



The News

Moree Public School

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EDUCATION WEEK

This year Education Week looked a little different. The theme of *Learning Together* means so much more to us all now as we adjust to changes in our lives and develop much more resilience to changes that have occurred at school. Our celebration started with a service at *All Saints Anglican Church* - our students spoke beautifully and the songs were enjoyed by all. On Tuesday, games, art and culture made Aboriginal Children's Day a day of participation and active involvement. Spectacular costumes were on show of Wednesday with every fruit and vegetable imaginable for our 'Crunch and Sip' launch. Our week of celebration concluded with reading time in the Library with a few of my favourite stories!



Gregory and Sarsha lead Education Week ceremony

Learning together isn't just about our students - our staff are dedicated professionals who know, value and care for all students. This was demonstrated by their engagement at recent Professional Learning of 'Visible Learning'. Visible Learning is where teachers become evaluators of their own teaching. Visible learning and teaching occurs when teachers see learning through the eyes of students and help them become their own teachers. We are on a very exciting journey implementing Visible Learning across the school.



Annabelle and Nicholas know that,
Books train your imagination to think big! (Taylor Swift)

Digital Technology: We have had some students coming to school with smartwatches. Please note these devices do come under the Department of Education: Student use of digital devices and online services Policy - primary school students must not use digital devices during class, at recess and at lunch unless approval has been granted. If you would like to discuss the needs of your child in relation to this policy, please make an appointment at the Office.

At school, some students have demonstrated negative behaviours that could be attributed to accessing online games on smartphones and gaming consoles played at home. By its very nature, gaming is designed to hook and engage players, compelling them to go on to the next challenge or level. This can result in overuse and excessive screen time, which can impact on your child's sleeping pattern, eating, performance at school and relationships in the real world. In extreme cases it can have a significant impact on a child's daily social and psychological functioning. For more information: <https://www.digitalcitizenship.nsw.edu.au/>

The Life Education program compliments our class lessons for PDHPE and we are delighted to welcome Mrs Ruth van der Wegan and *Happy Harold* for their 2020 visit. Thank you to the P&C for again

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

- Home Reading Program continues with fantastic readers, Mia Howlett & Imogen Brazel joining the 80 Club
- 5/6L-14 students have reached Level 3 and now moved to Level 4 - see our school sign!

funding the visit, ensuring every student is able to attend the van and receive a workbook at no cost to their families.

Books in Homes is a kindergarten program that is also generously funded by our P&C and today, students will receive their second pack of books. This year children will receive books in Terms 1, 3 and 4.

Mrs Sharyn Cox - Principal

2. PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION



Congratulations to students, Emma Tydd, Noah Abra, Hadleigh Bowman, Fleur Lowien, Josephine Dawson, George Pritchard, Jack Rogers, Edward Beattie and Isabelle Kelly who recently presented a prepared speech and an impromptu speech at the Moree Public School Multicultural Perspective Public Speaking competition. The amazing speeches included, Belonging in school; Refugees; Our place; Respect; Kid power; Becoming a global citizen; Racism – No way; A world of difference; and It's complicated. This year, four speakers Fleur, Emma, Isabelle and Edward will represent MPS at the next level – this year by submitting their speeches online rather than visiting another school.



Fleur and Emma prepare for videoing



Likewise, Edward and Isabelle

3. KINDERGARTEN 2021

Enrolment for kindergarten is now open for children who turn 5 years of age by 31 July 2021. Please contact the school office for an application. Please remember to include all documentation including proof of residency, copy of birth certificate and immunisation records to date. Should you wish to discuss your enrolment application, please make an appointment with Mrs Cox or Mrs Hosegood through the school office – 67521913.

4. KITCHEN GARDEN NEWS



Excited Year 4 Kitchen Garden Club

Congratulations to the Year 4 students who were selected to be Moree Public Schools Kitchen Gardens Helpers for 2020. We would like to thank all applicants for taking the time and effort to put in an application, making selections very difficult. It is so nice to see so many green thumbs at Moree Public School.

The Kitchen Garden helpers will support kindergarten students to complete garden-based activities designed to learn more about how plants grow, insects that assist in plant growth and more importantly how to harvest the yummy fruit and vegetables. The garden beds have been weeded and fertilised ready for our keen gardeners to plant their first crop.

This week's activities will include the planting and watering of broccoli, radish, silver beat, rocket, mint and lovely Marigolds used as a natural pest controller. Up and coming activities will include establishing a worm farm, creating bird feeders and sowing the seeds for the spring crop. (Regards, Mrs Harte and committee)

5. P&C ASSOCIATION

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

• **GENERAL MEETING:** The next regular meeting of the P&C is scheduled for Monday, 17th August commencing at 6.00pm in the school auditorium. All parents and friends are most welcome – COVID protocols will be followed.

6. CHECK-IN ASSESSMENT – YRS 3 & 5

Year 3 and Year 5 students will participate in a new reading and numeracy check-in assessment in Term 3/4, 2020.

The Check-in assessment is a NSW Department of Education online reading and numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor Year 3 and 5 student learning following the period of learning from home.

The Check-in assessments can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.

- The assessment will be scheduled for our Year 5 students from 17 August to 4 September 2020.
- The assessment will be scheduled for our Year 3 students from 21 September to 23 October 2020

7. 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.

8. LATE ARRIVALS / EARLY DEPARTURE

It is extremely important students arrive on time each day and be ready for the morning assemblies, understand the organisation for the day and to promptly commence literacy lessons by 9.00am. We do have a number of students consistently late each day and this impacts on their own learning and that of others. It is also appreciated if appointments can be made outside school times where possible. We value learning time and want to make the most of all the time we have – 5 and 10 minutes a few times per week adds up to a significant amount of lost learning time over a term and a year.

MPS has reviewed procedures for children who arrive late and/or leave early for various reasons – it is essential that school rolls are marked accurately and parent explanations are provided for the absence. Therefore, the following procedures will be implemented:

LATE ARRIVAL up to 11.00am – student go directly to their class, preferably with a note of explanation from parent.

LATE ARRIVAL after 11.00am – Parent to present with student at office to register arrival and reason for absence.

EARLY DEPARTURES – student to leave from the front office. Parents asked to send a note indicating the time and reason for an early pickup. Upon return from an appointment – students will register at the school office if this is after 11.00am.

Your co-operation in adhering to these procedures will be very much appreciated.

9. FANTASTIC, FABULOUS

The MPS Home Reading program continues this year with primary students encouraged to Read4Ten. Ten minutes reading each night not only provides many benefits for each student but also contributes to a class tally. This week we celebrate the fantastic reading by 5/6L-14, having reached Level 3 recently and now onto Level 4.



5/6L-14 take advantage of the wide range of books at the MPS library



CJ Lines, Mia Howlett, Imogen Brazel & Fleur Lowien also know Dr Sues is very wise - You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax, all you need is a book!

10. COMING EVENTS

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

WHILST TERMS 3 & 4 CONTINUE BELOW, PLEASE EXPECT & CHECK FOR FURTHER VARIATIONS.....

Term 3

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
			Check-in assessments Yr 5 (17/8 - 4/9)
			ICAS - Science
	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	ICAS - Digital Technology
	Tues	25	PSSA rugby union - Mudgee (4 days)
	Wed	26	ICAS - English
	Thurs	27	
	Fri	28	Assemblies: 10.30 2M-7; 11.30 5B-17
7	Mon	31	ICA Maths and Spelling
	Tues	1 Sept	Year 5 Sydney excursion
	Wed	2	P&C Fathers Day event
	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
			Cool@ School open day (children only)
9	Mon	14	
	Tues	15	
	Wed	16	Opportunity Class test - registered Yr 4 students
	Thurs	17	
	Fri	18	Assemblies: 10.30 KS-10; 11.30 3R-22
10	Mon	21	6.30pm P&C meeting
			Check-in assessments Yr 3 (21/9-23/10)
	Tues	22	
	Wed	23	
	Thurs	24	Year 3 excursion - Lake Keepit
	Fri	25	Assemblies: 10.30 1W-5; 11.30 4BT-39

Term 4 Events TBC to comply with current health directives

1	Mon	12 Oct	Staff and students resume
	Tues	13	
	Wed	14	
	Thurs	15	
	Fri	16	
2	Mon	19	
	Tues	20	
	Wed	21	
	Thurs	22	
	Fri	23	Assemblies: 10.30 1H-3; 11.30 5/6L-14 (Captains speak)
3	Mon	26	
	Tues	27	Class & special group photographs
	Wed	28	Sporting team photograph
	Thurs	29	
	Fri	30	Assemblies: 10.30 KR-9; 11.30 3/4R-24 (Boy nominees speak)

4	Mon	2 Nov	
	Tues	3	
	Wed	4	
	Thurs	5	
	Fri	6	Assemblies: 10.30 1B-8; 11.30 5/6L-19 (Girl nominees speak)
5	Mon	9	
	Tues	10	
	Wed	11	
	Thurs	12	
	Fri	13	Assemblies: 10.30 KM-11; 11.30 3E-24
6	Mon	16	
	Tues	17	
	Wed	18	
	Thurs	19	
	Fri	20	Assemblies: 10.30 1B-4 ; 11.30 3E-24
7	Mon	23	
	Tues	24	
	Wed	25	
	Thurs	26	
	Fri	27	Assemblies: 10.30 KS-10; 11.30 4T-13
8	Mon	30	
	Tues	1 Dec	
	Wed	2	
	Thurs	3	K-6 Presentation
	Fri	4	Assemblies: 11.30
9	Mon	7	
	Tues	8	
	Wed	9	
	Thurs	10	
	Fri	11	Assemblies: 10.30 Combined kinder assembly; 11.30
10	Mon	14	
	Tues	15	
	Wed	16	
	Thurs	17	
	Fri	18	

• Please remember to confirm reason for your child's absence with a note via Skoolbag or a phone call to the school office.

CLEANERS REQUIRED

Joss Facility Management are looking for cleaning staff to work at local Government sites across regional NSW.

PPE, Training and Uniforms provided.

Applicants need to provide a valid Working With Children Check upon application and successful applicants will be required to undertake a pre-employment medical prior to commencement.

Please contact

Joss Facility Management via email on

cleaning@jossgroup.com.au

Check us out of Facebook **Joss Cleaning** or visit our webpage

www.jossgroup.com.au

Dates to remember!

- Check-in Assessments - Yr 5 between 17 Aug - 4 Sept; Yr 3 between 21 Sept - 23 Oct
- ICAS dates as per calendar - commencing with Science on Monday 17 Aug



KM-11



KR-9

KS-10



1H-3



1B-4



Infants Assembly Awards

1W-5



1B-8



2M-7



2P-6



2M-29



Infants Assembly Awards

3E-23



3R-22



3P-21



4S-13



4J-30



3/4R-24

4BT-39

Primary Assembly Awards



5/6L-14

5/6L-19



5M-16



6G-18



6K-15

Primary Assembly Awards



• Congratulations •

MITCHELL!

An amazing achievement this year to become the Senior Boys Swimming Champion for the North West Region.

- 1st 50m Freestyle
- 1st 200m IM
- 1st 50m Backstroke
- 1st 50m Butterfly
- 2nd 50m Breaststroke
- 4th 100m Freestyle

We are incredibly proud of you Mitchell. All your hard work and perseverance is a credit to you, well done!



Farrer Experience Day

Friday 25 September

9.30am - 2.30pm



If you are looking for a well-balanced secondary education for your son then consider Farrer which has established an enviable reputation as a centre of excellence in academics, agriculture, welfare and sports programs. Catering to the education of both day and boarding students Farrer is set on 191 hectares of prime agricultural land, 10 kilometres from Tamworth, NSW.

By creating a safe and supportive environment within the school we have developed an atmosphere of harmonious cooperation that is the best setting for student productivity and growth. This allows students to achieve their educational objectives while forming memorable experiences and mateships that last a lifetime.



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**Lots of fun hands-on
experiences**

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