



The News

Moree Public School

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LET'S MAKE IT A FANTASTIC TERM!

Exciting Term 4 awaits us! It was delightful to see so many smiling children come through the school gates, many with a little hop and a skip, so I assume they too, had a fantastic break.

As always Term 4 will be very busy with plans underway for the many fun and exciting activities, in addition to the regular class teaching program. Events to look forward to include the MPS horse sports day, school photographs, Kindergarten orientation and pre-school visits, Year 6 transition, presentation evening, Semester 2 reports and the Year 6 farewell.

However, it is our expectation children will work hard, giving their best effort up until the end of the school year. This expectation includes displaying respect to each other and to all adults through good manners and excellent behaviour.

Year 6 students will be enjoying their final term at Moree Public School. I am confident they will appreciate a range of special activities and remain engaged in learning as a final preparation for secondary school.

Climbing, paddling, balancing, aiming for a bullseye and having fun certainly kept the Year 3 students busy during their excursion to Lake Keepit in the last week term. The group enjoyed the trip immensely and I'm sure had many wonderful stories to share with parents. My thanks go to Mr Burgess for his organisation and to Mrs Higham, Mrs McLane, Mrs Ireland and Mr French for supervising the students.



Smile, your class photograph and sporting group photographs will be taken in Week 3. Parents are encouraged to order online as indicated further in this newsletter. Family group (siblings only) envelopes are available from the school office. MPS joins with Advanced Life Photographers in the pursuit of high quality photographs that will be viewed by many over time. As such, we do ask that special care is taken with uniform and personal presentation – now is the time to consider summer uniform needs. However, should you wish to borrow an item, please contact Mrs Hosegood.

Giddy up or is it clippity clop? Either way, we wish our horse sports team the best of luck competing at the Moree Public School horse sports event on Friday. This is always an enjoyable day of friendly competition for our team. My thanks go to Miss Withers who is again coordinating the day.



Student Leaders 2016 Students in Year 5 will soon have the opportunity to nominate for election to one of eight senior student leadership positions – two captains, two vice captains and four prefects. The election process is formal and based upon the democratic principles of preferential voting. The 2015 captains will be speaking at next week's assembly, outlining the duties

Important Information ... MPS website: www.moree-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/

- Congratulations to the latest members of the 100 Home Reading Club
**Andrew Baxter-Tomkins (2H-29), Ben Walker (1J-3), Aydan McGuire (1J-3),
Piper Williams (KH-11) and Moses Humphries (KR-8).**

undertaken by student leaders. Nominations will be called at the end of next week and candidates will be provided with a guide to support their preparation. As with any election process there is bound to be some disappointment when there are only a small number of positions available. While not every student can be elected, just by nominating, students show that they are willing to learn and grow. Parents of Year 5 children are encouraged to talk with their child about nominating for a school leadership position.

Head Start to Kindergarten will again be implemented for student enrolling at MPS in Kindergarten, 2016. The *Head Start Program* includes a family orientation morning where we look forward to meeting parents and the children who will be joining us next year.

The *Kindergarten Family Orientation* morning will be held on Tuesday 3rd November commencing at 10:00 am and all families are urged to attend. The morning will begin in the hall with a Kindergarten item, introductions to school personnel and a brief welcome. Parents will be taken on a guided tour of the school facilities, culminating with a parent staff morning tea at 11:00am. Later in the term the children will have two morning visits to school with their pre-school group to meet teachers and participate in classroom activities.

Parents are advised (if you have not already done so) to submit an enrolment form as quickly as possible. It is important that we have accurate information to plan classes for the beginning of the year. Children must turn five years of age by 31st July 2016 to be eligible to start school next year.

Assembly congratulations to the students from 1M-6 for leading a very enjoyable assembly on the final day of last term. The class entertained the audience with a poem and song highlighting what we love to do at MPS – read, read, read! Assemblies will not be held this Friday but resume the following week, 16th October.

What's on at MPS? Over recent times, we have endeavoured to enhance our communication systems, embracing technology and making it easier for parents. To this end, we continue the daily school news with 2VM and Ando each morning and the school newsletter. In addition we have installed the eye-catching digital sign at the front of the school, frequently update the MPS website and the Skoolbag App available via mobile telephone. Each method appeals to different people but in order to maintain these multiple forms of communication, the Newsletter will now become a fortnightly edition commencing next week. As always, a phone call to the school office may clarify any query.

Books in Homes Program continues with the Term 4 catalogue going home with kindergarten children later this week. Children will be able to select their final three books (to total nine for this year) and will be a great addition to their personal home libraries.



Anaphylaxis is a severe allergic reaction that is potentially life threatening. Food allergies are the most common cause of anaphylaxis. There is no cure for food allergy therefore avoidance of known food allergens is crucial. Peanuts and tree nuts are the foods most likely to cause anaphylaxis.

Moree Public School is supporting children at risk of anaphylaxis by:

- training staff,
- developing individual health care plans in consultation with health professionals and parents,
- encouraging children to wash their hands after eating,
- educating children about food allergies, and
- choosing not to sell food in the school canteen which contains nuts.

We ask you to support children at risk of anaphylaxis by:

- not sending food which has peanuts or tree nuts (eg hazelnuts, cashews, almonds etc) in the main ingredients list.
- teaching your child not to share food with friends that have food allergy,
- encouraging your child to wash their hands after eating,
- asking your child to get help immediately if their allergic schoolmate gets sick, and
- explaining to your child that teasing a child with an allergy or tampering with their medication, is bullying and could be life threatening.

With your help we can continue to provide a safe environment that meets the needs of all our children.

Mr Adrian King - Principal

P&C ASSOCIATION

• **MEETING:** The next general monthly meeting will be held on **Monday, 12th October**. This will be an important meeting as the final arrangements for the fete will be discussed. All welcome.

• **FETE & STUDENT TALENT QUEST:** Please see attached stall roster

The 2015 Moree Public School fete is on the 16th October and is fast approaching. An information flyer and poster are attached to this newsletter but please feel free to give me a call on 0428-663014 or jill@ssearchmoving.com.au

Thanks, Jill Stewart

P&C Talent Quest Rehearsals have concluded and the final running order is being prepared. It is anticipated that a final after school rehearsal will be held soon to ensure each act knows the order of events and how to enter and exit the stage. A school note will be sent home with final details

*Thanks, Mrs Kelly James
(Talent Quest Co-ordinator)*



- **UNIFORM SHOP:** The shop continues to be opened by volunteer co-ordinator and assistant each Wednesday and Friday morning between 8.30 and 9.30am.



Social Skills
focus for this
week is:

Understand the
similarities
and celebrate the
differences.



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS – CLASS & TEAMS

The annual photographs are scheduled for early next term (all classes and special groups on Tuesday, 20th and representative sporting teams on Wednesday, 21st October). Orders can be made online by following the guide below. However, pre-paid envelopes are being sent home today – one with every student. Please note that due to time restrictions, family photographs are for siblings only and this envelope can be collected from the school office.

Photos are Now Available for Secure Online Purchase

4 Easy Steps to Online School Photo Ordering

1. Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your school code (6L8 LJ4 JA6)
2. Enter your child's details.
3. Choose the package that best suits your needs (all orders will be returned to the school for collection).
4. Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page).

Please note: LATE FEES will apply once orders are closed.

Family/Sibling photo orders online close 48 hours before the first school photo day, however they can be purchased using an envelope up until photo day.

FOR SALE BY TENDER

A quantity of metal shelving (and wall brackets) is available for sale by tender. The shelving can be viewed by appointment – please telephone MPS office on 67521913 to arrange a time, preferably early morning. Tenders in a sealed envelope addressed to 'The Principal' will be accepted until close of business Wednesday, 14th October 2015.

COMING EVENTS

Term 4

Please check each week for possible variations or listen to local radio 2VM for the daily Harvey Norman Superstore School News segment a little after 7.00am.

Term 4

1	Mon	5 October	Public Holiday
	Tues	6	Staff and student resume Term 4
	Wed	7	
	Thurs	8	
	Fri	9	MPS Horse sports TBC
2	Mon	12	World of maths program (3 days)
			Yr 2 excursion
	Tues	13	Yr 1 excursion
	Wed	14	
	Thurs	15	
	Fri	16	Assemblies: 10.30 2C-7; 11.30 5/6M-14 2015 Captains speak 4.00-6.00pm Fete; 6.00 – 7.30 pm Talent Quest Lions Club District Convention
3	Mon	19	
	Tues	20	K-6 class & special group photographs
	Wed	21	Sporting team photographs
	Thurs	22	
	Fri	23	Assemblies: 10.30 KR-9; 11.30 4B-21 (2016 Student leader boy nominees speak)
4	Mon	26	
	Tues	27	Yr 6 students to UNE (Armidale) 2 dys
	Wed	28	
	Thurs	29	
	Fri	30	Assemblies: 10.30 1H-4; 11.30 5/6M-14 (2016 Student leader girl nominees speak)
5	Mon	2 Nov	
	Tues	3	10.00 Kinder 2016 Family Orientation morning
	Wed	4	
	Thurs	5	CAPERS Festival Tamworth
	Fri	6	Assemblies: 10.30 KW-10; 11.30 3H-39
6	Mon	9	Yr 2 Learn to swim program (10 days)
	Tues	10	
	Wed	11	
	Thurs	12	
	Fri	13	Assemblies: 10.30 2R-30; 11.30 5/6H-17
7	Mon	16	
	Tues	17	
	Wed	18	
	Thurs	19	
	Fri	20	Assemblies: 10.30 KH-11; 11.30 4L-22
8	Mon	23	
	Tue	24	
	Wed	25	
	Thurs	26	
	Fri	27	Assembly: 10.30 1J-3
9	Mon	30	
	Tues	1 December	
	Wed	2	
	Thurs	3	
	Fri	5	
10	Mon	7	Semester 2 reports to parents
	Tues	8	Yr 6 Farewell and Yrs 3-6 disco
	Wed	9	K-2 Disco
	Thurs	10	
	Fri	11	
11	Mon	14	Class parties
	Tues	15	
	Wed	16	Final day for students
	Thurs	17	School Development Day – staff
	Fri	18	School Development Day – staff

Year 3 Excursion to Lake Keepit

On the final days of Term 3 a number of students travelled to Gunnedah for the annual Year 3 excursion at Lake Keepit Sport & Recreational Centre. From hitting bulls-eyes in archery to reaching new heights when rock climbing - we had a blast! The group also enjoyed other fun filled activities including orienteering, canoeing, low ropes obstacle course and dancing.

A big thankyou to Mrs Ireland, Mrs McLane, Mr French, Mrs Higham and Miss McNamara for their assistance throughout the excursion. I also congratulate a thankyou to the students of Year 3 for representing their school and community in a responsible and respectful fashion.

Mr Burgess



Dates to remember!

- Monday, 12th October - Yr 2 excursion; Tuesday, 13th October - Year 1 excursion
- Tuesday, 20th October - Class photographs (summer uniform; Wednesday, 21st October - representative sporting team (sports uniform)