EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

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As many of our School Community are aware, through meetings, forums and one on one consultations that have been had with School Community Members, a proposal has been put forward by the School Reference Group. The proposal identifies the need to change the school’s operational times in 2015 to 8am to 1.15pm. This change is to improve student engagement with the curriculum in core teaching hours which amounts to 4 ¾ hours.

The proposed school day will be as follows:

8.00am : Learning session 1
10.30am: RECESS
11.00am: Learning session 2
1.15pm: School day ends

School data is clearly indicating that we must do something different to maximise the students learning time and create positive experiences for students, parents and staff.

Details of the proposal is inclusive of this newsletter, along with a parent survey and a student survey. It would be greatly appreciated if you can dedicate some of your valuable time to completing the survey and sending it back to the school via your child. However, if you need more information or clarity in regard to the proposal you can either come into or ring the school. Your thoughts and suggestions are highly valued so please have your say.

For your piece of mind, the operational hours will be reviewed every year through a consultation process.

Muriel Kelly
Executive Principal

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www.moreeast-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

SCHOOL HOURS
Monday-Friday
8:50 am– 3:00pm

UNIFORM SHOP
Monday-Friday
8:30am-3:00pm
• Cash Only
• Layby available
• Sorry no Centrepay

DATES TO REMEMBER
Monday to Friday
3rd - 7th November
Intensive Swim

Monday to Friday
10th - 14 November
Intensive Swim

Monday to Friday
24th-28th November
School Spectacular
MOREE EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL

PROPOSAL

2015 SCHOOL OPERATIONAL TIMES

PROPOSAL: To change school operating hours for Moree East Public School to 8am - 1.15 pm to support improved student engagement and learning.

Please note that core learning time, of 4 hours and 45 minute, as mandated by the Department of Education and Communities, will remain intact.

8.00am: Class lessons commence

10.30am: Recess

11.00am: Mid-morning session commences

1.15pm: End of class lessons (end of school day)

A Homework Centre will operating for the students of working parents from 2-3pm, Monday to Friday. Lunch supervision for these students will be provided during the transition stage.

Muriel Kelly
Executive Principal

(on behalf of the School Reference Group)
PARENT CONSULTATION
PROPOSED MOREE EAST PS OPERATIONAL TIMES

NAME: __________________________________________________

NAMES OF CHILD(REN): _____________________________________________________________

HOW DO YOUR CHILD(REN) CURRENTLY GET TO SCHOOL? ____________________________

HOW DO YOUR CHILD(REN) CURRENTLY GET HOME? _________________________________

HAS THE PROPOSAL FOR THE CHANGE IN OPERATIONAL TIMES BEEN EXPLAINED TO YOU?
YES / NO

DO YOU UNDERSTAND THE PROPOSAL? YES / NO

DO YOU THINK THE CHANGE IN OPERATIONAL TIMES WILL IMPACT ON YOUR CHILD(REN’S)
LEARNING? YES / NO

If YES, What are the implications and can you suggest any strategies that will address your concerns?

ARE YOU A WORKING PARENT? YES/NO

If YES, will your child be accessing the homework centre that will operate (free of charge) from
2-3pm, Monday to Friday?

YES / NO  MON  TUES  WED  THURS  FRIDAY  (please circle)

WILL YOU BE ABLE TO SUPPORT THE NEW SCHOOL OPERATIONAL TIMES BY HAVING YOUR IS
THERE ANYTHING DRASTIC THAT YOU WILL NEED TO ADJUST TO THE NEW TIMES?
DO YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS THAT WILL ASSIST IN THE WHOLE SCHOOL CHANGE OF TIMES?

MEPS is currently in consultation with community organisations (Government and non-Government) as a strategy to provide organised activities from 2-3. However please note these will not be school based activities.

IF ACTIVITIES COULD BE COORDINATED FOR NON-WORKING PARENTS -
Do you want your child to participate? YES / NO
Do you think your child will want to participate? YES / NO
What kind of activities would interest them?

DO YOU GIVE YOUR APPROVAL FOR THE EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL TO PROCEED TO SUBMITTING A REQUEST TO THE EXECUTIVE TO THE TIMES OUTLINED IN THE PROPOSAL?

YES / NO

COMMENT:
**Intensive Swim**

**REMINDER**

When: 10th November 2014 to 21 November 2014  
Where: Moree Artesian Aquatic Centre  
Time:  
   Years 3-6: 9:00am -11:00am  
   Years K-2: 10:30am – 12:30am  
Cost: $50 ($20 travel & $30 pool entry for 10 days)

Please **do not forget** to bring in your permission notes.

Last Day to return notes and money is **TOMORROW**, Friday 7th November

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**Halloween Disco**
PBL Snapback Hats

have arrived...
NOW ON SALE
Get in quick to secure your hat!

$15

Our School is Sun Safe

No Hat - No Play!

School Hats
Bucket Hat or Flat Brim Hats!
What does it mean to appreciate the little things in life?

Appreciating the little things in life involves focusing our attention on what is pleasurable, nurturing, and sustaining in our lives. It also means turning our focus away from those events that are annoying, frustrating, or hurtful. As well, it means showing our appreciation for those everyday things that are easy to take for granted or that we may miss altogether! Adopting this positive outlook won’t stop bad things happening to us, but it may help us from focusing too greatly on them when they do happen.

Positive emotions have been shown to be linked to good physical health. According to some researchers, people who experience positive emotions are likely to live longer, enjoy better immune functioning, and recover more effectively from major illness. It’s not just our physical resilience that is affected by positive emotions; our psychological wellbeing can be enhanced also. Theory has it that when we experience positive emotions we are able to think and behave more creatively and flexibly than when we experience negative emotions. This “broadening” of the way we think and act builds resources for us that we are able to use in more difficult times. As the saying goes: Be positive! Not just a blood group, but a whole way of life!

For more information about the benefits of positive thinking, visit these websites:

- Changing minds: www.changingminds.org.au
- Authentic Happiness: www.authentichappiness.org
- The Happiness Institute: www.thehappinessinstitute.com

Ruth Jenkins
District Guidance Officer
3/4W Dinosaur Dig
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THE 2ND ANNUAL
BATTLE ON THE BORDER
TOUCH CARNIVAL

29-30 NOVEMBER 2014
RIDDLES OVAL
GOONDIWINDI (QLD)

GATES OPEN 9AM
ADMISSION: FREE

PRIZE MONEY
GIVEAWAYS
PLENTY OF FUN FOR THE FAMILY
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES
FOOD AND ENTERTAINMENT

COST PER TEAM $500
NOMINATIONS CLOSE
8 NOVEMBER 2014

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Queensland
Tribal Football

Left-field
Business Solutions

benchmark

ON FIELD BUSINESS SOLUTIONS
Join us for a FREE night out, and a night off with Men’s Health Specialist, Stephen Carroll.

An entertaining speaker, Stephen has spoken to thousands of men across Australia about how to make changes that seem small but pay huge dividends to their health.

His advice works! No gimmicks, just good solid information that means better health, with a few handy hints on what to change and how to do it.

WHEN: Wednesday, 5th November 2014
WHERE: Narrabri Golf Club Auditorium
TIME: 6pm—9pm
COST: FREE
Dinner & soft drinks provided

Please RSVP for catering purposes by Wednesday 29th October to Kourtney at Centacare NENW—1800 372 826

Keeping our community connected
The North & North West Community Legal Service is a not for profit organisation which provides FREE LEGAL ADVICE to people in the North & North West region of NSW. The service is based in Armidale but a solicitor travels to Moree on the last Thursday of every month meeting with clients at the Moree Library.

Our goal is to give assistance to ANYONE who is having difficulties accessing or is unsure of how to access the legal system. **We are not a means tested Service.**

We can help with:-

- Family Law issues (excluding property settlement, Maintenance, monetary matters etc)
- Domestic Violence
- Credit and debt issues
- Discrimination
- Employment Law
- Criminal Law
- Victims Compensation
- Wills, Power of Attorney, Enduring Guardianship

We can assist you with:-

- Centrelink issues
- Youth issues
- Legal forms and documents

**MEDIATION**

Sometimes the best way to resolve disputes is by mediation. Mediation means helping people come to a friendly agreement. Our accredited solicitor-mediator offers mediation in a wide range of disputes including:-

- Family Law issues, such as separation, child contact and residence
- Employment issues

Our mission is to provide free and confidential legal advice and support to your community. We would also be happy to undertake legal education in your community upon your request.

Please phone our Free Call number on 1800 687 687 for an appointment at the Moree Library.