EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

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CHANGE IN SCHOOL OPERATION HOURS
TO COMMENCE TERM 2, 2015

It is with great excitement that I inform you that Moree East Public School has received approval to change the schools daily operation hours. Implementation of the new school hours will commence on Monday 20th April, 2015, that is the beginning of Term 2.

I would like to thank you for your understanding and support in the process undertaken in gaining the approval in the implementation of these changes. It is in unity that we must work to maximise the learning opportunities for the students, your children.

8:00am Start of the school day, Learning Session 1
10:30am BREAK
11:00am Learning Session 2
1:15pm End of school day

Next week, two (2) school community forums will take place. The first will be on Wednesday 1st April at 5.15pm and the second will be on Thursday 2nd April at 10am in the school hall. Please make your attendance at the either of the scheduled forums a priority so that we can provide you with more detailed information that will support your child with a positive transition into the new school hours. However, if you are unable to attend and have questions regarding the changes in operational times please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please note that there will a Homework Centre, operating from 1.15 – 3pm, Monday to Friday, that will be available for students with parents who are working or engaged in study. However, to apply for placement in the Homework Centre an application must be submitted for consideration. An application form can be obtained from the front office.

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Executive Principal
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- Jai Jones
- Harmony Oates
- Haru Smith
- Donna Swan
- Alcarrae Doolan
- Mahela Tighe
- Kariesha Roberts
- Marybelle Haines
- Maxwell Haines
- Kayne O’Neill
- Nekarri Weatherall
- Terrence Smith

**3/4/5/6H**
- Haley Bently
- Keea Anderson
- Mackayla Ward-Hodges
- Jessica Pitt
- Nyesha Nean
- Narkeasha Smith
- Hailee Hunt
- Ashley Hughes
- Shakila Fernando
- Cahaylee O’Toole
- Patricia Gordon

**3/4/5/6M**
- Jordan Porter
- Norman Roberts
- Graham Smith
- Orlando Green
- Memphis Hughes
- Adam Paterson

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

WEEK 8

PBL Awards - Safe, Respectful, Learner

1/2J
★ Raymond Bently
★ Marri-char Binge
★ Gregory Binon
★ Alfred Duncan
★ Mayesha Brown
★ Jamaya Fernando
★ Amelia Politis
★ Andrew Sampson
★ Jardie Smith-Brown
★ Ngatekia Tighe
★ Veronica Kelly
★ Isabelle Lysaght
★ Laniqua O'Toole
★ Christopher Tierney
★ Marsha Tighe
★ Rachael Tyson

1/2AM
★ Matari Walker
★ Jordan Weatherall
★ Shataiya Swan
★ Bryce Baker
★ Tiffany Brown
★ Kyleika Haines
★ Hermonie Hona
★ Malachi Hughes
★ Delaynna Smith

3/4/5T
★ Rory Hodges
★ Ronald Swan
★ Cam Arthur
★ Tyrese Fernando
★ Jakeob Lysaght
★ Donny Rose
★ Malakye Smith
★ Blake Hunt
★ Andrew Pegus
★ Cody Picker
★ Jermaine Smith

3/4/5/6H
★ Haley Bently
★ Nyesha Nean
★ Jessica Pitt
★ Emma Weatherall
★ Keea Anderson
★ Hailee Hunt
★ Mika Tyson
★ Mackayla Ward-Hodges
★ Shakila Fernando
★ Cahaylee O'Toole
★ Breanna Williams

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★ Alcarrae Doolan
★ Marybelle Haines
★ Harmony Oates
★ Olivia Pinner
★ Terrence Smith
★ Donna Swan
★ Mahela Tighe
★ Nekarri Weatherall

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★ Eva Duncan
★ Leelia Haines
★ Kryan Binge
★ Naesaren Fuller
★ Misha Haines
★ Braythn Hall
★ Kyla Stanley
★ Allan Whitton

3/4/5/6M
★ Jordan Baker
★ James Haines
★ Memphis Hughes
★ Adam Paterson
★ Kaedyn Smith
★ Malika Smith
★ Trey Waites
★ Tyson Ward
MOREE EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS

I am, on the behalf of the school staff, seeking your support in moving our Term 2 Staff Development Day (20th April) to Term 3 (13th July). This is to allow the staff the opportunity to engage in specialist Boys Education professional learning. This will mean the students will commence Term 2 on Monday 20th April.

Should you have any questions or concerns about the rescheduling of the Term 2 Staff Development Day please contact the school.

BACK TO MEPS
SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

Just a reminder that the School Reference Group will be coordinating a series of Back to MEPS events over the next 18 months as we rebuild the school.

The first of the events will take place on Wednesday 29th, Thursday 30th April and Friday 1st May. Moree East will open the gates and provide ex-students, ex-staff and the wider community the opportunity to come and spend time in the school and revisit their old classrooms, meet up with old school friends, look at old photos and share school stories. If you are interested in being on the working party to support the Reference to coordinate this event, the next meeting will be on Monday 30th March at 4.30pm at MEPS.

POCHE CENTRE FOR INDIGENOUS HEALTH

Dear Parents,

In 2015, the Poche Centre for Indigenous Health Dental Service will continue to visit Moree East Public School approximately once a month. This service is currently working in partnership with Pius X Aboriginal Medical Service to address the oral health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in the communities of Moree, Mungindi, Boggabilla and Toomelah.

In April, the Oral Health Team will be visiting Moree from April 7-9, 2015. This falls during School Holidays. During this week, the team will be providing general dental treatment and oral health promotion from the Pius X Aboriginal Health Clinic.

This service is free of charge. Should you wish your child to access this service, please contact Pius X Reception on (02) 6752 1099 to book an appointment.
On Thursday the 19th of March, a select group of Year 3/4 students went to Boughton Oval to play in the NRL Captains Cup. The day was an opportunity for junior players to get a taste of rugby league and league tag. It was a scorcher of a day with the temperature topping 37 degrees, but this seemed only to fuel the MEPS kids on as they showed a sizzling display of skills to delight spectators.

In the rugby league, the boys’ team scored two draws against strong outfits Moree Public School and St Philomenas and won convincingly over Mungindi PS. Donny Rose, Ronald Swan and Malakye Smith left a trail of destruction as they made some big runs through the opposing defensive lines off some great work in the ruck by Jakeob Smith and Jaylus Swan. Try scoring machines Shaquil Smith and Rob Gordon were unstoppable running in a number of terrific tries. Jaleell Binge was fearless in defence tackling any man he could get his hands on, whilst Rory Hodges put on the biggest hit of the day bringing down an absolute giant from St Philly’s.

Meanwhile the girls took to league tag like ducks to water. After getting the rules down they chalked up 3 wins to end the day atop the ladder. The team showed great depth with impressive passing by Mackaylah Ward-Hodges, Kea Anderson and Haley Bentley and lightning speed from hot-steppers Mika Tyson, Jessica Pitt and Hailee Hunt. Nyesha Nean and Emma Weatherall also featured in the action with some classy moves.

All in all it was a memorable day and a big win for footy. Well done MEPS, you can be proud of your efforts!
On Friday 20th of March, MEPS received a welcome visit from Cricket Australia representatives. 3/4/5/6H, 3/4/5/6M and 3/4/5T hit the back oval to put their cricket skills to the test. The kids learned catching, throwing and batting techniques and played a game of T-20 cricket afterwards to wrap up the day. It was awesome to see all students having a go and they were rewarded for their efforts with a free ball, a packet of Milo and a Sydney 6’s poster.

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Thursday 26th March 5pm – 7pm

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There will also be a BBQ, and a chance to kick the footy and do some training with the senior Moree Suns AFL team.

Registration Fee $70 per person (which includes a bag and football)

Ages 5-16yrs BOYS and GIRLS

For more information contact Auskick Coordinator Tina Macey 0428626936
Harmony Day Celebrations

Adam shows us how to skip backwards

Alfie and Tyson creating their Happy Hands

Amelia playing futsal

Laniqua, Issy and Marri-char

Olivia showing off her ball skills

Cahaylee, Narkeasha, Jordan & Adam show us dancing

MEPS Happy Hands Circle
-Hands made by Students-

Iszac, Andrew, Codie, Norman and Jordan learning “The Nutbush”

Jordan, James, Marri-char, Raymond, Laniqua using the XO’s
The Moree Junior Rugby Union Club will be holding its registration in March on the following days.

**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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**MEPS Easter Hat Parade & PBL Celebrations**

On **Thursday 2nd April** students and staff at Moree East Public School will be holding a PBL Celebration day and an Easter Hat Parade. All students are welcome to come to school in **PBL party clothes** (plain clothes).

Children who have been successful in reaching the Gold, Silver and Bronze merit level will be taking part in variety activities on the day.

- **Gold Reward** – Lazer Tag at PCYC (plus Silver & Bronze)
- **Silver Reward** – Movie and Hot Lunch (plus Bronze)
- **Bronze Reward** – Sports Afternoon

There is **NO cost to students** for this day. Any Child who has not gained these merits will be supervised as normal in class on the day.

All students will be also performing in an **Easter Parade at 2:15pm**. During the parade each class will wear their Easter hats that have been made in class. **Parents are welcome** to come along.

If parents would like to make a second hat for the parade they are welcome to do so. Children with home-made hats will be invited to parade their creations at the end of the concert.
Last weekend I rode with a large group of motorcyclists to Dubbo for the annual Black Dog fundraising ride. While it was exciting to ride alongside hundreds of bikes, it was wonderful to see so many people supporting such a worthy cause. The Black Dog Institute is committed to the cause of raising awareness about depression, anxiety and other serious mood disorders.

What is known is that one in four people will suffer a bout of depression at least once in their lifetime. But help is available and being aware of how you’re feeling is a good first start. The Black Dog Institute teaches that it’s okay to let your emotions out, talk about how you’re feeling, perhaps have a health check and make plans to move forward doing the things you enjoy and being around your special people. And... if you are having a really awful time then maybe you should consider phoning LifeLine on 13 11 14.

The people on the end of the phone at LifeLine are trained counsellors who want to listen to you and hear your story. They are located in a town at a distance from your own, so you know the service is personal and private. Best of all, speaking to a counsellor like the people at LifeLine is a good idea and gets you back on the road to feeling a little better and brighter.

LifeLine: 13 11 14

Ruth Jenkins
District Guidance Office

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.

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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.
1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
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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
“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 gauntlets 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 6.30pm Freaky 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.