



The News

Moree Public School

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EVERY CHILD, EVERY VOICE ...

Public schools, like ours, cater for all students and are vital for the wellbeing of society – children of all races, cultures, religions and abilities come together to learn in a cohesive and stimulating environment. The Moree Public School community – students, staff, parents and community members can be very proud of what we continue to achieve by working together and striving for excellence. Last Monday the established *Education Week* tradition to open with an interdenominational Service of Worship continued. Reverend Brown kindly welcomed our school and as always, our students listened attentively and displayed excellent manners. Student representatives involved in the service are to be congratulated as too, the choir under the guidance of Miss March and Mr Roberts.



A little later in the morning parents took the opportunity to join the teachers for morning tea followed by our open classrooms session. Teachers and students were delighted to welcome parents and friends visit their classroom. This is always a wonderful opportunity to learn more about what and how your child is being taught and also engage with your child and teacher at school. Thank you to all involved in our Education Week activities.

Track and field performances are to be applauded with boys and girls displaying enthusiasm, athletic skill and good sportsmanship at the Heferen Shield zone athletics carnival. A full report is included with this newsletter.

It was just absolutely, incredible fun! reported one Year 4 student with whom I chatted at lunch time yesterday and he was of course referring to their recent Coffs Harbour excursion. Every minute of the trip was utilised to learn and grow through visiting unique venues and being with friends. Excursions like this one are not only a great learning experience but they also give the students memories they will keep with them for a very long time.

The students also represented our school well, maintaining the very high standards of participation and behaviour throughout the trip. Special thanks to Mr Burgess (organiser), Miss Jones, Miss Rigby and our parent helpers, Mr Makim for taking the students.

Fresh, beautiful snow may well be on the program for the Year 6 Canberra excursion group this week. Students will also visit Parliament House, the Australian War Memorial and the Institute of Sport amongst other important Australian icons. Thank you in advance to the teachers and parents accompanying the group.

Reading is my secret power! From last week until the end of next week the school will conduct a number of activities that promote the secret power of books. Book Week officially starts next Monday but MPS had an early start with our visiting shows last week when children were fortunate to be able to attend one of two visiting shows performed by Meerkat Productions. Students in Year K-3 saw the play, *Room on our Rock* based on the Childrens Book Council Book of the Year short-listed book. Years 3-6 were privileged to see ***The Peacock Detectives*** another title, short-listed

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

• **SWAP IT every day in the lunchbox – check Skoolbag App for some healthy lunch ideas**

• **Year 6 excursion to Canberra – Monday 12th – Fri 16th August 2019**

for book of the year. There was much laughter during both shows as the very entertaining and talented performers brought the books to life and involved students in some of the scenes.



Students will also have the opportunity to participate in a colouring competition based on the short-listed books with entries due Monday, 26 August.

Dress up day is on the Tuesday 20th August. The day is an out of uniform day so that children can come dressed as their favourite book character. Is your child preparing a costume?

Be inspired - set goals and be amazed at what you can achieve through hard work and determination!! Congratulations to Mrs Black and her sister who braved not only the weather, the undulating roads, a huge crowd and quite possibly their own small moments of self-doubt, to complete the famous City to Surf!



Mrs Black and her sister enjoy a special moment – fantastic work ladies!

P&C Meeting will be held in the school library on Monday 19th August commencing at 6:00pm. Parents are encouraged to come along.

Tell Them From Me - Student Survey will be completed for the second time this term. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. This information will support the school in improving student wellbeing practices. The survey typically takes 30 minutes or less to complete and will be administered by the school during normal school hours. Your child will not take part if either you or your child do not wish. If you do not want your child to take part in the survey, please contact the school office.

It's Not OK to Be Away... School attendance is critical to student success. Simply stated, it is hard to learn when you're not in school. Parents are asked to ensure that their child comes to school every day unless they are sick. Please remember to contact the school if your child is going to be absent for an extended period of time. In special circumstances such as travelling overseas or visiting relations interstate, an exemption from school may be granted. Please make sure that when your child is absent from school you send a note explaining the reason.

Mrs L Hosegood - Principal (Rel)

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Mr King's service to public education, especially in the Moree district over the past 30 years was recently acknowledged at a local Education Week function. We too, send our appreciation, congratulations and best wishes in his forthcoming retirement!

3.



Social Skills
focus for this
week continues
to be:

**Dare to be
Different!**



Kids Quotes:

- Everyday we see people who are original
- Remember to try new ideas
- We are all special and unique
- Copies are easy to make but originals are extra special.

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.

Congratulations to our infants students: **Imogen Brazel**, **Levi Nolan**, **Chloe Muggleton**, **Beau Ross**, **Jaylan Bryans**, **Nate Grasnack**, **Ally Duncan**, **Nicholas Brown**, **Pearl Humphries** and **Grace Atkins** for continuing to read, read and READ!

AND, a fantastic team effort by class 5/6L-14 is also to be applauded – reaching Level 4 twice! This means many hours of reading each night have been accumulated by the students and a trophy is proudly standing on their bookshelf.

5. SPORT

Touch Football Gala: Enthusiasm was high as the students played five energetic games. Many students were having their first experience in this team sport and team managers were most impressed. Well done!



Preparing to leave for the Gala Day



Team 1 enjoyed their experience on the touch field



Open boys touch team – also played at Narrabri the previous day.



Team 2 played well



Team 3 looking rather chuffed with their effort

6. KINDERGARTEN – 2020?

Enrolment forms are available at the school office for children who turn 5 years of age by 31st July 2020 – please ensure all documents are included especially a copy of your child's birth certificate and confirmation of residency. **Please collect your enrolment form in now and share with families you may know.**

7. COMING EVENTS – Terms 3 & 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 3:**

4	Mon	12	Yr 6 Canberra excursion (5 days)	d
	Tues	13		
	Wed	14		
	Thurs	15		
	Fri	16	Yr 3 to MSC musical - Frosted	
5	Mon	19	Assemblies: 10.30 1W-5; 11.30 3B-21	
	Tues	20	Book Week – Reading is my secret power	
	Wed	21	Character dress up day	
	Thurs	22		
	Fri	23	Assemblies: 10.30 KM-9; 11.30 6K-15	
6	Mon	26	SASS Week	
	Tues	27		
	Wed	28		
	Thurs	29	Inter regional finals – Multicultural Perspective Public Speaking	
	Fri	30	Assemblies: 10.30 2B-6; 11.30 4B-35	
7	Mon	2 September		
	Tues	3	ICAS Digital Technologies; Scots College Pipe Band & Choir	
	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-9; 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	Good for Kids - survey	
	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	Kinder excursion Gala sports TBC	
	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	

8. MPS PHOTOGRAPHS

Tuesday 29 October 2019 and Wednesday 30 October 2019

ORDER NOW go to www.advancedlife.com.au and enter the code:

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Dear Parents,

School photographs are scheduled to be taken by advancedlife. Whilst an envelope and flyer will be distributed shortly, if possible it is our preference that ordering be completed online to reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day.

Orders for packages and sibling photographs can be placed securely online at www.advancedlife.com.au using our school's unique 9 digit advancedorder code. Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day.

Should you wish to purchase a sibling photograph online, the order must be placed no later than the day before photography day. Sibling photographs will only be taken if an order has been placed.

Should you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please direct them via email to enquiries@advancedlife.com.au

9. COMMUNITY NEWS



Moree Little Athletics will hold a **Come & Try** day for children interested in trying Little A's this Saturday the 17th of August from 2pm - 4pm at Boughton Oval.

Come along and try a number of activities including Long Jump, High Jump, Throws & Sprints.

Moree Little Athletics will commence weekly training in the coming weeks on a Wednesday afternoon.

2019/20 Registrations are now OPEN, all registrations must be completed online.

It should be noted that all registrations must be completed online and paid online, using the Little Athletics NSW registration portal.

<https://memberdesq.sportstq.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=main&OrgID=914>

You can use your NSW Government Active Kids Voucher for registration at any Little Athletics NSW centre. A second voucher is now available from Services NSW. If you have not already obtained an Active Kids Voucher or your second voucher for your child, you will need to apply for one from Service NSW, prior to commencing the registration.

Dates to remember!

• **Kindergarten 2020 – Enrolments are now being accepted**

• **School Photos – Classes on 29 Oct and sporting teams on 30 Oct 2019 – ordering details above**

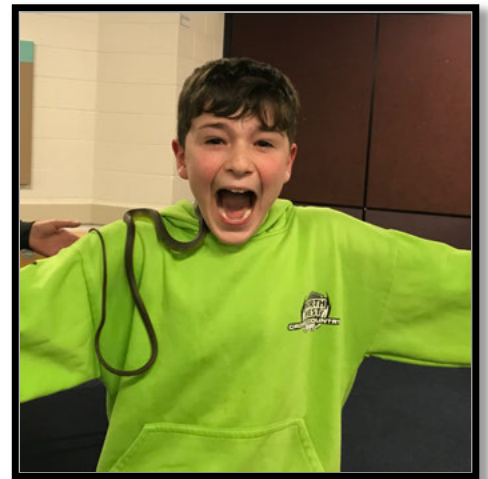
COFFS HARBOUR EXCURSION



On Wednesday, 7th of August the Year 4 students travelled to Coffs Harbour for the annual Year 4 Excursion. The first day involved an educational guided tour through the dense and diverse sub-tropical Dorrigo Rainforest. Students walked amongst dense bushland and local wildlife learning about the history and ecology of this wonderful natural site. Finishing with perfect photo opportunity on the skywalk allowed the students to view the spectacular great escarpment.



The next stop was the Big Banana where students used their skills of stealth and strategy during a heart-pumping game of laser tag. This was followed by 18 challenging holes of minigolf which saw some holes in one and a few balls in the water.



That evening students experienced an informative and hands-on reptile presentation by Steve McEwan. He shared his expertise about a variety of reptiles and provided students with a close-up encounter with many different cold-blooded creatures including a giant python, green tree snake and baby crocodile.

The fun continued on the second day with lessons, tours and shows at Dolphin Marine Magic. The students were amazed by the acrobatic skills displayed by the resident dolphins and sea lions and were lucky enough to give them a pat, receive a special dolphin kiss and a seal hug.

The marine adventures continued at the Solitary Islands aquarium. Students explored the exhibits to investigate and interact with fish and underwater creatures local to the rock pools and reefs or the nearby marine park. Holding a slimy sea cucumber and spikey sea urchin was certainly a highlight for some. The afternoon activities wrapped up at Digger's Beach with a highly contended sandcastle building competition.





After dinner, students went to Club 300 for an exciting game of ten pin bowling. With high scores, wobbling pins and lots of laughter, the students had a blast!

Friday morning started with a visit to the Butterfly Sanctuary where the students took a stroll amongst 500 of live Australian butterflies. They viewed an interesting dinosaur presentation and met a baby velociraptor. On the trip home, the students were treated with a stopover at Ebor to view the majestic waterfalls.

A big thankyou to Miss Jones, Miss Rigby and Mr Makim for their assistance throughout the excursion. Without their hard work and support the excursion wouldn't be the success that it was. - Mr Burgess



Zone Athletics

Carnival 2019

On Friday 2nd August, the Heferen Shield Athletics Carnival was held at Boughton Oval with 16 schools from the district participating in an exciting day of sportsmanship, school spirit and great achievements. MPS had a team of 34 students attend the carnival, many have now been selected to represent the Moree Zone at the Regional Carnival on Friday 13th September in Tamworth – congratulations to all athletes!

Moree Public students did their school proud by showing great sportsmanship and competing to the best of their ability.



We had 4 students who were awarded individual trophies – Well Done Jonah, Chaz, Mana & Darcy!

Jnr Boys Runner Up	Jonah James
Jnr Boys Champion	Chaz Noble
11yrs Boys Runner Up	Mana Noble
Snr Boys Runner Up	Darcy Brazel



Event	Record Set by	New Record	Old Record
Junior Boys Discus	Chaz Noble	24.96m	24.81m (2006)
11yrs Boys Discus	Mana Noble	24.68m	24.35m (2001)
New Event 1500m - Records set by....			
Jnr Boys	Jonah James	5:48.23	-

Our appreciation to the school leaders who assisted all day in running the carnival. They represented themselves and the school marvellously!



Amazing Work:

Milos Stanojevic,
Talara Munro,
Lucy Kilner, Chloe Elbourne,
James Fitzgerald, Ben DiDonna, Lachlan Muggleton

thank
YOU

...to the wonderful band of parents who helped us out on the day with timekeeping, setting up and packing up, your help did not go unnoticed.

Thank you also to the students who pitched in to get everything set up and packed up - TEAM effort!

