



The News

Moree Public School

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READING, MY SECRET WEAPON ...

How apt is this year's Book Week theme! Last Tuesday many colourful characters arrived at school and it was interesting speaking with the children about their background. It was more than a dress up day – students were able to identify their favourite character and speak eloquently why and how they had selected the particular character. We hope you enjoy the photos included in this newsletter. We also thank Mrs Beattie for co-ordinating the Book Week activities, including an inspiring display at the library and a colouring competition that attracted many entries. A large selection of the *short-listed* books by Australian authors is now available at the school library.



Year 6 excursion returned with smiling (but weary) students and staff following the recent trip to Canberra and the snow. The excitement in their voices, sharing stories certainly reflects the interesting and unique time they had participating in a broad range of activities. Special thanks to the parents, Mrs Cooper, Mr Elbourne and Mr Humphries who assisted on the excursion and also to our teachers Miss Burey (organiser), Miss Kendall and Mr French for their generosity in ensuring the trip could be part of the 2019 Year 6 experience.

SAS Staff Recognition Week is one small way in which we are able to acknowledge the vital contribution to the school community of the work carried out by school administrative and support staff. Whether it is in the office, the library, the school grounds, in a classroom setting or in a tutor role, the P&C canteen and JOSS cleaning staff - please join with teachers and students in giving our dedicated staff members a hearty round of applause and message of appreciation!

Debating is an exciting way to have a friendly argument and last Friday our two teams did not disappoint! MPS Gwydir, Sophie Rogers, Harriet Beattie, Phoebe Tydd and Chloe Elbourne debated for the affirmative: ***That parents should pay their children to do tasks around the house.*** Moree was awarded this debate with the adjudicator commenting the speakers were confident in their line of argument, presented some strong rebuttals to the oppositions argument that there is more to life than money!

The MPS Mehi team, Camilla Johnston, Lucy Kilner, Emily Kerr and Cheryl Lousick also won the toss to debate the affirmative, ***That all classrooms should have a dog or a cat as a pet.*** Despite some excellent ideas about helping to give homeless pets a nice home, Bingara was able to counter this argument with ideas that pets can be rather unpredictable and could pose a real danger to the students! Bingara was awarded this debate.



Mehi debaters – Lucy, Cheryl, Camilla & Emily would like a class pet!

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

• **FATHERS DAY stall - Thursday and Friday - \$2, \$5, & \$10 - bring a carry bag /plastic bag with you for shopping**

• **Year 5 excursion to Sydney - Tuesday 10th - Fri 13th September**

The P&C Fathers Day stall is coming up and once again our dedicated members will be operating the stall for students to purchase a small gift for dad. The stall will be held on Thursday and Friday of this week. There will be some great gifts available for purchase so children will have the opportunity to spoil their dads and granddads. Each class will be taken to the stall during the morning session. Thank you in advance to the P&C fund raising committee for coordinating the gifts and to all the mums who will work on the stall.

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.

Mrs L Hosegood - Principal (Rel)

2. P&C NEWS

P&C Meeting: The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday, 16th September, commencing at 6.00pm. All parents and friends are most welcome to attend.

Fathers Day Stall: This exciting event will be held on Thursday and Friday mornings with a range of interesting gifts - \$2, \$5 & \$10. If possible, please pop along and help serve during this busy time. Please also send your child with a shopping bag/ plastic bag to put their purchase safely in for the trip home.

3.



Social Skills
focus for this
week continues
to be:

You can't get anywhere
unless
you start



Kids Quotes:

- Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today!
- Get started quickly!
- Even the biggest job, longest trip or most exciting game will have a beginning.

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: **Henrietta Lowien, Dejan Djulic, Penelope Sauer, Olivia Tonkin, Patrick Tydd, James Heard, Isaac Brown, Mia Howlett, and Sophie Jensen** for continuing to read, read and READ!

5. WHO ARE WE?



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.** 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.

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:**

6	Mon	26	SAS Staff Recognition Week
	Tues	27	
	Wed	28	
	Thurs	29	P&C Fathers Day stall
			Inter regional finals – Multicultural Perspective Public Speaking
	Fri	30	P&C Fathers Day stall
			Assemblies: 10.30 2H-6; 11.30 4B-35
7	Mon	2 September	
	Tues	3	ICAS Digital Technologies; Scots College Pipe Band & Choir
			Big Bash cricket visit
	Wed	4	Stage 1 excursion to Inverell
	Thurs	5	Stage 1 excursion to Inverell
	Fri	6	ICAS Science
			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	Woolworths Cricket Blast – Year 3 + MPS open team
	Thurs	12	ICAS Spelling
	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	Music w/s – Thomas Williams & Esita
	Tues	24	
	Wed	25	Kinder excursion Gala sports TBC
	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	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	
	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

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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 advanced order 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 only photographs (no cousins) 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



Where's William & John?

Kate, the magician...

9. STOP PRESS...

This morning the primary choir and Miss March attended a special ceremony conducted by NSW Fire and Rescue at the Moree Fire Station. A new Indigenous art work adorning the side of the fire truck was unveiled and the MPS choir sang the National Anthem. Thank you to NSW Fire and Rescue and Miss Janine French for the invitation to be part of this significant event.



CANBERRA AND THE SNOW!

Dear Parents,

Students in year 6 recently undertook an educational tour of the national capital - Canberra. While on this tour students participated in a variety of educational programs focussed on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$30 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.



Together with Miss Kendall, our parent helpers Mrs Cooper, Mr Elbourne and Mr Humphries, I would like to congratulate the year 6 students who took part in this year's Canberra excursion.

Our well-mannered students represented Moree Public School with pride as they visited the old and new parliament houses, The War Memorial, National

Gallery, Questacon, the Australian institute of Sport and the National Museum.

Ice skating and a visit to the snow of Mount Selwyn were particularly favourite activities.

Staff and students would also like to thank our amazing parent helpers for taking time from their busy schedules to accompany us on the trip – without their help these type of activities could not happen so their help was very much appreciated.

Sincerely,
Miss K. Burey

