



The News

Moree Public School

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WINTER HAS ARRIVED ...



2019 Kitchen Garden Club - George, Henry and Travis harvesting our winter crop

School Excursions: It is with great deal of regret that we have to inform the school community the Year 4 and 6 excursions planned for next term are unable to go ahead due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions. A final decision regarding Year 3 and Year 5 will be made as further advice comes to hand. We were hoping that there would be a chance that we could hold these later in the year, but unfortunately we are unable to do this due to the uncertainty for the foreseeable future. For parents who have paid money towards an excursion, please refer to the following note to determine the options available for your refund. Additionally, under Department of Education guidelines, we are not able to allow any in-school activities requiring volunteers to come on site. This includes reading volunteers and scripture teachers. We appreciate your understanding at this time, but our priority is for the safety of everyone in our community.

Mobile phones and digital devices: We have very clear guidelines on the use of mobile phones and digital devices by students at school - primary school students must not use digital devices during class, at recess and at lunch unless approved (in writing) by a principal or teacher. We have had recent incidents of students wearing connected 'smart watches' to school. Please leave these devices at home as they are not necessary for students to have at school. If you need to get a message to your child, please contact the front office.

Opportunity class placement process for 2020 Year 4 students:

The 2021 Year 5 opportunity class placement process was put on hold in April 2020 due to the COVID-19 situation. We now have a revised and simplified timeline for the OC placement process to ensure that students and families can have certainty about their placement as soon as possible. The changes include:

- A new date for online applications. Parents must apply between 9 June 2020 and 26 June 2020. Late applications cannot be accepted.
- A new test date - Wednesday 16 September 2020.

To ensure fair and consistent assessment of students across New South Wales, students will be offered places based only on their test results this year – there will be no school assessment scores.

There will also be no opportunity for appeals given the tight timeframes. Year 4 students will receive a *Fact Sheet* and *Intention to Apply* form, today for your consideration but for further information I encourage you to visit <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

Mrs Sharyn Cox - Principal

2. EXCURSIONS – OPTIONS FOR REFUND

Our processing of refunds must comply with the DoE financial system. This means that a refund must be made as per your original payment method. If you paid by:

- **Cash/cheque** it will be via Electronic Funds transfer and to process an EFT refund, we require bank details;
- **POP original payment method** - POP payments must be refunded via POP;
- **EFTPOS original payment method** – to be processed via EFTPOS back to the original credit card and in the same amounts as the payments - to comply with banking rules; OR you may opt for
- **Fees in Advance** – Monies already paid can be held *in fees in advance* for a future payment or for a sibling. *Fees in Advance* can be used for 2021 payments.

Please Note:

- A student *Refund Application Form* is to be completed for all refunds. A copy of this form is attached for your consideration.
- Please allow 7-10 days for processing by our Sydney office.

Important Information MPS Website: <https://www.moree-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

- Every child needs to bring a refillable water bottle to school – the bubblers will remain off until further notice
- Book a telephone conversation (in addition to receiving a Semester 1 report) - call 67521913 by COB Friday 5th June
- Excursion refund application form is attached – please also see options above.

3. ICAS COMPETITIONS 2020

Please see the attached information that outlines the process for 2020. MPS takes great pride in providing this opportunity for primary students to pursue additional academic challenge and we look forward to students participating later this year.

4. ENGAGING WITH PARENTS

In addition to a written report, parents are being offered an opportunity to have a conversation with class teachers about their child's learning achievements for all of Semester 1 and to develop goals for Semester 2. The phone call will replace the usual parent/teacher interviews conducted at the beginning of Term 3. Teachers have allocated times they will be available before or after school during Weeks 8 and 9 (Monday 15th to Friday 26th June). To book a ten minute timeslot parents are asked to contact the school office by COB Friday, 5th June. Teachers will ring parents on the phone number nominated. We do hope you will take this opportunity to share the education journey for your child during 2020.



Congratulations - beautiful bookwork ...

5. P&C ASSOCIATION

• **UNIFORM SHOP:** The uniform shop orders can be made through www.flexischools.com.au.

6. COMING EVENTS

Please check the current calendar on a regular basis (also published on the MPS website, Skoolbag App, and electronic board).

Term 2 **WHILST TERMS 2 & 3 CONTINUES BELOW, PLEASE EXPECT & CHECK FOR FURTHER VARIATIONS.....**

6	Mon	1 June	Final rugby union trials
	Tues	2	Science & Engineering Challenge;
			G rugby 7s trials
	Wed	3	Alternate date - zone cross country
	Thurs	4	
	Fri	5	Book your time for teacher phone call by COB
			Assemblies: 10.30 1H-3; 11.30 5/6L-14;
			Netball trials

7	Mon	8	Queen's Birthday holiday
	Tues	9	Rugby union knockout gala day - Inverell
	Wed	10	
	Thurs	11	
	Fri	12	Assemblies: 10.30 KR-9; 11.30 3E-23;
			Regional cross country - Mullaley
8	Mon	15	
	Tues	16	
	Wed	17	
	Thurs	18	
	Fri	19	Assemblies: 10.30 1B-8; 11.30 6G-18
9	Mon	22	All schools golf - Bateman Bay (5 days)
	Tues	23	PSSA open rugby league - Tamworth
	Wed	24	
	Thurs	25	
	Fri	26	Assemblies: 10.30 KM-11; 11.30 4T-13
10	Mon	29	
	Tues	30	NAIDOC Week
	Wed	1 July	Semester 1 student reports home
	Thurs	2	
	Fri	3	K-6 Athletics carnival; Last day of Term 2
Term 3			
1	Mon	20 July	Staff Development Day - TBC
	Tues	21	K-6 students resume
	Wed	22	
	Thurs	23	PSSA cross country - Eastern Creek
	Fri	24	
2	Mon	27	Prim golf trials
	Tues	28	Life Education van
	Wed	29	Life Education van;
			Children's Book Council Aust - Picture Book
	Thurs	30	Life Education van
	Fri	31	Assemblies: 10.30 1B-4; 11.30 6K-15;
			Heferen Shield zone athletics carnival
3	Mon	3 Aug	Education Week - open day; Life Education van
	Tues	4	
	Wed	5	Year 4 excursion to Coffs Harbour;
			Life Education van
	Thurs	6	Life Education van
	Fri	7	Assemblies: 10.30 KS-10; 11.30 3P-21
4	Mon	10	
	Tues	11	Life Education van
	Wed	12	Life Education van
	Thurs	13	Life Education van
	Fri	14	Assemblies: 10.30 2M-29; 11.30 5M-16
5	Mon	17	Year 6 excursion - Canberra; Life Education van
	Tues	18	Life Education van
	Wed	19	Life Education van
	Thurs	20	
	Fri	21	Assemblies: 10.30 KR-9; 11.30 4J-30
6	Mon	24	
	Tues	25	PSSA rugby union - Mudgee (4 days)
	Wed	26	
	Thurs	27	
	Fri	28	Assemblies: 10.30 2M-7; 11.30 5B-17
7	Mon	31	
	Tues	1 Sept	Year 5 Sydney excursion - TBC
	Wed	2	
	Thurs	3	
	Fri	4	Assemblies: 10.30 KM-11; 11.30 3/4R-24
8	Mon	7	
	Tues	8	
	Wed	9	
	Thurs	10	
	Fri	11	Regional athletics trials - Tamworth;
			Assemblies: 10.30 2P-6; 11.30 5/6B-19
9	Mon	14	
	Tues	15	
	Wed	16	
	Thurs	17	
	Fri	18	Assemblies: 10.30 KS-10; 11.30 3R-22
10	Mon	21	
	Tues	22	
	Wed	23	
	Thurs	24	Year 3 excursion - Lake Keepit TBC
	Fri	25	Assemblies: 10.30 1W-5; 11.30 4BT-39

STUDENT REFUND APPLICATION Moree Public School

Please Note: refund can only be made to the person who made the original payment and only in the method the payment was originally made

Name of person requesting refund: _____

Student's First Name: _____ Student's Surname: _____

Class: _____ Scholastic Year: _____

Payment for: _____ Amount: \$ _____

Date of Payment: _____ Receipt No: _____

Reason for Refund: _____

Refund Method

- EFT** Please provide banking details in space provided
- CHEQUE** Please provide cheque details in space provided
- CASH** from petty cash
- EFTPOS** Please provide card
- POP** QuickPortal receipt number _____
- PayWay** receipt number _____

BANKING DETAILS (EFT)

Account Name: _____ Account No: _____

Bank: _____ BSB: _____

CHEQUE DETAILS

Name of Payee: _____

Address: _____

State / Postcode: _____ Signature: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

AUTHORISATION

As required by S12 / S13 of the PF&A Act, and in accordance with Clause 170.01 of the Treasurer's Directions, S12 (MO23) approval for this expenditure has been given by

Name of S12 Delegate: _____

Signature: _____

S13 DECLARATION: Having satisfied myself that this expenditure has been approved by an Officer Delegated under Section 12 of the PF&A Act. And that adequate certifications have been performed in accordance with Clause 190.01 of the Treasurer's Directions, I hereby authorise payment of the attached accounts in accordance with Section 13 of the Public Finance and Audit Act, 1983.

S13 Authorising Officer position number: _____ Date: _____

Officer's Name and Signature: _____

PROCESSED BY

Name: _____

Payment Method	Completed	Date	Completed	Date
<input type="checkbox"/> EFT			<input type="checkbox"/> ebs	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> CHEQUE			<input type="checkbox"/> ebs	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> CASH	<input type="checkbox"/> CASH TO PARENT	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> ebs	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> EFTPOS	<input type="checkbox"/> EFTPOS TERMINAL	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> ebs	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> POP	<input type="checkbox"/> QUICKPORTAL	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> ebs	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> PayWay	<input type="checkbox"/> Westpac	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> ebs	_____
Signature _____				



Book Club LOOP

for Parents
VIRTUAL CATALOGUE



This Term parents are invited to place a Scholastic Book Club Order via LOOP. All Book Club orders will be home delivered with a \$5.95 delivery fee.

This is the link to copy and paste in your browser:

[scholastic.com.au/book-club/virtual-catalogue-1/](https://www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/virtual-catalogue-1/)

Our recommended order return date is Monday 18th May

Book Club continues to partner with your school by giving back
10% of your order value in Scholastic Rewards

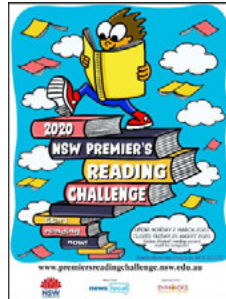


**SCHOLASTIC
REWARDS**

These can be used to purchase resources and get books into the hands of the children in your school!

Thank you for supporting this school-based literacy program.

NSW PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE – TERM 2 AMENDMENTS



To support student participation from home, the following changes have been made to this year's Challenge:

- All students are able to read 10 choice books – an increase from 5.
- Students are also able to include books on their reading record that they have read collaboratively in class, in person or online with a parent/carer.

Challenge	Number of books you must read	Minimum number of PRC books	Maximum number of Personal Choice books	PRC booklists you can read from
K-2	30	20	10	K-2, 3-4, 5-6
3-4	20	10	10	3-4, 5-6, 7-9
5-6	20	10	10	5-6, 7-9
7-9	20	10	10	5-6, 7-9

Students are reminded that *Personal Reading Logs* are due: Monday, 17 August 2020.

Liz Beattie

(Teacher Librarian)



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2nd June 2020

ICAS Competitions 2020

Dear Parents,

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) are a series of academic assessments being offered to primary students at Moree Public School again this year. These competitions are an opportunity for all students to gain a measure of their own achievement. This opportunity can also be used to determine individual progress in a range of skills and to recognise and reward achievement at all levels. All competitions will be completed online (N.B. Writing is not available in 2020).

The list below shows the competitions that are available to students, the sitting dates and cost for each:

Science	Years 3-6	Monday 17 th August	\$15.95
Digital Technologies	Years 3-6	Monday 24 th August	\$15.95
English	Years 3-6	Wednesday 26 th August	\$15.95
Spelling Bee	Years 3-6	Monday 31 st August	\$15.95
Mathematics	Years 3-6	Monday 31 st August	\$15.95
Writing	not available in 2020		


Payments will be completed online by going to the link below and typing in our unique access code:

Parent page link is: <https://shop.unswglobal.com.au/pages/pps>

School access code is: **EED367**

If you would like your child to participate in any or all of the competitions, please indicate on the form and return to Miss Carlin by Friday 7th August.

Regards


Janine Carlin

ICAS Competitions 2020

I have paid for my child _____ of class _____ (if composite class please circle the grade they are in) via the UNSW online payment system to participate in the following ICAS competitions:

Digital Tech. \$15.95

Mathematics \$15.95

Writing
not available in 2020

Science \$15.95

Spelling \$15.95

English \$15.95

Signed _____

Date _____