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Yesterday, Thursday 11th March an induction for the 2015 school captains, Kaedyn Smith and Malika Smith as well as the Student Representative Council was held. The captains and the SRC pledged their commitment to being school leaders, positive role models and working together to make Moree East Public School a positive learning environment. It was great to see that the ceremony was well supported by their fellow peers and their parents.

Over the past two weeks a number of students have positively participated in rugby league, netball, soccer and rugby union trials. The students looked so professional in the new sports uniforms. Congratulations need to be given to those students who have been selected to advance to the next level, the North West trials.

Excitement is building accumulating in our school community with the knowledge that the rebuilding of Moree East PS is still on track and anticipated commencement of works will begin Term 2. For your information a monthly update from the Project Manager, GHD, is contained within this newsletter.

However, before the work commences the School Reference Group is coordinating a Back to MEPS event. The purpose of this event is to open the gates of Moree East PS and provide ex-students, ex-staff and the wider community the opportunity to come and spend time in the school to revisit their old classrooms, meet up with old school friends, look at old photo’s and share school stories. If you are interested in being on a working party to support the Reference Group to coordinate this event the first meeting will be on Monday 16th March at 4.30pm in the Reading Recovery Room.

I would just like to remind parents of Moree East PS that the Reference Group is seeking expressions of interest from parents to be considered as a member of the Group. If you are interested or would like to find out more about the Reference Group then please contact the school.

In closing, I would just like to thank you, the parents for your continued support to the school through the reinforcement of the school rules. BE SAFE. BE RESPECTFUL. BE A LEARNER. Being at school every day, in school uniform and ready to learn makes such a positive impact to your child’s school day as it assists them in being a focused learner.

Finally, in the upcoming weeks the school will be celebrating Harmony Day and Easter. I trust that you will be able to join your child in these celebrations.

Hope to see you there.

Muriel
Executive Principal
**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**WEEK 5**

**PBL Awards - Safe, Respectful, Learner**

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| *Terrence Smith*| *Eva Duncan*   | *Graham Smith*  |
| *Donna Swan*    | *Braythn Hall* | *Kaedyn Smith*  |
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| *Mahela Tighe*  |                   |                  |
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| *Marybelle Haines* |            |                  |
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| *Olivia Pinner*  |                   |                  |

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| *Misha Haines*    | *Naesaren Fuller* |
| *Marybelle Haines* | *Misha Haines* |
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,private note: Jermaine Smith
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- James Haines
- Memphis Hughes
- Adam Paterson
- Kaedyn Smith
On Thursday, the 5th of February, a talented outfit of future footy stars attended the Zone Rugby League Trials at Moree Public School. On the day there was stiff competition for spots, but our MEPS fellas stepped up to show the selectors that they had the goods. Andrew Pegus, Michael Leslie, Cody Picker, Jermaine Smith and James Haines were selected in the U11's Zone team with Adam Paterson, Memphis Hughes and Kaedyn Smith being successful in the U12's. The boys will go on to represent the Moree Zone at the Regional Rugby League Trials in Armidale on the 16th of March. Congratulations lads and good luck!
On Wednesday 11th of March, our school sports stars were out in force again to represent MEPS at the District Gala Day Trials. Mr Thompson, Ms Boydell and Mr Saunders accompanied the students to Moree PS on a rainy day to compete for a place in the soccer, netball and rugby union teams.

In Boys’ Soccer, we had 15 boys trial for the team with Kaedyn Smith, Orlando Green and Memphis Hughes gaining selection.

In Rugby Union, Kaedyn Smith and Memphis Hughes continued their good form to make the team and were joined by classmates Adam Paterson and Trey Waites.

Four Girls from MEPS, Patricia Gordan, Malkia Smith, Mika Tyson and Dayannah Baker-Barlow attended the North West Netball Zone Trials. The Girls play exceptionally well. The girls will be informed in the next week as to whether they made the Regional Netball Team. Patricia Gordan also tried out for the Girls Soccer team. We wish the girls luck in getting selected in both Netball and Soccer.

Permission notes will be sent home this week for students going on to the next round of trials.

A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to all MEPS’ students for putting in a champion effort on the day and GOOD LUCK to those going on to the next stage.
Summary
The Head Contractor Tender for the project closed on 10 February 2015 at 4pm, with responses received from all four tenderers - Woollam Constructions, Lahey Constructions, Richard Crookes Constructions and Project Coordination (Australia).

In accordance with NSW Government procurement guidelines, the tenders are assessed by a Tender Evaluation Panel (TEP) and oversight is provided by a steering committee. In addition to an assessment of the price, the assessment process includes an assessment of non-price factors, such as previous experience and an understanding of the project and plans for aboriginal participation.

The TEP are currently in the process of issuing clarifications to tenderers, to allow an appropriate assessment of project risks and finalisation of the evaluation process. Subject to final negotiations and approvals, the Letter of Award will be issued and the successful contractor will be publicised in March 2015.

Key tasks completed in February 2015
- Head Contractor Tender closed on 10 February 2015.
- Tender Evaluation Plan Approved.
- Tender Evaluation commenced.
- School continued preparation for commencement of Stage 1 works.

Key tasks to be undertaken in March 2015
- Finalisation of Tender Evaluation.
- Letter of Award to be issued to the successful tenderer.
- Ongoing development and review by Essential Energy for the new Substation to support school.
I was recently reading about the topic of bullying in the book “Bully Blocking” by Evelyn M. Field. In this book, she describes how bullying occurs in most schools all around the world and that the incidence of cyber bullying is growing too. Among her points she states that bullying can involve psychological, emotional and social abuse. In other words, it’s not always about physical abuse.

The studies which have been conducted into bullying show that about one in five students is bullied or is bullying someone else. The studies also show that a bully may or may not intend to hurt. What is crucial is perception – the idea that the target feels bullied and may also feel powerless.

In my work as School Counsellor I have spoken to many students – and sometimes even parents – who have felt bullied and upset by the words or actions of someone else. But talking about it is the first step towards change and healing.

If a student is being bullied he/she should know that the bullying is not okay and that help is available at school. Your child’s teacher can help. So too can your School Counsellor provide support and assistance if needed.

Ruth Jenkins
District Guidance Officer

Important Term Dates – 2015

A list of the term dates (start/finish) are included below. Please note that there will be a Staff Development Day that will occur on the first day of Term 3 Monday 13 July, students will recommence on the Tuesday 14 July. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

TERM 1
Thursday 2 April 2015 – Last day of Term 1

TERM 2
Monday 20 April 2015 – Term 2 Commences – All students return
Friday 26 June 2015 – Last day of Term 2

TERM 3
Monday 13 July – Staff Development Day
Tuesday 14 July – Term 3 Commences – All students return
Friday 18 September – Last day of Term 3

TERM 4
Tuesday 6 October – Term 4 Commences – All students return
Wednesday 16 December – Last day of Term 4
The Moree Junior Rugby Union Club will be holding its registration in March on the following days.

Thursday 12th March 4.00pm-6.00pm
Thursday 19th March 4.00pm-6.00pm
Thursday 26th March 4.00pm-6.00pm  - Also first training & BBQ after training.

Registration will take place at the Moree Rugby Club House on Inverell Road.

All new players need to bring their birth certificate when registering. Please also bring your mouth guard (compulsory) and a water bottle for training.

Registration will take place at the Moree Rugby Club House on Inverell Road. $70 per player, sibling discount applies.

We are hoping to have an under 14’s side this year so please circulate to any parents that have children who may be interested.

The U16’s play on Saturdays in the senior Central North competition and they are also looking to put a side together.

If you have any questions please contact:
Secretary Justin Barnes on 0429 693524 or President Stuart Gall on 0428 586 677.
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**Guuma—Li Playgroup**

For parents and carers of children birth to school aged.

In partnership with Moree Family Support

**When:** Tuesday 11-1pm

**Where:** Salvation Army,
Anne Street, Moree

**Contact:** Linda, 0418 480 842

*Transport is available*
Do you have the Skoolbag App on your smartphone? This is a great way to keep up to date with what is happening within MEPS.

Benefits of the Skoolbag App:-

- Instant messages to your phone
- Alerts
- Events and reminders for events
- Newsletter
- Permission Notes
- Sick/absent notes and change of details

How to download or call into the front office.

For iPhone and iPad users:

1. Click the “App Store” icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click “Free” then “install”.
4. If iPad, change the drop list to “iPhone Apps”, your school will then be visible, click “Free” then “install”.
5. When installed click “Open”
6. Select “OK” to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the “More” button on the bottom right of the App, then “Setup”.
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

For Android users:

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

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5. Click “Accept” for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
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Reminder

It is very important that we have up to date parent and emergency contact details so that if your child is sick or we need to contact you to talk to you regarding your child’s learning or behaviour we can do so quickly. Only one contact form needs to be returned for each family.

Emergency contacts can be family or friends. If we are unable to contact the main parent/carer we will then contact anyone listed as an emergency contact. It is important that anyone listed knows that we may contact them.

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Reminder - Permission Notes to be brought back to School:
“Celebrate Youth Week with Run4Kids”

Moree PCYC together with Moree Plains Shire Youth Council presents the Run4Kids!
Come join us for a 5km Fun run/walk through Moree on Saturday April 11th 2015 at 2PM.

The event will involve running through colour gauntlet’s in which you will be covered with colourful powder. Registration forms available from Moree PCYC.

All forms and money must be handed in by 5pm on Friday 3rd April 2015.

Any registrations taken after this date are NOT guaranteed a shirt. The registration cost will include registration for the Run, Your Run4Kids shirt and more!

Like us on Facebook for more updates!

Exiting times at the PCYC

We have changes in times for activities and new activities.

Karate 5-10yrs ,4pm – 5pm Indoor centre.
Karate 11yrs – open 5pm – 6pm games room PCYC.

We are calling for nominations from year 13-15/16 children for mixed netball every Tuesday at 4 pm.

Calling for nominations for Junior Futsal 5-10 division.11-15 years division.


Laser tag 6.30pmFreaky Friday March 13th,
Breakfast Program 10-17 years starts Friday 13th,Pancakes,Bacon and eggs. Parents are welcome to volunteer and start the day in the best possible way.

Please contact club for details.
Anger Management Course

Moree

Cost: Free
When: 8, 15, 22 & 29 May, 2015
Where: Anglicare Northern Inland
Wesley Court
Cnr Frame & Heber Sts, Moree
Times: 9.00 am—1.00 pm

Registrations Close: 1st May, 2015

Send completed registration form to:
Anglicare Northern Inland
PO Box 1104
Moree NSW 2400

For enquiries please phone 6752 3419

Anger Management

Do you experience outbursts of anger?
Does it catch you by surprise and then shame you afterward?
There are many underlying issues behind anger.
Join us and others in your situation for the Anger Management Course.
HARMONY DAY celebrations

SOCIAL GATHERING

Moree Tafe Campus
10am-12pm
Saturday 21st March
Morning tea provided

Indian Community will showcase “Rangoli”
(Indian sand painting)

Cultural Displays

Launch of Multicultural Community Booklet

For further enquiries please contact Esther Chapman on 0267 573 222