



The News

Moree Public School

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MUCH TO CELEBRATE ...

As the term draws to a close, it is pleasing to reflect on the many positive academic, sporting and cultural achievements of both students and staff. These include: Cool at School open day, P&C Mothers Day stall, cricket, netball, tennis, rugby league, rugby union, soccer, cross country, Reconciliation Week, Science and Engineering Challenge, Multicultural Perspective Public Speaking, debating, Book Fair, Semester 1 reports and of course, today's NAIDOC activities and the athletics carnival on Friday. These events are in addition to the vital work that is undertaken in the classrooms each day and enriched through the homework and home reading program. What continues to stand out to me, is that success comes from each child having a team around them, willing to support their efforts, giving a well-deserved pat on the back and to provide wise counsel when times get a little tough. Thank you to all who are *part of the team* and helping their child to attain the best possible education at primary school.

Semester 1 student reports should have arrived home yesterday. Over the last week I have enjoyed reading each child's report and have been impressed by the effort the vast majority of students are applying to their learning. Please take the time to read this report and discuss it with your child and perhaps set some personal goals for the second semester.

Parent teacher interview invitations were included in the report envelopes for the K-2 infants classes and I strongly encourage parents to take up the offer of a parent/teacher interview on Monday 22nd July to discuss your child's progress.

NAIDOC Day is a most significant occasion and we hope you enjoy the photos from our NAIDOC Day celebrations. Those who attended were highly impressed. Our senior students did a fantastic job leading the whole school assembly and the choir excelled with a lovely selection of songs. The didge boys accompanied the flag raising – a special occasion as this was the first time we have raised the Aboriginal flag on its own pole – an initiative of Mr King. We thank local Gomeroi Elder, Mrs Judy Johnson for joining the celebration and participating in our flag raising ceremony.

Our special guests for the day were traditional Aboriginal dancers, Albert, Turtle, Dave and Murriwa led by the very talented, Roy Newman. I thank Ms Roberts and Mr French for their work in coordinating the activities. Each year, Ms Roberts teaches Year 2 how to cook Jonny cakes while Year 1 and kinder create culturally significant art and craft. The primary students also enjoyed a unique opportunity to develop their skills with an afternoon dance workshop.



Planting a hedge around the new flagpole ...



Many community members joined us for a formal NAIDOC opening ceremony led by senior students – great job!

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

• MPS Athletics carnival – Friday, 5th July

Barwon is RED (surnames A-G); Gwydir is BLUE (surnames H-N); & Mehi is YELLOW (surnames O-Z)

• Term 3 resumes Monday, 22 July for staff and Tuesday, 23rd July for students

Digital Technologies in Focus (DTiF) is an initiative that involves students learning to make the most of the digital technologies available to them, adapting to new ways of working as technologies evolve and limiting the risks to themselves and others in a digital environment. As part of this program students in all of the primary classes have been creating their own websites. Over this past ten days, students and their teachers are enjoying the opportunity to share their new skills with family and friends. It has been pleasing to see so many take up the invitation to visit the computer room and going home with a new understanding of the digital skills that are now being integrated across the primary curriculum.

My thanks go to Miss Carlin and Miss Larken for facilitating this amazing program and leading the 2019 team.



Harper proudly sharing his website ...



Lucy is amazing her family ...

Debating is an important skill where students learn to argue a point of view within a set of special rules and protocols. This is the second year we have nominated teams for the NSW Debating competition with MPS Mehi taking to the floor for Round 1 last Monday at Warialda. Sophie Rogers led as first speaker, with Phoebe Tydd as second speaker, Chloe Elbourne as third speaker and Harriet Beattie taking the role of team advisor. The topic, *That homework should be banned in all schools*, certainly proved to be a little harder than first anticipated. MPS argued for the negative – that is, homework should not be banned and in fact

it is quite useful! Warialda put a great case forward that children spend enough time already at school and they really need to go home to help with the chores. The adjudicator, Mr Tony Davey (through tele link up) awarded the win to MPS, providing great feedback and suggestions to the students that will further develop their skills. Well done, Sophie, Phoebe, Chloe and Harriet – more debating coming up next term.



MPS Mehi debaters – on a winning mission ...

Public speaking is one of the many skills that will definitely stand you in good stead in most careers and I am pleased to note that MPS is continuing to develop our students in this domain. Last week we had four students represent the school at the public speaking regional finals held in Inverell. This event is always very strongly contested and our students performed extremely well by delivering informative and entertaining speeches. Particular congratulations to Edward Beattie who won the Years 3/4 category and will now go on to represent the regional at the next level later in the year. A fantastic effort! Well done also to Chloe Elbourne (Highly Commended), Harriet Beattie and Emma Tydd, who also received positive feedback for both their prepared and impromptu speeches.



Edward and Emma spoke eloquently at the Multicultural Perspective Public Speaking – regional final.

Attendance is one of the most important keys to success at school. Mrs Kaukiainen and I have been looking very closely at student attendance. The relationship between school attendance and achievement levels is well established - children who come to school every day are more likely to experience school success. By sending your child to school every day you are giving them every opportunity to achieve their potential. While we have a responsibility to focus support for the children not meeting satisfactory attendance, we also applaud those who attend regularly. We were delighted to see that a large number of students have not missed a day of school in Term 2 and as such deserve commendation with a special certificate being presented at their next assembly in Term 3.

Best wishes to all families for a happy and safe holiday. We look forward to seeing children back at school on Tuesday, 23rd July, refreshed for a vital term of learning.

Mrs L Hosegood - Principal (Rel)

2.



Social Skills
focus for this
week continues
to be:

Don't Make
Excuses,



Make
Improvements

Kids Quotes:

- *It is important to own up to your own mistakes.*
- *If things go wrong - work out what can be changed.*

3. P&C ASSOCIATION

CANTEEN NEWS: Volunteers are invited to assist at the athletics carnival on the last day of term - cooking and serving at the barbecue lunch stall and donations of cakes and slices will be gratefully received either at the school office or the stall on the morning of the carnival. Please let canteen manager, Mrs Lobsey know of your availability - an hour or two will be most helpful.

4. HOME READING – The 80 Club

Ten minutes of reading each night makes all the difference to fluency and comprehension – not to mention the sheer enjoyment of reading a story or learning some new information.

A slightly belated but a most important message of congratulations to: **Fleur Lowien**, **Georgie Humphries**, **Frederick Phillips** and **Thomas Humphries** for continuing to read, read and READ!

5. SPORT

Tennis: Gunnedah Sth Public School proved to be a very tough encounter for MPS but coach, Mrs Kaukiainen was very impressed with the positive sporting spirit and great sportsmanship shown by the team throughout the games. Well done, Georgie, Sophie, Harriet, James, Jeremy and Jack!

Rugby League: On Friday 21st of June, the Moree Public School rugby league team braved the freezing cold conditions and took part in the PSSA knockout gala day in Inverell. The boys showed grit and determination, competing against teams with two more players on the field. Our team lost their first game to Guyra before recording a draw against a combined Armidale schools team. Well done to the boys for their gutsy goal line defence, crunching tackles, solid tackle busting runs and speed around the edges. A special mention goes to Brent 's magic shoe that we used as our kicking tee. Mr Brown

6. BOOK FAIR APPRECIATION

The Book Fair proved to be a most enjoyable experience for the student, with many browsing and seeking out new titles to add to their home library. Thank you to families for supporting the Fair – through your generosity a number of new books are now also available on the school library shelves. Appreciation is also extended to Mrs Trish Humphries, Mrs Lenice Muggleton and Mrs Natalie Tydd for assisting during the busy times of the Fair.

7. STUDENT WEBSITE LAUNCH



Did mum and dad pass the quiz?



Declan is suitably chuffed with his digital work...

8. COMING EVENTS – Terms 2 & 3

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 2			
10	Mon	1 July	NAIDOC Week; Student reports home
	Tues	2	Open Day
	Wed	3	Boys hockey – Gala day at Tamworth
	Thurs	4	Girls hockey – Gala day at Tamworth
	Fri	5	MPS Athletics Carnival; Last day of Term 2
Term 3			
1	Mon	22	Staff resume
	Tues	23	Students K-6 resume
	Wed	24	
	Thurs	25	
	Fri	26	PSSA cross country – Eastern Creek; No assemblies
2	Mon	29	Golf trials – Tamworth
	Tues	30	
	Wed	31	OC test for Yr 5 2020 (applied in Term 2)
	Thurs	1 August	
	Fri	2	Heferen Shield zone athletics carnival
			Assemblies: 10.30 1H-4; 11.30 3M-23
3	Mon	5	NSW Education Week
	Tues	6	
	Wed	7	Yr 4 excursion to Coffs Harbour (3 days)
			Life Education van arrives
	Thurs	8	
	Fri	9	Assemblies: 10.30 KS-11; 11.30 5R-17
4	Mon	12	Yr 6 Canberra excursion (5 days)
	Tues	13	
	Wed	14	
	Thurs	15	
	Fri	16	Assemblies: 10.30 1W-5; 11.30 3B-21
5	Mon	19	
	Tues	20	
	Wed	21	
	Thurs	22	
	Fri	23	Assemblies: 10.30 KM-9; 11.30 6K-15
6	Mon	26	
	Tues	27	
	Wed	28	
	Thurs	29	
	Fri	30	Assemblies: 10.30 2B-6; 11.30 4B-35
7	Mon	2 September	
	Tues	3	ICAS Digital Technologies
	Wed	4	
	Thurs	5	ICAS Science
	Fri	6	Assemblies: 10.30 KK-9; 11.30 5/6B-19
8	Mon	9	
	Tues	10	Yr 5 excursion to Sydney (4 days);
			ICAS Writing
	Wed	11	
	Thurs	12	ICAS Spelling Bee
	Fri	13	Regional athletics carnival – Tamworth
			Assemblies: 10.30 2M-7; 11.30 4J-39
9	Mon	16	
	Tues	17	ICAS English
	Wed	18	
	Thurs	19	ICAS Mathematics
	Fri	20	Assemblies: 10.30 KF-10; 11.30 6M-16; Jump Rope for heart
10	Mon	23	
	Tues	24	
	Wed	25	
	Thurs	26	Yr 3 excursion to Lake Keepit (2 days)
	Fri	27	Assemblies: 10.30 2R-29; 11.30 4R-13
			Last day of Term 3
Term 4			
1	Mon	14 Oct	Staff and students return
	Tues	15	
	Wed	16	
	Thurs	17	
	Fri	18	
2	Mon	21	
	Tues	22	
	Wed	23	
	Thurs	24	
	Fri	25	Assemblies: 10.30 2M-30; 11.30 5/6L-14 & Captains speak
3	Mon	28	
	Tues	29	Class photographs and special groups
	Wed	30	Sporting team photographs
	Thurs	31	
	Fri	1 Nov	P&C Twilight fete (TBC)
			Assemblies: 10.30KS-11; 11.30 4B-35 & Boy student leader nominees to speak

4	Mon	4	
	Tues	5	Kindergarten 2020 Family Orientation morning
	Wed	6	
	Thurs	7	
	Fri	8	Assemblies: 10.30 1G-1; 11.30 5R-17 & Girls student leader nominees to speak
5	Mon	11	Pre-school visits to kinder – transition over next ten days
	Tues	12	
	Wed	13	
	Thurs	14	
	Fri	15	Assemblies: 10.30 KM-9; 11.30 3P-22
6	Mon	18	
	Tues	19	
	Wed	20	
	Thurs	21	
	Fri	22	Assemblies: 10.30 1P-3; 11.30 5B-18
7	Mon	25	
	Tues	26	
	Wed	27	
	Thurs	28	
	Fri	29	Assemblies: 10.30 KK-9; 11.30 3E-24
8	Mon	2 December	
	Tues	3	
	Wed	4	
	Thurs	5	K-6 Presentation evening
	Fri	6	Assemblies: 10.30 Combined infants assembly
9	Mon	9	Year 6 Farewell and 3/6 disco
	Tues	10	K-2 infants disco
	Wed	11	
	Thurs	12	Mediator training day
	Fri	13	Semester 2 student reports home
10	Mon	16	
	Tues	17	Class parties
	Wed	18	Last day for students
	Thurs	19	
	Dec	20	

9. KINDERGARTEN 2020

Plans are currently being made for the 2020 Head Start into Kinder program and enrolments are now being invited for children who turn 5 years of age by 31st July 2020. Please call by the school office to collect an enrolment form and provide your current contact details. Completed enrolment forms should be returned at your earliest convenience and accompanied by a primary document confirming your residential address, a copy of your child's birth certificate and immunisation details.

A family orientation morning will be held on Tuesday 5th November followed by two mornings where the children will attend school. Please contact Mrs Hosegood or Mrs Ireland should you wish to discuss your child's enrolment further.



Dates to remember!

- Term 3 resumes for staff on Monday, 22nd July and all students on Tuesday, 23rd July
- Kindergarten 2020 – Enrolments are now being accepted

Regional Cross-Country Trials- Mullaley

On Friday the 14th June, Mrs Black and 22 energetic Moree Public School students represented the Moree Zone at the North West Cross-Country trials held at Mullaley. This was the first year Mullaley hosted the event. The track proved very challenging with rough terrain and plenty of steep hills to climb and descend. All Moree Public School students performed their best and were competitive alongside schools from the North West Region. Moree Public Students are to be commended on their sportsmanship and competitive spirit that they all displayed on the day.

Results:

Name

Placing

Sarsha Maas
Abbey Muggleton
Trixi Warburton
Tallara Fernando
Amelia Maas
Natalia Davis
Ashley Otero
Georgie Quinlan
Phoebe Tydd
Ruby Humphries
Camila Johnston

40th
24th
11th
44th
18th
50th
40th
41st
54th
10th
11th

Jonah James
William Gillingham
William Johnston
Patrick Maas
Henry Johnston
Edward Beattie
Moses Humphries
Jack Rogers
Jack McDonald
Sam Kelly
Richard Knox-Greenaway

7th (First Reserve)
22nd
53rd
54th
7th (First Reserve)
18th
49th
55th
34th
38th
49th

