visiting Performance: 'The Little Bad Wolf'  
• Playgroup | June 18th  
• Sister's Group | 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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