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## TERM 3 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Unfortunately, we have had to change our Staff Development Day (SDD) also referred to as the student-free day in Term 3. This change has been necessary due to the availability of Staff Professional Learning facilitators. The day will change from Monday, 20 July to Friday 24 July. All students are to come to school on Monday, while alternative arrangements for students are to be made on Friday. This change has been made in consultation with Moree Public School P&C.

**Return to full-time face to face learning guidelines:** At Moree Public School we continue to follow strict guidelines from AHPPC and NSW Health. All students are expected to be learning on-site at school unless they are unwell or have a medical certificate to support their absence. The complete guidelines can be found via the link: [https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/news/Face\\_to\\_Face\\_Learning\\_Guidelines\\_for\\_Families.pdf](https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/news/Face_to_Face_Learning_Guidelines_for_Families.pdf)

In summary:

- Non-essential visitors are not allowed on site. This includes parents coming to the canteen or coming on to school grounds during afternoon pick-up;
- existing infection control protocols at schools, and new health and safety measures put in place will help maintain the health and safety of students and staff;
- all activities permitted at school are safe and appropriate in a living with COVID-19 environment; and
- all students must bring their own drink bottles to school as our bubblers are out of use.

The planned excursions for Years 3 and 5 later this year have been cancelled. All other planned excursions for later in the year will be reviewed according to further Department of Education guidelines. Please enquire at the front office regarding requests for refunds. An application for refund arrangements is again attached to this newsletter.

**NAIDOC Week:** Our classes have created some amazing displays following lessons celebrating NAIDOC Week. Our official school celebration has been postponed until early next term with details to be confirmed as health protocols permit.



*3/4R-24 share an important message ...*

**School Plan:** The 2018-2020 School Plan is currently being evaluated. We have three Strategic Directions of:

1. High Quality evidenced based teaching practices
2. Innovative, inclusive and future focused curriculum
3. A strong, engaged and collaborative school community

Through evaluating the current School Plan, we will be able to develop directions for the next plan that will be implemented in 2021.

**Aurora College:** Aurora College is NSW's virtual school, offering a mix of online and residential school classes for high potential and gifted students in rural and remote government schools. Please note applications for Year 7 students (2021) are now open and close on 26 June 2020. For more information and application form, please access link: <http://www.aurora.nsw.edu.au/>

**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
- Excursion refund application form is attached - please also see options above.

**OC Class Application:** Changes have been made to the 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.

**Student Code of Conduct on buses:** Many students travel to and from school by bus with 15 buses servicing our school. In the interest of safe travel, we join with Moree bus operators in reminding students and families of their obligations relating to behaviour. I have attached the Student Code of Conduct (NSW Transport for NSW) and ask parents to take a moment to read and discuss these very important expectations with their child/children.

*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.

## 3. ICAS COMPETITIONS 2020

Information outlining the process for 2020 was attached to the previous newsletter. Please contact co-ordinator, Miss Carlin should you require further information.

## 4. P&C ASSOCIATION

• **UNIFORM SHOP:** The uniform shop orders can be made through [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au).

• **P&C MEETING:** Unfortunately, the school is still unable to host meetings but the P&C has several items that need discussion and action. I would like to propose a Zoom meeting for what would be our usual allotted time and date for a normal general meeting - being 23rd June 6.00pm. Further details for joining the meeting will be provided when confirmed.

*Mrs Kelly James (President)*

## 5. 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.....**

8	Mon	15	
	Tues	16	
	Wed	17	
	Thurs	18	
	Fri	19	Assemblies: 40.30 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: 40.30 KM-11; 11.30 4T-13
10	Mon	29	
	Tues	30	NAIDOC Week assembly - POSTPONED
	Wed	1 July	Semester 1 student reports home
	Thurs	2	
	Fri	3	K-6 Athletics carnival; Last day of Term 2
<b>Term 3</b>			
1	Mon	20 July	Staff and students return to school – variation.
	Tues	21	
	Wed	22	
	Thurs	23	PSSA cross country – Eastern Creek
	Fri	24	Staff Development Day – students do not attend
2	Mon	27	Prim golf trials
	Tues	28	Life Education van
	Wed	29	Life Education van;
	Thurs	30	Children's Book Council Aust - Picture Book
	Fri	31	Life Education van Assemblies: 40.30 1B-4; 11.30 6K-15; Hoferon 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: 40.30 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: 40.30 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: 40.30 KR-9; 11.30 4J-30
6	Mon	24	
	Tues	25	PSSA rugby union – Mudgee (4 days)
	Wed	26	
	Thurs	27	
	Fri	28	Assemblies: 40.30 2M-7; 11.30 5B-17

## 2 Student Code of Conduct

The following Code of Conduct sets out acceptable standards of behaviour for students travelling on school buses and regular route buses.

Students are expected to follow these rules for the safety and comfort of all passengers, including themselves. If the rules are not followed, it may lead to the withdrawal of travel passes for subsidised travel, banning students from travelling on buses, and even police prosecution and court action.

### CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS ON BUSES

It is every student's responsibility to behave in a manner that ensures the safety and comfort of passengers and drivers. This includes:

#### Behaviour on buses:

- Use appropriate language not offensive or racist language
- Fighting, spitting, feet on seats, throwing things in or from the bus is not permitted
- No eating or drinking (other than water) – unless for medical reasons or the bus operator gives written permission.
- Offer seats to adults including people with a disability, elderly or expectant mothers
- Do not push or shove other people
- Do not bully or harass other passengers or the driver
- Avoid attracting the attention of the driver except in the case of emergency
- Do not play music at such volume that it may distract the bus driver or other passengers

#### Safety on and near buses:

- Obey reasonable directions from the driver (e.g. where to sit or to remain in the bus)
- Remain in your seat – do not move around the bus unnecessarily
- If standing, remain behind the front passenger seat and keep a secure hand hold at all times
- Keep bags and other items clear of the aisle
- Do not allow any part of your body to protrude out of the bus at any time
- Wait for the bus in a quiet and orderly manner – including at bus interchanges
- Stand away from the roadside until the bus comes to a complete stop
- Allow other passengers to leave the bus before stepping onto the bus in a single line
- Wait until the bus stops before moving to get off the bus at your designated stop
- Wait until the bus leaves the stop and you have clear vision before crossing the road
- Cross the road where and when it's safe to do so, use crossings/traffic lights where available

#### Legal considerations on buses:

- Wear the seat belt properly adjusted and fastened, if one is available
- Obey the law that bans smoking on buses
- Ensure that buses are not vandalised – report any damage, e.g. graffiti and window etching, to the driver
- Do not interfere with bus property, equipment and signage
- Do not leave rubbish on the bus, or at bus stops or interchanges

#### Using bus passes:

- Show travel passes or tickets to the driver on boarding and to Authorised Revenue Protection Officers, NSW Police Officers or bus company representative when requested
- Use the travel pass only for its intended purpose – do not lend your pass to other students or borrow a pass from them
- Swipe or 'dip' passes in ticket readers if available when boarding
- If issued with a School Opal card, always tap on when boarding and tap off when leaving the bus



# Infants & Primary



# Assembly Awards







1B-8



2P-6



2M-7



2M-29



3P-21



3E-23

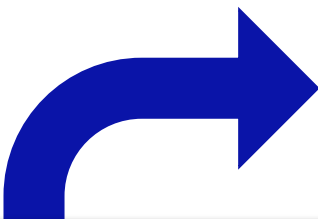


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3/GC-34



WELL DONE!





4S-13



3/4R-24



4J-30



4BT-39



5B-17



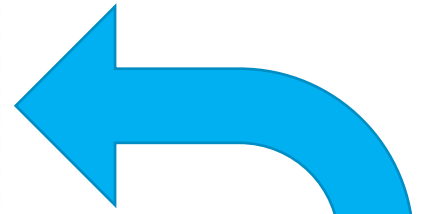
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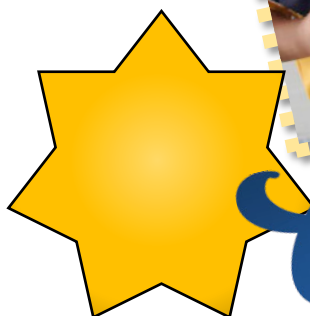
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6G-18



6K-15



*Congratulations*