



# The News

Moree Public School

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## Busy, busy, busy ...

Another very busy fortnight for teachers, students and parents at Moree Public School. As always there is something happening every week and as the saying goes, *memories are being made*.

**CAPERS dancers, along with Mr McDonald and Miss March** are to be congratulated on their wonderful presentation at the dance festival in Tamworth last Friday. The group performed extremely well in front of a full house – at the TREC. This opportunity gave the students an insight to large scale productions and being part of a team. Our thanks go to Mr McDonald and Miss March for giving their time after school each week to work with the group and for taking the students to Tamworth. In fact, Miss March also created the very striking costumes for this occasion! Our school community can be very proud of the way the students represented the school. The students were: Michelle Dunlop, Gabrielle Elbourne, Kailani Bartlett, Millicent Beattie, Ryan Macey, Wallace Foreman, Macey Phillis, Reese Boughton, Felicity March, Iky Davis, Dusty Smith, Eliza Warby, Ellah Briggs, Hannah Bailey and Vye Singleton.



*Wizard of Oz*

**Welcome ....** Sending your child to school for the first time is an exciting time. Parents can have many questions. Is my child ready to start school? How will he/she cope? Will they enjoy school? Who will their teacher be? What do the classrooms look like? Today, I

have enjoyed the opportunity to speak with many of our new families who will be enrolling children in kindergarten - 2018. It was fabulous to see so many parents taking the opportunity to learn more about the routine and structure of our school and the range of opportunities offered to children. The excited voices of children as they too, toured the school and visited classrooms was delightful – such confidence and enthusiasm!

The morning began with kindergarten students singing, a favourite song, *Rockin' Robin* under the direction of Miss McNamara. Our senior student spoke eloquently about the programs and facilities offered at Moree Public School. I thank Michelle, Ryan and Marnie for their confident presentation, Millicent and Jack for greeting the families and Archie, Rachel, Reese, Gabrielle and Noah for hosting morning tea enjoyed by parents, children and teachers. We now look forward to the next phase of the **Head Start into Kinder** transition program - visits by each of the preschools over the next two week. If your child is starting school but does not attend a preschool I urge you to contact Mrs Hosegood to arrange a suitable time for your child to participate. Please see the dates and times in the school calendar for details.

Thank you to our caring and enthusiastic kindergarten teachers, Ms Fitzgerald (Assistant Principal), Miss Kleinig, Ms Hancock and Miss McNamara for welcoming the incoming students during this very important transition.

**Cakes, plants, chocolate wheel, BBQ, fruit salad, jumping castle, tug o' war, fairy den, face painting ...** these and much more at the 2017 twilight fete! MPS families and friends enjoyed the friendly atmosphere created through the 2017 twilight fete and what a great success! While the ultimate goal of this P&C activity is to raise funds for the school it also does much in promoting the positive relationship between students, staff, parents and community.

There were many stalls, all very popular but I suspect the *Dunk a Teacher* activity was very profitable - I know I was very wet! Congratulations and a big thank you to the P&C fete organising committee for co-ordinating a wonderful evening of activities. We also thank the many parents and staff who assisted setting up, packing up and all tasks in between! This kind assistance was

## Important Information ... MPS website: [www.moree-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/](http://www.moree-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/)

- 100 Club - Home readers are to be congratulated for their commitment to the home reading program: **Nate Grasnic, Savannah French, Dejan Djulic, Charlie Walmsley, Fleur Lowien, Mitchell Cronin and Logan Fleming.**

greatly appreciated. Thank you to the many generous sponsors, service organisations and business houses for supporting the students of MPS. Whilst a full list will be published in the coming week, I would like to mention: Moree Rotary (chocolate wheel), Lions Club (cool room), Clontarf (soccer shootout), Northcott Society (sensory play area), Mrs Jane Rohde (petting zoo), Mr Marty Roberts, Eda Kukucozmen and Josh Henley (musical entertainment) and of course the driving forces behind the fete, Mrs Trish Humphries, Ms Megan Miller and the P&C committee.

**Student Leaders 2018** The student leadership team for 2017 has done a great job in representing their fellow students. Their time at MPS is nearing an end and we are now in the process of electing leaders for 2018. Over the past two weeks, both the boy and girl nominees have addressed the primary assemblies. The students were very composed as they spoke about their experiences at MPS and the qualities they possess that will make them a good leader. The students certainly presented many fabulous ideas for their peers to consider prior to voting.

There is little doubt that all the nominees would make very good student leaders and I am confident they will continue to demonstrate excellent leadership qualities throughout Year 6. Congratulations and good luck to each of the student leader nominees. Whilst we look forward to the announcement of our captains, vice captains and prefects for 2018, we are mindful there are only eight positions.

**Cricket at its finest** ... when the MPS cricket team travelled to Tenterfield last week to play Lennox Head Public School. In a very close match, the MPS boys were beaten by 15 runs – so close! Mr Cooper tells me that he was very impressed by the effort the boys put in and by their sportsmanship. A hearty congratulation is extended to the boys on a fantastic season. Making it to the sixth round is a fantastic effort. Well done! Our thanks go to Mr Cooper who has coached and managed the boys so well.

**End of year looming** .... always incredibly busy in both our work lives and our home lives. MPS has many events scheduled including Presentation Ceremony, the K-2 disco and the Year 6 Farewell (followed by a Year 3-6 disco). There is a calendar at the end of each newsletter and encourage all parents to refer to each update to assist with your planning to help avoid missing an event. Unfortunately, it is not always possible to avoid clashes with other community Christmas events.

**Year 7 Selective High School in 2019** applications to sit the placement test are now invited through the website: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7> with a closing date of 13 November.

Mr A. King

## 2. BOOKS IN HOME

Kindergarten children will today take home their Term 4 selection of books – we trust you have enjoyed sharing these books with your child and are pride of place on home bookshelf.

## 3. P&C ASSOCIATION

- **MEETING:** The P&C meeting will be held on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> November commencing at 6.00pm in the school library.
- **TWILIGHT FETE:** Thank you, thank you, thank you! More details to come next newsletter but suffice to say, we are excited by the success of the 2017 event!

## 4.



Social Skills focus for this week is:



**Just because something is difficult doesn't mean you shouldn't try. It means you should just**

**TRY HARDER.**

## 5. COMING EVENTS – Term 4

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

### Term 4

5	Mon	6	
	Tues	7	10.00 Kinder 2018 Family Orientation
	Wed	8	
	Thurs	9	Assembly: 12.20 1 J-6 and Miss Jeffrey
	Fri	10	Assemblies: 10.30 KH-8; 11.30 4R-21
6	Mon	13	Year 7 2019 Selective High School applications – CLOSE
			Pre-school visits: Kiah Pre-school Grp 1
			Yr 2 Learn to swim
	Tues	14	Gwydir Pre-school; Good Start Pre-school
	Wed	15	Moree Pre-school; Aussie Kids
	Thurs	16	Macquarie Hockey sports program
			Grace Lutheran Pre-school
	Fri	17	Assemblies: 10.30 2PD-30; 11.30 6R-19
			Kiah Pre-school Grp 2
7	Mon	20	Kiah Pre-school Grp 1
	Tues	21	Gwydir Pre-school; Good Start Pre-school
	Wed	22	Moree Pre-school; Aussie Kids
	Thurs	23	Grace Lutheran Pre-school
	Fri	24	Kiah Pre-school Grp 2
8	Mon	27	
	Tues	28	
	Wed	29	
	Thurs	30	6.00pm K-6 Presentation Ceremony
	Fri	1 Dec	Assemblies: 10.30 1W-5; 11.30 3Q-39
9	Mon	4	Yr 6 Farewell & Yrs 3-6 disco
	Tues	5	K-2 disco; Yr 6 transition day for MSC students
	Wed	6	
	Thurs	7	
	Fri	8	10.30 Kinder assembly
10	Mon	11	
	Tues	12	Reports to parents
	Wed	13	2018 Mediator training workshop; Community Carols
	Thurs	14	Class parties
	Fri	15	<b>Final day of Tm 4 for students</b>
11	Mon	18	
	Tues	19	Close of school for staff
	Wed	20	
	Thurs	21	
	Fri	22	
<b>Term 1 - 2018</b>			
1	Mon	5 Feb	Staff resume
	Tues	6	Years 1-6 students resume
	Wed	7	Kindergarten students commence
	Thurs	8	
	Fri	9	