EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

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As we near the end to the school year it is time to acknowledge and celebrate student learning.

**Student Reports:** Moree East Public School student reports are ready to be shared with you, the parent. All students should have by now, brought home an invitation requesting your presence at a parent/teacher meeting (Yarn Ups) to discuss your child’s progress. These meetings will take place over the next two weeks. However, if the day or time suits you then please contact your child’s teacher to negotiate an alternative meeting time.

**Annual School Presentation:** As student achievements are being reported to parents the school is now preparing to acknowledge and celebrate student success at our Annual School Presentation. This celebration will be held on Tuesday the 9th December at 9:45am in the school hall. At this special event the school will also farewell our Year 6 students and announce our incoming 2015 School Captains. I would like to thank our continued sponsors of student awards and welcome the new Heidi Binwett Scholarship, which is explained within this newsletter.

**Festival of the Brolga:** Over the 2015 school year Moree East PS has been working in partnership with Beyond Empathy to provide opportunities for all our students to engage in the Creative and Performing Arts activities. On the Friday 5th December, the Festival of the Brolga will celebrate and showcase student learnings of the local culture and language. Please come along and enjoy the show which will take place on the front lawns of Moree East PS.

**Intensive Swim:** Thank you to all the parents who have taken up the opportunity to engage their child in the Intensive Swim lessons that are currently operating. The participating students are having such a fun experience whilst learning the very important skill of water safety. In addition, the pool staff have commended Moree East students on their excellent behaviour whilst participating in the water safety program. Well done swimmers!!

**School Spectacular:** Finally, Moree East has 8 students who are heading to Sydney this Sunday to participate in School Spectacular. The students; Kiera and Kaedyn Smith, Daniel and Dwayne Smith, Jalika Leslie, Karla Duncan, Meya Taylor and Shanika Duncan will engage in a weeks’ long rehearsal in preparation for the state performances which will occur next Friday and Saturday at the Sydney Entertainment Centre. All the best to the students. We are so envious but also very proud of you all.

As you can read there is lots happening at Moree East Public School so please stay connected and join in the celebrations.

Muriel Kelly
Executive Principal
HEIDI BINEWITT SCHOLARSHIPS

The family and friends of Heidi Binewitt are proud to offer four scholarships a year in her memory. These scholarships are for children attending Moree East Public School. Heidi was a charismatic woman who fell ill only a year before she died, aged 36, of a family lung disease. She came to Moree three times in that year but was not well enough to come to the school.

Heidi would have loved to be part of these scholarships. She wanted success in education for all outback children. Each holiday she volunteered at Western Schools: Dubbo, Brewarina, Griffith, Broken Hill and Boggabilla. She brought her talents at English and computers, as well as a love of crossword puzzles and a clever knack for origami, to enrich classes and endear her to the children.

Her advice to the children she worked with was "come to school every day and try your best." So the winners of Heidi’s scholarships will be selected by a committee of teachers and parents for having great attendance and a positive attitude to learning.

Heidi’s scholarships are offered yearly to four children-- two of $500 for those currently in Kindy, Year 1 or 2 and two of $1000 for children in Years 3, 4 or 5.

PLAQUES DEDICATION SERVICE

Mrs Kelly, Mrs Cutmore and Matthew Priestley on Remembrance Day, 11th November attended the Plaques Dedication Service held at the Aboriginal Ngindi Baabili Tubbiabri Section of the Moree Cemetery. The Service honoured and paid respect to Trooper Walter Herbert Duncan, Private Joseph Alexander Nean, Private James Weldon and all other ex-service men who are laid to rest in the Moree Cemetery.
2014 School Presentation Day & Awards Ceremony
9th December

The ceremony will begin at 9:45am to 11:00am
Followed by a lunchon for parents and guest

Please RSVP by calling
School Office on 6752 1733 or
Email: muriel.kelly@det.nsw.edu.au

Parents, friends and family are all invited.

2015 SRC Elections

21st November 2014
At Friday’s assembly. 10:15am
Students running for 2015 SRC will be presenting their speeches

Parents, friends and family are all invited.
Major Capital Monthly Update

Moree East Public School

Major Capital Works Monthly Update

Summary
The detailed design phase of the project at Moree East Public School is currently focussed on capturing the feedback from the project’s Buildability Workshop, and refining the proposed design for the administration building in order to achieve the best floor plan.

Work In Progress tender documents (75% complete) have been issued to stakeholders for review and comment. This provided an opportunity for the external works and landscaping plans to be reviewed in greater detail. The design for the external areas has been strongly influenced by black soil; a local geotechnical condition. The design, therefore, has responded to this by proposing a structure that can withstand some land movement. A key strategy for managing this is the use of Modwood decks around buildings in order to create soft and broad building entrances.

Key tasks completed in October 2014
- Detail Design documentation development and reviews.
- 75% complete documentation has been submitted to technical stakeholders for review and feedback.
- Commenced the preparation of the Head Contractor contract documents.

Key tasks to be undertaken in November 2014
- Tender documentation is to be 100% completed, and all presentations made to the technical stakeholders as well as to the school and community stakeholders.
- The preparation of the pre-tender estimate (Cost Form 3) has commenced and is nearing completion.
- Working towards the finalisation of the Head Contractor Contract documents.

Educational Principles May 2014
Concept Design June 2014
Schematic Design August 2014
Detailed Design November 2014
Construction Contract Tender December 2014
Commence Construction March 2015
Complete Construction September 2016
All students feel anxious at times. Small children, for example, often show great distress when separated from their parents. Young students are often frightened of strangers, thunderstorms, or the dark. These are normal and usually short-lived anxieties. But some students suffer from anxieties severe enough to interfere with the daily activities of childhood or adolescence. Anxious students may lose friends and be left out of social activities. They often experience academic failure and low self-esteem. Because many students with this disorder are quiet and well behaved, the signs are often missed. Teachers and parents should be aware of the signs of a possible anxiety problem so that appropriate help can be given. Signs of anxiety may present differently in children and adolescents than in adults. Common signs can include:

- Excessive and persistent worry
- Restlessness and irritability
- Crying or losing temper easily or frequently
- Avoidance and procrastination
- Disruption to sleep and eating patterns
- Decline in academic performance
- Truancy and school refusal
- Increased use of alcohol or other drugs
- Withdrawal from social, class or school activities
- Tiredness and fatigue

Some of the many strategies which can help anxious adolescents include the use of positive reinforcement for their efforts, teaching relaxation techniques and learning to understand their fears and worries through counselling. Parents should talk to their child about any worries they may have; and seek the advice and help of their doctor in cases where anxiety is causing distress over a long period of time. At school, the School Counsellor can also help by providing support and counselling for your child.

Ruth Jenkins
District Guidance Officer
Moree East Public School

Is your child starting kindergarten in 2015?

We welcome your child to the MEPS school readiness class "Gaaymaalbah" (Little One's Place)

Every Friday morning from 9-11 am

ENROLLING NOW FOR 2015

Moree East Public School
Adelaide Street
Moree, NSW 2400
67521733

We invite your child to join our school readiness class "Gaaymaalbah" (Little One's Place)

Friday mornings between 9am and 11am
Children who turn 5 before 31st July 2015 are able to start school.

Help give your child a good start to school.

Come in and visit or call us today!
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Kiah Preschool Visits

The children from Kiah preschool have been visiting to have a big school experience in kindergarten. The preschoolers and Ms Horvat have been getting to know each other well with visits every Wednesday. On Friday we also have the school readiness class for children starting kindergarten at MEPS next year.

What to do if my child is absent from school?

*Let us know why your child was absent from school.

Have you moved recently or changed phones?

Have you moved or changed your phone number. Could you please contact the School Office on 6752 1733 to have these updated.

Has your child or children's emergency contact changed their address or phone number could you also please contact the School Office.

Thank you.
COMMUNITY NEWS

MOREE EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL PRESENTS

FESTIVAL OF THE BROLGAL

FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER
INSTALLATION LAUNCH
THE SAFETY NET
ASSEMBLY HALL
MOREE EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL
ADELAIDE STREET
MOREE AT 10.15AM

COMMUNITY MARKETS
3.30PM-5.30PM
CELEBRATION OF THE BROLGAL THROUGH DANCE, SONG, FILM AND STORYTELLING
MOREE EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL
ADELAIDE STREET, MOREE
BEGINNES AT 5.30PM

Celebrating identity and talent through creative and cultural learning opportunities.

THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER
PORTRAIT EXHIBITION
ADMIRE
YAAMA GANU CENTRE
211 BALO STREET
MOREE AT 6PM
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SUPER HEROES & SUPER STARS
LINDEN MCGRADY

21st NOVEMBER 2015

INFANTS & Primary
5.30– 7.30
High school 8 –10 pm

DISCO & LASER TAG
LUCKY DOOR PRIZES
BEST DRESSED
BEST DANCER & BEST EFFORT

WHO IS YOUR HERO?

DRESS LIKE:
MICHAEL JACKSON, HULK,
Beyoncé, Pink, Rihanna and Superman.