



The News

Moree Public School

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1. 2019 AROUND THE CORNER!

Head Start to Kindergarten has been a delightful opportunity to meet the preschool children as they visited classrooms, worked with teachers and looked around MPS. While some may have been a little nervous, the children soon stepped into stride learning some of the school routines and finding out about big school. The visits continue this week.

Thank you to our wonderful kindergarten teachers Ms Fitzgerald (Assistant Principal), Mrs Hallam, Miss Kleinig and Miss McNamara for welcoming our 2019 kinder children. Our thanks also go to the teachers from each of the pre-schools for their ongoing support in organising for the groups to attend MPS for transition in readiness for the following year.

Remembrance Day - 11th November 2018 marked the 100th anniversary of the Armistice which ended the First World War (1914–18). Our school was represented at the Moree community Remembrance Day ceremony with our school leaders laying a wreath to commemorate the fallen. Thank you to all who were able to join us. At 11:00 am on the following Wednesday students and staff paused for a one-minute silence to remember those who died or suffered for Australia's cause in all wars and armed conflicts.



At the morning assemblies our student leaders spoke about the significance of *Remembrance Day* highlighting that the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month was the moment when hostilities ceased on the Western Front in World War 1. This moment became universally associated with the remembrance of those who had died in the war.



School Spectacular is just around the corner and this morning, 22 excited students departed for Sydney, accompanied by choir teacher, Miss March, Studio Time producer, Mr McDonald and Mrs Hosegood. Best wishes to our school choir who will be part of the largest choir ever to perform at the School Spectacular. Whilst the hours are long and no doubt, students will feel a little weary as the curtain closes on Saturday evening, being part of such a large production will be a wonderful experience.

Annual Presentation ceremony will be held at the Moree Plains Civic Centre on Thursday 6 December commencing at 6:00pm. It will be a night to reward our students for their academic, cultural and sporting success. We will also induct our student leaders and mediators for 2019. All MPS children, parents and family are most welcome to attend. Student receiving an award, presentation or performing an item will receive a note to this effect on Monday, 3rd December.

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

• Home Reading 100 Club - Congratulations to **Kydell Peckham**, **Mason Faulkner**, **Indie-May Mackay**, **Charlotte Atherton**, **Zacharie Ross**, **Hunter Vanderwerf**, **Omalee Aluthge**, **Rose Mealing** and **Ally Duncan**

City Country Alliance Student Leadership Summit is into its second year for Moree Public School. Best wishes also to the senior students who headed off to Sydney with Mrs Ireland on Sunday evening. While at camp, the group will visit significant cultural sites, hear from some very engaging speakers sharing different cultures. We look forward to the group speaking about their experiences when they return. Our thanks go to Mrs Ireland for accompanying the students.



Senior students and Mrs Ireland off to City Country camp ...

Multicultural Public Perspectives Speaking Competition state final was held at Eugene Goossen Hall (ABC Centre – Ultimo) last Friday and we extend a hearty congratulation to Year 5 student, Chloe Elbourne on a fantastic effort representing our school, town and region. Chloe presented a prepared speech, *Unity in Diversity* followed by an impromptu speech (5 minutes preparation time) on the topic, *No direction*. The adjudicators commended Chloe on the high standard of her two presentations and as the only Year 5 student amongst 13 finalist, hope to see her return in 2019. Mrs Hosegood had the pleasure of being in the audience to watch the finals. Congratulations to Chloe - not only did she speak with confidence, Chloe took the opportunity to make new friends with fellow competitors and engaged thoughtfully with the adjudicators when they offered feedback.



MPS Riders and their horses travelled to Tamworth last Friday to participate in the Calrossy Horse sports day. Philippa Schoupp, Blayne & Rylee O'Dempsey, Trixie and Jemima Warburton, Maggie Herring, Dekota Caban, Charlotte & Harry Smith, Jack & Roly McDonald; and Liviah Steer all rode very well against tough competition, with each rider taking home ribbons and contributing to a great team effort. Particular congratulations go to:

- *Roly McDonald* – 8yrs boys Champion
- *Jemima Warburton* – 8yrs girls Runner-up Champion
- *Blayne O'Dempsey* – 11yrs boys Champion
- *Philippa Schoupp* – 11yrs girls Runner-up Champion
- *Jack McDonald* - boy rider Reserve Champion 8-12yrs

Our thanks go to Mrs Kaukiainen, Mrs Smith, Mr Hosegood (team manager) and the parents for supporting the team at their second school competition for this year. All are in agreement that the children (and their horses) were extremely well presented, displayed excellent sportsmanship and behaviour which made for an enjoyable day of competition.

Learn to Swim program is now into the second week. For the most part the weather has been warm so the children have certainly enjoyed a refreshing dip as they learn what is a massively important skill not only to know how to do, but to do well. Thank you to all of the swim teachers for your efforts over the two weeks - Mr Cooper, Mrs Brown, Mrs Hunt, Miss Miller, Mrs McCudden and Mrs Cicchelli.

While many children will make good progress with their swimming as a result of participation in the program we strongly encourage all parents to continue lessons. Children will learn to swim more confidently if they practice regularly.

School Equity Funding Allocation for MPS 2019 was not listed in the local paper with the other schools. Please be assured that our school also received staffing and money to the total value of \$1,402,116. This allocation will support the achievement of our strategic priorities

- High Quality Evidence Based Teaching Practices
- Innovative, Inclusive and Future Focused Curriculum.
- A strong, engaged and collaborative school community

The funding will support higher student learning outcomes as we deliver a range of broader learning programs and those specifically targeted to students needing additional assistance.

- Instructional leadership
- Curriculum development and implementation
- Teacher professional learning
- ongoing delivery of school learning assistance programs for those students who need additional support including
 - Speech Therapy
 - The QuickSmart Numeracy and Literacy Programs
 - The Goodstart to kindergarten program
 - Our extra curricula activities

2019 Enrolments are now required as plans will soon be made for our classes. It is helpful to have accurate numbers of student returning for the year ahead. If your circumstances change between now and the end of the year and you know your child will no longer be attending MPS in 2019 please notify us in writing so we can adjust our class structures as required.

I am constantly amazed (I am sure you as parents are) at the range of opportunities available and the talent of our students to engage with people. A prime example was the recent visit by ABC journalist, Skye Slaven to record a podcast of *Short and Curly*. Please see the report over page (and listen early next year on the radio).



Ms Slaven, Harriet, Chloe and Camilla share their opinions....

Mr A. King

2. P&C ASSOCIATION

• **UNIFORM SHOP:** The uniform shop is kindly opened by volunteer co-ordinators, Mrs Deb Hardman, Ms Erin Livet and Mrs Stevie Girard each Wednesday and Friday morning 8.30 and 9.30am.

3. SHORT & CURLY

Members of the Moree PS debating team had a fabulous morning on Thursday, 8 November working with producer Kyla Slaven of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation. Ms Slaven produces the podcast Short & Curly which provides students with the opportunity to air their opinions on various tricky and humorous topics. Concepts ranged from friendship to discrimination to cannibalism! Our students did an incredible job offering well-considered opinions and being quite witty into the bargain. According to Ms Slaven, the audio she recorded will be added to a program that will be available online early in 2019. Well done!



Wonder what the topic is?

4. COOL AT SCHOOL



Social Skills focus for this week continues to be:



Your Possibilities are ENDLESS...



Kids Quotes:

- Everyone is able to work hard and try many things;
- Take every opportunity as they come up;
- Until you try a new game or activity you don't know if you are going to be good at it.

5. SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Parents are encouraged to order group and representative team photos online through the secure system: www.advancedlife.com.au and entering the code **6L8 LJ4 JA6**.

Groups: Choir – inf; choir – prim; SRC; coding club; public speaking (Multicultural); junior dance; Studio Time; kitchen garden club; student mediators; visual arts workshops; debating; chess; didgeridoo group; snare drumming group; student leaders; band **Teams:** Equestrian; cross country; athletics; swimming; rugby league – open; Legends of League Shield; Legends of League Girls; Captains Cup Yrs 3/4; Captains Cup girls; rugby union; netball; hockey – girls & boys; soccer – girls & boys; touch football – girls & boys; tennis; cricket; sporting house leaders; golf.

6. COMING EVENTS – Term 4

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

Term 4

6.	Mon	19	6.00 P&C meeting
	Tues	20	School Spectacular (senior choir) - 6 dys
	Wed	21	
	Thurs	22	
	Fri	23	Assemblies: 10.30 1M-4; 11.30 5M-15
7.	Mon	26	
	Tues	27	
	Wed	28	
	Thurs	29	
	Fri	30	Assemblies: 10.30 KK-11; 11.30 3M-23
8.	Mon	3 Dec	
	Tues	4	
	Wed	5	
	Thurs	6	6.00pm Annual Presentation (K-6)
	Fri	7	
9.	Mon	10	Yr 6 Farewell & Yrs 3-6 disco
	Tues	11	K-2 Disco
	Wed	12	
	Thurs	13	
	Fri	14	Semester 2 student reports home Moree Community Christmas Carols
10.	Mon	17	K-6 Twilight Concert
	Tues	18	Class parties
	Wed	19	Last day – Term 4 for students
	Thurs	20	
	Fri	21	

2019 – Term 1

1	Mon	4 Feb	Staff resume
	Tues	5	Yrs 1-6 resume
	Wed	6	Kindergarten commence school
	Thurs	7	
	Fri	8	

Horse Sports Roundup



Philippa leads the team & Jemima has first place in girl rider class



Trixie – first place in girl rider class

Short and Curly



Sophie and friends speaks with Skye Flavin (ABC)



The SRC says **THANKYOU** everyone for supporting this day – almost \$1000 is now going to help Paige in her recovery.



Dates to remember!

- Mon 10th Dec - Year 6 Farewell & Years 3-6 disco and Tues 11th Dec K-2 Disco
- Mon 17th Dec - School Concert K-6

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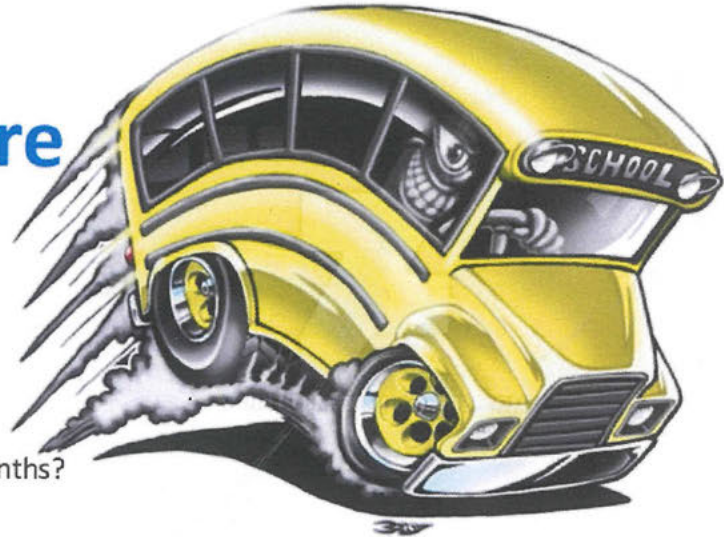


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Australian Electoral Commission

2019

is almost here



- ① Are your children starting school next year?
(Children in Kindergarten, 1, & 2, are all entitled to free travel regardless of location)
- ② Are they starting at a new School or Campus next year?
- ③ Have you moved in the last 12 months?
- ④ Don't forget you are eligible for free travel if you are studying at TAFE!
- ⑤ Register at:
<https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/schoolTravelPasses/>
Do NOT complete opal card application
- ⑥ If you are ineligible for free travel
Email: office@moreebus.com.au for a Term Pass form

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