



# MOREE EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL



Term 2 Week 2

Wednesday 4th May, 2016

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday

8:10am to 1:45pm

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## SCHOOL HOURS

Monday-Friday

8:30am-1:45pm

## UNIFORM SHOP

Wednesday & Thursday

11:30am to 12:00pm

- Cash Only
- Layby available
- Sorry no Centrepay

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**MOTHERS DAY STALL**

**&**

**MOTHERS DAY  
BRUNCH**

**THURSDAY 5TH MAY,  
2016**

**SCHOOL HALL at  
11:30am**

## EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Yamma,

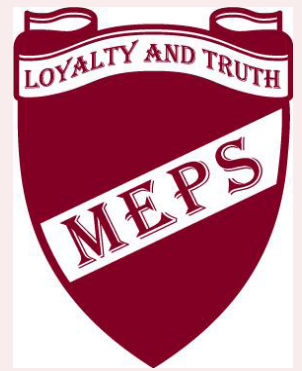
It is great to see that MEPS parents and students have settled so quickly into the now permanent school hours of 8:30am to 1.45pm. It is also pleasing to see the independence of the students as they access services that have been put in place especially to support their attendance and engagement at school. In particular, the town bus service, Breakfast Club and the after school activities.

Can I also say how proud I am of the students in the pride that they are showing in upholding the school rules and the wearing of their uniform.

Students need to have a strong connection and a sense of belonging to their school. Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

Students should have an attendance rate of at least 85%, that is being at school for at least 4 days per week. Do you know what your child's attendance rate is? The school is here to help in any way we can to ensure children are attending regularly, so if you feel you may need some assistance in improving your child's attendance then please feel free to give me a call.

**Muriel Kelly**



# Boys P.S.S.A Rugby League

Moree East faced a strong sided Moree Public team on Monday in the first round of the P.S.S.A knockout.

Moree Public had the upper hand in the first half scoring two tries to nil. Moree East showed a lot of heart when making a strong come back to equal the score at 10-10 late in the second half.

The game went to golden point and Moree Public scored a lengthy 60 metre try up the sideline to win.

Moree East boys should be proud of their conduct, their teamwork, and their sportsmanship. Well done to the Moree East Rugby League team.





# MOTHER'S DAY STALL

As next Sunday, the 8<sup>th</sup> May is Mother's Day, Moree East PS will be holding a Mother's Day stall. The stall will be held tomorrow Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 10am to 11.15am.

The Sisters have been busy making beautiful craft items which they will sell at their Mother's Day stall. Gifts will range in price from \$1 to \$8.

So please keep this date in mind as we don't want our children to miss out on this opportunity to purchase that special gift for their mum or nan.



# MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

The students of Moree East PS would like to invite our mum's and nan's to a special Mother's Day brunch on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 11.30m in our community room.

Light refreshments will be available as we gather to say thank you for being a much loved and caring mum or nan.

The dedicated classroom staff at Moree East PS  
are as follows:

**Kindergarten: KO**

Teacher: Ms. Emily O'Brien  
Student Support: Chris Roberts (aka, Uncle Bus)

**Kindergarten: KA**

Teacher: Mrs. Holly Alcorn  
Student Support: Sara Bell

**Year 1: 1J**

Teacher: Ms Katrina Jeffs  
Student Support: Lisa Smith

**Year 2: 2M**

Teacher: Ms Courtney McLennan  
Student Support: Rachelle Rohde

**Year 3: 3H**

Teacher: Mrs Peem Henley  
Student Support: Tallee Warrener

**Year 4/5: 4/5M**

Teacher: Mr Joshua Mawby  
Student Support: Janet Fing

**Year 5/6: 5/6 M**

Teacher: Mr Adam Raymond  
Student Support: Paula Duncan / Bronwyn Spearim.

# **NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM**

## **LITERACY AND NUMERACY**

### **(NAPLAN) 2016**

On the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> May, Year 3 and 5 students will engage in NAPLAN. Parents of the Years 3 and 5 students will receive an detailed information letter about the National Assessment Program.

I cannot stress how critical it is for our Year 3 and 5 students to be in attendance at school on the identified days so that they can participate in NAPLAN.



# SPORTS DATES

## Zone Touch Girls and Boys Trials

Thursday 5th May at Moree Public School

11:30am– Girls 1:30pm– Boys

## School Cross Country

Friday 13th May, 2016



**Book Club order forms will be sent home this week.**

**Anyone wishing to order will need to complete the form provided and return it with the correct amount of cash.**

**Orders for Book Club will need to be in by  
Friday 13th May, 2016**

# MEPS SCHOOL SERVICES

## **BREAKFAST CLUB:** 8am to 8.30am.

Available every morning. A free service for all students.

## **CANTEEN:** 8.10am to 8.30am and 11am to 11.30am

The MEPS canteen provides drink, snacks and fruit. Fuller meals required at the break will continue to be filled by the Moree Secondary College canteen. Lunch orders must be placed by 8:40am. No phone orders will be accepted and money must accompany the order.

## **HOMEWORK CENTRE:** 1.45pm to 3pm

Available to parents. Access to the Homework Centre is by application only so please contact me to discuss further, or wish to submit an application.

## **AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** 1.45 to 3pm

Operate on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays only.

Tuesday and Thursday activities will be operating in the community space at MEPS. Parents are responsible for the collection their child no later than 3pm.

On Wednesdays MEPS students can attend the Moree Art Gallery with Janelle Boyd. Kindergarten to Year 2 students must be accompanied by a parent or a responsible adult. The Moree Family Support will be providing the bus service to the Gallery however you will need to collect your child from the Gallery no later than 3pm. If your child requires transport home you may wish to speak with Moree Family Support who may be able to provide this service.

Parents wanting their child to attend the After School Activities are required to complete a permission form which can be obtained from the school.

Students who are accessing the After School Activities need to ensure that they have extra food in their lunch box to get them through the afternoon.



# Reynolds Fogarty

## Moree East Public School PM Run (Dedicted School Run)

Time	Address
1:40pm	Leave Depot
1:50pm	Moree East Public School
1:57pm	Yulunga St
1:58pm	Cnr James St / Sullivan Pl
1:59pm	George Street
2:01pm	Cnr Tycannah St / Dingwall Pl
2:03pm	Cnr Tycannah St / Adelaide St
2:04pm	Adelaide Street
2:05pm	Cnr Oak St / Adelaide St
2:06pm	Cnr Oak St / Anne St
2:13pm	Jones Avenue
2:14pm	Cnr Jones Ave / Barwin Ave
2:18pm	Tawarri Street
2:19pm	Florence Street
2:20pm	Cnr Anne St / Florence St
2:21pm	Depot

## Route 464-2 Moree Town - East West (dedicated school service) Puppy 1st AM Run

Time	Address
7:50am	Depart Depot, 5-7 Greenbah Road Moree
7:56am	Cnr Anne Street / Florence Street
7:57am	Florence Street
7:58am	Tawarri Street
7:59am	Cnr Jones Avenue / Barwin Avenue
8:00am	Jones Avenue
8:05am	Stanley Village ( Cnr Gwydir Hwy & Yulunga Street)
8:07am	Cnr James Street & Sullivan Place
8:08am	George Street
8:10am	Cnr Tycannah Street & Dingwall Place
8:11am	Adelaide Street
8:12am	Cnr Oak Street & Anne Street
8:17am	MSC - Carol Avenue Campus
8:20am	Moree East Primary School



**A fun and interactive Music Session For young children and their parents /caregivers.**

**Art, craft and play are essential for early learning.**

**For all children from birth.**

**For families of MEPS or families in MEPS School Zone only**

**Light refreshments provided**

**When: Thursday at 10am of the school term  
*during school term***

**Where: MEPS Early Childhood Room**

**In partnership with mainly music Australia**

**Transport is available limited car seats for children under 7 years**

**Phone Linda 0418480842**

**Bus pick up starts 9.30am**

**Drop off commences at 11.30am**



### **Paint MEPS REaD**

- “ Books in Homes – available to Playgroup families, Transition Students to year 6 students at Moree East Public School**
- “ Welcome to MEPS Books 4 Babies Share a story book program**
- “ Books 4 Baby program for all families who are welcoming a new arrival**
- “ Paint MEPS REaD imagination Library is available to Playgroup and Transition Students. Book borrowing is available during playgroup / transition sessions**

**Read, talk sing, and rhyme with your babies all the time**

## **Guuma – Li Playgroup**

**In partnership with Moree Family Support**

**A fun interactive playgroup session specially designed for children birth to school age and their parents and caregivers.**

**Arts, crafts, story time and play.**

**Light refreshments provided**

**When: Tuesday 11am of the school term**

**Where: MEPS**

**Early Childhood Room**

**Transport available phone Linda 0418480842 or Moree Family Support**

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## **Birth to Kindergarten Books Programs Welcome Baby Program**

**Schools as Community Centre in partnership with  
Moree East Public School**

**would like to welcome all new siblings of our students with a**

**Welcome to MEPS**

**Books 4 Babies**

**Share a story book.**

**To register for this program please contact the Moree East Public School  
Office or Linda 0418480842**

**It is never too early to introduce books and play to babies and young children. When we read books our imaginations are free to explore endless possibilities. Together we can encourage our children to read and have a love of books**



# Compulsory School Attendance

## Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

### What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

### The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

### What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

### Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.







### **My child won't go to school. What should I do?**

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

### **What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?**

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

### **What age can my child leave school?**

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to [complete their schooling](#).

### **Working in Partnership**

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

**If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.**

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

### **Policy, information and brochures:**

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/programs/attendance.php>

### **The school leaving age:**

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/leaving-school/index.php>

### **Do you need an interpreter?**

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

Learning and Engagement

Student Engagement & Interagency Partnerships

T 9244 5129

[www.dec.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au)

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# National Reconciliation Week 2016 Art Competition

entries close May 23rd

**Send us your artwork  
that represents  
your understanding  
of Reconciliation in  
Moree or your hopes  
for Reconciliation in  
the future.**

**Prizes given for 1st and 2nd place  
in the following categories:**

- Pre-School & Kindergarten
- Year 1 to Year 3
- Year 4 to Year 6
- Year 7 to Year 9
- Year 10 to Year 12
- Group Contribution

**Contact Jess Duncan on 6752 3422 or [jess@be.org.au](mailto:jess@be.org.au) for more info.  
Artwork can also be handed in to the AES, 207 Balo St Moree.**

**NOTE:** The artwork must be on either a A4 or A3 piece of paper. Must have your name, category and school/Pre-School. Must show what Reconciliation means to you. The competition will close on May 23rd, after that no other entries will be accepted.



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# QUIT B FIT TOUR

**Monday:** Quit B Fit Tour launch Wellington  
30<sup>th</sup> May 11am-2pm Pioneer Park

**Tuesday:** Gilgandra High School  
31<sup>st</sup> May 9:30am-11am

**Wednesday:** Moree South Lifestyle Centre  
1<sup>st</sup> June 10am-1pm

**Thursday:** Bourke Central Park  
2<sup>nd</sup> June 11am-2pm

**QUIT B FIT Tour** is a promotional awareness tour designed to educate communities of the negative effects of tobacco smoke. The tour will be showcasing local services available to the community in the towns and inform them of referral pathways for those who wish to quit smoking or seek further advice about giving up the smokes.

TIS will be partnering with Aboriginal Medical Services in each town with special guests Shannon Noll & Street Warriors performing. TIS is committed to delivering a holistic approach to healthcare.

Come along to see some awesome entertainment and meet local service providers in your area.



# I ♥ MY MOM!

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3. mother
4. present
5. card
6. love
7. nurture
8. caring
9. daughter
10. proud
11. son
12. family



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