EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

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Welcome back to Term 2. There are nine (9) weeks in the Term and it is certainly going to be very busy. A term 2 calendar is attached to assist you in planning.

As we begin a new Term I would like to take this opportunity to say congratulations to our students and their parents for their committed application to upholding our school rules, **BE SAFE - BE RESPECTFUL – BE A LEARNER** and Positive Behaviour for Learning core values, **RESPECT – MOTIVATION – EXCELLENCE – PRIDE – SAFETY**. Let’s continue to work together to ensure that Moree East Public School is providing a quality learning environment for your child.

FANTASTIC NEWS!! Very minor changes to MEPS staffing for Term 2 has occurred. Firstly, Ms Tanea Weaver is now the classroom teacher for the Year 3/4 boys, replacing Mr Orgil. Secondly, Mrs Jenny Schiller joins our staff as the Learning and Support Teacher and is working on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

In addition, welcome to MEPS support staff Ms Tahnee Milgate, Ms Michelle Saunders, Ms Samantha Hollands, Ms Megen Towney, Mrs Nicola Dillon, Mr Brian Smith-Saunders and Mr Chris Roberts. Support staff will be working in classrooms to provide extra support for teachers and students.

Before I sign off I would like to bring to your attention a very exciting experience for one very lucky young lady, our school captain, Kiara Smith!! Kiara received a special invitation to attend the Royal reception at the Sydney Opera House in the first week of the school holidays. Kiara had the experience of a life time of getting up close with the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge. The MEPS community are all envious of Kiara but also very excited for her. I must say that Kiara made our school proud and looked absolutely amazing in our new Student Representative Council uniforms. **WELL DONE KIARA!!**

Please take a moment to read what’ happening in our school.

Until next week, take care of yourself and each other.

Muriel Kelly
Executive Principal
ANZAC Day March

The 2014 ANZAC Day March in Moree was extra special for Moree students as the Student Representative Council carried out their first event, out of the school in their new formal uniforms. It was wonderful to see students join their SRC peers to show respect at the March. Congratulation to all students who represented MEPS on ANZAC Day, it was wonderful to see such dedication, respect and school spirit.

We look forward to a HUGE contingent of MEPS students for ANZAC day 2015 to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Gallipoli landing.
The Easter Hat Parade was held on the last day of Term 1. It was pleasing to see the entertainment was enjoyed by a large audience of families and friends. The children had a wonderful time parading their hats and showing off their dances. Thank you to all those who were able to share the morning with us. Congratulations to Jardie Smith Brown and Gregory Binion who won the SRC Easter Raffle.
Apex Park Excursion

Children in K/1H spent a lovely morning at Apex Park during the last week of Term 1. Students had been working hard in class to become good listeners and learners and were celebrating their positive behaviour for learning with a picnic at the park. Ms Horvat would like to thank all the accompanying family members for supporting the excursion. The children look forward to another excursion this term.

Cupcake Day

Kindergarten students will be selling delicious cupcakes during recess next Tuesday as a class fundraiser. Cupcakes will cost $1.00 each and all money will go towards photo story books for children to keep at home.

Moree on a Plate

Ms McLennan is co-ordinating a team of staff members to participate in the “Moree on a Plate” event with a face painting stall this Saturday. This is a wonderful opportunity for the school to raise funds and we hope to see students and families enjoying the day out with amazing smiley and painted faces!

Counsellors Corner

The beginning of a new term is an exciting time for everyone: students and teachers alike. At Moree East Public School, students are settling back into their classes, reconnecting with friends and engaging in new learning in their subjects. The opportunities for success are enormous! However, it can be a stressful time as well. Some students may be experiencing changes in their classes or even in their family situation. Talking to their parents/carers can help. At school, having a supportive teacher or staff mentor is important. So too is being part of a group – no matter how large or small – of caring friends and being able to speak out when they are needing help. And remember, the School Counsellor is trained to assist children and their parents/carers deal with the issues which may be causing worry or stress. I can be contacted at school through the front office or by phoning 6752 1733.

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### CHANGE OF DETAILS FORM

PLEASE FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING CONTACT DETAILS FORM AND RETURN TO FRONT OFFICE ASAP.

Thank you for your assistance.

CHANGE OF STUDENT CONTACT DETAILS FORM

STUDENT NAME/S:

PARENT NAME/S:

NEW ADDRESS:

NEW MOBILE NUMBER/S:
Moree East Public School is seeking applications for the positions of Norta Norta Program, 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 16 hrs. per week, 4 hours per day for Terms 2 and 3, 2014.

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 Wednesday 7th May, 2014, marked confidential** to Muriel Kelly, Executive Principal.

A role description and application package can be obtained by contacting Melanie Hammond on 67 521733. However, should you require clarification around the Norta Norta Program, Tutor position then please contact Muriel Kelly on 67521733.

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

**Closing date:** 4pm Wednesday 7th May, 2014.
APPLICATION OF INTEREST
ATTENDANCE OFFICER
MOREE SECONDARY COLLEGE ALBERT CAMPUS

ROLE STATEMENT: Promote school attendance within the Moree community with particular emphasis on Indigenous families.

EXPECTED DUTIES:

- Liaise with Moree Secondary College executive to compile a caseload of students who have poor attendance or a change in attendance pattern.
- Develop a partnership with The College Community Engagement Officer and college administration staff to work within the community to develop community partnerships to develop a culture of school attendance.
- Develop partnerships with Community organisations to assist with the implementation of attendance improvement strategies.
- Collaborate with Campus Deputy Principals to work with Home School Liaison Officer and Aboriginal School Liaison Officer re referrals, obtaining information etc.
- Conduct home visits in an efficient and culturally sensitive manner.
- Keep records of phone and home visit intervention.
- Develop Attendance Plans including partial attendance plans with campus Deputy Principals
- Implement the College Attendance Policy as a working document to improve attendance procedures across the college.
- Organise with College Deputy Principals to help provide Professional Learning for staff in current and future procedures of the DEC Attendance Policy.
- Provide Professional orientation for new staff to increase their awareness of the issues affecting attendance in the Moree Community.
- Compile regular parent information on attendance for newsletters, parent information nights etc.
- Implement a Reward Program for a student whose attendance have improved or has been consistently high.
- Attend Learning Support Team Meetings.
- An ability to travel between worksites. It is expected that the successful applicant will have continued access to a reliable car with comprehensive insurance.
- Current Working with Children check or ability to obtain one.
- Other attendance duties as may be required.

This position is for term two 2014 with the possibility of extension depending on performance and available funding. Enquiries to Mr John Southon Deputy Principal Programs Moree Secondary College at 67521999 during school hours.

Application no more than two A4 pages should be addressed to the Executive Principal Moree Secondary College Albert Street no later than 4pm Monday 12th May 2014.
ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES AND GIVE BLOOD

Mobile Blood Service visiting:
Moree Secondary College
Frome St, Moree

Thursday 8 May 8:30am – 4:30pm
Friday 9 May 8:00am – 4:00pm

Drink up! Have 3 or 4 glasses of water or juice in the hours before you donate
Eat! Have a good sized breakfast or lunch
Please bring photo I.D. with you

Call 139596 or visit donateblood.com.au