PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

MEPS welcomes local young man, Brian Saunders to our staff. Brian is committed to supporting the current Kindergarten students and the children engaging in the Kindergarten transition program.

In saying that, MEPS is now taking Kindergarten enrolments for 2014. Enrolling your child will assist the school in preparing for your child’s first formal year of school and give you and your child ample time to become familiar with the school. Help us to ensure that your child’s first year of school is a special and successful experience. So please, give us a call or even better come in and see us. Please, if you don’t have a child starting Kindergarten in 2014, help us spread the word.

Getting children off to a great start to school assists in establishing sound habits such as regular attendance which significantly impacts upon student learning. MEPS acknowledges and celebrates regular attendance and last week was no exception. Four students who’s attendance rate was above 90% are now the proud owner of a brand new scooter and a helmet. Congratulations to Kaedyn Smith, Malika Smith, Keea Anderson and Jacob Lysaght.

Exciting things are always happening at MEPS, for instance, tomorrow, Wednesday all mum’s and their daughters are invited to come along to an afternoon of art and craft organised by the Sistas. The afternoon will start at 4.00 and be held in the Community Room. A light meal will be provided.

And it continues...this Friday, 15th November, MEPS will be holding a Fete from 4.30 to 7.30. Mrs Melinda Mikaere is working around the clock to ensure there are fun filled activities at the fete. These include face painting, a jumping castle, cake stall, raffle (for some amazing prizes), BBQ and much much more!! Please come along and support the school as the money raised will be used to subsidise your children’s inclusivity in school programs.

Looking forward to catching up with you at the Fete.

Muriel Kelly
Executive Principal
Last week MEPS was lucky enough to be visited by one of the dentists from Pius X Aboriginal Corporation. Dr David Wearn came to visit our children and kindly volunteered his morning to help us learn a bit more about oral health.

Some of our children were lucky enough to have Dr Wearn paint their teeth with a special pink paint that shows where the plaque is hiding. Then he taught everyone how to brush their teeth properly, even the teachers learned something new.

Colgate donated enough toothbrushes and toothpaste for every child to take one home. No excuses not to brush now!

Here are some of Dr Wearn’s simple tips for good oral health:

- Do your long brush at night for at least 2.5 minutes and then don’t rinse the toothpaste from your mouth. That way you are soaking your teeth in fluoride overnight.
- Brush in flicking motions up from your gums, don’t forget the area right near your gum line.
- Go see the dentist once a year.

If you want to contact Pius X to make a check up then call 02 6752 8432.

Thanks again Dr Wearn for your visit.

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HIGH SCHOOL SOON

How can you prepare

Here is a list of things to consider before next year when your child starts high school

- School uniforms (including sports uniform), where and when to buy them
- School start and finish times
- Transport to and from school – forms for travel pass or subsidy if applicable
- Programs offered in the school
- Book packs and school supplies lists
- The name of the Year 7 adviser
- Ways to become involved in the school
REGIONAL CHAMPS!!

NEW SCHOOL FOR MOREE EAST

Minister Piccoli announced in The Australian, last Saturday that Moree East Public School has been allocated a substantial amount of funding, ample to rebuild our school.

Planning will take place almost immediately. However, the school is being rebuilt for your children and therefore the MEPS Connected Communities Reference Group would like to hear your thoughts on what our new school should look like. Your ideas are valued therefore opportunities will be made available for your voice to be heard.

Together, we need to build a school that has the facilities that will comfortably accommodate the learning needs of all students, that is equipped to teach and prepare the students for the 21st century but also a school that acknowledges and reflects their cultural needs and heritage.

The building of the school is anticipated to occur in 2014.
Kindergarten 2014

Kindergarten 2014 students have been enjoying their Transition to School Program. Visiting Moree East Public School every Wednesday they are experiencing the structure of ‘big school’ and taking part in a variety of learning tasks.

Miss McLennan, Mrs Horvat, Brian Saunders and the Senior Transition Leadership Students create a welcoming environment each week and guide the Pre-Schoolers through their session.

If you wish for your child to participate in these visits please contact Miss McLennan through our school office.

Courtney McLennan
Teacher
Transition into 2014 Kinder
**Intensive Swimming**

Intensive swimming starts on the 2nd of December finishing on the 16th with a fun session for the students on the last day which includes the use of the water slide.

The Intensive swimming is an important part of a child's education and we encourage you to include your child in the program.

The program will be run after lunch and will be appropriate to each child's needs. Any parents or care givers who are willing to give up their time to volunteer for such a fantastic yet life saving program are more than welcome.

An updated permission note with all the details will be sent home with every student. We encourage all parents/caregivers to return this as soon as possible.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call the school.

Abby White
Sports Coordinator

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**Visiting Show ‘Let The Music Move You’**

Moree East student and teachers enjoyed an engaging afternoon on Monday with the ‘Let the Music Move You’ visiting show.

All students enjoyed singing and connecting with the music.

Thank you Mrs Cutmore for arranging this fun experience.

Barbara Cutmore
Teacher

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**Recycling Week**

- This week is recycling week!
- Please use our recycling bins that are in the back carpark.
- The blue bin in the staffroom kitchen area and yellow tub in photocopy room is for recyclable items only.
K-2—Reading Skills using the PM Readers Computer Program

K-2 have been enjoying improving their reading skills using the PM Readers Computer program. Mrs Gallop has been supporting both students and teachers.

The program involves reading aloud, being read to and practicing reading in a variety of games and activities.

Make sure you ask your children about the exciting new approach to learning to read. The fantastic headphones allow students to work in their own space without interference.

Courtney McLennan
Teacher
Mighty Mums
Deadly Daughters

Invitation to a Girls Twilight Afternoon

Jewellery Making

Crazy Hair Doo’s

Will you come and spend the afternoon with me making crazy hair styles, jewellery and having a big BBQ?
Love your deadly daughter.

On Wednesday, 13th November, 2013
At 4.00pm-6.00pm

Moree East Public School
Adelaide Street
Moree NSW 2400
Phone: 67521733 / 67523624
The Education Centre Against Violence (ECAV) would like to invite all Aboriginal men, both community members and service providers, to attend

**Strong Aboriginal Men Workshop 3**

Safe Families and Communities: Positive identities and roles for Aboriginal men

Date: 12, 13 & 14\textsuperscript{th} November 2013
Venue: Miyay Birray
3 Endeavour Lane Moree
Time: 9.00am – 4.00pm
Trainers: Eric Hudson & Vic Morgan & Lee Murphy

This workshop will cover:

- Aboriginal men will have an opportunity to find strength in their own identity and roles as men in their community.
- The workshop will help to find constructive and positive outcomes for children, women and men in families, and assist in strengthening commitment to positive child protection strategies.

For enquiries please contact: Ivan Clarke on Ph: 04 0364 3665
or via email at: ecavsam@hotmail.com
Gomeroi Youth River Revival
Aboriginal Fashion & Cultural Event 2013

Local Aboriginal Designer: Colleen Tighe Johnson
Choreographer: Michael Leslie
Modelling: Local Girls from Moree/Tamworth
Dancers: Cultural Dancing/Singing

Saturday 7th December 2013

Venue: Max Centre Ballroom Moree
Time: 6.30pm-10.00
Tickets: $35 (Finger food)
Community Christmas Carols

Harborne Oval, Moree
Wednesday, 4th December, 2013

The Community Carols will be held again this year on 4th December. Marty Roberts and the Town Band will be leading the music, and a community choir will lead the carol singing.

This note is by way of a reminder that school choirs are very welcome. If your school choir would like to perform, we would be very grateful if you could contact us as soon as possible, and let us know what carols you would like to sing.

Contact details:
Marty Roberts: 67521201   Email: martyroberts4@bigpond.com
Paul McCabe:  6752 2886   Email: sfxmoree@bigpond.net.au
Green Thumbs

BEST Indigenous Community Links

Green Thumbs is a program for the over 60’s. In the morning sessions Elders will be able to learn how to grow plants in pots and learn planting techniques. After getting busy in the garden, there will be information sessions hosted by a range of providers who can give you information on Health and Wellbeing, Grief and Loss, Legal Issues and talk about the tough stuff.

The course runs for 6 weeks and attendees will be travel to Inverell for a Graduation Ceremony along with Elders from Tingha and Inverell.

Each Monday from 10am –2pm at the Moree East Primary School Community Room. Lunch will be provided.

To enrol contact Jaye or Elaine at BEST Community Links,

173 Balo St

Phone 0267 525481

Funded by the Australian Government
MOREE EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL FETE

Friday 15th November 2013

Moree East PS
Adelaide Street
4:30-7:30pm

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