



The News

Moree Public School

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Well done, MPS ...

I would like to congratulate the students and staff of Moree Public School on a successful year. There is no doubt that MPS is a great school. As a team, we produce children who know things - children who are literate and numerate and know about the world. We also produce children who can do things - children who can apply what they have learned. They appreciate art and music having had opportunities to participate and just as importantly to be an appreciative audience.

Throughout 2017, I have reported on the academic, sporting and cultural achievements of our students. These achievements have been many and have been possible through the dedication and hard work of teachers and support staff as well as the support and participation of parents and community members.

The staff and students thank everyone who has contributed to our school this year – this generous support has helped to make 2017 a fabulous year at MPS. On behalf of all at MPS, I extend my very best wishes all families for a relaxing, enjoyable and safe holiday. We look forward to seeing you 2018.



Sharing the pride and the many positive messages about our school presentation ceremony is something that gives us all a wonderful feeling of both professional and personal satisfaction. I have been received many messages of goodwill and support from parents and community members following the K-6 ceremony.

Thank you to everyone who attended this thoroughly enjoyable evening. The entertainment on the night was fabulous with both the choir and *Studio Time* singing beautifully and the didgeridoo boys playing so well.

The closing song *Capture the Moment* drew on the combined talents of *Studio Time* and the choir as part of a wonderful finale, accompanying a slide show of 2017 highlights (with apologies for one of the projectors that decided to fuse earlier in the evening).

As always, the most delightful part of the evening is seeing the smiles on the faces of students as they received awards. Many students were recognised for their outstanding performance in class, in external competitions and in sport. My congratulations go to all students who received awards – hard work leads to success and those who have tried their best should be proud of their efforts.

Special congratulations to our school captains and prefects who led the ceremony brilliantly – captains, Millicent Beattie and Jack Hunt; vice captains, Rachel Makim and Archie Matthews; and prefects, Reese Boughton, Noah Humphries and Gabrielle Elbourne. The 2017 leaders have been outstanding ambassadors for our school and as their time at our school comes to a close I would like to thank them for their outstanding contribution. They have undertaken every task asked of them diligently and grown so much in confidence and public presentations.

Congratulations to our 2018 student leaders. I know they will maintain the leadership traditions and represent our school with distinction. Our leaders are: prefects, Eliza Warby, Christian Tantoy, Dusty Smith and Ryan Macey; Vice Captains, Ella Briggs and Preston Tighe; and Captains, Marnie Ryan and Wallace Foreman.

Mediators: Student mediators play a vital role within the school. They commit to organising lunch time activities for children in both the infants and the primary playgrounds. They have demonstrated good citizenship by helping others and have been excellent role models - a fantastic job by each member of the team. We thank the mediators for all of their time and effort.

While we thank the departing Year 6 mediators: Save Seeto, Macey Phillis, Gabrielle Elbourne, William Brooks, Emily Mills, Rachael Makim, Millicent Beattie and Jack Hunt, we also welcome new students to the mediator team for 2018. These students are Milos Stanojevic, Sophie Rodgers, Harriet Beattie, Phoebe Tydd, Chloe Elbourne, Talaro Munro, Ruby Humphries and Ben DiDonna.

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

- 100 Club – Home readers are to be congratulated for their commitment to the home reading program:

Meg Fleggerbein and Charlotte Rooke.

Goodbye Year 6 soon moving to secondary school after seven years of primary. We know Year 6 will take with them many fond memories of our school and the friendships they have formed. The farewell assembly held last night was a fabulous evening with students receiving certificates and a complimentary Year 6 group photograph. The disco was an enjoyable way to celebrate and close the term. I would also like to thank Miss Burey and her team for the wonderful organisation of the evening.

As a group, Year 6 are diligent students who take pride in themselves and endeavour to be positive role models for younger children. Every year they have become a little more independent and are prepared for the challenges they will face in high school and beyond. Their years at our school have given them firm foundations on which to build. Each student has something they are good at and each has something to offer. We are confident that if they continue to work hard they will continue to learn and grow. Year 6 students, we wish you success and happiness as you begin the next stage of learning at high school.

The Years 3-6 disco last night highlighted some very fancy dance moves – with both recent hits and some golden oldies provided by our resident deejay, Mr Mac. The children demonstrated an energy level well above anything the staff could gather – although some did try. A live performance by Studio Time singing their latest hit, *Scream it out*, added to the atmosphere. I thank Mr McDonald and the MPS teachers who gave their time to organise and supervise the disco and the SRC for running the canteen with drinks and chips. We look forward to the infants disco tonight.

City Country Alliance Student Leadership Summit

As most know, MPS has been building our partnership with Neutral Bay PS in the pursuit of intercultural understanding and celebrating diversity in schools. A first, for MPS was receiving an invitation for four student leaders to participate in the 2017 City Country Alliance Student Leadership Summit. Millicent Beattie, Jack Hunt, Rachel Makim and Noah Humphries embraced this unique opportunity flying to Sydney, accompanied by Mrs Hosegood, camping at Cockatoo Island, attending forums on humanity and visiting various Sydney venues – question time at State Parliament, Lakemba Mosque and a reception at the Department of Education Bridge Street office. Please take a moment to read the attached reports about an opportunity that we sincerely hope will become an annual event for the MPS calendar.



Semester 2 student progress will be outlined in their reports that are nearing completion and will be sent home next Tuesday. The report will be provided in a sealed envelope addressed to parents and should arrive home unopened and in pristine condition. Please take time to read the reports with your child and discuss the achievements, effort and possible opportunities for improvement. As always, should you wish to discuss any aspect of the report, please send a brief note to your child's teacher.

Last Day of 2017 of school for students is Friday 15th December with class parties being held on the previous day. On party day, children are invited to wear casual clothes (sun safe items particularly for shoulders and back of necks), hat and shoes suitable for outdoor games and activities. Class teachers will send home a note regarding food options but please be mindful that we do not have large refrigerated storage available.

The canteen service provided by the P&C continues to be magnificent for our MPS families and I personally thank the ladies, manager, Mrs Melissa Lobsey; assistants, Ms Rachel Roberts, Mrs Sandra Tobys and Mrs Kerri Bartlett and of course, volunteer co-ordinator, Mrs Natalie Knowles. At this stage of the year, the canteen is running out all of their stock, thus a limited menu of items will be available next week. Please be aware that Flexi School orders will finish on Friday, 8th December 2017 and resume on Tuesday 6th February 2018. Due to the class parties, there will be no lunch orders next Thursday, 12th December.

The P&C uniform shop is another example of generosity through volunteers. Our appreciation is certainly extended to co-ordinators, Mrs Deb Hardman, Ms Erin Livet and Ms Chey Webster (along with parents who have assisted on the busy first days of the school year and kinder orientation). The wearing of full school uniform, including an MPS hat is noticed and ensure that we have a sense of belonging and being part of the team. Thank you, ladies. Dates for opening in the days prior to school resuming will be published in the Moree Champion and on Skoolbag.

First Day, Term 1 2018 for students Years 1 to 6 is Tuesday 6th February. Kinder will commence on Wednesday 7th. *Mr A. King*

2. P&C ASSOCIATION

• **TWILIGHT APPRECIATION:** The recent twilight fete proved to be a wonderful financial success but also as a social event for our school families. While many contributed to the various stalls, co-ordinators, Mrs Trish Humphries and Ms Megan Miller would like to send a huge hooray to the following businesses for their generous support: [Berger's Ice](#), [Moree Lions Club](#), [Reados Meats](#), [Mackay's Earthmoving](#), [Mayco Foods Moree](#), [Moree Girl Guides](#), [Moree Junior Soccer Club](#), [Back to Front Turf](#), Jane Rohde and little furry friends, [Northcott Society](#), [Dippers Home Timber & Hardware](#), [Rotary Moree](#), [Woolworths](#), [Tourism Moree](#), [Coles](#), [Balo Square Bakery](#), [Black Truck & Ag](#), [MAAC](#), [McGregor Gourlay](#), [Jillian Stewart](#), [Homelea Hay \(Bernie & Judy Jones\)](#), [Moree Boars Rugby League Football Club](#), [D&M Kitchen](#), [Hayman's Electrical](#) and [Chris Poole](#).

• **MEETING:** The next general meeting will be held Monday, 19th February 2018 followed by the AGM in March. Thankyou to all who have attended throughout the year. We look forward to catching up again in 2018.

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Social Skills focus for this week continues to be:

BE YOURSELF
An original is always worth more than a copy.



Kids Quotes:

- *Being an original means you are different to everyone else.*
- *Do what YOU do best.*
- *No one is the same, so don't try to be.*
- *A copy is just second best.*

4. 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				
9	Mon	4	Yr 6 Farewell & Yrs 3-6 disco	
	Tues	5	K-2 disco; Yr 6 transition day for MSC students; 3.15 Marty's music concert	
	Wed	6		
	Thurs	7		
	Fri	8	10.30 Kinder assembly; Choir to Probus meeting	
10	Mon	11	1.45pm Performing Arts concert	
	Tues	12	Reports to parents	
	Wed	13	2018 Mediator training workshop; Choir to Respite House luncheon; Community Carols	
	Thurs	14	Class parties	
11	Fri	15	Final day of Tm 4 for students	
	Mon	18		
	Tues	19	Close of school for staff	
	Wed	20		
	Thurs	21		
Term 1 - 2018	Fri	22		
	1	Mon	5 Feb	Staff resume
	Tues	6	Years 1-6 students resume	
	Wed	7	Kindergarten students commence	
	Thurs	8		
Fri	9			

5. COMMUNITY NEWS



Give your football career a head start with the NIAS National Football Camp in Armidale, from the 20th to the 23rd of January, 2018.

Headlined by coach Brian McCarthy and his son Stephen, who is a current talent scout for Manchester United.

With a focus on skill development, together, they will take your game to the next level.

Registrations are closing soon, so get to nias.org.au for more information or phone 6766 2526.

Get to the NIAS National Football Camp, and give yourself a head start for a future in football.

PCYC MOREE

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

9am-3pm
\$25per child per Day

PH: 6752 3741 to book as numbers are limited

Ask about our book for 5 consecutive days pay for 4 discount

PCYC Moree 508 Beattie St

City Country Alliance Report

As a country group of four student leaders – two of whom had not previously travelled to Sydney and three of whom had not previously flown, the City Country Alliance Student Summit proved to be both a wonderful adventure and a personal challenge! A challenge that all participants met with a degree of trepidation but now feeling particularly chuffed to have conquered the unknown. Certainly, public transport and using an OPAL card may well be second nature to our city friends but for the Moree PS group, it became an acquired talent.

It is difficult to articulate the true value of participating in the 2017 City Country Alliance Student Summit. The four days were fast paced and every moment provided a new experience – each one leading to greater intercultural understanding and most certainly celebrating diversity in our schools. Camping – waking up to a water view; meeting new friends; watching a group of yachts manoeuvring around each other at high speeds and within metres of the shore; listening and engaging with guest speakers, especially the *Together for Humanity* team and Lorin Nicholls; interacting with the students of Belmore Boys' High and Greenacre PS; and visiting the Lakemba Mosque gave us all an opportunity to expand our beliefs and understanding of the world.

Attending Parliamentary question time and later attending the reception at Bridge Street, hosted by Mr Gareth Ward, Parliamentary Secretary to Minister for Education and Jihad Dib, Shadow Minister for Education, clearly demonstrated that friends and colleagues are able to have differing points of view but still remain friends at the end of the debate. A special word of appreciation is extended for their generosity in hosting a dinner at the Sydney Tower – both the extravagant food and beautiful view, most certainly enjoyed.

A very tired MPS team concluded their city alliance with the *School Spectacular* and happily wheeled their luggage from the Giants home ground, down-hill to Homebush Station, up the stairs and down to another platform at Lidcombe Station, into the lift at Central and onto the escalator at the airport. New friends, new experiences, an expanded understanding of the world and compassion for humanity – but excited to rejoin families upon landing at Moree.

Belmore Boys High School: In week 7 Jack, Rachel, Noah and I travelled to Sydney to participate in the City Country Alliance Student Leaders Summit. We participated in many engaging activities one of which was travelling to Belmore Boys High. While we were there we played a game of Giant Jenga and had a guided tour of their amazing gardens, complete with chickens and quiet areas. While visiting we also played table tennis in the gym but the highlight most definitely was the formal authentic cultural dinner and performances from the boys and some girls from Riverside Girls High. We had the opportunity to sample Lebanese cuisine including: tabbouleh, kebabs, hummus, falafel and kibbeh. The principal of Belmore Boys High spoke of her journey as a migrant, arriving in Australia with little English and the difficulties that her family had to overcome in seeking a better life. Principal, Hal Ramadan believes the most difficult aspect that emerged in her late teens was finding 'her home' – she returned to her country of birth only to feel that while she had family still living there, Australia was really home.

The evening entertainment also proved to be something that we had not ever had the opportunity to view – traditional belly dancing by the girls in beautiful costumes; the Harka by the Belmore Boys that was more exciting and captivating than any I have seen on television; a piano recital; and a mini documentary about the school, made by the Year 9 students.

Overall, the time we spent in Sydney was amazing - a once in a life time chance that gave us an insight into the living in a busy city; the importance of public transport and being able to read the timetables; and the opportunities that are available to us, providing we open our minds, work hard and be ready to be adventurous.

Millicent Beattie - Captain

Cockatoo Island is the largest island in Sydney Harbour. It is also a UNESCO (United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation) World Heritage site. While participating in the City Country Alliance Student Leadership Summit, we stayed on Cockatoo Island, sleeping in tents (also called glamping) and enjoyed an outdoor breakfast each morning. We had a guided tour of the island, going through the tunnels, climbing stairs to the top of the island and enjoying a spectacular view of Sydney Harbour.

During the morning sessions, we participated in several forums in the conference centre including an opening address by Professor Dame Marie Bashir. Other engaging speakers included Dr Leanne Holt, Mr Lorin Nicholson (vision impaired musician and inspirational speaker), and a panel of three known as *Together for Humanity*.
Noah Humphries - Prefect

Whilst we were in Sydney, we visited the GWS Giants AFL headquarters. It was interesting to learn more about how the team trains. Each player has a little computer down the back of his training jersey that monitors speed, power, strength, stamina and much more – it is like a GPS tracking device.

Our group also went for a tour around the headquarters, which had an amazing gym for the players to keep in shape and an area where they can be treated for injury, strapped and have their diets monitored.

At the end of the tour, a club representative gave each of our group an orange and black 2017 membership cap as a memento of our visit. **Jack Hunt – Captain**

School Spectacular: As student leaders of Moree Public School (Millicent Beattie, Jack Hunt, Rachel Makim and Noah Humphries) we were excited to be offered the opportunity to attend the City Country Alliance Student Leadership Summit arranged by retired school principal, Mr Brian Debus. The conference was all about gaining a greater understanding of city living and celebrating cultural diversity.

We attended many events during our visit including the 2017 Schools Spectacular at Qudos Arena and I have to say it truly was spectacular. The theme this year was *Own the Moment* and every performer really did. They had amazing choreography, incredible voices (including a 2700 voice choir) and the props and costumes were just so interesting and colourful. The Spectacular was a wonderful way to close our visit to Sydney.
Rachel Makim – Vice Captain



MPS & Neutral Bay PS at State Parliament



Dates to remember!

- Canteen News: Flexi School online ordering ceases on Friday, 8th December to resume on Tuesday, 6th February 2018
- No lunch orders on Thursday, 14th December (party day) & limited items available next week.

2018 Supplies ... Christmas gift suggestions for primary students

To allow for a smooth transition into school life after the Christmas holidays, students in years 3, 4, 5, & 6 will require the following resources for 2018.

Grade	3 & 4	5 & 6
Equipment Needed	lead pencils (year 4 students will earn a pen licence at some stage throughout the year)	lead pencils, red/blue pens
	coloured pencils	
	library bag	
	eraser, sharpener	
	ruler	
	paint shirt	
	pencil case	
	glue stick	
	homework book	

All workbooks used by the students in class will be supplied by the school.

It is advisable to have a stock of resources at home for your child when they have used their equipment at school, especially lead pencils, pens and glue sticks.

Please ensure your child's name is on all belongings – this includes classroom equipment, hats, lunch boxes, drink bottle, clothing etc.

We hope this information will assist you in preparing your child for his/her return to school.

NB The P&C has organised a special Year 3 transition from infants gift – a pencil case and small items for each student.

Free HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

JANUARY 5-31, 2018
MOREE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

STORYTIME

Tuesdays, 9th-30th January
10:30 AM

Come to the Library for stories, songs, and activities this January school holidays. Parental supervision required. *Suitable for ages 3-5*

TINKER TABLE

Wednesday, 17th &
24th January 10:30 AM

Fun art, craft and science activities for children! Bring a hat. Parental supervision required. *Suitable for ages 4+*

STEM FUN

Wednesday, 17th & 24th
January 3:30-4:30 PM

Work together in teams to create and problem solve STEM related projects! Bring a hat. *Suitable for ages 8+*

CODE CLUB

Wednesday, 10th January
3:30-5:00 PM

Create an advanced two-player game on Scratch. Bookings are required. Bring along a USB and a snack. *Suitable for ages 8+*

WORD UP

Tuesdays, 9th-30th January
3:30-4:30 PM

Writing games, ideas and tips to keep you word happy over the school break. Plus sneak previews of new books! Bookings are required. *Suitable for ages 7+*

KIDS MOVIE

Friday, 5th January
10:30 AM

Bring along the family for a screening of a new release kids movie! BYO cushions/picnic rug & snacks. Rated PG, screening will be supervised. Responsible guardians to accompany children under 10.

TEEN MOVIE

Friday, 19th January
2:00 PM

Enjoy pizza and a movie with friends this summer holidays! 'Doors open' at 1:30 PM, collect your wristband on arrival. Rated PG, screening will be supervised.



SUMMER READING CLUB & PARTY

Collect your SRC pack from December 1st & RSVP for the Summer Reading Club Party

Theme: Game on!

Get ready to supercharge your summer

The SRC Party will be held on
Wednesday, 31st January at 3:00 PM

Dress up as your favourite sporting star, game piece or game character!

